

Houston Police Department to be used towards enforcement of illegal possession and distribution of Methamphetamine/ICE, Heroin, Cocaine and Marijuana throughout the Houston region. The Houston Police Department intends to use the funds for classified overtime for Narcotics Personnel, for the purchase of covert equipment, for the purchase of evidence/information, for the purchase of block overtime expenses for general personnel, and for investigative travel. The Targeted Narcotics Enforcement Team (TNET) is an enforcement group whose mission is to carry out investigations addressing the broad spectrum of drug trafficking in and through the Houston region. The goal is to identify, target, and disrupt or dismantle major drug trafficking organizations operating on a regional scale. However, TNET is unique in its efforts by focusing on the full organization. With investigators continuously developing confidential sources (CS) along the Texas-Mexico border, the group is able to target major Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTOs). TNET also works through its coalition of investigators, attorneys, inspectors, and citizen groups to target the dealers and end users that make the DTOs' work profitable. Over the past several years, Mexican DTOs have taken over the production of Methamphetamine and the more crystallized meth known as "ICE." Once dominated by domestic labs, Mexican DTOs now produce the bulk of methamphetamine powder and ICE. These DTOs have utilized the same smuggling routes and techniques that have been used in the past. TNET has quickly adapted to this new threat and has successfully targeted these Methamphetamine DTOs. Additional resources will enhance our ability to combat these sophisticated DTOs.

Requesting Member: Congressman TED POE

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

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Harris County, TX Constable Precinct #4

Address of Requesting Entity: 16000 Stuebner Airline Road, Suite 520, Spring, TX 77379

Description of Request: I have secured \$90,000 in funding to be used to provide a uniform manner of handling violent crimes against woman within this precinct by supporting an investigating deputy for the precinct. This way cases will be worked on 24 hours a day and have a faster completion time. The investigating deputy shall make the scene when an incident is reported and interview all victim(s), suspect(s), and witness(es) while at the scene. Collect all evidence at the scene and provide the victim(s) with a written notification of their "Victim Rights" found in the departmental issued Victim Assistance pamphlet. The investigator shall initiate a case report and post the case on the office information board so that all patrol deputies may be informed of the case.

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Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Houston Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 1200 Travis Street, Houston, TX 77002

Description of Request: I have secured \$910,000 for the Houston Police Department to purchase more LiveScan equipment, enabling them to capture electronic fingerprints and be part of the IAFIS (Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System) program which enables them to determine in seconds as opposed to days the alienage and criminal history of those they apprehend through the federal Law Enforcement Support Center. They still need 9 more machines to be fully electronic under IAFIS city wide. Additionally, funding will be used to purchase additional handheld devices that would be given to police officers to quickly capture biometric information of suspects and quickly determine their criminal histories, outstanding warrants, whether they have an order of removal or bench warrant for a failure to appear for an immigration proceeding from Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Office of Detention and Removal's deportable felon database.

RECOGNIZING 60 YEARS OF SERVICE FROM THE COLES DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Coles District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. On June 27, 2009 the department will hold its 60th Annual Installation of Officers Banquet, marking its 60th year of service to the residents of Prince William County.

Prince William County has changed drastically since the Coles Department was established in 1949 as the Independent Hill Volunteer Fire Department. At that time, the early fire notification system consisted of a 110 foot fire tower that looked out over Prince William County's largely wooded landscape. Just six community volunteers handled the department's workload in those early years.

After years of expansion and the construction of a new fire station in 1979, the Coles District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad continues to be an invaluable resource for the Prince William community. The membership has grown to 45 life, active, junior and associate members. These members are business executives, police officers, professional firefighters, information technology professionals, tradesmen and other civil servants in local and federal government. Each year, they dedicate tens of thousands of volunteer hours to promoting and protecting the safety of their friends and neighbors.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the members, past and present, of the Coles District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. The dedication of these community volunteers has ensured that the Coles Department will remain a vibrant and robust organization, delivering vital services to residents during an emergency.

And to every member of the Coles District Volunteer Fire Department, I say, "Stay Safe."

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2847) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

MR. CROWLEY. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

The Commerce, Justice, Science appropriations bill makes investments that are important to hard-working families and vital to the well-being of local communities. It keeps cops on the beat, helps small and mid-size companies remain competitive in the global economy, and provides legal assistance to those unable to afford it. It also funds the census, and this year's bill includes \$7.4 billion in funding for the U.S. Census Bureau, matching the President's request.

Every decade, we recount our nation's population. The Commerce Department oversees this massive effort, and it is gearing up for the 2010 recount. The importance of the census cannot be overstated.

The census is not just a head count of our population, but a snapshot of how Americans are living, including their family relationships, economic status and much more. The data collected is incredibly important because it is used to help dictate how federal and state money is appropriated for health, education and transportation initiatives; to guide local planning decisions, such as where to build schools and roads; and to determine private business investments, such as where to locate a company or expand business.

There are, however, many challenges in conducting the census and 2010 will be even more difficult than in years past. Population growth means there are more people to count and more homes to visit. Furthermore, among immigrant and non-English speaking populations, there are fears of deportation, language barriers, and mistrust of government, which have left many areas of our country undercounted in the past.

We cannot let the past repeat itself. We have an obligation to our constituents to ensure they are counted in 2010. And, the \$7.4 billion in this bill for the U.S. Census Bureau will be used, in part, to raise awareness of the upcoming census, educate individuals on the importance of their participation, and teach people about the benefits that will come to their community as a result of their participation.

We must inform them that census workers are legally prohibited from reporting a resident's legal status. We must inform them that for the first time a bilingual form will be sent to neighborhoods with large Spanish speaking populations and, as before, the form will be available in other major languages. We must inform them that their participation will only serve to help them and their community.

In the 2000 census, many members of immigrant and minority groups did not fill out the form—skewing the results and costing their communities federal funds. Many of these communities are the ones in greatest need of housing, education and legal services. We need to let our constituents know what is at stake so they will take the time to engage and participate.

Standing up and being counted is not only a constitutional requirement, but an American tradition. It illustrates the size and diversity of the United States of America in the 21st century. That is why I hope all of my colleagues will work in their districts to ensure that we have the highest participation than any other census before. And, it is why I hope my colleagues will support the money in this bill for the 2010 census.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2346,
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, in response to the devastating attacks of September 11th 2001 our nation was forced to take strong and decisive action in Afghanistan and throughout the world with the Global War on Terror to protect and defend the values and national interests of the American people. For eight years, Congress has dutifully provided the resources our troops need to carry out the will of this nation.

Today we are considering H.R. 2346, the FY2009 War Supplemental Appropriations bill, to once again provide these resources our troops require. Sadly Congressional Democrats have chosen to use this vitally important funding bill to advance the Obama administration's reckless national security and economic policies. I cannot support a bill that places our citizens and military servicemembers at risk, as well as advances irresponsible economic policies that put our economy at risk.

The detainees currently housed at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba are among the world's most dangerous, hardened terrorists. These detainees masterminded the September 11th terrorist attacks, plotted numerous terrorist attacks around the world, and killed American troops and civilians. In developing a policy to deal with such dangerous people, though, the Obama administration has focused on one single goal: close the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay. Although the facility at Guantanamo Bay is the world's most secure prison, the administration has instead developed a two-pronged plan to abandon these facilities and bring detainees to the United States either for release into our streets or release into our prisons.

I do not want terrorists to come to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, or any American town. Bringing detainees to Fort Leavenworth would conflict with its primary mission of being the educational center of the Army and is impractical from a facilities and logistical perspective. Most importantly, it would place the citizens of Leavenworth, Johnson County, and the greater Kansas City metro area at unnecessary risk.

Unfortunately, this policy, which is designed to placate anti-war activists, fails to address the serious national security concerns that are clearly seen by the American people. In multiple opinion polls, the American people overwhelmingly reject the notion of bringing terrorists-detainees to the U.S. They know that bringing terrorists to our street or prisons places our nation at risk.

Democrat leadership has rejected the views of the American people and included a provision to create a process for the administration to bring terrorist-detainees to the United States. This provision provides little of the protections and guarantees the American people expect. Let me be clear, this provision will do nothing to prevent the Obama administration from moving terrorists from a secure military facility to our hometowns.

In addition to placing American citizens at risk, this legislation also places American military servicemembers in harm's way by the removal of the bi-partisan Lieberman-Graham amendment. This critical amendment would have blocked the release of photographs of individuals captured or detained by the U.S. military during overseas operations. Senators JOE LIEBERMAN (ID-CT) and LINDSAY GRAHAM (R-SC) who sponsored the original amendment, clearly stated, "the release of the photos will serve as propaganda and recruiting tool for terrorists who seek to attack American citizens at home and abroad." Even President Obama has said that the release of these photographs would "put our troops and civilians serving our nation abroad in greater danger." Instead of acting in the best interests of our troops, however, Congressional Democrats have sided with the extremist left and lawyers from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) by removing this important provision.

Although Congressional Democrats left out language to prevent terrorists from being brought to our shores and to protect our troops, they found room to add two unrelated provisions that continue this administration's favorite cure-all for our economic woes: bailouts.

Perhaps most concerning, the War Supplemental Appropriations bill contains a \$108 billion loan authority for the International Monetary Fund (IMF)—a Global Bailout. Unrelated to the war effort, this Global Bailout represents a ten-fold increase in the U.S.'s current IMF contribution to fund an expansion of IMF lending. In addition, through the IMF Special Drawing Rights (SDRs), countries that oppose U.S. values and national interests would receive access to additional hard currency. Iran will receive a benefit up to \$1.8 billion, Syria \$305 million, Venezuela \$3.2 billion, and Sudan \$202 million. I find it very disturbing that Democrats would use a war spending bill to prop-up state sponsors of terrorism.

Finally, I object to the "Cash for Clunkers" provision included in H.R. 2346. The automobile manufacturers have already received \$110 billion in bailouts from the federal government. Yet, Congressional Democrats have decided to funnel another \$1 billion in bailout dollars to the very same industry. I have opposed the bailouts from the beginning. Instead of enacting real solutions to address this economic crisis, Democrats are again pushing their tired, old ideas of more and more government spending. Bailouts and more government spending have proven ineffective in jump-starting the economy. These are the wrong solu-

tions for our economy, and however well-intentioned, will only prolong our economic woes.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in opposing this bill. As currently written, this bill offers the wrong solutions to real problems. It places our citizens, troops and economy at risk. H.R. 2346 should instead return to the Conference Committee and focus on funding our troops and keeping the American people safe.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO PAUL
NAVARRO

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in special tribute to an outstanding public servant and community leader, Paul Navarro. Today it is my honor to join the Members of the East Harlem Asthma Working Group, Inc. (EHAWG) and the public service sector of the City of New York to pay tribute to a courageous New Yorker and exceptional human being, for his commitment, and tireless efforts, in improving the lives of so many affordable homeowners and renters throughout my Congressional District and beyond.

Born and raised in the South Bronx, where he still lives, Paul graduated from Lehman College in 1980 with a degree in Public and Group Communications. Troubled by the poverty and urban blight that plagued his neighborhood, Paul got involved in community activism by becoming an active member of his Community Planning Board; he also served as President of his Homeowner's Association for 15 years; created a green thumb garden; and helped to identify buildings which required renovation and repair and improved the quality of the life of the surrounding neighborhoods. He later became an executive board member and treasurer of the Diego-Beekman houses, a thirty-one building development housing over 1200 families in the South Bronx.

Paul joined Mayor Koch's Division of Labor Services in 1980, responsible for monitoring equal employment opportunities and prevailing wage rates in the construction industry. His career continued with the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) as a Property Manager in East and Central Harlem, helping tenants with rent and repair issues. In 1987, Paul was named Director of the Crisis Management Unit in East Harlem.

During the 1990's, while living through kidney failure, dialysis treatments and receiving a kidney transplant, Paul served as HPD's Director of Anti-Abandonment Program for the Borough of Manhattan. In 1999, late and former New York City Council Member Philip Reed presented Paul a special Citation for Outstanding Service to the Community for all of his positive efforts in the Anti-Abandonment Program.

In 2001, as a member of the East Harlem Asthma Working Group (EHAWG) Paul shared a City Council Proclamation from former City Council Speaker A. Gifford Miller. In 2006, New York City Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly presented Paul with the prestigious Isaac Lieberman Award for Outstanding Performance by a Civil Service Employee. Paul continues to stand up for fair and decent housing