

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

was no longer necessary as male pilots were becoming available to fill the jobs the women were performing. Despite the end of the program, she and many other women did not abandon their love of flying. They continued to fight alongside one another to gain recognition for their remarkable contribution. In the 1970s, they became deeply involved in a campaign nicknamed the "Battle of Congress" to gain veteran status for their service during the war. They finally succeeded in 1977 despite continued gender discrimination.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Gayle Bevis Ewing Reed and other flyers from the WASP program who remain an inspiration for young women and men alike. She is not only a hero but a symbol of what can be achieved when goals are pursued and barriers overcome. She continues the legacy set down by generations of ambitious women by honoring her talent and maintaining a steadfast commitment to her dreams.

CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to promulgate the notion of a unified Caribbean, where an island nation may assist its neighbor nations in prospering culturally, economically, and socially. There is so much we can do together, so much that binds us—a common humanity, a desire for advancement, a love of country and culture. It is by staying true to these commonalities, while celebrating—not ignoring—our differences, that true cooperation and exchange can flourish in the Caribbean region. Our divisions are nowhere near as salient as those elements that draw us closer.

We are finally making headway in improving our relations with Cuba. After decades of turning a cold shoulder to the Cuban people, we are poised to allow more of our American essence to penetrate the Cuban bubble. Our Cuban American brothers and sisters are no longer hamstrung by a cruel travel ban that allowed them only one trip to the island every three years, forcing them to miss weddings, funerals, and births happening only 90 miles away. The Obama Administration has opened itself up to talking with the Cuban government. Nothing has to be off the negotiation table, but we get nowhere when we outright reject all dialogue. Five decades of failed policy have mired us in the same 1960s arguments and rhetoric to the benefit of neither nation. It is time for a fresh, bold approach.

We should wholesale lift the travel ban for all of our citizens and legal residents. Wherever Americans travel, they bring their values, their morals, and democratic mores to bear. Cuba needs more of this, not less. We should end an embargo that has proven to be a scapegoat for the Cuban government and a detriment to the Cuban people—all the while our economy and our farmers suffer the brunt of an untapped market. We should be supplying the island with much-needed food, and medicines, and charity.

Cubans and Americans have had a love affair for decades. The affinity between the two

peoples has developed naturally, from our shared musical influences to our predilection for baseball. The island has such a rich history of heroes and heroines, from independence fighters such as José Martí to salsa innovator Celia Cruz. May we celebrate the distinct Cuban cultural imprint, while looking forward to a new, improved Caribbean region that fosters intercultural ties and smart, responsible policy.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT, FISCAL YEARS 2010 AND 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for H.R. 2410, the Foreign Relations Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011. I want to commend my colleague, Mr. BERMAN of California, for his leadership in moving this important bill through the Committee on Foreign Affairs and bringing it to the Floor today. This important legislation represents an opportunity for the U.S. Congress to assert its proper advisory role in shaping civilian elements of our national security infrastructure.

This legislation firmly launches the U.S. on an effort to invigorate our frontline defense: Diplomatic and development capabilities at the heart of our vast global engagements. Of course, diplomacy is effective only if backed by a robust military, but we know even heroic efforts by our military forces in Iraq and Afghanistan won't secure stable victories without complementary civilian efforts.

This bill reinvests in our ability to build global consensus that favors U.S. interests. It increases Peace Corps programs and expands public diplomacy, broadcasting, and educational exchanges that will forge lasting bonds and build allies. Finally, this bill removes our arrearsages to the United Nations, boosting our credibility in this key forum that lends legitimacy and effectiveness to so many of our multilateral endeavors. It also seeks to realign U.S. policies on controlled exports, streamlining licensing to help protect U.S. jobs and preserve the competitive edge of U.S. businesses while preserving nonproliferation goals.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this bill that represents a significant step towards restoring diplomacy as our Nation's first line of defense. By expanding dialogue, diplomacy, and development today, we will avoid the far greater costs of solving crises that instead would emerge from our indifference.

RECOGNIZING HILLEL FOUNDATION

SPEECH OF

HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the passage of H. Res. 493, a resolution

to honor the 85th anniversary of Hillel: the Foundation for Jewish Campus Life.

I would like to thank Congressman TIM JOHNSON for co-authoring this resolution with me. Congressman JOHNSON's district is the home of the first Hillel, founded in 1923.

As my colleagues know well, Hillel is the world's largest Jewish college campus organization, serving students on over 500 campuses around the world.

Last night, with dozens of house parties and celebrations, Hillel celebrated its 85th anniversary.

Hillel has been an important partner to universities by providing resources, programs and other forms of support to the entire campus community. Hillel members, professional staff and lay leaders have educated students about American values and have helped them to provide leadership for causes, including the civil rights movement, the campaign to free Soviet Jewry, the effort to stop the genocide in Darfur, and the promotion of the U.S.-Israel relationship.

I would like to recognize Wayne Firestone, the President of Hillel, originally from South Florida and a University of Miami Hillel alumnus, for his tireless work on behalf of the many causes that Hillel students advance. I would also like to commend Josh Kram, originally from South Florida and a Hillel alumnus at the University of Florida, for helping to coordinate a successful birthday celebration.

Hillel is an important institution that has provided numerous benefits to young people and their communities. It is only appropriate that on this anniversary, Congress recognize Hillel's achievements in giving back to this country and the world.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. SIRE. Madam Speaker, I missed the following votes on June 15, 2009. Had I been present, I would have voted yes on rollcall 336 on H. Res. 430, yes on rollcall 337 on H.R. 2325; and yes on rollcall 338 on H.R. 729.

THE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to rise today to introduce the High School Athletics Accountability Act. As opportunities for girls and women to participate in sports and athletics have been made increasingly available, women's participation has grown exponentially. Over three million high school girls now participate in organized sports, as opposed to 294,015 in 1971 before Title IX was enacted. Athletic participation has brought with it confidence and camaraderie among young women, giving them memories and friends that will last a lifetime.