

and Quail Air-Launched Cruise Missiles, the Ground-Launched Cruise Missile and the Atlas III, Titan IV, Delta II and Delta III boosters. General Deppe's exemplary career is marked by command, operational and leadership positions in a variety of Air Force and Joint assignments.

General Deppe began his illustrious Air Force career as a Missile Instrumentation Electronics Technician. He had a series of aircraft munition assignments and rounded out his enlisted service with an Air Force recruiting position, achieving the rank of Technical Sergeant. In 1977, General Deppe received his commission through the Officer Training School. This led him to his first assignment in Montana at Malmstrom Air Force Base. General Deppe's Air Force journey as an officer would take Eileen and him through a series of Wing, Air Staff and Joint assignments relating to strategic and tactical missile and space systems. He operated the Ground-Launched Cruise Missile in Europe and later served as the Commander of the 351st Organizational Missile Maintenance Squadron in Missouri at Whiteman Air Force Base. Additionally, he commanded the 90th Logistics Group at Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming and the 341st Space Wing in Montana. While assigned to the National Military Command Center, he directed actions during the early days of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and the Space Shuttle Columbia recovery effort. General Deppe went on to command the Air Force's land-based strategic deterrent force at 20th Air Force in Wyoming before his present assignment as the Vice Commander of Air Force Space Command.

During General Deppe's tenure as Vice Commander, Air Force Space Command, he provided inspirational leadership to over 39,000 personnel responsible for a global network of satellite command and control, communications, missile warning and space launch facilities, and ensured the combat readiness of America's ICBM force. Exploiting his unique blend of operational experience and staffing acumen, General Deppe championed the implementation of a new Management Headquarters construct through Air Force Space Command's "Lanes-In-The Road" initiative. The results clearly aligned the Command's headquarters organizations with its own functional concepts as well as the operational mission areas outlined in the United States Air Force Concept of Operations. In addition, he guaranteed the future viability of the Air Force Nuclear Enterprise by driving major system revitalization initiatives, to include the Air Force Chief of Staff-approved creation of an ICBM Weapons Instructor Course at the United States Air Force Weapons School. He was instrumental in successfully implementing visionary space mission area initiatives with wide-ranging national and international implications, to include the Launch and Range Enterprise Transformation effort, the Commercial and Foreign Entities Support Pilot Program and the operational expansion of on-orbit Global Positioning System and Wideband Global Satellite communications capabilities. Finally, General Deppe oversaw the command's lead role to stand-up the 24th Air Force to execute the Air Force's cyberspace mission.

Madam Speaker, the American people have been fortunate to have General Deppe serving as the Vice Commander of Air Force Space

Command for the past two years. General Deppe's leadership was an essential element in winning the Cold War and vital to Air Force Space Command's support of combat operations around the world to include Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, the Global War on Terrorism and Overseas Contingency Operations. His exemplary character and dedication to service have resulted in a career of which he, his wife Eileen, and their three children, Lisa, Tom and Ken, can be very proud. I know my fellow Members of the House of Representatives will join me in thanking him for his commitment to his Nation and in wishing him all the best in the years ahead.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARY BONO MACK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mrs. BONO MACK. 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, Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act:

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK
Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice, OJP—Juvenile Justice

Entity Requesting: Olive Crest, 2130 E. 4th St., Ste. 200, Santa Ana, CA 92705, 714-543-5437; Coachella Valley Location, Olive Crest, 47350 Washington, Ste. 101 B, La Quinta, CA 92253

Description of Earmark: \$100,000 is provided for Olive Crest Independent Living Skills (ILS) Program. Since 1973, Olive Crest Homes and Services for Abused Children—a 501(c)(3)—has been a leader in providing care for abused, abandoned and severely neglected children. Olive Crest is dedicated to preventing child abuse, to Treating and Educating at-risk children and to Preserving the family... "One Life at a Time." Olive Crest offers a wide variety of services and resources to meet the needs of every child and family in its care. Olive Crest, which serves the individuals in my district throughout the Coachella Valley through its facility in La Quinta, California. This includes the following five divisions: Family Preservation; Foster-Adoption; Education; Residential; Community Involvement.

Olive Crest's Independent Living Skills (ILS) Program. The federal nexus of this program is to assist in the development of better citizens who are able to be productive members of society.

This project would fund Olive Crest's Independent Living Skills (ILS) program that provides a variety of services that work to break the multi-generational cycle of crime, drug abuse and child abuse.

Olive Crest's Independent Living Skills (ILS) program is designed to prepare youth for successful independent living. It is a three phase program for at-risk youth ages 15 to 24. The program assists at-risk youth in developing tools that will enable them to foster relationships and become responsible for themselves.

The ILS program is implemented in 3 phases:

1. Support Groups
2. Contracts (ILS Workbooks)
3. The Future Plan

At-risk youth can be involved in all three phases concurrently.

During Phase 1, the at-risk youth attend a group meeting for 10 consecutive weeks that focus on the emotional aspects of emancipating. Living skills training components include interpersonal relationships, conflict resolution and responsibility, parenting, sex education, personal safety and hygiene, health issues, alcohol, drugs and tobacco, anger management, budget management, banking, nutrition and cooking, shopping and other topics as they are identified.

During Phase 2, youth complete a series of 10 contracts related to the skills they will need when they emancipate. The contracts include banking, career, housing, transportation, education and other need topics. Higher education such as trade school certificates program, and colleges are other options for the youth. Staff will help youths with the college applications process.

During Phase 3—Each youth in the program will work on a Future Plan immediately upon entrance into the program. The ILS Coordinator will work with the youth to create the plan. The youth will meet weekly with the ILS Coordinator to review progress/goals of the plan for the first six months and monthly thereafter.

Spending Plan: Project Expenditures—Olive Crest currently invests \$2,650,000 in the Inland Empire (California) to provide services to more than 100 Olive Crest at-risk youth. Olive Crest invests \$525,000.00 to support Independent Living Support (ILS) program. For the last 20 years, Olive Crest has provided an ongoing private match of dollars and in-kind services of at least 10%. Last year, the match was \$260,000. The \$100,000 appropriation will be used to fund Olive Crest Independent Living Skills program.

2) Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK
Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Entity Requesting: Eastern Riverside County Interoperability Communication Authority, 46800 Jackson Street, Indio, California 92201

Description of Earmark: \$500,000 is provided for Eastern Riverside County Interoperability Communication Authority (ERICA). The ERICA involves a regional collaboration among the cities of Cathedral City, Desert Hot Springs, Indio, Palm Springs, La Quinta, and Coachella. Recent Federal mandates highlight the urgency to upgrade radio communication to digital, interoperable 800 MHz frequency and be Project 25 compliant for agencies in Congressional Districts 41 and 45. The Federal funding for ERICA would be used to purchase equipment, hardware, software, facilities, engineering and labor to build an 800 MHz, trunked, P-25 compliant, digital, regional radio system. It should also be noted that in total, the cities, county, and tribal governments participating in ERICA have agreed to invest \$23,000,000 in this initiative.

The federal nexus of this project is to develop a communications system that can assist law enforcement and federal personal in protecting life and property, which includes federal lands, in eastern Riverside County.

Spending Plan: Project Expenditures—The dollars appropriated for Eastern Riverside

County Interoperability Communication Authority in CJS, under the project title of Eastern Riverside County Interoperability Communications Authority (ERICA), will be used for equipment costs to support the ERICA system.

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice, Byrne

Entity Requesting: City of Moreno Valley, 14177 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley, CA 88005

Description of Earmark: \$500,000 will continue and enhance the City's gang intervention strategies including enforcement, community awareness, education, and the integration of local organizations such as school districts and private entities. It is critical that the City of Moreno Valley have the resources to develop more strategic, coordinated, and collaborative efforts between local enforcement agencies, social service providers, and the general public. The objective of the City's gang prevention program is to significantly curtail gang involvement, and its negative impact, in the Moreno Valley community.

In addition to the Administrative, Patrol, and Detective services they provide to the community, the Moreno Valley Police Department has implemented a number of crime prevention services and programs to specifically intervene in and prevent crime and gang involvement. The 2008/09 Fiscal Year police budget for crime prevention and special enforcement programs, including gang-related crimes, is nearly \$7 million. The requested funds will be utilized throughout the 2010/11 Fiscal Year to enhance existing gang prevention efforts.

The federal nexus is to assist crime fighting efforts. Gangs are often involved in the violation of federal crimes and this funding seeks to contribute to that crime fighting effort.

Spending Plan: Project Expenditures—One unsupported Gang Task Force Officer (one year)—\$120,245

One fully supported Special Enforcement Team Gang Officer (One Year)—\$220,275
1,916 hours of G.I.F.T. program overtime—\$104,766

1,000 hours of SET Gang officer overtime—\$54,680

This overtime would be used to prepare gang enhancements, participate in community meetings to address gang issues, investigate gang-related crime, and conduct other gang-specific enforcement.

Total: \$499,966.

A TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN T. JOHNS

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I submit the following poem for submission into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. It was written by Mr. Albert Carey Caswell, in memory of a fallen servicemember, a great father and a fine human being, Mr. Stephen T. Johns. It is also for his son who will carry his memory for the rest of his life, Stephen T. Johns, II. It is entitled, "Hate is Hard."

HATE IS HARD

Hate is Hard...

Oh how it makes me cry...

When, I see all of those tears in your young child's eyes...

Hate is Hard...

As it takes all we have!

To fight that battle, to so win that war... so all in time to all hearts grab...

Hate is Hard!

As why was built, this temple... this shrine...

To all hearts, to so remind...

To remind us all, hate is hard... and what hope can find...

To somehow, somewhere... so very deep down inside...

To win this battle, to bring that light...

Hate is Hard...

Just look at those tears now in your child's eyes...

This precious son, just like all those other ones...

Who's beloved parents, who too have so died...

All in this battle! All in this fight!

'Oh, how it makes me cry!

Hate is Hard...

As it takes all of your might! To win that battle, that fight!

As why!

In this place of remembrance, our Lord so placed Big John...

With your warm heart so right...

To so bring your light...

For on that day you died...

Was but shown, your last final act of love so inside...

To this dark evil, not knowing it would so take your fine life...

And leave all of your love ones, in such heartache so far behind...

And leave his young son, so all alone...

'Oh hate is hard... oh how it makes me moan!

'Oh now the tears I find...

As why throughout all these years...

So many children, women, and men... have so died here!

But, there is Hope! And there is Light!

All in your image John, that you so left behind...

And all in your son now so in time...

As he will to grown up to be, just like you... his wonderful Dad we'll find...

As on each new day he will so us remind...

Reminds us all, that hate is hard... but no match for the light

The kind that burned deep inside your father's most heroic heart so bright!

Goodness... Evil... Darkness... Light...

As this battle rages on this night!

Hate is Hard!

But, only we can! So win this war! So win this fight!

With such hearts of love, as big John's this night...

Remember, on this Father's Day...

As you bow down your head and pray...

A little boy has lost his hero, his joy... all because of evil's hate...

As why, in this fine shrine of courage and faith...

Our Lord God Big John so placed...

Grow up now my fine son, just like your fine Dad...

For your father's heard, inside of you... that you so have!

For you were the greatest thing, he ever knew... ever had!

And on this day, the Angel's up and heaven... they too cry...

As they see those tears run down your eyes...

As comes their gentle rain, to give you strength... to wash away all of your pain...

For on this day, up to heaven a new Angel does rise...

And Angel's are much stronger, to fight through all those lies...

So my little boy, daddy's little man... now wipe away all of those tears from your eyes...

For your Father is up in heaven, watching over you day and night...

But Hate is Hard... and our journey long!

And so, as this new day dawns...

We must be strong!

With hearts of faith, courage and love songs...

Can we so right all of these wrongs!

For Hate, is Hard!

But, love and light... far more brighter burn.

IN SUPPORT OF HOMES FOR HEROES ACT OF 2009

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, one of the most important duties we have as a nation is the commitment to taking care of the men and women who have served their country in the Armed Forces. I am proud to cosponsor H.R. 403, The Homes for Heroes Act of 2009 to help aid homeless veterans.

This legislation will unlock important tools to combat the ongoing challenges of homelessness within the ranks of our poorest veterans. The VA estimates that 154,000 veterans are homeless on any given night, accounting for about a quarter of the total number of homeless individuals.

My district, Fresno in particular, has a large homeless population. Many are veterans who would benefit from the implementation of the programs in this legislation. This bill will unlock important tools to combat the ongoing challenges of homelessness within the ranks of our poorest veterans. At-risk veterans live with lingering effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and substance abuse, compounded by a lack of family and social support networks.

No matter how many urgent problems face our Nation, we must never forget those who put their lives on the line to defend the United States. Their uniformed service is a testament to the common values of sacrifice, honor, and patriotism we all share.

It is my hope that this legislation will find swift passage in the Senate, and be signed into law by President Obama in an expedient manner. I urge an "aye" vote.

CONGRATULATING THE SYCAMORE HIGH SCHOOL WOMEN'S VARSITY LACROSSE TEAM

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Sycamore High School women's varsity lacrosse team on winning the Division I Ohio Schoolgirls Lacrosse Association State Championship. The Lady Aves finished their remarkable season with an undefeated record, a total of 22 victories. This was their second state championship in four years.

Led by Head Coach Ed Clark, the Sycamore Lady Aves have become one of the most recognized high school programs in the Midwest. This year's team was top ranked in Ohio for the entire season and finished 44th in national rankings. Sycamore was the highest ranked team in the Midwest based on strength of schedule and an overall won-loss record.