

County Emergency Management Agency must take in response to these diverse natural and potentially terrorist threats. Mobile County's existing Emergency Operations Center no longer has the necessary space or the appropriate equipment to meet the County's needs, given the leadership role the County has taken in regional planning and preparation for man-made and natural disasters. The County will use \$200,000 of the requested funds for inter-operable communications equipment; \$125,000 for computer hardware/software/infrastructure; \$150,000 for Incident Management Software; \$150,000 for Information Management Display System; and \$175,000 for Engineering Design. This project specifically furthers National Homeland Security strategic goals by facilitating an integrated federal, state and local response to disasters of all types. The City of Mobile and the County of Mobile will provide a 25% local cost-share.

#### HONORING 11TH DISTRICT BASEBALL STANDOUTS

#### HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 19, 2009

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize two exceptional high school athletes from Georgia's 11th Congressional District who have distinguished themselves among our nation's top amateur baseball players. With the third pick in the 2009 Major League Baseball Amateur Draft, the San Diego Padres selected Cartersville High School outfielder Donovan Tate, and three picks later, another Northwest Georgian, East Paulding County High School pitcher Zack Wheeler was selected by the San Francisco Giants with the sixth pick overall.

Donovan Tate made quite a name for himself in high school while leading his Purple Hurricanes to back to back state baseball championships. In his senior season, he batted .474 with nine home runs and 42 RBIs.

Zack Wheeler was also dominant in high school, striking out 149 batters in 76 innings this season and finishing with an unblemished 9-0 record and a 0.54 ERA—including a no-hitter in the state playoffs. Zack's fastball hovers in the high 90s so it is no surprise that the Giants used their first pick to bring this young right hander to their organization.

As an avid baseball fan, it is truly an honor to have two of the top six draft picks for 2009 call Georgia's 11th Congressional District home. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the talent and hard work of these two athletes and wishing them the best of luck as they start this new chapter of their lives.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 19, 2009

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2647, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman Steve Buyer

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: DoD RDT&E, Technology Transfer  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Technology Service Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: 116 West Sixth St., Suite 200, Bloomington, IN 47404

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$3,000,000 to continue support of the National Radio Frequency Research, Development, and Technology Transfer Center, which provides an efficient method of transitioning new technologies into DoD programs of record to provide for performance improvements at lower cost for the war fighter.

#### AWARDING A CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO THE WOMEN AIRFORCE SERVICE PILOTS

SPEECH OF

#### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a group of truly exceptional women who live in my Congressional District and whose service to our country was honored today by the passage of a bill awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to the Women Air Service Pilots of World War II.

Inspired by the attacks on Pearl Harbor, Margot DeMoss (Riverside, CA), Mary Ann Roberta Dreher (San Clemente, CA) and Jane Fohl (San Clemente, CA) answered our Nation's call to duty by joining the Women Air Service Pilots of World War II, also known as the WASP.

Created on August 5, 1943, the WASP was charged with the critical task of delivering battle-ready planes from the factory line to military bases around the world. After just 16 months, the WASP had established itself as a premier ferrying squadron. Of the more than 25,000 women that applied for training, only 1,879 were accepted to participate in the rigorous program that would eventually produce 1,074 outstanding female pilots.

The WASP founder, world famous aviator Jacqueline Cochran, challenged the status quo by asking for permission to commission WASP directly as Service Pilots, a procedure used routinely with male pilots but prohibited for women. She lobbied passionately, but eventually lost her battle both with the Comptroller General of the Army Air Force and in the halls of Congress, leading to the WASPs disbanding in 1944.

I believe that these women pioneers deserve to be acknowledged not just for their remarkable bravery and sacrifice, but for reminding us all that an uncompromising commitment to America—to its values, ideals and traditions—is a unifying force. I am a proud co-sponsor of H.R. 2014, Representative ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN's bill, awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to the Women Air Service Pilots of World War II, and I am pleased that the women of WASP will finally receive the recognition they so rightfully deserve.

HONORING TERRY BRADLEY

#### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 19, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Terry Bradley upon his retirement as the Superintendent of the Clovis Unified School District. Superintendent Bradley will be honored by the Clovis Unified School District at a reception to be held Thursday, June 18, 2009.

Superintendent Bradley has been in education for forty-three years. Prior to moving to the Central Valley, he was a teacher and school business administrator for ten years. In 1986, while working for Clovis Unified School District as the chief business official, he received his doctorate degree in school management from the University of LeVerne. Dr. Bradley served as the chief business official for twenty-six years, and then was appointed to the Superintendent position on July 1, 2002.

Dr. Bradley has been a visiting professor at the University of Southern California, the University of San Francisco and California State University, Fresno. He has held leadership positions in several professional organizations, including the Association of School Business Officials, the California Association of School Business Officials, and the Association of California School Administrators (past chairman). He is a past chairman, and currently serves, on the Board of Directors for both Californians for Schools and the Coalition of Adequate Student Housing. Dr. Bradley is also active in the California Association of School Business Officials' mentoring program, where he helps to develop leadership and professional skills in future school business officers.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Terry Bradley upon his retirement from Clovis Unified School District. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Superintendent Bradley many years of continued success.

IN HONOR OF FRANKLIN D.  
MELLOTT, EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
NAVAL AIR STATION, LEMOORE

#### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 19, 2009

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Commander Franklin D. Mellott, United States Navy, upon his retirement after twenty three years of service to the United States Navy and to the Nation.

Commander Mellott has served the United States Navy with distinguished service over his exceptional career. His devotion to the Navy and the Nation is inspiring.

My initial experience with Commander Mellott began when his service commenced in 2006 as Executive Officer for Naval Air Station Lemoore, which is located in my 20th Congressional District in Kings County, California. I met with Commander Mellott at the base to introduce myself and my staff and from that day on, a great working relationship was formed. Commander Mellott served as Committee Chair for my 20th District Academy

Committee. During this time, he devoted countless extra hours to coordinating the committee and assisting my office with academy nominations. Whether we were calling Frank to ask a question or to follow up on issues my office was working on with the base, Frank was always professional, courteous and helpful. His volunteer service to my office will always be remembered.

It is so fitting that the President of the United States has presented Commander Franklin Mellott with the Meritorious Service Medal for his outstanding leadership as Executive Officer of NASL. I ask that excerpts from the Citation be printed.

"For outstanding meritorious service as Executive Officer, Naval Air Station Lemoore, California, from June 2006 to June 2009. Commander Mellott displayed extraordinary leadership and exceptional insight in supporting half the fleet's tactical air combat power at the Navy's largest and busiest master jet base. Brilliantly assisting the Commanding Officer in every facet of business and operations, he provided superior support to Commander Strike Fighter Wing Pacific, four operational air wings, 16 squadrons, and a work force of more than 10,000 military and civilian personnel through mishap-free control of more than 700,000 operational and training sorties. Under his leadership, the installation opened more than 2,500 cubic miles of new training airspace to the fleet, the largest new training airspace the Navy has developed in more than 25 years, completed several large military construction projects valued at over \$150 million, provided support to 16 helicopters fighting wild fires in Northern California, and provided award winning services to a community of more than 25,000 constituents. Additionally, he helped orchestrate and align Navy efforts to preserve the strategic value of Naval Air Station Lemoore in the future with an exceptionally diplomatic strategy to influence current land-use decisions by local governments and to develop productive forums for perpetual engagement. Singularly responsible for good order and discipline aboard the installation, he balanced justice with mercy in the effective handling of countless delicate and emergent law enforcement and operational matters during his tour. His actions culminate a 23 year career of distinguished service to the Navy and the Nation. Commander Mellott's decisive, principled, and visionary leadership and inspiring devotion to duty reflected great credit upon him and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Commander Mellott has always been available to myself and my staff and we are sad to say goodbye. He is a man of outstanding character and we will remain grateful for his unwavering dedication and exceptional insight.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I wish to express my sincere thanks for his hard work, selfless service, and dedication to the United States Navy.

I want to personally wish Frank continued success and my best wishes go out to his wife, Sheri, and his children; sons, Alex and Nathaniel and daughter, Francesca as they embark on their new endeavors in Pennsylvania.

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

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

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. KUCINICH. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 2847, the Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations bill. The bill provides \$18.2 billion, \$421 million above FY 2009 levels, for NASA, an agency which is critical to our nation's economy, competitiveness, and environment. It provides protection for the most important reason for NASA's historic and ongoing success: its workers. This bill extends a ban on involuntary layoffs until at least September, 2010, a provision for which I organized support among several Members of the Ohio delegation.

In Ohio, NASA Glenn is an economic anchor and a source of well paying jobs. In FY 07, the year for which we have the most recent data, the economic output of NASA Glenn alone in Ohio was \$1.2 billion per year. It was responsible for over 8,000 jobs, and household earnings amounted to \$402 million. NASA Glenn's expertise in renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies will be critical to Ohio's new green economy.

While the bill provided significantly less than the needed funding for space exploration, the administration is expected to submit a supplemental request for NASA exploration funds when president Obama's blue ribbon panel designed to review U.S. human space flight activities is complete.

The bill also contains a 13 percent increase in funding for the Legal Services Corporation. The American legal system is increasingly inaccessible for low and moderate income citizens. The costs and specialized knowledge associated with pursuing justice have left thousands on the outside looking in, unable to obtain even an opportunity to tell their side of the story. LSC provides funding to organizations that provide free and low-cost legal assistance to individuals and families who otherwise would not have the resources to pursue justice. I also commend the Committee for including language that begins to undo some of the restrictions that have been placed on LSC grantees in previous appropriations bills. This will allow LSC grantees to serve more clients and maximize their resources.

I am proud, therefore, to support this bill.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN ROBERT A.  
SHAFAER

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 19, 2009*

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual from my Congressional District who has dedicated his life to defending the people of this country and preserving the basic freedoms and liberties that we hold dear. Commanding Officer Captain Robert A. Shafer of the United States Navy is a true American hero and today I thank him for his 28 years of naval service. On Monday, January 22, 2009, Captain Shafer will be honored at his retirement and Change of Command Ceremony at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona, California.

Captain Robert A. Shafer graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1981. He was commissioned an Ensign and immediately began training as a Surface Warfare Officer in Coronado, California.

During his career, Captain Shafer's assignments included Combat Information Center Officer aboard the USS *O'Brien* (DD-975); Weapons Officer and Combat Systems Officer aboard the USS *Antietam* (CG-54); Executive Officer of the USS *San Jacinto* (CG-56); and Commanding Officer of the USS *Vincennes* (CG-49). Captain Shafer also completed seven deployments, primarily to the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean and the Arabian Gulf during this time.

Following his Division Officer tour, Captain Shafer attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. There he earned a Master of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering and completed the requirements for a Weapons Systems Engineering subspecialty. Additionally, he is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College as well as the Naval War College.

Subsequent shore tours include duty as Executive Assistant and Instructor in the Department of Weapons and Systems Engineering, United States Naval Academy; and as Fleet Liaison for the Technical Director, Aegis Combat Systems.

His previous shore tour included assignment as Chief Staff Officer for PEO Theater Surface Combatants, Aegis Combat Systems Engineer, Director, Battle Force Systems Engineering, and duties as Military Deputy for the Director of Integrated Combat Systems for PEO Integrated Warfare Systems.

Captain Shafer's awards include the Meritorious Service medal with 3 Gold Stars, the Navy Commendation Medal with Gold Star, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with 3 Gold Stars, as well as various unit and campaign ribbons which include five Battle "E" awards.

Captain Shafer will retire from naval service with more than just his experience, decorated career and remarkable accomplishments; his enduring legacy will serve as a shining example and constant reminder of what it means to be an American.