

Distribution of funding:

Personnel—8%

Benefits—3%

Travel—8%

Equipment—16%

Supplies—25%

Contract law enforcement officers—31%

Training—9%

Requesting Member: Rep. ZACH WAMP

Account: Department of Justice Byrne Discretionary Grant Program

Legal Name Requesting Entity: City of Chattanooga

Address: 101 East 11th Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402

Description of Request: The Mayor and City Council of Chattanooga have requested funding to move and equip a law enforcement firing range. In 2003, President Bush signed legislation establishing the Moccasin Bend National Archeological District at the location where the current range has been used for police training for decades. The formation of the national park and the planned visitor center requires that the firing range be moved to another site. The Mayor and City of Chattanooga received \$500,000 to offset part of the expense associated with the relocation.

Distribution of funding:

Facility renovation—30%

Equipment—50%

Technology—20%

TRIBUTE TO HOWARD NICHOLS

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Howard Nichols, an Army veteran, a distinguished teacher, and the Headmaster at The Harker School in San Jose, California. Mr. Nichols passed away from esophageal cancer on December 31, 2008.

During his 32 years as Headmaster of The Harker School, Howard Nichols played a critical role in helping so many young people and his presence is greatly missed today. The following obituary was published in the San Jose Mercury News on January 1, 2009:

"To describe Howard Nichols as the heart and soul of Harker School barely captures the magnitude of the role that the retired headmaster played at the San Jose private school.

"Mr. Nichols also was the visionary, architect, recruiter and administrator who built Harker into a prestigious academic powerhouse. He got to know each child and family, helped teachers find housing and seldom saw a piece of litter on campus he didn't pick up. A product of Harker's predecessor, the Palo Alto Military Academy, Mr. Nichols was a passionate educator who, without a teaching credential, created the largest K-12 independent school in California.

"Mr. Nichols died Dec. 31 of esophageal cancer. He was 68.

"His door at Harker always was open to staff, parents and students and visitors—who, while stopping by to talk, often could help themselves to a chocolate chip cookie, perhaps still warm from the school kitchen, said his wife, Diana Nichols.

"Howard was one of the most compassionate people I've ever met," said John Near,

a Harker history teacher whom Mr. Nichols hired 30 years ago. Mr. Nichols considered Harker a family, and instilled that sense of caring in students, Near said.

"Mr. Nichols was born in Bremerton, Washington, and moved to the Oakland area as an infant. In second grade he moved to the Peninsula when his father, Major Donald Nichols, took over the Palo Alto Military Academy. The young Mr. Nichols was a boarder at the Parkinson Street campus, and went home to Los Altos on the weekends. His mother, Jean Fisher, ran a restaurant in Los Altos.

"Mr. Nichols attended Palo Alto High School and Stanford University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in economics. He served two years in the Army, then joined the staff at his father's school. But in the Vietnam era, the military and military schools were falling out of favor. The Palo Alto Military Academy merged with neighboring Miss Harker's School for Girls and moved to San Jose. Mr. Nichols became headmaster in 1973.

"In 1981, Mr. Nichols married Diana Olsen, then a principal at Harker.

"The school expanded to three campuses, one for each level, and eliminated its dormitories to accommodate the high school expansion. Today, it has about 1,750 students in grades K-12.

"Mr. Nichols' skill as a listener, understanding parents' needs, informed his vision for the school, Diana Nichols said. With more dual-worker families, Harker offered after-school programs in sports, art and music, then uncommon among private schools. 'The complaint that people have about private schools in general was that it wasn't a neighborhood school. This created the neighborhood,' Diana Nichols said.

"Mr. Nichols also believed that the heart of a good school lies in good teachers, and he recruited nationwide for Harker staff.

"'He really made everybody feel valued. He used to put his hand on your shoulder and say, 'We're lucky to have you,'" said Chris Nikoloff who took over from Mr. Nichols as head of school. The Nicholoses retired in 2005, but continued to consult for the school and serve on the board.

"Mr. Nichols also believed in having fun. He'd challenge students to a contest, such as raising funds for a charity, and if students won, teachers and administrators would pay off by, for example, jumping fully clothed into the school swimming pool. He also created a culture of respect and caring at school, staff recalled.

"'He was a generous and kind man,' said graduate Sehba Ali Zhumkhawala, founder and principal of KIPP Heartwood charter school in San Jose. 'Certainly he was one of the inspirational folks who made me want to go into education.'

"Mr. Nichols also was an athlete, who did 100 push-ups a day until he became too ill three months ago.

"'He was a really noble man,' Diana Nichols said. 'He's irreplaceable.'"

Madam Speaker, I ask that the entire House of Representatives join me in extending our sympathy to The Harker School and the Nichols family. The work of Howard Nichols at The Harker School will never be forgotten and will continue on in the lives of the many students he inspired as a teacher and Headmaster.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. BOYD. Madam Speaker, due to personal reasons, I was unable to attend a vote. Had I been present, my vote would have been "yea" on final passage of H.R. 626, the Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act.

SALUTING SERVICE ACADEMY
BOUND STUDENTS

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is a tremendous honor to salute our soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen of tomorrow—the service academy bound students of the Third District of the Texas. This district of Texas is home to some of the best and the brightest young people. I'm truly confident that they are ready to join the premier military force of the world. It is a privilege to send such fine young people on to our nation's prestigious service academies.

We lift these young leaders and their families up in prayer for their future service and sacrifices. I am so very proud of them. God bless them and God bless America. I salute them. The appointees and their schools follow.

THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SERVICE ACADEMY
APPOINTMENTS

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Matthew Burnham (Plano West Senior High School), Darrell Dancy (USAFSA Prep School—From McKinney), Stephen Hunter (Allen High School), Zachary Matthews (Frisco High School), Christine Molina (Ursuline Academy of Dallas—From Dallas), Chad Moore (Home School—From Plano), and Spencer Wood (Frisco High School).

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

Richard Hansen (Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas—From Richardson), Joshua Koeppel (Prince of Peace Christian School—From Plano), Joseph Ramos (Sachse High School), Jan Redmond (Plano East Senior High School), Zachary Ricketts (St. Benedict at Auburndale—From Parker), Jeff Yao (Plano Senior High School), and Jacek Zapendowski (St. Mark's School of Texas—From Richardson).

UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

Jonathan Espinoza (North Garland High School), Tyler LeCocq (Frisco Centennial High School), and Brian Nichols (Plano Senior High School).

UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

Jonathan Alston (Plano Senior High School), John Aselton (Plano Senior High School), Lauren Carpenter (Plano East Senior High School), Jacob Coffey (McKinney Boyd High School), Tyler Mapes (Newman Smith High School—From Plano), Christopher Martinez (Cistercian Preparatory School—From Plano), and Michael Schmeck (John Paul II High School—From Plano).

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPRO-
PRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

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. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Chair, as a Member of the House Science and Technology Committee, I strongly support full funding for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

NASA's research, innovation and exploration have had a positive impact on education, national security, health care, and the environment.

The aerospace industry alone employs approximately 500,000 people across the nation and accounts for nearly 2 percent of the U.S. gross domestic product.

Furthermore, NASA attracts students interested in science, technology, engineering and mathematics—fields vital to our country's long-term strength and prosperity.

With proper funding, NASA will be able to continue a robust research program and develop new technologies to ensure that the United States remains the global leader in space exploration and innovation.

INTRODUCTION OF THE
GYNECOLOGIC CANCER EDU-
CATION AND AWARENESS ACT
OF 2009

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act of 2009: a life-saving, bipartisan bill to reauthorize Johanna's Law, a national awareness program to educate women about the symptoms, risk factors, and prevention of gynecologic cancers such as ovarian, uterine, and cervical cancers.

Every hour, approximately 10 women in the U.S. are diagnosed with a gynecologic cancer such as ovarian, cervical, and uterine cancers. Each year, we lose over 26,000 of our mothers, sisters, daughters and friends to one of these terrible cancers. This is a tragedy. Research shows that many of those deaths could be prevented if more women knew the risk factors and recognized the early symptoms of gynecologic cancers so that they could discuss them with their doctors. Ovarian cancer has a 90 percent survival rate if detected in Stage One and only a 20 percent survival rate if detected in Stage Three or Four.

That is why, in December 2006, Congress passed the Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act—also known as Johanna's Law, named for Johanna Silver Gordon, a dynamic and dedicated public

school teacher, a loving and beloved mother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend. Despite being a health conscious woman who visited the gynecologist regularly for pelvic exams and PAP smears, Johanna was blindsided by a late stage diagnosis of ovarian cancer—learning only after her diagnosis that the symptoms she had been experiencing were common symptoms of ovarian cancer, not those of a minor gastrointestinal problem, as she'd assumed. Sadly, despite multiple surgeries and aggressive chemotherapy, 3½ years after her diagnosis, Johanna lost her life to ovarian cancer. Determined not to allow Johanna's death to be in vain, Johanna's sister Sheryl Silver proposed Johanna's Law.

This bill provides for an education campaign led by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to increase the awareness and knowledge of health care providers and women with respect to gynecological cancers. The program has been funded for the past two years, allowing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to begin a national awareness campaign about the signs and symptoms of gynecologic cancers.

In order to continue and build on these important efforts, the Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act of 2009 will reauthorize the CDC's awareness campaign and create a new grant program to support non-profit organizations in carrying out complementary education and awareness campaigns that extend the reach of the CDC's work. The bill enjoys the support of the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance (OCNA), the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC), the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists (SGO), the Alliance for Women's Cancer Awareness, Society of Gynecologic Nurse Oncologists (SGNO), Gynecologic Cancer Foundation, Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered (FORCE), CONVERSATIONS: The International Ovarian Cancer Connection, the Cancer Awareness Team for Ovarian Cancer (Ohio), CanSurvive Support Group, UAB Gynecology (Alabama), Capitol Ovarian Cancer Coalition (COCO) (Kentucky), Colorado Ovarian Cancer Alliance, Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance, Nine Girls Ask (California), OASIS of Southern California, Ovacom United States (Florida), Ovarian and Breast Cancer Alliance of Washington State, Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Arizona, Ovarian Cancer Coalition of Greater California, Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Oregon and Southwest Washington, Ovarian Cancer Orange County Alliance, Ovar'Coming Together (Indiana), Ovarian Awareness of Kentucky, Sandy Rollman Ovarian Cancer Foundation (Pennsylvania), Space Coast Ovarian/Gynecologic Cancer Alliance (Florida), and the Women's Cancer Awareness Group (California).

I urge my colleagues to support this bill and to move swiftly to ensure that women have the lifesaving information they need about gynecologic cancers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. HINOJOSA. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 354, had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE
OF NATIONAL CARIBBEAN-AMER-
ICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, it is with great enthusiasm and reverence that I acknowledge Caribbean-American Heritage Month. Caribbean-Americans have made so many invaluable contributions to our nation's culture and historical development. With an indomitable spirit, resolve, and determination, Caribbean-Americans have maintained their unique cultural and social identity and made incredible strides in carving out their respective place within the American Dream. I want to commend my colleague BARBARA LEE for bringing this measure before the floor.

Numerous Caribbean-Americans have left an indelible mark on American history and culture. For example, Sidney Poitier, who spent his youth on Cat Island in the Bahamas, went on to become the first Black American actor to win an Academy Award. Sidney Poitier was a pioneer and where it once was an unobtainable goal, many Black actors and actresses now have the opportunity to enter an elite group of acclaimed Oscar winners. I also think of the incomparable Harry Belafonte. At his peak, Harry Belafonte was a gifted musician, talented actor, and fierce social activist. Although Harry Belafonte was not born in the Caribbean, he spent a lot of time in his mother's native country, Jamaica.

And lastly, as a Member of Congress, I cannot discount the contributions and achievements of Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm. Congresswoman Chisholm frequently credited her success to the education she received while attending school in Barbados. As the first Black woman elected to the House of Representatives, she was a dedicated public servant and a trailblazer. It is often repeated, that we stand on the shoulders of great men and women who, through diligence and determination, paved the way for African-Americans today to achieve greatness. And as many of those shoulders belonged to Caribbean-Americans, it is truly fitting that we take this month to celebrate their heritage.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to support H. Con. Res. 127. And as a vocal advocate for the Caribbean, I will continue to do my part and work with my colleagues to help the region face its challenges in hopes of propelling it into a great and prosperous future. So as we take this month to honor Caribbean-American heritage and history, it is my sincere hope that in time, we will be able to celebrate even greater achievements and developments in both the lives of Caribbean-Americans in the United States as well as the nations of the Caribbean.

OBAMA MEDICARE CUTS

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, President Obama used his