

this office is one more service we can offer. Our government will now be set up to identify and develop government infrastructures, services and programs that help forge permanent family care in different cultures. The ultimate goal is to find children permanent families with the focus on legally-recognized relationships between responsible adults and children without parents. It also provides resources for preserving families, seeking social, therapeutic and financial programs and services designed to enable birth families to provide safe, permanent, and nurturing care to their children and strengthen and support families at risk of dissolution, separation or domestic violence.

The bill establishes a minimum set of standards for the preservation of families and provision of permanent care by foreign governments. These standards are designed to ensure that partner countries are making the necessary steps to reduce the number of abandoned children, to reunify children with family when possible, and to promote adoption and guardianship when appropriate.

The millions of children growing up without parents have a devastating impact on society across the globe. Without a permanent family, the risk of suicide, homelessness, an incomplete education, and teen pregnancy is all far greater. Every child deserves to grow up in a loving family. This bill is a giant step to ensuring just that for all the children of the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on June 18, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and was not able to record my vote for rollcall Nos. 364, No. 384, No. 406.

Had I been present I would have voted: rollcall No. 364—"no"—Price of Georgia Amendment No. 96; rollcall No. 384—"yes"—Mollohan of West Virginia Amendment No. 11; and rollcall No. 406—"yes"—Obey of Wisconsin Amendment.

Madam Speaker, on June 19, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and was not able to record my vote for rollcall Nos. 410, 418.

Had I been present I would have voted: rollcall No. 410—"yes"—Providing for consideration of H.R. 2918, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch FY 2010 and rollcall No. 418—"yes"—Impeaching Samuel B. Kent, judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, for high crimes and misdemeanors

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 2996, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010: \$500,000 is provided in H.R.

2996 from the EPA STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project to separate the combined sewers and replace the aging water main in the Eastside portion of the City of Grand Rapids. The funding was requested by the City of Grand Rapids, 300 Monroe Ave. NW., Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Additional funding for this project will be covered by the City's Sewer System and Water System revenue bonds. This project is of national significance and a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will contribute to the cleanup of the Great Lakes, a nationally important water source which suffers from water quality and quantity degradation. This aggressive program and dedication of limited resources will result in the complete elimination of the city's combined sewer overflows to the Grand River and Lake Michigan in 10 years.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. FORBES. 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. 2647, the National Defense Authorization Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Research and Development, Defense Wide, Joint Experimentation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Office of Commonwealth Preparedness, Commonwealth of Virginia

Address of Requesting Entity: Patrick Henry Building, 1111 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23218

Description of Request: Provides \$2,700,000 for a Tidewater Full-Scale Exercise, to enhance the Commonwealth of Virginia's interdiction, response and recovery capabilities to a WMD event through the conduct of a multi-agency, maritime Full-Scale Exercise, utilizing the experience and unique capabilities of the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Asymmetric Warfare (CAW) and Old Dominion University's Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center (VMASC).

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Military Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Lee
Address of Requesting Entity: 3901 A Avenue, Fort Lee, VA 23801

Description of Request: Provides \$5,000,000 in the Defense Access Road (DAR) Program which provides a means for the military to pay a share of the cost of public highway improvements necessary to mitigate an unusual impact of a defense activity. This project would fund a roundabout at Adams Avenue at the entrance to Fort Lee to alleviate traffic congestion and improve vehicular and pedestrian safety, following the installation's growth resulting from the 2005 BRAC Round.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I secured as part of H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: Predisaster Mitigation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Brooksville

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 216, 201 Government Street, Brooksville, KY 41004

Description of Request: Appropriate \$18,500 to purchase an emergency generator for the City Fire Department/Community Center and City office building. This facility is the only emergency shelter area within the City of Brooksville. The generator will allow for this critical facility to serve as a shelter and emergency operations center during times of hardship and disaster, such as the ice storm in Kentucky in early 2009. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because completion of the project will ensure appropriate emergency management and protection the local community during significant weather events and emergencies.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JACK M. FARMER

HON. HEATH SCHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Jack M. Farmer, a distinguished member of our Western North Carolina community. Mr. Farmer dedicated his life to benefitting his community, and it was with great communal sadness that we mourned Mr. Farmer when he passed away on September 26, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Leming Farmer, his sons, Bruce Alan Farmer and Phillip Marlowe Farmer, and 6 grandchildren.

Mr. Farmer was born on July 8, 1937, in Haywood County, North Carolina. A graduate of the Florida School of Forestry, he went on to serve as the District Ranger of North Carolina District 9 for 37 years. Because of his outstanding service, Mr. Farmer was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in 2000 by Governor Jim Hunt. The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is one of the most prominent awards presented by the Governor of North Carolina, only available to those who have dedicated over 30 years of service to the state.

In addition to his forestry service, Mr. Farmer was actively involved in his community. He was instrumental in the establishment of Pinnacle Park, a 1,100 acre public park filled with frequently-used hiking trails. Mr. Farmer also served on the Jackson County Green Ways Committee, on the Board of Directors of Cullowhee Fire Department, and as the President of the Jackson County Habitat for Humanity. Additionally, Mr. Farmer worked with

Jackson County Housing to construct elderly housing and with the Jackson County Department on Aging to build access ramps for the disabled elderly. He was also an active member of the First Baptist Church of Sylva since 1965, where he often served as a Deacon.

I am proud to have had Mr. Farmer as a constituent. I extend my condolences to his family and offer my most sincere appreciation for his service to North Carolina.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. MCKEON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding Member priority requests received as part of H.R. 2996 the "Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010"

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

Bill Number: H.R. 2996, the "Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010"

Account: U.S. Forest Service, Land Acquisition

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Angeles National Forest

Address of Requesting Entity: 701 Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91006

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$500,000 for land acquisition in the Angeles National Forest. The acquisition of in holdings in Southern California's national forests has been identified as a priority in the state's wildlife action plan because the proximity of the forests to huge population centers puts them at high risk of development and presents significant dangers to the ecology of the region. Acquisition by the Angeles National Forest would protect the scenic values and ecological integrity of this significant in holding.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

Bill Number: H.R. 2996, the "Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010"

Account: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), State Assistance Grant Program (STAG)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Palmdale, CA Water District

Address of Requesting Entity: 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, CA 93550

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$500,000 to replace 35,000 to 40,000 feet of rapidly deteriorating water pipelines and connections throughout the Palmdale area. This project would help conserve water otherwise lost to leakage, improve water quality, decrease maintenance costs for the District and its ratepayers, and create jobs. Additionally, these efforts would ease some of the local pressure to keep pace with reductions in water supply from the Colorado River and the State Water Project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks in H.R. 2647, The National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2010. H.R. 2647 contains \$8,700,000 for TFI—Upgrade DCGS Facilities (PRQE089032) in the Air Force, Military Construction account. This project is for Air National Guard at McConnell Air Force Base located at 57837 Coffeyville St., Kansas, 67221.

The funds will build an adequately sized and properly configured facility for personnel, equipment, and materials, for near-real time intelligence mission conducting the processing, exploitation, and dissemination of U-2, MQ-1 Predator, and RQ-4 Global Hawk sensor data around the world in support of warfighters by the growing 161st Intelligence Squadron of the new 184th Intelligence Group. Security features, high-capacity environmental control equipment, high-capacity secure fiber optics, and redundant power supplies are all prerequisites to accommodate the sophisticated Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) Operation Center. No matching funds are required for this military construction project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. FORBES. 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. 2647, the National Defense Authorization Act of 2010.

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HONORING THE 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF ROSALYN AND MURRAY KALISH

HON. ROBERT WEXLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. WEXLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 70th wedding anniversary of Rosalyn and Murray Kalish, a remarkable couple in my congressional district, whom I am proud to call my friends and who have been leaders and activists in our community for nearly three decades.

Roz and Murray, who met while attending Abraham Lincoln High School in Brooklyn, New York, both had the same last name and the same birth date of February 18th. They instantly became friends, went to their high school prom together, and continued dating until their wedding on June 24, 1939. They lived in Brooklyn, New York, and later moved to East Meadow before relocating to Delray Beach, Florida in 1980, and they are blessed with two children, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

After moving to South Florida, Murray founded the largest Democratic Club of Florida, the United South County Democratic Club, which currently has more than 2,000 members. Together, Roz and Murray have worked on behalf of so many in our community to deal with a range of issues, and it is through their advocacy that I established my friendship with them. As this friendship has grown over the years, their guidance on the needs and concerns of my constituents has grown ever more invaluable.

Madam Speaker, Roz and Murray are the true essence of community leaders. I know I speak not only for myself, but for my family and so many throughout South Florida in congratulating them on reaching this milestone. I wish Roz and Murray many more happy and healthy years together and thank them for having such an impact on my life and that of so many they have come to know.

HONORING THE HARPER J. RANSBERG YMCA FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Harper J. Ransburg YMCA for 50 years of service to the Indianapolis community.