

RECOGNIZING TRAVIS SHRUM, RECIPIENT OF THE TEMPE MAYOR'S DISABILITY AWARD, AS OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Travis Shrum, a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan from my hometown of Tempe, who was recently presented with the Mayor's Disability Award as Outstanding Employee of the Year. The Mayor's Disability Award honors Tempe residents who have overcome significant barriers to succeed in the workplace.

In 2007 and 2008, Travis served with the Army National Guard as an infantry soldier and gunner in Afghanistan, where he escorted security forces protecting civilians. Like many veterans, after returning home to the United States, Travis brought home the physical and emotional scars of war. He struggled with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and, subsequently, took a leave of absence from his job at a Walgreen's store in Tempe to concentrate on transitioning to civilian life. With the patience and support of the Phoenix Veterans Health Administration, Travis has bounced back and is once again thriving. He has returned to work as an assistant manager at Walgreen's, where he works full-time and manages a staff of 42.

Travis is a wonderful example of the Phoenix VA's commitment to returning veterans, and I'm proud to note that he is now outspoken about the need to reach out to other veterans who are eligible for VA's medical services and mental-health support. Travis plans to enroll at Arizona State University with the ultimate goal of becoming a physical therapist and working with veterans.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Travis Shrum for his courageous service to our country and perseverance in overcoming personal challenges.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. BACHUS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding that I requested as part of H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Birmingham

Address of Requesting Entity: 710 North 20th Street, Birmingham, AL 35203

Description of Request: Provide \$250,000 for the City of Birmingham's Community Ori-

ented Policing Services (COPS) program to add additional police officers to the existing force and for crime prevention technology like Shot Spotter and GPS technology. The City plans to use the funds to increase the number of personnel and to invest in technology such as shot spotter GPS technology which will result in an improvement in public safety. The project's total budget is \$2,051,250. Specifically within the budget, \$320,000 is for 300 mobile data computer licensing, \$671,250 for 75 Coban VMDT, \$180,000 for 150 DataRadio Ciphre Modems, and \$880,000 for shotspotter expansion and mobile software. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology Account. The City of Birmingham will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Shelby County Sheriff

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 1095, Columbiana, AL 35051

Description of Request: Provide \$500,000 to upgrade the Shelby County Sheriff's office public safety communications network. The primary objective of the Wide Area Radio Network (WARN) project is to provide Shelby County with a county-wide, mission-critical radio voice communication system. The funding will help to improve the public safety communications network and thus result in an improved public safety system in Shelby County. The project's total budget is \$500,000. Specifically within the budget, \$250,000 is for mobile car radios and \$250,000 is for hand held portable radios. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology Account. The Shelby County Sheriff's Office will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Justice, OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Irondale

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 100188, Irondale, AL 35210

Description of Request: Provide \$350,000 for equipment and technology upgrades for the Irondale Police Department, which will allow for better communication and increased emergency response capability. The project will invest in crime prevention and protection. The project's total budget is \$350,000. Specifically within the budget, \$40,000 is for the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System, \$14,000 for a dispatch recorder, \$85,000 for a 911 System Enhancement, \$50,000 for communication room renovation, \$79,200 for laptop computers, \$4,500 for computers, \$7,500 for a computer server with fiber optic cable, \$1,800 for a printer/copier and \$68,000 for a telephone system replacement. This re-

quest is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants Account. The City of Irondale will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Justice, OJP—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Team Focus, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 6110 Grelot Road, Mobile, AL 36609

Description of Request: Provide \$500,000 for mentoring and education programs for Team Focus, Inc. The funding will help provide young men who lack a father figure in their lives with leadership skills, guidance, moral values, and a continuing relationship with a carefully selected adult mentor. The mentoring program will aid the participants in becoming productive members of society. The project's total budget is \$500,000. Specifically within the budget, \$120,000 is for equipment, \$150,000 for travel, and \$230,000 for supplies. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, OJP—Juvenile Justice Account. Team Focus, Inc. will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Justice, OJP—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: United Methodist Children's Home

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 830 Selma, AL 36702

Description of Request: Provide \$150,000 to provide security and IT improvements for the United Methodist Children's Home. By improving the efficiency and effectiveness of its information technology infrastructure, the United Methodist Children's Home will better serve the at-risk youth in its care. The creation of a seamless system will ease each children's movement through the continuum of care in the Children's Home system, which will improve the outcomes for each child, namely, becoming responsible and productive members of their communities. The project's total budget is \$425,000. Specifically within the budget, \$89,000 is for personnel, \$13,000 for fringe benefits, \$188,000 for equipment, \$96,000 for contractual services, and \$39,000 for miscellaneous items. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, OJP—Juvenile Justice Account. The United Methodist Children's Home will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: Office of Research, Box 870117, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487

Description of Request: Provide \$350,000 for the University of Alabama to develop novel and efficient miniature antennas that are capable of supporting systems that control the flight of UAVs (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles). Novel ferrites (magnetic material) and broadband ferrite antennas of unique design will be investigated and developed, respectively, to address the unstable imaging problem existing in UAV cameras. Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) can provide vastly improved acquisition and rapid dissemination of intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance data. The benefits and promise offered by UAVs have drawn attention because of the significant impact they have on our national security. The project's total budget is \$1,000,000. Specifically within the budget, \$500,000 will go toward salaries, \$100,000 will go toward laboratory supplies and materials, \$60,000 will go toward rental equipment, \$40,000 will go toward travel expenses, and \$300,000 will go toward equipment. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Account. The University of Alabama will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. LANCE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2487—the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

DOJ—COPS Technology Account. Woodbridge, New Jersey Interoperable Law Enforcement Trunked Digital Radio System—\$500,000. The entity to receive funding for this project is: Township of Woodbridge, One Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

The funding would be used to replace the antiquated patchwork of over 40 year old radio systems with a UHF Trunked Digital Simulcast Radio Communications System that will allow for interoperable communications between Woodbridge police, firefighters, first response and municipal employees and add emergency response capabilities at the Township's 24 public school facilities.

DOJ—COPS Technology Account. Summit, NJ Regional Police and Emergency Management Interoperable Communication Network and Facility—\$1,000,000. The entity to receive funding for this project is: City of Summit, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901.

The funding would be used to design and build a state-of-the-art dispatch and emergency management operations center utilizing the most current radio, computer, internet and supplementary communications equipment, capable of providing a completely interoperable communications network capable of providing emergency services to a full-time population of at least 46,000 residents.

A TRIBUTE TO THE UNITED STATES NAVY SEALS

HON. PETER HOEKSTRA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Madam Speaker, Capitol Guide Albert Carey Caswell has composed a poem for the RECORD in honor of the U.S. Navy SEALS.

Seal it!
Crush it!
Run, right up to it!
As You Flush it! Terminate It!
As You Break it! Bust It! As You God For-
sake It! And Make Mush of it!

Destroy It!
Walk, right by it!
Without, even touching it . . .
Boy It, it was like . . . you were not even there!

Climbing mountains . . .
Overtaking it! While, disappearing through thin air!

Capturing it, as over the coals you so rake it! As against all odds you make it!
Go around it, run right through it!

Or go right over it!
As only, You can do it!
Michael Monsoor It, Bob Kerrey It, Michael Murphy It . . . as only you can carry it!

For there's nothing, you can not do . . . it!
To The Tenth Power, The Men Of The Hour . . . all in what your golden heart's so shower!

Climbing walls . . .
Jumping off buildings, falls!
As to what these fine hearts, are called . . .
Swimming the high seas, as they will not pause!

As Freedom Fighters, one and all . . .
Answering that, most noble cause!
As you turn around, they disappear . . .
From The Land, Air and Sea . . .
A Force of Nature, So Complete!
A Band of Brothers, so very sweet!
As we hear, God's Voices in all these!
Men of Honor, Men of Faith!
Whose, fine hearts will not wait!

Nor will not so waft!
Who will not give up, or in!
As into that face of death and hell, they so wade!

Get In, Get Out . . .
Get the job done, that's what it's all about!
All for God and Country, Tis of Thee . . .
All At The Very Top, as no one else can so compete!

The very Origin, of Stealth Technology!
Stealing from time, all across the seven seas!
What Superman, so wishes he could be!
As they can shoot the wings off of a nat, at 1,000 feet!

So Incredible, as so are all of these!
All so boldly marching forth, all out on liberty's course!
For no one knows no more . . . That Freedom, Is Not Free!

What ever boy, wishes he could grow up to be!
YOU GO! I GO!

AS, FOR MY BROTHER . . . I WILL SO DIE FOR THEE!

ALL IN THEIR SEAL OF HONOR!
AS THEY ALL SO SHINE, OH SO BRILLIANTLY!

THE LAST EASY DAY, WAS THE ONE PROCEEDED!

Magnificent Men, who so live by a code . . . as they so heed it!

A Code of Honor, of Faith . . . that which so brings tears to Angel's eyes!

A Seal Of Honor!

Where Faith, In Hearts of Courage Grows!
All In Hearts of Steel, From Where Freedom Flows!

A saw some Seals, one time . . .
And as, I turned around . . . and they were gone!

Climbing up the walls, moving on!
As They Disappeared, Into Thin Air!
As if, almost like they were not ever there!
Them Running On The Wind, was all that I could hear!

As they grow beards, and make people scared!

As they vanquish evil, anytime . . . everywhere!

All in their Most Splendid Splendor, so there!

Seal It! Crush It! Run Right Up To It! Make Mush Of It! Destroy It! Flush It!

Boy It, it was like . . . you were not even there!

All In Your Seal Of Honor, All In Freedom's Glare! Terminate It!

Seal It!

In honor of our Navy Seals, Magnificents . . . Freedom Fighters . . . You and Your Families have so blessed Our Nation!

—Albert Carey Caswell.

HONORING WWII WOMEN AVIATORS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Gayle Bevis Ewing Reed and her remarkable service to our country during World War II. Ms. Reed was one of the courageous women who served her country as a part of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) program which began in August 1943 to facilitate the war effort. She was dedicated to her dream of becoming a pilot and, despite the barriers confronting women in the aviation field, she succeeded and went on to fly PT-19s, BT-13s, and UC-78s during the war.

Upon hearing of the WASP program she became determined to aid the war effort and was among the earliest women to join. Of the 25,000 who applied, she was one of those selected to undergo a rigorous training program. She earned her wings in 1943, becoming one of 1,074 women to do so. In the 17 months that the WASPs were operational, she and her fellow pilots flew more than 60 million miles in over 60,000 hours of duty providing an invaluable service for our country.

Ms. Reed and her fellow WASPs were responsible for testing both new airplanes and those that had undergone repairs. They delivered planes from one destination to another and assisted with the training of other pilots by towing targets, simulating bombings and even participating in the direct instruction of male cadets.

She and her fellow pilots displayed tremendous courage and bravery as their duties were strenuous, exhausting and, at times, even life threatening. Thirty-eight women lost their lives while serving our country. Women pilots faced constant gender discrimination and antagonism from male pilots who adamantly believed that women did not belong in the aviation field.

On Dec. 20, 1944, Congress voted to disband the WASP program, determining that it