

today as Director of the Green Point-Williamsburg Tenant Assistance Center in Brooklyn, and his team have assisted over 1300 families with landlord/tenant disputes and submitted an amazing 983 Section 8 applications.

Paul has two daughters, Elaine and Nancy, six grandchildren, four great grandchildren and despite his own health issues, along with his brother Rick, they take care of their 85 year old mother, Maria, who suffers from dementia. Let us all salute a great New Yorker, Paul Navarro.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF RICHARD BAUMGARTNER

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 distinguished career of Richard J. Baumgartner. Mr. Baumgartner has served the children of Northern Virginia as an educator for thirty-seven years. Mr. Baumgartner has consistently been a strong advocate of quality education for all children and appropriate compensation for teachers.

As an educator, Mr. Baumgartner witnessed first-hand the expansive growth of Fairfax County and its public school system. Mr. Baumgartner's career has led him to excel in a variety of capacities within Fairfax County Public Schools. In fact, during his tenure, Mr. Baumgartner had the unique opportunity to serve on the initial opening faculty at three different elementary schools. He was a valuable asset to these schools and their principals during the difficult process of establishing a new school.

Mr. Baumgartner was a strong advocate on behalf of teachers in Fairfax County while serving as President of the Fairfax Education Association from 2000–2002 and 2004–2007. During his first term, Mr. Baumgartner worked with the school administration to examine the effectiveness of National Board Certification. Mr. Baumgartner also succeeded in helping change policy with regards to the Virginia Retirement System. Significant highlights of Mr. Baumgartner's second term include getting salary credit for instructional assistants who become teachers and implementing a nationally recognized teacher working conditions survey.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in expressing our gratitude to Richard J. Baumgartner for his thirty-seven years of service to the students and staff of the Fairfax County Public School system and in wishing him the very best in his retirement.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. LOBIONDO. Madam Speaker, as per the requirements of the Republican Conference Rules on earmarks, I secured the following earmarks in H.R. 2847.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02) (along with Reps. BISHOP (NY), PALLONE and KING (NY))

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: NOAA, NMFS Fisheries

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

Address of Requesting Entity: 501 Trenton Avenue, Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$600,000 for the collection and provision of data on summer flounder and black sea bass to the NMFS, regional councils, and state regulatory bodies and participate in the assessment process carried out by these groups.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02) (along with Reps. PAYNE, PALLONE and SIREs)

Bill Number: HR 2847

Account: Department of Justice, Juvenile Justice Programs

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Big Brothers Big Sisters Foundation of New Jersey

Address of Requesting Entity: 1259 Route 46 East, Building 3, Parsippany, NJ 07054

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$400,000 to be distributed to ten local Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies serving 19 counties to strengthen and expand one-to-one mentoring programs for At-Risk Youth.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02) (along with Reps. SMITH (NJ), PASCRELL and PAYNE)

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice, Juvenile Justice Programs

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: DARE, New Jersey, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 292 Prospect Plains Road, Cranbury, NJ 08512

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$350,000 to be used for the Middle School Drug and Safety Prevention Project for DARE, New Jersey, Inc. The project will implement the new D.A.R.E. Middle School/Junior High School Program, "Keepin' It Real". This is a model substance abuse prevention education program on the SAMSHA National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP).

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican adopted standards on earmarks, I submit the below detailed explanation of the Illinois Meth Project, Springfield, Illinois.

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

Provisions/Account: Department of Justice, COPS Methamphetamine.

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is the Illinois Meth Project, 937 S. 2nd St., Springfield, IL 62704.

Description of Request: This funding will be used to prevent teen methamphetamine use in Illinois through community outreach and strategic advertising campaign. The state of Illinois has a critical methamphetamine problem

and the Illinois Meth Project aims to combat such through large scale media campaign initiatives targeting teens and first time Meth use. A survey of central Illinois teens shows substantial, positive changes in attitudes towards Meth after the first wave of Illinois Meth project advertising.

Also, the Sangamon County Sheriff Technology Upgrades for the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, Springfield, Illinois.

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

Provisions/Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, 1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701.

Description of Request: This funding will assist in the purchase of new equipment for a violent crime investigation initiative, court facility security cameras, video visitation monitoring system, computers, supportive technology and an X-Ray machine. Recent economic downturns have constrained the county's ability to support new or expanded projects.

And, the Schuyler County Sheriff Technology Upgrades for the Schuyler County Sheriff's Office, Rushville, Illinois

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

Provisions/Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is the Schuyler County Sheriff's Department, 216 E. Lafayette, Rushville, IL 62681.

Description of Request: Funding in this request would be used to assist in technology upgrades for the county Sheriff's Department. This includes radio tower equipment, new console-control center in the main office, new in-car radios and cameras as well as hand held radios. Existing control panel is 25 years old. These upgrades will greatly enhance both officer and public safety.

The Springfield Police Department Technology Upgrade for the Springfield Police Department, Springfield, Illinois.

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

Provisions/Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is the Springfield Police Department, 800 East Monroe Street, Room 300, Springfield, IL 62701.

Description of Request: This funding will be used to upgrade radio consoles, install video camera system at police firearms range/weapons facility, purchase wireless headsets, software upgrades, purchase mobile data computers. These advancements will strengthen several technological deficiencies to increase law enforcement in the city of Springfield and help officers to make state and national inquiries about suspected law violators.

The Interoperable Law Enforcement Communications for the Tazewell County Sheriff's Office, Pekin, Illinois.

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

Provisions/Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is Tazewell County Sheriff's Office, 101 S. Capitol St., Tazewell County, Pekin, IL 61554.

Description of Request: This funding will be used to assist in purchase of communications equipment and radio frequencies to provide for complete coverage within the county's jurisdiction. This will provide better communications coverage in the county's jurisdiction as well as better communications with other Police Agencies with better dependability.

The Illinois Height Modernization for the Illinois State Geological Survey, Champaign, Illinois.

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

Provisions/Account: Department of Commerce, NOAA, Operations, Research and Facilities.

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is the Office of Sponsored Programs & Research Programs at the University of Illinois, located at 615 E. Peabody Drive, Champaign, IL 61820.

Description of Request: For the Illinois State Geological Survey to continue their Height Modernization project. This project will establish a datum-consistent vertical and horizontal statewide network of survey benchmarks and a statewide high-resolution digital elevation model (DEM) of the earth's surface based upon the updated network of survey benchmarks (approximately half can no longer be located), the project would also provide a digital elevation (LiDAR) model for the state. This will establish accurate, reliable heights using GPS technology in conjunction with traditional leveling, gravity, and modern remote sensing. The necessity of this is to get accurate mapping of the state for urban and rural development.

PAKISTAN ENDURING ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 1886. Though the bill takes steps in the right direction by providing badly needed assistance to Pakistan, it also includes a dangerous trade provision that undermines the otherwise benevolent parts of the bill. The bill grants duty free treatment for textiles and clothing produced in certain regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan called Reconstruction Opportunity Zones (ROZs).

With the existing instability in war-torn Afghanistan and the increasingly unstable conditions in ROZ designated areas of Pakistan, there is little reason to think that labor and environmental protections that are critical in any trade environment can be adequately enforced.

The United States has granted this sort of trade preference before. In 2006, The New York Times reported that U.S. trade pref-

erences in the country of Jordan for textiles and apparel beginning in 1994, followed by a Free Trade Agreement in 2001, had brought about sweatshop conditions for a guest workforce imported from Bangladesh and China. Trade preferences will not benefit local populations in Afghanistan and Pakistan if an imported workforce is employed in factories producing duty-free goods.

This bill imposes a U.S. trade policy with a track record of undermining stability and economic security on nations for which the U.S. purports to provide stability and security. Our foreign policy should promote economic stability worldwide, thereby eliminating the true roots of terrorism: desperation. The bill calls on the Obama Administration to put forth a comprehensive security strategy that will eliminate U.S. concerns about terrorist threats and safe havens in Pakistan and the region. But it includes a trade provision that undermines stated U.S. foreign policy goals in Pakistan. As such, I must oppose H.R. 1886.

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

SPEECH OF

HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

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 and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Chair, I rise today in opposition to the Campbell Amendment. This amendment would bar funds in the bill from being used to fund a \$600,000 project for the Partnership for Mid-Atlantic Fisheries which I requested along with Reps. Bishop, King and Pallone. In addition, it reduces by \$600,000 funding for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA.

The Partnership for Mid-Atlantic Fisheries is a multi-state partnership comprised of commercial and recreational fishing organizations and academic institutions in New Jersey and New York. It is dedicated to the design and implementation of scientific projects addressing critical needs to improve the assessment and attainment of sustainability for the most important fisheries of the Mid-Atlantic region.

The project the Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Subcommittee has chosen to fund and which this amendment bars funding for is titled "Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass Initiative." The goal of this initiative is to gain data to address the most urgent scientific issues limiting successful management of the summer flounder and black sea bass fisheries in the Mid-Atlantic region. This data will then be provided to the National Marine Fisheries Service, regional councils, and state regulatory bodies to be used in the assessment process carried out by these groups. This assessment process is used to estimate maximum sustainable yield, and from this, yearly fishing quotas.

Summer flounder and black sea bass are among the most valuable commercial and recreational fish species in the Mid-Atlantic re-

gion. A reduction in total allowable catch for summer flounder since 2004 decreased the commercial and recreational fisheries by over 37.7 percent with an economic impact in excess of \$47.3 million per year. In 2008, the Partnership for Mid-Atlantic Fisheries provided necessary data leading to a relaxation of quota reductions in 2009. This was an important first step in improved management of this species which can continue with funding for this project.

In 2009, the black sea bass quota was cut 44 percent, costing the economies of the Mid-Atlantic an estimated \$92 million. Without additional research on critical data inadequacies the continued viability of this vital fishery is endangered.

Cape May, New Jersey in my Congressional District is the second busiest commercial fishing port on the East Coast. The data this initiative could produce and the yearly fishing quotas it could impact have direct effects on the economy of my district. This would impact not only the commercial fishermen and their families, but recreational anglers and the shore-based infrastructure both groups rely on—docks, packing houses, bait and tackle shops, marinas, etc., as well as the restaurant owners and seafood markets.

The \$600,000 set aside by the Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Subcommittee for the "Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass Initiative" for the Partnership for Mid-Atlantic Fisheries will provide essential data which has the ability to directly impact the economy of my Congressional District. For this reason, I join Reps. BISHOP, KING and PALLONE in strongly opposing the Campbell Amendment to the Commerce, Justice, Science FY 2010 Appropriations bill and urge my colleagues to do the same.

IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT OF MAUD ROBINSON

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 congratulate Maud Robinson on her retirement and to recognize the significant contributions she has made to the community as a member of the Vienna Town Council and throughout her years of civic involvement.

Maud Robinson has lived a life of commitment to her community and her country. During World War II, she proudly served with the United States WAVES. A few years after the war, she moved to Vienna, Va., where she has lived for nearly 60 years. Throughout this time, Maud has been an active community supporter, donating her time and energies to The Ayr Hill Garden Club, the Vienna Rotary Club, Historic Vienna, Inc. and many other civic organizations.

In 2000, Maud was appointed to the Vienna Town Council. Her late husband, Charles A. Robinson Jr., died earlier that year after serving 38 years on the Council, the last 24 as Mayor. Maud Robinson won re-election in 2001 and again in 2005. During her term she has been known for her historic preservation efforts, fiscal conservatism and the maintenance of the "small town" atmosphere that makes Vienna a very special place. Always