

overwhelming, bipartisan fashion. The SPR is currently filled to roughly 99.5 percent of its capacity—its highest level ever. As we work to enact comprehensive energy and climate change legislation, Congress should take action to provide relief at the gas pump in the short term. The Enhanced SPR Act represents a common sense approach to reducing pressure on consumers while saving taxpayers dollars.

HONORING ALLEN McQUARRIE

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Allen McQuarrie, a man who has worked tirelessly to assist those recovering from substance addiction in Bucks County.

Mr. McQuarrie's path began in the classroom as a public school science teacher. Following his retirement after thirty years with the New Jersey Education Association, he worked for public employee unions and employers. In this field, Mr. McQuarrie pioneered human resources training and personnel services to aid staff and their families recovering from substance addiction, stress, and other barriers to healthy living.

Most recently, Allen McQuarrie has partnered with PROACT, the Pennsylvania Recovery Organization-Achieving Community Together, a grassroots recovery support initiative in Southeastern Pennsylvania. Over the past ten years, he has been a volunteer, a mentor for men incarcerated in the Bucks County Correctional Facility, and a co-chair of the organization.

Mr. McQuarrie has also served as a board member for the Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, as well as on the Traffic Advisory Committee for Doylestown Township. He was the recipient of the 2008 Ambassador of the Year Award, presented to him by the Pennsylvania Recovery Organizations Alliance. In addition, Mr. McQuarrie will be receiving the prestigious Joel Hernandez Voice of the Recovery Community Award on behalf of PROACT. This award is granted based on the success of this organization in increasing the prevalence and quality of long term recovery in their community.

Allen McQuarrie has contributed enormously to his community in Bucks County. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Mr. McQuarrie for his outstanding efforts, and am extremely honored to serve as his Congressman.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following vote. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall vote No. 350, on Motion that the Committee Rise—H.R. 2847, Making Appro-

priations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes—I would have voted "no."

IRANIAN POLITICAL OPPRESSION

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today in sympathy with the victims of Iranian political oppression who have been injured or killed protesting the outcome of their election.

Yet regardless of whether Ahmadinejad or Mousavi wins, we must not maintain any illusions about where true power in Iran rests.

That would be in the hands of the Islamic Republic's clerical regime, extremists determined to advance Iran's nuclear program and use terrorism to bully other states in the region.

Much of the regime's most egregious activities are done in the dark, hidden from the world's eyes and thus escaping media attention. The Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps quietly funnels weapons and funding into terrorists groups from Iraq to Afghanistan to Lebanon to Gaza. Iranian centrifuges enrich uranium at nuclear plants often hidden from weapons inspectors. And terrorist groups make voyages to Iran to receive training at unspecified locations.

But this week the true colors of the Iranian regime are on broad display. With the whole world watching, the Iranian regime has been embarrassed—called to account seemingly for the first time. This is an opportunity we cannot squander. Let us rally the world around the Iranian people. Let us use this opening to show the international community how dangerous the Iranian regime is—and why a nuclear Iran is flatly unacceptable.

Regrettably, the President and Democratic leadership in congress are failing to respond to the growing threat a nuclear Iran poses to the world.

Today we call on President Obama to immediately condemn the violence the Iranian regime is perpetrating against its citizens. We call on the Speaker to immediately bring to the floor and consider the Iran Petroleum Sanctions Act. The bipartisan bill, sponsored by Chairman BERMAN and Ranking Member ROSENBERG, would impose sanctions on the radical Iranian regime while they continue to seek nuclear weapons and destabilize the Middle East.

TRIBUTE TO SISTER MARIE BERNARDE PROCKNAL OF THE BUFFALO SISTERS OF MERCY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sister Marie Bernarde Procknal of the Buffalo Sisters of Mercy. It is my privilege to recognize her for her service to our community through education.

Her commitment to education begins with her own. She graduated with Bachelor's Degree from Niagara University, received Master's Degree from Canisius College, and took part in a career and guidance fellowship at Boston University. She also is certified through New York State in kindergarten through sixth grade, junior high school social studies, and high school guidance.

Sister Marie chose to use her education to serve others through teaching at several elementary and junior high schools in the Western New York Community.

However, Sister Marie's dedication and hard work did not go unnoticed. She received a grant from the Diocese of Buffalo and the National Principals' Association in order for her to further education at SUNY Plattsburg, where she earned a certification in administration and supervision.

After earning a degree, she returned to the schools in the Buffalo area to continue her role in shaping the community through education and service. She worked as the principal of St. William Elementary School and St. Thomas Aquinas. She then was as Supervisor of Sisters of Mercy Elementary and Secondary Schools, and served as a guidance counselor at Mt. Mercy Academy.

Sister Marie's roles as educator and leader were conveyed in 2008, when Sister Marie was chosen to help celebrate the Sisters of Mercy's 150th Anniversary by throwing the first pitch at the June 22nd Bisons game.

Sister Marie continues to give back to the community that helped raise her. Today, she works at Trocaire College as a member of the Students Affairs Teams and as a Career Counselor. She helps students through sharing her insights and advising them on their own education.

My community is blessed to have Sister Marie. Her unwavering dedication and selfless service allows us to be confident in our community's future as she is preparing a new generation of bright and giving Americans. Today, I ask my fellow Members of Congress to help me thank an extraordinary woman, whom I admire, for her service and commitment to the young people of New York's 27th Congressional District.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

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

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fleming County Fiscal Court

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 Court Square, Flemingsburg, Kentucky 41041

Description of Request: Appropriate \$48,000 to acquire four (4) Mobile Data Terminals

(MDT) for the Fleming County Sheriff's Office. MDTs will allow the department to connect to the Kentucky State Police LINK/NCIC system directly from the police vehicle. MDTs also increase both officer and public safety by empowering law enforcement with critical information prior to exiting their vehicle. MDTs will quickly let the officers know if a vehicle is stolen, the person driving is wanted, and if the person is licensed to carry a concealed weapon. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will improve the safety of sworn officers responsible for protecting the community.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Henry County Sheriff's Office

Address of Requesting Entity: 50 North Main St, New Castle, Kentucky 40050

Description of Request: Appropriate \$82,000 for the purchase of law enforcement equipment for the Henry County Sheriff's Office, as well as the City of Eminence Police Department and the City of Campbellsburg Police Department. Equipment will include five (5) MDTs, 1 TASER, 3 ATN-NVM 14-3 Night Vision Minocular, 3 Aimpoint Comp M4, among other items. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will improve the safety of sworn officers responsible for protecting the community.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oldham County Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 1855 North Highway 393, La Grange, KY 40031

Description of Request: Appropriate \$57,000 to purchase six (6) Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs). The County currently has some MDTs and the use of these systems has provided a rapid and reliable means of obtaining information in today's criminal justice arena. For example, use of MDTs allows the officers to immediately determine wants or warrants on individuals and reduces down time by allowing them to enter reports and stolen property information immediately while still on duty. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will improve the safety of sworn officers responsible for protecting the community.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oldham County Sheriff's Office

Address of Requesting Entity: 1855 North Highway 393, La Grange, Kentucky 40031

Description of Request: Appropriate \$75,000 to acquire upgraded equipment appropriate to assist the Sheriff's Department in responding to a variety of law enforcement situations within the community. Equipment purchases will include dual antenna radar units, handheld radar units, mobile data terminals, portable breath testing units, Taser brand units, community service kid care identification machine, and Magna PD6500 brand security scanners, among other items. The Oldham County Sheriff's Office provides emergency response to

the residents of Oldham County and surrounding Counties as requested. In addition, the Sheriff's office is responsible for courtroom security, prisoner transport throughout Kentucky, and protection of government employees, officials and government property. Federal funds will be used to purchase equipment that will increase the interoperability, improve the safety of sworn offices and the department's ability to respond to the needs of Oldham County. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will improve the safety of sworn officers responsible for protecting the community.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pendleton County Sheriff

Address of Requesting Entity: 202 Chapel St, Falmouth, Kentucky 41040

Description of Request: Appropriate \$12,000 for the purchase of twelve (12) X26 TASERS (Electronic Control Devices) for county law enforcement officials and related training in equipment usage. Pendleton County does not have a detention center, so the Sheriff's Office and Jailer's office both transport prisoners fifty miles to and from Boone County Detention Center for court hearings and trials. TASERS would give the officials an additional tool on a non-lethal scale to control an unruly person. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will improve the safety of sworn officers responsible for protecting the community.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on project funding, I am submitting the following information regarding project funding I requested as part of Fiscal Year 2009 Defense Appropriations bill that was included in H.R. 2638:

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2010 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill
Account: COPS—METH

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Illinois State University

Address of Requesting Entity: Campus Box 4040, Hovey 310, Normal, IL 61790-4040

Description of Request: \$200,000 to expand an innovative new program addressing the epidemic of methamphetamine use through treatment of arrested juveniles from rural populations. It is my understanding that this funding will be used as follows: \$40,000 for psychiatric services; \$30,000 for post discharge treatment; \$35,000 for treatment Supplies; \$20,000 for evaluation research consultants; \$50,000 for salaries; and \$25,000 for travel.

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2010 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill
Account: NOAA—ORF

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Illinois State Geological Survey

Address of Requesting Entity: 615 E. Peabody Drive, Champaign, IL 61820

Description of Request: \$800,000 for the Illinois State Geological Survey to continue their Height Modernization project. The project would update the benchmarks in the state (approximately half can no longer be located), unify the database of benchmarks, and provide a digital elevation (LiDAR) model for the state. It is my understanding that the funding will be used as follows: \$68,000 for salaries; \$13,723 for travel; \$8,000 for computer hardware and services; \$210,000 for level lines and benchmarks in northern Illinois; \$50,000 for Continuously Operating Reference (CORS) station; \$180,000 for LiDAR data collection; \$2,000 for outreach forums; \$359 for commodities; \$400 for telecommunications; \$134,718 for facilities and administration at the University of Illinois; and \$132,800 for NOAA/NGS overhead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, on June 16, 2009, I missed roll call vote 350 due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

PAUL HARRELL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize the North Kansas City School District's Chief Financial Officer, Paul Harrell, on the occasion of being named the 2009 School Business Official of the Year by the Missouri Association of School Business Officials.

Paul Harrell came to the North Kansas City School District in 2000 as the top accountant and budget manager. During that time, Harrell modernized the district's business operations by implementing the use of new technologies, sound fiscal management, and building community partnerships. He also moved the school district to a paperless time sheet system that saved the district countless accounting hours. Due to Paul's conservative financial management, the school district has earned top marks from auditors over the past several years.

In addition to revitalizing the school district, Paul has also helped the community. He assisted in building a partnership with the city of Gladstone that produced a new natatorium next to the Gladstone Community Center.

Last year, Paul was awarded the 2008 Outstanding Director by the North Kansas City Business Council, which he also won in 2002. Each year there is a \$1,000 scholarship given to a student in the school district under Harrell's name as part of this award.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in commending Paul Harrell for his dedicated service to the North Kansas City School District. Paul's dedication and commitment to his work are shining examples of the kind of work ethic we should all strive for. I