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EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding the earmark I received as part of H.R. 2892, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project Name/Amount: City of Hampton Virginia Operational Integration Cyber Center of Excellence (VOICCE), \$500,000

Requested by: ROBERT J. WITTMAN (VA-01)

Intended Recipient of Funds/Grantee: City of Hampton, 22 Lincoln Street, 8th Floor, Hampton, VA 23669

Project description and explanation of the request: Funds would be used by the City of Hampton to develop Virginia's Operational Integration Cyber Center of Excellence (VOICCE). This laboratory would allow local governments and first responders to plug into state and federal entities and participate in simulated cyber attacks would help identify the processes, procedures, capabilities and gaps in protection. This program will incorporate cyber attack prevention into the mainstream of emergency operations at the local level and creating a virtual municipality of randomly generated internet protocol addresses. The concept would allow cyber security capabilities, processes and procedures to be developed.

The City of Hampton is located in the crossroads of Hampton Roads, home to major military installations such as Oceana Naval Air Station, Langley AFB, NASA Langley Research Center, Joint Forces Command, Naval Station Norfolk, etc. The localities play a large role in ensuring the safety and security of these assets as well as the many military and civilian personnel in the area. Through modeling and simulation at the City's emergency operations center, localities can gain experience in deterring and preventing cyber attack and other potential attacks on the area's installations, transportation infrastructure and information networks.

Funding will be used for: Initial cyberspace data collection/study phase: \$225,230; Initial definitions of cyberspace experimental processes, procedures and responses: \$97,256; Development of cyberspace municipal event scenarios: \$54,967; Architectural design, development and integration with IT department: \$34,246; Initial execution and assessment of VOICCE construct / scenarios: \$36,804, and; Initial staff review and input meetings: \$2,608; Final VOICCE Report Development & Associated materials for printing, CD-ROMS: \$48,889.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Standards on Congressional appropriations initiatives, I am submitting the following information regarding a project that was included at my request in H.R. 2892, the Fiscal Year 2010 Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill:

MARITIME DOMAIN AWARENESS

Account: Homeland Security, Science and Technology, Borders and Maritime

Legal name and address of requesting entity: SRI International, 830 First Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

Description of request: \$4,000,000 is included in the bill for SRI International to continue its work to develop a replicable port security system that will be functional in diverse environments which include coastal maritime, seaport, island, extreme, and remote locations. This project will include the development of pilot test beds for use in a shallow and deep water setting. The Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate has identified a need to establish national maritime security technology test bed capability. Current test bed operations are conducted at a number of diverse facilities that are neither centrally coordinated nor operated under uniform standards. With over 95,000 miles of coastline to protect, ensuring our nation's maritime security is challenging and requires complex technology and knowledgeable oversight. The absence of both a recognized test bed capability and effective operations organization impacts DHS's ability to: (1) consistently validate security system performance; (2) accurately compare and evaluate the effectiveness of competing systems and related technologies; (3) minimize biases and variables in tests and evaluations, i.e. create and apply uniform standards; (4) provide recognized certifying authority; and (5) advance new technologies to better protect our homeland. Ultimately, our nation's security is compromised without this crucial capability. This initiative establishes an independent, objective, entity to test and certify technologies for application in deep water, port, and coastal environments. The proposed program additionally serves to focus agency resource management by: (1) synergizing and minimizing duplicative efforts; (2) aligning disparate testing operations; and (3) engaging all maritime security stakeholders—local through federal as well as commercial through military. SRI International and the University of Hawaii have teamed to address the nation's critical port security needs. This partnership will create trusted-agent oversight and will leverage previous federal infrastructure investment to provide the most effective test bed capability at the lowest achievable cost. The partnership also provides institutional ties to both the Department of Defense and Department of Health and Human Services, thus bridging their efforts and providing for uniform, cost-effective maritime security solutions.

DR. TOM CUMMINGS

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 outstanding service and leadership of Dr. Tom Cummings on the occasion of his retirement after 24 years of service to the North Kansas City School District, including 14 years as the superintendent.

Dr. Cummings has dedicated the majority of his life to assisting and educating children. After receiving his undergraduate degree from Franklin College in Indiana and his Master of Science and Doctor of Education degrees from Indiana University, Dr. Cummings has committed almost half a century to education. From coaching basketball to becoming the district superintendent in 1995, Dr. Cummings has continually worked to improve the lives of his students. During his 49 years as an educator, Dr. Cummings also always strived to serve his community. He was president of the Greater Kansas City School Administrators Association, served on the board of the directors for the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and served on the Education Commissioner's Advisory Committee.

During his time as superintendent of the North Kansas City School District, Dr. Cummings changed the way the school district approached both education and the surrounding community. Dr. Cummings built a core foundation of transparency, community partnerships, technology, and impressive physical facilities. Due to these efforts, the school district began to receive money again from the community to pay for bonds. This was revolutionary for the school district, as every single request for school bonds in the 17 years prior to Dr. Cummings was turned down. Dr. Cummings commissioned a panel of community, government and business leaders that shaped the district's new mission—to provide an elite educational experience that produced enlightened citizens adaptable to change and involved in their communities.

Dr. Cummings will leave many legacies at North Kansas City Schools. He created a professional and leadership development program, new career and technical education options for students, organizational efficiency, an award-winning money management team, standardized curriculum and differentiated instruction.

Dr. Cummings has also been awarded numerous times throughout his tenure as superintendent. He was honored by YouthFriends as their first recipient of the School-Based Mentoring Achievement and Advancement Award. In 2005, Dr. Cummings was named the Missouri Superintendent of the Year. The following year, he received the Look North award for being an Outstanding Northland Leader by the Clay County Economic Development Council. In 2008, he was recognized as an Outstanding Missourian by the Missouri House of Representatives, and most recently, the school district's administration building was renamed the Thomas P. Cummings Administrative Center.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in commending Tom Cummings for his many years of dedicated service to the

North Kansas City School District. His commitment to the students, the school and our community provide a strong example of the kind of leader we should all strive to be. I know Tom's colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking him for his commitment to others and wishing him congratulations on his retirement and best wishes on many more years of happiness and success.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. LATOURETTE. 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, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: American Judges Association

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 Newport Avenue, Williamsburg, VA 32185, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$350,000 for the development of a new, nationwide, distance-learning program for judges so they can update and expand web-based educational programs in their home districts without having to miss work or travel to seminars. The American Judges Association plans to use all of the funds to develop websites and on-line courses, collaborate with selected presenters on past and future projects, enhance presentations by the use of self-assessment quizzes, slides, video clips, glossary terms, and other visual materials to be incorporated into presentations, and videotaping and encoding presentations. This web-based training is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars as it will prevent courts from sending judges to expensive training seminars, and will be especially useful for smaller courts with tight budgets, including municipal courts throughout NE Ohio.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Chagrin Falls Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 21 W. Washington Street, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$250,000 for the purchase of new equipment for an interoperable dispatch and Operations Center within a planned new police station, the costs of which will be borne by residents through a ballot initiative. All of the funds requested will be used to purchase the equipment and technology for the operations and communications center. The Communications Center will help protect about 17,000 people served by the ten agencies that will utilize the center. The funding is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars as the interoperable center will improve communications between police and fire departments throughout the region.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: NOAA—Operations, Research and Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Great Lakes Science Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 601 Erieside Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$250,000 for education programs at the new Great Lakes Water Project exhibition. The Center is developing world class exhibitions on the science, technology and ecology of the Great Lakes and will be a focal point for educating and engaging 450,000 pre-K–16 students and visitors in issues central to the region's economy and vital to the ecological health of the world's largest freshwater resource. Great Lakes Science Center (GLSC), one of the country's leading science and technology centers. All of the funds for this project will be used for the development of the education program on the science, technology and ecology of the Great Lakes. The Great Lakes Science Center has raised \$4,430,000. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars as it follows the recommendations of the National Academy of Sciences that Congress invest in improving Math and Science education programs for students.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lake County Ohio

Address of Requesting Entity: 125 E. Erie Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,000,000 for upgrading and improving the county-wide interoperable Public Safety Radio System because the current 800 MHz radio system's technical support and parts will no longer be available in 2012. The entire budget will be used for the purchase of equipment. \$1,000,000 has been contributed to this project from the Lake County General Fund. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because it will provide communications for all law enforcement in the county, and will replace a system that will soon be obsolete and unable to be repaired.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: South Russell Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 5205 Chillicothe Road, South Russell, OH 44022, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$35,000 to allow this small department to upgrade from an analog, 800 radio-communication system to a digital, 800 radio-communication system. Approximately, \$13,618 will be used to purchase four mobile 800 radios, \$20,000 for eleven portable 800 radios, \$528 for four portable radio chargers, and \$854 for twelve portable radio shoulder microphones. The Village of South Russell is contributing \$12,359.60. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars as the upgrade is mandatory for the county and must take place by 2011. This modest funding will allow the South Russell Police Department to communicate seamlessly with 25 other public safety agencies in Geauga County and improve public safety throughout the region.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Akron

Address of Requesting Entity: 302 Buchtel Mall, Akron, OH 44325, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 to develop a fully equipped and staffed High Technology Forensics Laboratory and Resource Center in a partnership with the University of Akron and the Summit County Sheriff's Department. It will be utilized by at least 23 law enforcement agencies in the area. Approximately, \$24,000 will be used for three forensic work stations, \$260,200 for lab equipment and technology, and \$215,800 for the operating budget including hardware and supplies. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars as the facility will train students to do forensic and other high-tech, crime-solving work and will create jobs for the region.

RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE OF JAMES S.W. DREWRY

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to and recognize the outstanding service of James S.W. Drewry upon his retirement from the practice of law.

Jim Drewry is retiring after decades of outstanding service as a lawyer to his country, to the Congress of the United States, and a leading practitioner in the Washington, DC, community. As outstanding as his National service and later career have been, I would be especially remiss if I did not go to Jim's early work experience prior to graduating from college and attending law school. Jim began his work experience serving as a clerk for Senator E.L. Bartlett (D-Alaska) in the United States Senate during the summers of 1961 to 1963. He then got some real world labor experience as a gandy dancer while working as part of the labor gang on the Alaska Railroad during the summer of 1964. These experiences prepared him well for a life-long career as a legislative attorney that often touched on the important maritime, fishery, natural resource, and transportation issues of importance to my State of Alaska. I for one always appreciated the professionalism and knowledge that Jim brought to the issues, but also his early practical and hands on experience that he brought to any situation.

Jim obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA, in 1966, with honors in political science. There he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He went on to earn not one but two law degrees. The first was from the University of Virginia School of Law (LL.B. 1969) and the second from the London School of Economics (LL.M. international law 1975). Contemporaneously, he held various positions during school breaks including working as a deckhand on a Great Lakes iron ore cargo ship (summer 1965), as a clerk for the Shipbuilders Council of America (summers 1966–67), and as an editorial assistant for the Stratton Commission on National Ocean Policy (summer 1968). Upon