

those who are dangerously close to becoming homeless. They have dedicated time to educating the public and elected officials on how to do more to provide low-income housing and have worked with the community and the county to create the Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness. Their work has provided an invaluable service to the community.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring these individuals and their dedicated service to the community. Their commitment is deserving of not only the prestigious Human Rights Award, but of our respect and deep appreciation.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2009*

Mr. CARTER. 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. 2996, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: STAG

Requesting entity: City of Temple, TX

Address of Requesting Entity: 2 North Main Street, Suite 306, Temple, TX 76501

Description: \$500,000 was secured for a wastewater Interceptor that will enable the construction of approximately 9,000 feet of wastewater main line and 11,500 feet of wastewater interceptor. \$50,000 will be spent on a Preliminary Design, \$155,000 on the Final Design, \$10,000 to Bid & Award construction, \$1.7 million for construction, and \$85,000 for construction administration. The total price for this project is \$2 million. The requesting entity will provide the required funding match. Construction of this piece of utility infrastructure will benefit taxpayers by providing wastewater service to Industrial Park tenants. Wastewater services are critical to the services required for a growing economy.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

### HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 2892) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. NADLER of New York. Madam Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 2892, the Homeland Security Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2010.

While the bill provides vitally necessary funds to secure our nation's safety, it also contains a troubling provision regarding people who are currently detained at the Guantanamo

Bay facility. This provision would prohibit the use of any funds in the bill to provide any immigration benefits to any Guantanamo detainee. Examples provided by the bill of such benefits include "a visa, admission into the United States, parole into the United States, or classification as a refugee or applicant for asylum." The language does include the proviso that nothing in this provision prohibits detainees from being brought into the United States for prosecution.

Now, I want to prosecute and punish anyone who has sought to harm the United States or is responsible for attacks on the United States and its people. But, we do not know that everyone in Guantanamo fits into this category. There are likely people still imprisoned at Guantanamo today who are there, not because they are a threat, but because our government can not figure out what to do with them. As you know, the Bush Administration already released many people from Guantanamo who were wrongly detained there and our courts have ordered the release of others who apparently were not linked to any terrorist organization and pose no threat to the United States. There were, and possibly still are, innocent people being detained by our government at Guantanamo Bay.

It is shameful for our country to deny a visa to an innocent person who we have determined is no threat to the United States, who the United States wrongly imprisoned for years, who may be prosecuted if returned to his own country, and who the United States may not be able to send to any other country. Frankly, if they are innocent of any crime and pose no threat to the United States, they should be allowed to come to the United States. In addition, I do not see how we can deny them asylum if we determine they have a legitimate fear of persecution if sent anywhere else.

Because the Homeland Security bill provides such critical funding to first responders all over the country, and especially to my city of New York, I can not justify voting against it. Funding for these services is desperately needed.

However, I want to warn my colleagues about the dangers of reflexively adding provisions to every appropriations bill that may end up further harming innocent people who were mistakenly imprisoned by our government. If you want to make a political point that you oppose terrorists, fine. But, you have to allow for the fact that until we know for sure that all of the people remaining at Guantanamo are terrorists, it is not right to punish everyone who is there just to make a political point. We have a moral obligation to do better.

#### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

SPEECH OF

### HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 2009*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 2647) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense; to prescribe military personnel

strengths for fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of the fiscal year 2010 National Defense Authorization Act, and I want to thank my good friend Chairman SKELTON for his leadership in crafting an excellent bill.

This bill gives not only gives our service men and women the tools they need to keep our nation safe, but it also makes valuable investments in programs and projects that support our military families, increase oversight of our war efforts and further critical non-proliferation efforts. It recognizes the sacrifices made not only by our troops, but by their families as well, providing a 3.4 percent pay raise, expanded TRICARE coverage, and \$1.95 billion for military family housing. This measure will increase oversight and accountability by requiring the President to report on U.S. goals in Afghanistan and Pakistan and our redeployment from Iraq. It also adds \$2.5 billion to programs designed to stop the proliferation of nuclear weapons, one of the most urgent threats the world faces today. Finally, the bill strengthens our nation's missile defense capabilities, by increasing funding for systems vital to protect against real threats while balancing technology development to face the needs of tomorrow.

I am particularly pleased with the steps taken in this bill to ensure that contractor waste, fraud and abuse is brought to an end and that we have an efficient and fair system for meeting critical defense needs. During the Armed Services Committee's mark-up, I offered an amendment, which was adopted by voice vote, to alter the OMB Circular A-76 process for determining which activities are inherently governmental functions and vital to our national defense. My amendment will ensure the A-76 process is fair for our government workforce and provide the Obama Administration a chance to address past failures of the A-76 process.

This legislation also addresses the need to enhance our military's cybersecurity capabilities. Cyberspace is a growing component of the modern battlefield, and we must ensure our forces are prepared for the wars of tomorrow. I applaud the efforts of the Secretary of Defense and the services to meet the growing threat of cyberattacks. I am concerned, however, that individuals with critical cyber skills are not making a career in the uniformed services. We need to do everything in our power to recruit and retain talented and experienced individuals, and that is why I offered an amendment during committee consideration that requires the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress a report assessing the challenges to retention and professional development of uniformed and civilian cyber operators. I am pleased that this requirement is now included in the bill before us today. This report will help define numbers of personnel, recruitment and retention incentives, policy impediments, and methods to improve interagency and academic outreach to individuals with critical cyber skills.

Finally, I also want to give praise to Secretary Gates, Chairman SKELTON and Chairwoman TAUSCHER for working with our military commanders to shape a budget that protects the U.S. and our allies from real ballistic missile threats. The bill provides \$9.3 billion for missile defense, supporting critical programs that are tested and operational and eliminating

unnecessary and unproven programs that waste taxpayer dollars.

The U.S. Intelligence Community estimates that the most significant ballistic missile threat to U.S. interests, deployed forces, and our allies comes from short- and medium-range ballistic missiles that represent 99% of the total number of ballistic missiles other than those held by the United States, NATO nations, Russia, and China. H.R. 2647 supports the President's request to increase funding by \$900 million for systems that counter this threat, such as the Aegis BMD system and the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system.

Looking forward, this bill also provides \$1 billion to support the requests of President Obama, Secretary Gates, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to support the development and operation of 30 Ground-based Midcourse Defense interceptors, designed to guard against future emerging threats. According to senior defense officials, these 30 interceptors are more than what is necessary to deal with any long-range threat from a rogue state in the near and mid-term. This will ensure our nation is able to face the threats of today and tomorrow.

Mr. Chair, this bill admirably balances critical national security needs with realistic budget considerations, and I am proud to support it. Again, I thank Chairman SKELTON for his leadership and urge my colleagues to vote for this important legislation.

**A TRIBUTE IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SRO HOUSING CORPORATION AND THE GRAND OPENING OF ITS NEW JAMES M. WOOD APARTMENTS**

**HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2009*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize SRO Housing Corporation, a nonprofit, community-based organization dedicated to building a vibrant community for homeless and very low-income individuals in the Central City East community of Downtown Los Angeles in the 34th District, an area more commonly known as "Skid Row."

Skid Row is home to one of the largest populations of homeless persons in the nation. To address the needs of this vulnerable population, the late James M. Wood, who served as the Chairman of the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles, pursued a vision in the late 1970s to include in the revitalization of Downtown Los Angeles a plan to redevelop the Skid Row area and address its rampant homelessness.

In 1977 that plan began to take form as the City of Los Angeles adopted a redevelopment plan for the Downtown Los Angeles Central City East area to preserve and expand the single room occupancy hotels in the area. To acquire and rehabilitate the hotels, the Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Housing Corporation was founded in February 1984 by the Community Redevelopment Agency under the leadership of James Wood.

Through the development of thousands of affordable housing units, the SRO Housing

Corporation provides a full continuum of emergency, transitional, and permanent housing for Skid Row residents. This month's grand opening of the James Woods Apartments, at 408 E. 5th Street and 506 S. San Julian Street, is the most recent shining example of its successful efforts to develop clean, safe and affordable housing units. The project involved converting two decaying parking lots into a 5-story building containing 53 studio apartments with private bathrooms and kitchenettes.

The corporation also offers a wide array of supportive services for its clients, including food services, case management, transportation, support groups and referrals. Every week, SRO Housing serves nearly 4,000 meals in its emergency shelter and senior meal program as well as delivering over 8,000 pounds of food and fresh produce to all permanent-housing sites. This critical service ensures that very low-income individuals, who are attempting to sustain themselves on a fixed income, receive nutritious foods that would otherwise be absent from their diets. In addition, SRO Housing provides its residents with a way to regain basic living skills through classes in cooking, laundry, and money management.

The SRO Housing Corporation also works to build a sense of community belonging for its residents. It manages two public parks—the San Julian Park and Gladys Park—and operates the James Wood Community Center where area residents can socialize and have fun in safe, clean and public areas located in their own neighborhood.

With 25 years of experience, SRO Housing Corporation has a unique insight into the needs of the Skid Row community. More than 40 percent of its diverse and multi-cultural staff is made up of formerly homeless individuals, residents and community members whose history and life experiences are a source of inspiration to others.

Madam Speaker, on the occasion of SRO Housing Corporation's 25th Anniversary and the Grand Opening of its new James M. Wood Apartments, I join today with my congressional colleagues in recognizing all of the many dedicated people who make this fine organization the beacon of hope that it is today. I especially commend Anita Nelson who works day in and day out to keep James Wood's memory and mission alive as the corporation's Chief Executive Officer. I also pay tribute to the SRO Housing Corporation's community partners, supporters, invaluable volunteers, its entire staff and, most of all, the residents of the Skid Row community. Thousands of lives have been transformed and positively impacted through the wonderful work of SRO Housing Corporation and I wish everyone involved with this fine organization many more years of continued success.

**EARMARK DECLARATION**

**HON. PETER J. ROSKAM**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2009*

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican standards on disclosure for Member project requests, I am submitting the following information regarding a project I support for inclusion in H.R. 2996, the Department

of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Congressman PETER J. ROSKAM: H.R. 2996, Environmental Protection Agency, STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project account for the Tubeway Drive Storm Water Lift Station Rehabilitation Project in Carol Stream, Illinois. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Village of Carol Stream, 500 North Gary Avenue, Carol Stream, IL 60188. It is my understanding that the funding would be used to rehabilitate and replace a 35-year-old storm water lift station at the end of its useful life. The Tubeway Drive Storm Water Lift Station is showing signs of corrosion, and is in need of desperate repair to alleviate flooding in the village. Under this rehabilitation project, the lift station will be totally replaced with new more efficient pumps, valving, backup systems and structures. Replacing the station in a timely manner will ensure storm water flows are effectively managed, preventing flood damage losses. Carol Stream has demonstrated a good-faith cost share in the project, providing a 45% commitment of matching funds. Severe flooding has plagued the village in the last year. Rains in September 2008 submerged 50 homes and damaged 400. This was followed in December by more rain, melting snow, and another round of flooding. Even last week the Daily Herald reported on how Carol Stream has had to deal with "severe flooding in several areas." This timely funding will bring much-needed relief to my constituents.

**EARMARK DECLARATION**

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2009*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Project Name: AFSOC Injury Prevention and Human Performance Initiative

Account: RDAF

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Pittsburgh School of Health and Rehabilitative Services/Andrews Institute

Address of Requesting Entity: 1040 Gulf Breeze Parkway Gulf Breeze, FL 32561

Description of Request: \$1,000,000—AFSOC Injury Prevention and Human Performance Initiative, University of Pittsburgh School of Health and Rehabilitative Services/Andrews Institute. I requested these funds for an injury prevention and performance enhancement initiative that will achieve a critical doctrinal shift in human performance strategies in Air Force Special Operations. Phase 1 will include task and demand analyses to identify Air Force Special Operator-specific tasks during which injuries occur, mechanisms of injury, and the physiological requirements of training.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Pittsburgh School of Health and the Andrews Institute located at 1040 Gulf Breeze Parkway Gulf Breeze, FL 32561. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.