

MARY HARDIN-BAYLOR
CHANCELLOR

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate to Dr. Jerry G. Bawcom, President at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, in Belton Texas, as Dr. Bawcom transitions into the office of the Chancellor. As the 21st President of UMHB, he has served as President for 18 years and will become Chancellor on June 1, 2009. I would like to thank Dr. Bawcom for his leadership and service as well as congratulate him and wish him well in his new position as Chancellor.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the U.S. House of Representatives Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 2996, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

The City of Gainesville Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project, Gainesville, TX—\$500,000—STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

The purpose of this project is to expand the water supply and distribution system to convey treated water to the City of Valley View, Bolivar Water Supply and other water users in Cooke County, Texas. The requested funding will be utilized for raw water pump station improvements, a treatment unit and backwash pump station, high service pump station expansion, and other appurtenances as necessary for the water treatment plant upgrade. Federal funding is necessary to allow the city to meet its obligation to provide a stable drinking water supply for residents of Gainesville and surrounding communities and to reduce the region's reliance on limited groundwater sources. The total project cost is \$2,533,007. Matching funds will be provided through in-kind services and through city and state funds.

The City of Gainesville is located at 200 South Rusk, Gainesville, TX 76240.

THANKING LILLIAN BETHEA FOR
HER 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 her retirement on December 31, 2008, we rise to thank Mrs. Lillian Bethea for twelve years of distinguished service to the United States House of Representatives and 36 years of service in the United States Government. Lillian has served this great institution as a valuable employee of

House Information Resources, in the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

Lillian began her tenure with the United States House of Representatives in 1996 as a Systems Analyst working in the Member Information Network (MIN) Group and later for the Quality Assurance Team. Lillian specialized in the support and maintenance of in-House applications including but not limited to Federal Funds Reports, Grants and Contracts and Bulletin Board services. She became a Federal Funds Trainer based on her extensive knowledge and attention to detail on the project. Lillian has played an important role in many information technology projects including Quality Assurance and Integrated Services and Information Systems (ISIS) testing. During the Y2K remediation efforts, she played an instrumental role in quality assurance and data testing of systems resulting in the successful transfer of services from the mainframe to their new platforms.

Since 2004, Lillian has been a Team Leader for the Web Solutions Call Center. Her attention to detail and quality assurance experience were again highlighted as she managed the customer request tracking system, team assignments, and day to day customer requests for the Web Group. Her duties included managing customer requests for web services using the Customer Tracking System (CTS) and coordinating with external teams to process Secure ID Web Manager requests, establishing Listserv lists, and providing permissions and access to Web Site Statistic services. Again, her detail orientation and quality work ethic assured the security of the House Web infrastructure through oversight and management of the necessary processes involved. Lillian also played a vital role in the preparation of materials and coordination of efforts for the House Services Fair, ensuring the Web Solutions Branch was properly represented during the event.

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

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

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. 2047) to authorize appropriation for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strength for fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes:

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Chair, I rise today in strong support of National Defense Authorization Act of 2009.

The Department of Defense directed the Army to restructure its premier modernization program known as Future Combat Systems—FCS program—which includes a network of new sensors, radios, robotic vehicles and a fleet of new combat vehicles.

I personally commend the thousands of dedicated soldiers, department of defense civilians and their defense industry partners who worked on the project.

More than 1,000 of these dedicated men and women that do the engineering work for the FCS program live and work in my district. Some 10,000 employees in 74 Michigan companies worked to provide the Army a new ground combat vehicle fleet.

Many of them will be economically disadvantaged, despite their best efforts, by termination of the combat vehicle project.

Legislation passed by the Armed Services committee recognizes the restructuring of the FCS program and provides guidance on how the Army should proceed.

Providing for the national defense is in the preamble of the Constitution of the United States, it is this body's most solemn duty and responsibility. We must ensure that the men and women we send into harm's way have the very best training and equipment we can provide.

It's imperative that we move rapidly to provide the Army a new ground combat vehicle that protects American soldiers against IEDs, road side bombs and anti-tank munitions. We must not lose the momentum gained during six years of research and development and the multibillion dollar taxpayer investment on this project.

Any new program must consider both Army and Marine Corps needs for manned ground combat vehicles now and in the future. It must build on what we have learned from three separate FCS ground vehicle designs as well as lessons learned from combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

We have the best trained and dedicated Armed Forces in the world. Will we ask them to go to combat with vehicles that are nearly two generations old, designed for a different enemy and more conventional warfare?

Instead, let's build on the work that has already been done; ensure that billions of taxpayer dollars already spent are not wasted by starting from scratch, and provide U.S. Soldiers and Marines vehicles and systems that provide increased situational awareness for the conflicts of the future.

I urge the members to make a new combat vehicle the centerpiece of Army's research and development efforts in a restructured program.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY JOP

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

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Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate The Honorable Judy Schier Hoobs, Justice of the Peace for Williamson County, Precinct 4, who was awarded "Judge of the Year" by the Central Texas Justices of the Peace and Constables Association (CTJPCA) on April 15, 2009. When the group held their first meeting in 1986, Judge Hobbs was elected as the first vice president and was later elected as president in 1987. A lifetime member of the CTJPCA, Judge Hobbs was chaplain in 2008 and chair of the Legislative Committee. I am truly proud to have Judge Hobbs serve in Texas District 31.

IN HONOR OF SENATOR THURMAN
G. ADAMS, JR.

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart but great honor that I rise today to pay tribute to the life of the Honorable Thurman G. Adams, Jr. A member of Delaware's State Senate for the past 37 years and owner of T.G. Adams & Sons Inc., Senator Adams is a man who has given much to his community and his state; a man who is to be recognized for all that he has done and a man who will truly be missed by me and Delawareans throughout our state.

Since his initial election in 1972, Senator Adams worked diligently as a representative of his constituents and as an advocate for progress, molding Delaware into the business-friendly, agriculturally rich state that it is today. The longest serving State Senator in Delaware history, Thurman served in this capacity under eight Governors and was elected as the Senate Majority Leader in 1999 and as the President Pro Tempore in 2002. Regarding Thurman's dedication to our State and his strength of character, I cannot say enough. For nearly four decades now, there is hardly a bill that has come to pass in Delaware upon which Thurman's influence has not been felt. One of the most notable pieces of legislation that he sponsored and fought for was an enhanced 9–1–1 bill. Passed and currently in place, the bill created a system that automatically gives the address from which a 9–1–1 call originates—enabling a quicker, more accurate response time. A member of the Senate Executive Committee since his first term and later appointed as chairman, Thurman played a huge role in determining who served in the judiciary, cabinet and various other influential state posts. The strong, positive force which he brought to the legislature every day has helped to strengthen and solidify Delaware's courts and government for many decades.

In his capacity as a legislator and as a citizen, Thurman spent his life in service to the State of Delaware. Senator Adams graduated from the University of Delaware in 1950 with a B.S. in agricultural education and went on to succeed his father as the President of T.G. Adams & Sons Inc., a feed and grain business in his hometown of Bridgeville. With a solid base in agriculture and the business world, Thurman was appointed to the State Highway Commission in 1961 and appointed as the chairman of the Governor's Safety Committee in 1966. Over the years, Senator Adams was recognized for many accomplishments. In 1996, he received the University of Delaware's "Medal of Distinction," an honor acknowledging his outstanding professional achievements. He and his wife Hilda also became very active in trying to make the process to receive organ transplants easier for individuals and their families after their own personal experience with their son Brent. In 2008, he was both inducted into the National 4–H Hall of Fame and awarded the "Order of the First State," the highest award our Governor can present in recognition of his many years of service.

Senator Adams spent his life as an advocate for his Bridgeville district, for the county

of Sussex, and for the State of Delaware. A believer in personal, deep-rooted relationships, Thurman was a respected and compassionate legislator and his passing will leave a void in Delaware's General Assembly and our state. During my time as a State Senator and in my role as Lt. Governor and Governor, I had the privilege of working with Senator Adams on many key legislative issues. Thurman is someone with whom I worked closely and confided in frequently and I feel confident in recognizing him for who he was—a man who was incredibly fair, a strong, trusted and great leader with devotion unequalled, and a sterling reputation for helping others.

Foremost in Thurman's life was his family. Thurman was a loving husband to his wife Hilda, a father who could bestow life's lessons as well as heartfelt love to his three children, Brent, Lynn, and Polly, a grandfather who adored his grandchildren, and a brother to Leon, Beatrice and his deceased brother Alvin. His family and grandchildren warmed his heart and he took great pride in watching them grow and mature over the years. While we will all miss him dearly, I take comfort in knowing that he, Hilda, and Brent have been reunited and I am sure are watching over all of us now.

He gave his time, his energy, and his heart in pursuit of comprehensive and useful measures, established and implemented for the benefit of his fellow Delawareans. Steadfast in his beliefs, Thurman once said, "I hope that every bill will make life better." I stand today to acknowledge and honor that he was a man dedicated to just that. Godspeed to my good friend, Senator Thurman G. Adams, Jr. and thank you for your guidance, support and friendship over the years.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Name and Address: Em-Kayan County Water and Sewer District, 910 Greers Ferry Road, Libby, Montana 59923.

Description: The Em-Kayan community water system consists of three springs, two wells, five steel storage tanks and a water distribution system inclusive of fire hydrants. The original water system was constructed in the 1960s. Funding would be used to replace badly corroded steel water main with PVC water main, install additional fire hydrants to meet fire flow requirements, install water meters to better account for the District's water resource and install a control system.

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: National Park Service—Save America's Treasures

Name and Address: City of Bozeman, 121 North Rouse Avenue, Bozeman, Montana 59771

Description: Historic Downtown Bozeman suffered a devastating loss due to a natural

gas pipeline explosion in March, 2009. The explosion and subsequent fire destroyed four historic buildings, and significantly damaged three others. All buildings are in the Bozeman Main Street Historic District, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. The destroyed buildings covered 150 linear feet of historic streetscape.

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Account: BLM—Land Acquisition
Name and Address: The Conservation Fund, 125 Bank Street, Suite #612, Missoula, Montana 59802.

Description: Funding would be used for the BLM to purchase Phase II of this project. Located in Carbon County, near Red Lodge, the wind-blasted stone pinnacles of the Meeteetse Spire reach hundreds of feet into the sky and provide a unique backdrop to a scenic hanging valley as part of the Meeteetse Spire Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). In partnership with the BLM, The Conservation Fund has reached an agreement to acquire a 560-acre private inholding from a willing seller within the ACEC with the goal of conveying the property to the BLM through an appropriation.

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Account: U.S. Forest Service—Land Acquisition

Name and Address: The Nature Conservancy, 32 S. Ewing, Helena, Montana 59601.

Description: This funding would be used for the U.S. Forest Service to acquire lands critical for protecting the existing federal investment in the Blackfoot Community—Nora Gulch—project area, including wildlife habitat for grizzly bears, elk, and threatened trout species.

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Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: EPA—Science and Technology
Name and Address: Consortium for Plant Biotechnology Research Inc., 100 Sylvan Drive, Suite #210, St. Simons Island, Georgia 31522.

Description: Partnering with Montana State University, this funding would be used to fund university research and technology transfer for phytoremediation and environmentally friendly industries. Working with The Consortium for Plant Biotechnology Research, Inc., it will develop new and improved technologies that range from "green" chemicals and industrial manufacturing processes to environmental remediation.

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: EPA—Science and Technology
Name and Address: The Water Research Foundation, 6666 Quincy Street, Denver, Colorado 80235.

Description: Partnering with the Mountain Water Company of Missoula, Montana, this funding would be used to sponsor individual research projects that enable utilities to provide safe, affordable and sustainable water to their customers. These projects will help water utilities address challenges such as climate change impacts on water supply, pharmaceutical contaminants in drinking water, aging infrastructure, and protection of watersheds.

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Account: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service—Land Acquisition