

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Parents for Megan's Law, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1320 Stony Brook Road, Suite 201, Stony Brook, NY 11790

Description of Request: \$300,000 will be used to support the Sex Offender Registration Tips (SORT) and Support Programs giving the public two interactive resources for confidentially reporting sex offenders that fail to comply with registration, supervision requirements, and other criminal activity.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETER T. KING

Bill Number: H.R. 2487

Account: OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grant

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Suffolk County Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 30 Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank, NY 11980

Description of Request: \$250,000 will be used by the Suffolk County Police Department to combat computer and internet crime with upgraded computer forensics technology and training coupled with on-line sting operations and educational programs on internet safety for the public.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETER T. KING

Bill Number: H.R. 2487

Account: NOAA—Operations, Research, and Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Partnership for Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Science

Address of Requesting Entity: 526 Bay Avenue, Point Pleasant, NJ 08742

Description of Request: \$600,000 will go to the Partnership for Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Science (PMAFS), a multi-state partnership, that will use the funds to address the most urgent scientific issues limiting successful management summer flounder and black sea bass fisheries in the Mid-Atlantic region. Better management of the fisheries is essential to the success of Long Island's recreational and commercial fishing industries.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PASSING OF CAPTAIN JOHN J. COONAN, JUNIOR

### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 16, 2009*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor retired Navy Captain John J. Coonan, Jr., who passed away on June 12, 2009. Captain Coonan served our nation, our Navy and the people of Northwest Florida with honor and distinction, and I am humbled to recognize him.

Known to his friends as Captain JJ Coonan, John was an American patriot who served over 30 years as a career Naval Officer. He worked as a single-seat jet pilot in carrier aviation and accumulated over 5,000 flight hours and 1,000 carrier landings. JJ's command assignments varied among squadron, Carrier Air Wing, and deep draft ship command. His most notable assignment came in 1988 when he served as Commanding Officer of the USS America, a Kitty Hawk class supercarrier of the U.S. Navy. Captain Coonan's distinguished naval career is a testament to his profound dedication to his country.

Upon his retirement from active duty in 1996, Captain Coonan joined the staff at the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation in Pensacola, Florida. He began as Director of Development and later transitioned to a position as Vice President of Education and Chief Operating Officer. Captain Coonan's leadership at the Foundation had a tremendous impact on all those who visited the museum; however, his most lasting contribution is his stewardship of the National Flight Academy. The academy will be the leading aviation-inspired education program in the country. In a tribute to the life of Captain Coonan, today the National Flight Academy broke ground on the new facility, paving the way for construction and completion of the academy in May of 2011. His dedication to the service of others will live on through the academy long after his passing.

The people of Pensacola and our entire area have many reasons to be proud of Captain Coonan. My wife Vicki and I will keep his entire family, especially his wife, Kathryn, children Michael and Kelly, and grandchildren in our prayers. Northwest Florida will truly miss Captain JJ Coonan.

### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 16, 2009*

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, consistent with the House Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, to the best of my knowledge the requests I have detailed below are: (1) not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; and (2) not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark. As required by earmark standards adopted by the House Republican Conference, I submit the following information on projects I requested and was included in H.R. 2847—the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Account: Department of Commerce, NOAA—ORF.

Project Name: Disease Reduction in Klamath River Salmon.

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Oregon State University, 16 Memorial Union, Corvallis, OR 97331.

Project Location: Corvallis, Oregon and in the Klamath River Basin.

Description of Project: H.R. 2847 appropriates \$600,000 for the Disease Reduction in Klamath River Salmon project. According to the requesting entity, this is a collaborative research plan involving Oregon State University, Humboldt State University, University of California—Davis, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Klamath River tribal agencies that will research management actions to reduce disease in natural juvenile salmon in the Klamath River of Oregon and California.

Account: Department of Justice, COPS Tech.

Project Name: Mobile Video Equipment.

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Umatilla County Sheriff, 4700 NW Pioneer Place, Pendleton, OR 97801.

Project Location: Pendleton, Oregon and Umatilla County.

Description of Project: H.R. 2847 appropriates \$130,000 for the Umatilla County Sheriffs Office Mobile Video Equipment project. According to the requesting entity, this funding will be used to outfit up to 9 vehicles with video/audio recording systems; one archive server located in Pendleton, Oregon and a server at each satellite office in Hermiston and Milton-Freewater, Oregon.

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs—Byrne.

Project Name: Rx for Saving Oregon Teens.

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Oregon Partnership, 6443 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy., Suite 200, Portland, OR 97221.

Project Location: Portland, Oregon.

Description of Project: H.R. 2847 appropriates \$470,000 for the Rx for Saving Oregon Teens project. According to the requesting entity, this funding will be used to implement a statewide public education campaign addressing prescription drug abuse in Oregon.

MR. RONALD E. CHRONISTER, DEPUTY TO THE COMMANDER, U.S. ARMY AVIATION AND MISSILE COMMAND

#### HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 16, 2009*

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and dedication of Mr. Ronald E. Chronister, deputy to the Commander, of the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command in Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

Mr. Chronister's life-time service to the U.S. Army has been an outstanding one. He has served this country with loyalty, dignity and respect, always engaging his active mind to better develop materials needed by our brave service men and women. We are forever in debt to him for all he has done in the name of freedom and our pursuit of happiness. Today, I stand proud as we commemorate his honor and hard work for the more than 25 years he has served this country through the U.S. Army.

Mr. Chronister earned his bachelor's of science degree in civil engineering from The University of Alabama in 1982, and shortly after enrolled at the Army Material Command Intern School of Engineering and Logistics in Texarkana, Texas. In 1983, he went on to be a general engineer in the production engineering division of the U.S. Army's Research Development in Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, where he climbed the ranks from chief to deputy director to acting director.

In 2002, he earned a master's of science in program management from the Naval Post Graduate School and has received throughout his career numerous awards, certifications and has been an active member of professional associations.

His career in the U.S. Army's Research team has grown by leaps and bounds. Since October 2005, Mr. Chronister has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service and served as Executive Director of the Integrated Material Management Center from October 2005 until February 2008. During that time, he established the Prototype Integration Facility, a unique government-owned and government-

operated enterprise that provides a rapid response, cost effective approach to meeting weapon systems program manager's material requirements.

Mr. Chronister continues to serve our country diligently and with great honor. Today, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the work Mr. Chronister has done for the U.S. Army and our country.

TRIBUTE TO THE ARCHBISHOP  
MOELLER HIGH SCHOOL BASE-  
BALL TEAM

**HON. JEAN SCHMIDT**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 16, 2009*

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Archbishop Moeller High School baseball team on winning the Division I Ohio High School Athletic Association State Championship. This is Moeller's fifth state championship in baseball. Moeller also won state titles in 1972, 1989, 1993, and 2004.

This year's team was led by Manager Tim Held, who recently took the reins from legendary Coach Mike Cameron. Following the example that Cameron set, Coach Held guided the Crusaders to a state championship in just his second season, finishing with a final record of 25 wins and 5 losses. Moeller beat Pickerington North 5–2 in the title game in Columbus, avenging a previous loss to them in the regular season. Pitcher Robby Sunderman tossed a resilient five innings giving up only two runs, one earned, to get the victory for the Crusaders. Five different Moeller players scored runs in the title game making, this victory truly a team effort.

I look forward to following the players on this year's team in the future. They will certainly be headed toward a bright future. Past prep stars from Moeller have included Major League Baseball players Ken Griffey, Jr., Barry Larkin, the Bell Family—Buddy, David, Mike, and Rick—and many others. I must not fail to mention that our own House Minority Leader JOHN BOEHNER is a 1968 graduate of this esteemed Cincinnati high school.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Moeller on yet another State Championship. Go Moe.

SENTENCING OF TWO AMERICANS  
IN NORTH KOREA

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 16, 2009*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call for the immediate release of two U.S. journalists, Laura Ling and Euna Lee, sentenced to twelve years hard labor in North Korea.

On March 17, 2009, Laura Ling and Euna Lee were arrested by North Korean officials while investigating the plight of North Korean refugees fleeing to China. The North Korean government accused the two women of committing hostile crimes against the Korean nation and illegally crossing the North Korean

border. On June 8, after a four-day trial conducted largely in secret, Ms. Ling and Ms. Lee were sentenced to twelve years of hard labor in a North Korean prison camp.

North Korea's blatant disregard for due process and human rights in the treatment of these two women is unacceptable. International human rights organizations have unanimously declared their conviction the result of inflated accusations and a "sham trial". Despite being party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, North Korea's judicial system fails international fair trial standards for transparency, independence, and conviction based on recognized criminal offenses. Unfortunately, the arrest and conviction of these two American journalists is but one example of the oppression under which North Koreans have suffered for too long.

Ms. Ling and Ms. Lee's sentencing to prison labor camp is also a disturbing violation of human rights and humanitarian standards. The State Department reports that conditions in North Korean prison camps are harsh and life threatening, with beatings and torture a regular occurrence. Three months of detention have already exacerbated Ms. Ling's medical condition and caused significant trauma for Ms. Lee's young daughter and family. Sentencing these two women to twelve years hard labor is a severe breach of international humanitarian standards. Ms. Ling and Ms. Lee should be released immediately.

The draconian sentence handed down to the two American journalists raises serious concerns about United States-Korean relations. It is deeply disturbing that North Korea would consider using these women as a negotiating tactic to avoid punishment for its latest nuclear tests. If North Korea truly wishes to ensure its national security, it should begin by releasing Laura Ling and Euna Lee and participating in the global community as a fair player.

Madam Speaker, I call on my colleagues and the Obama Administration to work for the swift release of these two women back to their families.

HONORING MARY LASH

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 16, 2009*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Ms. Mary Elizabeth Lash, who is currently teaching in Paramount, California, in my Congressional District, and has been teaching for a remarkable 59 years. She is California's longest-serving credentialed teacher.

Nearly all of Mary's 59 years of teaching have been in the Paramount Unified School District. In 1950, the Compton Unified School District hired Mary as a Home Economics teacher at Paramount Junior High School. In 1953, when Paramount formed its own unified school district, she took a Home Economics position at Paramount Senior High School, where she continues to teach today.

In 1955, Mary began working with the high school youth organization known as the "Corsairs" as the assistant to its founder. This service organization remains under Mary's leadership 54 years later. She has influenced

many young men and women into a life of service to others through this organization.

Mary was also a charter organizer of Future Homemakers of America/HERO, which is a national service organization whose goal is to develop citizenship, leadership, life skills, and career goals through competition, recognition events, and club-sponsored activities. Paramount High School's chapter of Future Homemakers of America/HERO has earned several Silver and Gold Medals in prepared speech, community involvement, and chapter exhibit events on both the National and State Levels.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today in tribute to Ms. Mary Elizabeth Lash as she is being honored in California for being its longest serving teacher. Mary has shown an enduring commitment to educating the youth of Paramount and providing them with the tools and skills needed to contribute to their communities and prosper in their adult lives. She truly touched the future, reaching many generations of students. Students, both current and past, who had the privilege of being in her class or in an organization she advised, will continue to be influenced by her example of hard work, dedication, and public service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MARY JO KILROY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 16, 2009*

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, on the legislative day of Monday, June 15, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to cast a vote on a number of rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 336, 337, 338, and 339.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 16, 2009*

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to inform you of the circumstances regarding my absence on June 15, 2009. Yesterday, I, along with members of the Maine and New Hampshire congressional delegations, met with the Honorable Ray Mabus, Secretary of the Navy, to discuss matters concerning the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Unfortunately, because of this meeting, I was unable to make it back to Washington in time to register my votes. If I were present, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 430, H.R. 2325, H.R. 729, and H.R. 540.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JERRY MORAN**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 16, 2009*

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. 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. 2847, the Commerce,