

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.

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 a 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.

#### 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.

The Ransburg YMCA facility, which seeks to strengthen the mental, physical and spiritual well-being of its members, is a cornerstone on the Indianapolis Eastside that has responded to the critical social needs of its residents for decades. The legacy of this community center is as diverse as its 9,500 members, touching the lives of individuals of every age and background.

In addition to promoting better health and wellness, the Ransburg YMCA has provided an environment for families and for individuals to build strong bonds to become dynamic and engaged citizens. Through its child outreach programs, this YMCA has sought to reinforce positive values and foster the commitment for community service amongst children.

It is important to mention that the Ransburg YMCA would not have reached this milestone without its dedicated staff, volunteers and community members. I would like to salute them for the hard work and support that made this milestone possible.

I ask my colleagues to join me congratulating the Harper J. Ransburg YMCA as it celebrates its 50th anniversary and hope that the next 50 years bring this center, and the Indianapolis Eastside community, continued success.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I submit documentation consistent with the Republican Earmark Standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON

Bill Number: H.R. 2996—FY10 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill

Account: Capital Improvement and Maintenance (construction)

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Davy Crockett National Forest

Address of Receiving Entity: 18551 State Highway 7 East, Kennard, TX 75847-7207

Description of Request: I have secured \$475,000 in funding in H.R. 2996 in the Capital Improvement and Maintenance account for the Davy Crockett National Forest.

The funding would be used for developing a detailed site plan, redesigning and upgrading the camping loops, utilities, control systems, facilities, road and parking improvements as well as repairing the historic Dam and spillway.

HONORING THE MINNESOTA NATIONAL GUARD AT THE DISABLED VETERANS REST CAMP, MARINE ON SAINT CROIX, MINNESOTA

#### HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, those who return home after serving our Nation, often changed and scarred by their experi-

ences, deserve special recognition and honor. The Disabled Veterans Rest Camp at Marine on St. Croix provides a sanctuary and gathering place for veterans and their families to connect and heal with one another. I rise today, Madame Speaker, to honor the members of the Minnesota National Guard who have spent the past weeks helping to restore the Disabled Veterans Rest Camp so military families from across the Nation can continue to enjoy its tranquility.

For the last several weeks, the Guard has volunteered their time and engineering expertise as part of their training to restore buildings, update facilities and address the needs that come with a nearly century-old campsite. I applaud these Guardsmen and women for giving back to their fellow uniformed service members. I also want to thank our Croatian allies that are sharing in this joint deployment with the Minnesota Guard. We are very grateful that they are able and willing to help our American veterans.

The site started as a camp for World War I disabled veterans in 1926 and has seen expansion and contraction over the years. I first became familiar with it as a State Senator when it faced potential demise in 2005—a fate I was proud to have had at least a small hand in defeating. Maintaining this camp—which has a treasured place in my heart, as do the veterans it serves—as a place for disabled veterans to call their own is one of my proudest moments in my public service career.

A board of representatives from veterans' organizations runs the site and is actively involved in preserving the purpose of the camp. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Minnesota Guard for paying it forward to the men and women who have sacrificed so much for our country. The tireless hours they have given at the Veterans Rest Camp are just one representation of our duty to our veterans—to serve them with gratitude and respect. We should all take these citizen-soldiers' example to heart each day, as we live in a free and prosperous land and owe it all to our veterans.

#### CELEBRATING THE LOS ANGELES LAKERS 2009 NBA CHAMPIONSHIP

#### HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing a resolution "Celebrating the Los Angeles Lakers 2009 NBA Championship". This legislation will commemorate the Los Angeles Lakers 15th National Basketball Association Championship. Prior to the 2008–2009 season, the Lakers won 14 National Basketball Association (NBA) championships, with a cast of Hall of Fame players and coaches, which included NBA greats such as Jerry West, Wilt Chamberlain, Earvin "Magic" Johnson, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Shaquille O'Neal, Pat Riley, and current head coach Phil Jackson.

This season Kobe Bryant, Lamar Odom, Derek Fisher, and Pau Gasol led the 2008–2009 Lakers to a 65–17 regular season record and the #1 spot in the Western Conference Playoffs. The Lakers entered the NBA playoffs with home court advantage as a result of the team's regular season performance. In the first

round the Lakers defeated the Utah Jazz in 5 games to advance to the Western Conference semifinals. The Lakers then faced the Houston Rockets in the Western Conference semifinals, winning in 7 games; advancing to the Western Conference Finals where they faced the Denver Nuggets.

The Lakers clinched the Western Conference finals in 6 games, thanks to the outstanding play by Pau Gasol and Kobe Bryant, which closed out the series. In the NBA Finals, the Lakers matched up with the Orlando Magic, led by Dwight Howard. The Lakers won the first 2 games of the finals in Los Angeles, including a hard-fought Game 2 during which Kobe Bryant and Pau Gasol combined for 53 points propelling the Lakers to a 101–96 victory. The Lakers lost Game 3 in Orlando by a score of 108–104; however, Lakers' guard Kobe Bryant scored 31 points and played all but 8 minutes of the game. The Lakers followed their loss in Game 3, by winning the next two games in Orlando to win the 2009 NBA Championship.

For his outstanding play during the NBA Finals, Lakers' guard Kobe Bryant was presented with the Bill Russell NBA Finals Most Valuable Player Award; and his fourth NBA Championship. Lakers head coach Phil Jackson, won his 10th NBA Championship as a head coach and his 12th NBA Championship overall. Congratulations to the Lakers players, coaches, and staff on winning the 2008–2009 NBA Championship.

#### HONORING CITY OF OAKLAND PARK

#### HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize the 80th anniversary of the City of Oakland Park in Florida's 20th Congressional District.

This once sleepy little town that was home to mostly farmers is now a bustling city with more than 43,000 residents.

Oakland Park is one of the older municipalities in Broward County. In fact, it was originally chartered as the town of Floranada in 1925.

But in September 1926 a hurricane devastated the area. In 1929, city leaders renamed it Oakland Park after the massive oaks that lined the community.

Residents and visitors can tour a piece of history always on display in this fine city. A portion of its oldest elementary school, Oakland Park Elementary School, is a nationally registered historical site. The school was built in 1927 and is the oldest school in continuous operation in Broward County.

The city is also at the forefront of innovation in Florida. It was the first municipality in the state to organize a public safety department. Oakland Park was also the first City to initiate a recycling program.

Madam Speaker, I thank Mayor Steven Arnst, the Members of the City Commission, and the city's staff for their many accomplishments that have made the City of Oakland Park a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family.