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 APART-MENTS

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

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.

Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended for a "front" or "pass through" entity; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Project Name: Anti-Materiel Explosive Round for Javelin Block II

Account: RDA

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: General Dynamics Ordinance and Tactical Systems, Niceville Operations

Address of Requesting Entity: 115 Hart Street Niceville, FL 32578

Description of Request: \$3,000,000—Anti-Materiel Explosive Round for Javelin Block II, General Dynamics. I requested these funds to provide the warfighter with a significant improvement in lethality against Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) structures. The funding will allow for a qualification program in FY 2010 and early fielding in FY 2012.

The entity to receive funding for this project is General Dynamics located at 115 Hart Street Niceville, FL 32578. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

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Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF

Project Name: Coordinated Operation of Unmanned Vehicles for Littoral Defense

Account: RDN

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition

Address of Requesting Entity: 40 South Alcaniz Street, Pensacola, FL 32502

Description of Request: \$2,000,000—Co-ordinated Operation of Unmanned Vehicles for Littoral Defense, General Dynamics. I requested these funds to perform research to: develop a fully-functioning prototype of biologically inspired robotic concepts uniquely suited to the littoral environment; to develop and evaluate policies and metrics for optimal resource utilization and for effective configuration and control of hybrid teams of people and heterogeneous unmanned systems and to assure effective tasking of physically distributed humans and heterogeneous configurations of unmanned platforms to best support littoral operations.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition located at 40 South Alcaniz Street, Pensacola, FL 32502. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

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Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF

Project Name: Eglin Air Force Base Range Operations Control Center (ROCC)

Account: RDAF

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cubic Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: 1225 South Clark Street, Suite 702 Arlington, VA 22202

Description of Request: \$3,000,000—Eglin Air Force Base Range Operations Control Center (ROCC), Cubic Corporation. I requested these funds to address the increased testing and evaluation at Eglin AFB, the 46th Test Wing Super ROCC initiative is a phased effort involving development, procurement and military construction (MILCON) funding to meet the future need in the 2015-2020 timeframe. This project provides more effective control to better optimize range scheduling and increases flexibility in meeting the Eglin AFB test and training missions. By knowing the locations of all entities on the range, the Super ROCC will have great flexibility in reassigning missions to ground and air space previously not being used.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Cubic Corporation located at 1225 South Clark Street, Suite 702 Arlington, VA 22202. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any fi-

nancial interest in this project.

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Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF

Project Name: Flight Test Operations Facility (413 FLTS)

Account: MCAF

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hurlburt Air Force Base

Address of Requesting Entity: Hurlburt Air Force Base

Description of Request: \$9,400,000—Flight Test Operations Facility (413 FLTS), Hurlburt Air Force Base. I requested these funds to a construct a facility to conduct developmental and qualification testing of aircraft. A modern facility is necessary to ensure mission success, minimize acquisition costs and fielding delays. Functional areas include administration, operations and special purpose areas including open storage area with SIPRNET, workshop/maintenance area with compressed air, a hoist system and an electrical system capable of providing multi-phase power and covered outside storage.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Hurlburt Air Force Base located at Hurlburt AFB, Florida. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project

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Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF

Project Name: Gulf Range Mobile Instrumentation Capability

Account: RDDW

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Prologic Address of Requesting Entity: 9400 Innovation Drive Manassas, VA 20110

Description of Request: \$3,000,000—Gulf Range Mobile Instrumentation Capability, Prologic. I requested these funds for Gulf Range Mobile Instrumentation Capability for the 46th Range Group (46 RANG. The 46th Range Group (46 RANG) has a need for a capability for remote test, collection, storage and relay of various data types. This capability can be accomplished with a Gulf Range Mobile Instrumentation Capability (GR–MIC). The GR–MIC is needed to support test events on the Eglin AFB range which occur over large geographic areas (land and sea based).

The entity to receive funding for this project is Prologic located at 9400 Innovation Drive Manassas, VA 20110. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

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Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF

Project Name: Intelligence Broadcast Receiver (IBR) for AFSOC MC 130 Aircraft

Account: PDW

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: DRS Technologies

Address of Requesting Entity: 651 Anchors St., Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

Description of Request: \$2,500,000-Intelligence Broadcast Receiver (IBR) for AFSOC MC-130 Aircraft, DRS Technologies. I requested these funds to procure equipment that provides Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) MC-130 Combat Shadow aircraft with vastly improved situational awareness in high threat arenas. These aircraft provide clandestine or low visibility, low level missions into denied areas to provide support to small SOF ground teams as well as to provide air refueling for specialized infiltration aircraft. This equipment provides real time information to include; immediate intelligence, Blue Force tracking (friendly units), and survivor information, greatly improving mission success and survivability.

The entity to receive funding for this project is DRS Technologies located at 651 Anchors St., Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

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Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Project Name: Joint Gulf Complex Test and Training

Account: RDDW

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Boeing Address of Requesting Entity: 634 Anchors St NW Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

Description of Request: \$3,000,000—Joint Gulf Complex Test and Training, Boeing. I requested these funds to provide critical training

and mission rehearsal for Iraq and Afghanistan deployments. The range must accommodate requirements for joint testing of weapons systems that are revolutionary in nature and being developed for the War on Terrorism. The Joint Gulf Range must accommodate critical joint training requirements specifically in support of U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command and U.S. Special Operations Command.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Boeing located at 634 Anchors St NW Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

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Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF

Project Name: LAIRCM for AFSOC MC-130 Account: PDW

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: L-3 Crestview

Address of Requesting Entity: 5486 Fairchild Road Crestview, FL 32539

Description of Request: \$4,000,000—LAIRCM for AFSOC MC-130, L-3. I requested these funds for enhanced protection of AFSOC's C-130 aircraft operating in combat conditions where man-portable infrared missiles are present. Current countermeasures, during critical phases of their mission, have marginal effectiveness. This is needed to protect lives and assets in current and future missions in the Global War on Terror.

The entity to receive funding for this project is L-3 located at 5486 Fairchild Road Crestview, FL 32539. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

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Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Project Name: Mobile Learning Cultural Training for Military Personnel

Account: OMN

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of West Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: 11000 University Parkway Pensacola, FL 32514

Description of Request: \$1,500,000—Mobile Learning Cultural Training for Military Personnel, University of West Florida. I requested these funds to provide regional cultural awareness training through multiple mobile devices and through the Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) portal. Cultural awareness and language skills are critical for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. This project builds on previous projects by the University of West Florida on mobile learning instructional delivery and on an Arabic Language and Cultural Awareness for-credit certificate program.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of West Florida located at

11000 University Parkway Pensacola, FL 32514. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

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Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Project Name: Moving Target Strike Account: RDAF

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: General Atomics/Alpha Data Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: 1326 Lewis Turner Blvd Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547

Description of Request: \$3,000,000—Moving Target Strike, General Atomics/Alpha Data Corporation. I requested these funds for GPS-guided weapons systems. The project will demonstrate the ability to strike a time-critical moving target with a low cost GPS guided weapon using coordinates derived and communicated from a single platform. GPS guided weapons are replacing higher cost laser guided and seeker weapons throughout DoD. The ability to use the GPS guided weapons against moving targets furthers this trend and reduces overall costs of weapon systems.

The entity to receive funding for this project is General Atomics/Alpha Data Corporation located at 1326 Lewis Turner Blvd Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

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Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Project Name: Virtual Perimeter Monitoring System (VPMS)

Account: RDDW

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: DRS Technologies

Address of Requesting Entity: 651 Anchors St., Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

Description of Request: \$2,000,000—Virtual Perimeter Monitoring System (VPMS), DRS Technologies. I requested these funds to provide a perimeter monitoring system of remote sensors for detecting and alerting security personnel of intrusions in defined areas of interest at critical facilities. Virtual Perimeter Monitoring System (VPMS) provides continuous and persistent surveillance of areas of interest to include near real time monitoring of air fields, ports, depots and other critical infrastructures.

The entity to receive funding for this project is DRS Technologies located at 651 Anchors St., Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

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statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

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. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Chair, as we consider H.R. 2647, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010, I would like to say a special thanks to Chairman SKELTON and Ranking Member MCKEON—as well as to subcommittee Chairman ABERCROMBIE and Ranking Member BARTLETT—for their tireless efforts in support of our soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines who are bravely defending us at home and abroad.

While not a perfect bill, this legislation covers a wide scope of issues that are vitally important to our Armed Services, both active and reserve component, and it clearly addresses the most pressing needs of our troops in a very trying time for America. A 3.4% pay raise for all members of the Armed Forces will further reduce the military-civilian pay disparity. I am very pleased with the work the Committee has done this year to authorize \$368 million for the advance procurement of long-lead supplies needed to build 12 additional F-22's in 2011. The F-22 is the world's most capable fighter, and these funds will go a long way towards providing stability for our forces and ensuring that America maintains air dominance for the foreseeable future.

While I applaud the work of the Committee in addressing pressing readiness issues, I am however concerned about the deep cuts to missile defense. A viable missile defense system is critical to deterring and countering emerging threats to our national security—especially as Iran and North Korea develop their nuclear capabilities. I look forward to working with Chairman SKELTON, Ranking Member MCKEON, and the rest of the Committee as this bill moves forward to address these program needs.

While there is much to be proud of in this bill, I am disappointed that the Rules Committee failed to make any of my four amendments in order. These were commonsense amendments, Mr. Chair, that would make the Department of Defense (DoD) more effective in carrying out its mission.

The first amendment I offered to this bill would have ensured that no detainees at the Guantanamo Bay detention facility are transported to the United States. The American people have spoken on this issue with 55% of them opposed to allowing terrorists to be transported to American soil. Further, a June 12, 2009 letter from the Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons to my colleague, Trent Franks, stated that "there is insufficient bed space in any high-security Federal prison to