

Helix Water District located at 7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, California 91941.

This is a groundwater recharge and habitat restoration effort led by the Helix Water District where it will secure highly treated wastewater from the Padre Dam Municipal Water District's Santee Water Recycling Facility, provide additional treatment to purify the wastewater, pump and pipe this water to surrounding basins and then release it into the San Diego Riverbed where it will be allowed to seep down to existing groundwater levels. As the purified water is maintained in this location, it will receive additional natural treatment as it percolates through native materials. Extraction wells will be installed at strategic locations for conveyance to a water treatment plant as a new source of water for all District users.

This action will assist in the continued goals of the San Diego County region to reduce its dependence on imported water from the Colorado River and Northern California by annually producing 5,000 acre-feet of locally available drinking water and meeting 10–15% of the Helix Water District's raw water needs. By raising the groundwater levels in El Monte Valley, revegetation of the riverbed is supported and a more natural habitat is created for recreation and wildlife. This project is the beginning of an 8-year program and has been endorsed by other elected officials, including California Assemblyman Joel Anderson and California State Senator Christine Kehoe, as well as the Association of California Water Agencies, Endangered Habitats League, San Diego County Water Authority, Padre Dam Municipal Water District, Otay Water District, and the Lakeside Water District.

IN RECOGNITION OF WOODBRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Woodbridge Middle School as a leader in education reform. Woodbridge was recently designated as a 2009 School to Watch by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform.

The Schools to Watch program was established in 1999 with the purpose of identifying schools on a path to meeting the National Forum's criteria for high performing schools. There are four categories in which qualifying schools must excel to be selected as a School to Watch. First, students must be challenged academically with clear and well-communicated education goals. Second, a school must work to develop a well-rounded student. This is accomplished through programs that foster healthy physical, social, emotional and intellectual development. Third, a School to Watch must present students with a socially equitable learning environment where diversity, civility, service, and democratic citizenship are valued. Finally, a qualifying school must have organizational structures in place that work to institutionalize the first three criteria.

Consistent with the cooperative spirit of the Schools to Watch program, the motto that drives Woodbridge Middle School is, "We get

better together." Students, faculty and administration are held accountable for school performance and are encouraged to make the education experience a team effort. The staff is required to follow a set meeting schedule for the purpose of monitoring instructional and support programs. Students who are in danger of failing a course must work with parents and teachers to map out a plan to achieve a passing grade. No one is an island at Woodbridge Middle School where education is a community effort.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding Woodbridge Middle School on this prestigious designation and in encouraging it to continue these proven successful approaches to education. Woodbridge Middle School is a model that provides guidance in how to effectively improve our education system. The students, faculty and entire community benefit when we invest in our nation's future by providing our children with a productive and positive learning experience.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARY BONO MACK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 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. 2892, Department of Homeland Security Act of 2010:

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: Department of Homeland Security—State and Local Programs

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

Description of Earmark: The City of Moreno Valley currently has plans to construct a new 8,000 square foot Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The City's current EOC consists of one room inside the existing Public Safety Building. With the new facility, the City will be fully prepared to respond to all emergency situations, restore services to our residents as quickly as possible, and provide effective communication among other agencies as well as with our residents. This request is to fund the purchase of new equipment such as telecommunications and video display, resource tracking software, and computers. The federal nexus is to assist federal, state and local authorities and help coordinate responses to emergencies such as earthquakes and wildfires.

Spending Plan: The total project construction costs for the Emergency Operations Center are \$4.5 million. The \$400,000 appropriation will be used to fund the purchase of equipment for the EOC. This project is currently out to bid for construction. This request is to fund the purchase of new equipment such as telecommunications and video display, resource tracking software, and computers.

THANKING ROBERT WARNICK FOR
HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement on May 1, 2009, we rise to thank Mr. Robert "Bob" Warnick for thirty-one years of distinguished service to the United States House of Representatives. Bob has served this great institution as a valuable employee of House Information Resources, HIR, in the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

Bob began his tenure with the United States House of Representatives in May of 1978 in House Information Resources, HIR, as a Senior Systems Analyst, SSA. As an SSA, he successfully implemented a system to generate the Committee Calendar for the Committee on Public Works and Transportation using HIR's Legislative Information Management System, LIMS, developed a case history and mailing list system for the Helsinki Commission, and successfully implemented the first Correspondence Management System, CMS, on the Hill.

In 1987, he transferred to the Administrative Systems Division as the Senior Project Leader for LIMS. In 1995, he was promoted to Senior Systems Specialist and transferred to the Integration Group. As a senior member of this group, he was tasked with the design and implementation of several applications using Standard Generalized Mark-Up Language, SGML. As a proof of concept project, his group successfully converted and produced three House documents using SGML.

In 1996, he was transferred to the Cyber Congress task force within the Integration Group. He was appointed to the position of Senior Internet Systems Specialist when the Cyber Congress task force was renamed the Web System Branch, WSB. His important contributions as a team member in the CAO Advanced Business Solutions Web Solutions Branch have resulted in continued success of the Web Solutions Design team where he designed and implemented Member and Committee Web sites and provided a wealth of knowledge of the Web Indexed Document Automation, WIDA, service application to staff and Member offices.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Robert "Bob" Warnick for many years of dedication and outstanding contributions to the United States House of Representatives. We wish Bob many wonderful years in fulfilling his retirement dreams.

COMMENDING ARTHUR LEE HENRY
FOR BEING NAMED A STATE OF
LOUISIANA "CITIZEN HERO"

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. BOUSTANY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Arthur Lee Henry, a true "Citizen Hero", as honored by the president of Victims and Citizens Against Crime.

Law enforcement officers in St. Landry Parish nominated Arthur for an incident that occurred in August of 2008, when he successfully disarmed a gunman on the campus of T.H. Harris Technical College in Opelousas, Louisiana. Upon seeing a man produce a gun and fire shots, Arthur quickly reacted and saved the lives of several innocent bystanders.

Arthur, a happily-married man with two children, proudly serves as a custodian at the technical college, where he has worked for twelve years. Coworkers describe him as “a very professional individual”, “a wonderful employee”, and “an integral part of campus.” Today, he will be attending a banquet to receive the award with the dean of the college, Allen Espree.

Again, congratulations to Arthur Lee Henry, one of Louisiana’s “Citizen Heroes” for taking pride in the campus he proudly serves.

2009 CONGRESSIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. THOMAS J. ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. ROONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the efforts and achievements of the 2009 Congressional Award recipients. Striving to better themselves and inspire others, these individuals have invested countless hours into public service, built their strength and endurance through academic and athletic pursuits, and explored their own abilities in new and challenging arenas. Volunteerism, self-discipline, and determination are hallmarks of this class of award recipients, and their passion rightfully deserves the admiration of this House.

The Congressional Awards recognize four avenues of individual growth—community service, physical fitness, exploration, and personal development—while acknowledging their interconnectivity in forming balanced and promising young citizens.

In their pursuit of these goals, recipients have encouraged the growth of new skills and greater confidence. For many, these projects will be the cornerstone for future endeavors, further enriching their lives and encouraging others to follow their lead.

The 2009 Congressional Award winners demonstrate dedication to improving their communities and making the world a better place.

The following are honored recipients of the 2009 Congressional Award:

Alec Kohli, Lukas Bergqvist, Ashley Macres, Kristen Glass, Stephanie Glass, Sarah Williams, Kelly Chen, Renee Jorgensen, Spencer Chase, Mark Felicio, Todd Lundrigan, George Major, Sarah Schwab, Charles Su, Christopher Barnum, Sacha Finn, Cameron Chalfant, John Hunsaker, Malinda Seu, Lynn Tse, Natalie Millman, Kathryn Gasparro, Heather Mauldin, Jena Mauldin, Andy Powers Davis, David Steinmetz, Christina DiMarzio, Courtney Cox, Hayley Gibson, Drake Gordon, Alexandra Abadia, Brian Asker, Christian Estevez, Jessica Fillhaber, Jordan Gallas, Stefan Hogle, Shannon Johnson, Kiera Kadri, Jesse Lively, Nicholas Lively, Adam Pere, Aleks Poirier, Maxwell Poirier, Mitchell Poirier,

Faren Silverman, Philip Stumpf, Neil Zimmerman, Erin Brannen, Katherine Brattebo, Taylor Celedinas, Lyndsay Daubert, Elizabeth Doane, Michelle Hardin, Adam Hollander, Summer Lubart, Connor Melnyk, Amanda Pekar, Jessica Olsen, Joshua Howard, Michael Moroz, Jenna Harris, Ashley Newman, Weston Newman, Rebecca Brazeale, Jeralyn Westercamp, Katelyn Benton, Jonathan Bertsch, Kyle Felzien, Heather Layher, Josh Layher, Jacob Levi, Daniel Revard, Shelby Roth, Kathryn Vincent, Lyndsey Vincent, Megan Breeding, Shawn Bybee, Ida Fischer, Hosanna Kabakoro, Mary Jordan Langfield, Elizabeth Middleton, Justin Novacek, Anna Sandven, Ryan Seastrom, Rebecca Seward, Candace Trautwein, Alexander Hawkins, Erica Newell, Melanie Spung, David Cieply, Emily Carlile, Alex Cain, Joshua Chudy, Lisa Huber, Jadhken Kerr, Jadhon Kerr, Rachel Battershaw, Annie Burke, Dakota Hauserman, Rachel Matthew, Denver Shipman, Scott Shipman, Emilee Whitesell, Mari Reeves, Tyler Wilcox, Brandi Thomas, Christopher Camillucci, Niels Steadman, Todd Sharpe, Kristen Barnett, Cassandra Dalrymple, Joanna Guy, Henry Zheng, Joseph Jendrusina, Veronica Kirin, Jenna Bjorke, Alexander Mace, Ashley Mace, Ami Mehta, Emma Frey, Kelsey Abele, Elizabeth Lewis, Tyler Camp, Daniel Clark, Cory Gargus, Chelsi Smith, Justin Armstrong, Mattie Carter, Ashley Cooper, Derek Lair, Steven Elliott, Alston Harris, Eleanor Hoppe, Sarah Smith, Colin Sorensen, Katherine Aronoff, Summer Brecht, Elizabeth Cubbage, Jordan Phifer, Eric Stump, Katie Stump, Rebecca Wentzel, Steven Zipparo, Gabrielle Giaquinto, Madeline Giaquinto, Sonam Shah, Nicholas Stango, John Voorhees, Samantha Albala, Patrick Chevalier, Robert Dorfman, Adam Gross, Megan Arguell, Alexandra Garney, Megan Partridge, Nevin Raj, Neal Bakshi, Elizabeth Bogdon, Sean Lu, Tina Shiang, Rebecca Wu, Christina Borovilas, Mary-Katherine Rose, Sujay Tyle, Nandini Srinivasan, Michael Cox, Mike Eklund, Teor Khuon, Du Luong, Phong Ma, Quyen Ma, Nhan Nguyen, Tevorith Srong, Srun Chhang, Le Long, Phanit Nhem, Mi Ta, Camlung Ung, Kyle Zhu, Jazmin Richardson, Vinay Trivedi, Cuiping Chen, Cuiyu Chen, Jillian Comer, Elizabeth Donahoe, Jacob Feldman, Julie Ann Haldeman, Brittany Love, James McDonald, Julia Melin, Victoria Patchell, Marta Piotrowicz, Julia Powers, Jocelyn Simons, Michelle Wojciechowicz, Tyler Zimmerman, Stephanie Bernasconi, Luis Gutierrez, Joaquin Mondragon, Amin Ruiz, Brian Elgort, Ryan Kane, Kent Willis, Michele Felberg, Christina Noblett, Amanda Vining, John Bradshaw, Collin Evans, Christine Folger, Britt Brandon, Sarah Gresser, Alicia Hanson, Jonathan Hanson, McKenna Rankin, Marshall Christopher, Karen Pickens, Cassandra Tuten, Mark Van Wagenen, Jenessa Barch, Faith Jones, Amanda O'Malley, Katherine Shannon, George Smith III, Dana Matthews, Blythe Hall, Devin Hall, Kaitlin Smith, Jacqueline Bedsaul, Taryn Bierhuizen, Courtney Owens, Patrick Crow, Matthew Cutler, Sam Pauken, Stephanie Redfern, Jennifer Baltas, Alexander Grigg, Emily Green, David Ramish, Nicolo Mendolia, Alexander Chin, Chelsea Green, Ryan Pyke, Leanne Paulsen, Lauren Below, James Hilgendorf, Paul Isaac Picklesimer, John Tate Bauman, Nicole Clikeman, Beth Cochran, Alex Coolidge, Kali Gentleman, Jessica Griffith, Keegan Hall,

Taylor Hanzlik, Ian Kline, Edward Lynch, Michael Aaron Meier, Stephanie Meisner, Christina Nielsen, Betsy Plemons, Christopher Plemons, Kurt B. Rangitsch, Sara Rangitsch, Katrina Sauter, Katherine Stewart, Lara Wilson.

HONORING RECIPIENTS OF THE 2009 FAIRFAX COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of this year's Fairfax County Human Rights Awards. Jeannie Cummins Eisenhower, Philip N. Reeves, Robert B. Worley, and the Communities of Faith United for Housing will be honored on July 2nd 2009 for their dedication and commitment to the community.

Each year, the Fairfax County Human Rights Commission presents the Human Rights Awards to individuals, nonprofits, and business who “demonstrate accomplishments in eliminating discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, marital status, age or disability in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodations, private education and credit.”

Ms. Eisenhower is recognized for her commitment to working with members of the community with disabilities, opening opportunities to them and educating the public on their specific needs. Her distinguished work has aided persons with disabilities throughout Fairfax County and the D.C. area. Her accomplishments include working with the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority to ensure that it amend its universal design policy to accommodate those with special needs. Ms. Eisenhower is not only president of the board for the Coalition for Housing Opportunities in the Community for Everyone, but she also is director of development for RPJ Housing. She uses her positions to work tirelessly on behalf of disability groups to ensure accessible and affordable housing.

Philip N. Reeves is recognized for his work as a health services advocate, educator and author. After serving in the Air Force, he worked to develop the Leaders of Tomorrow program which works to eliminate discrimination in nursing and long term care methods.

Robert B. Worley is a deserving recipient for his dedicated work on behalf of people in need in Fairfax County and the D.C. area. A leader of the United Way's Fairfax County/Falls Church campaign, he has been an indispensable asset to and dedicated fundraiser for local and regional charities. Mr. Worley has also dedicated his time working with organizations like the YMCA and the American Heart Association, raising funds to help those in need.

This year, The Virginia Peters Fair Housing Award and the Human Rights Award are being given to the Communities of Faith United for Housing (CFUH). The CFUH is an advocacy network of faith communities and nonprofit organizations that are committed to increasing the amount of affordable housing in Fairfax County for low-income families and individuals. The CFUH is especially dedicated to providing long term housing to the homeless or