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The heart of Boulder is our award winning Downtown. Boulder's small businesses are the life blood of our community and give Boulder the special sense of place that is loved by residents and visitors alike. For more than 50 years, Boulder residents have relied on the Boulderado, McGuckins Hardware, and The Sink. The Pearl Street Mall and our Downtown, both easily accessible by pedestrians, drivers and bicyclists, are national models of smart urban development. The eclectic mix of housing, independent retailers and commercial enterprises give Boulder an economic driver that many larger communities envy.

I congratulate my fellow Boulderites on 150 years of progress and prosperity, and look forward with great anticipation of what the future holds for our diverse and vibrant community.

Happy Birthday, Boulder.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. LOBIONDO. Madam Speaker, as per the requirements of the Republican Conference Rules on earmarks, I secured the following earmarks in H.R. 2996:

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02) (along with Reps. ADLER, SIRES and ROTHMAN)

Bill Number: HR 2996

Account: Fish and Wildlife Service, Land Acquisition

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New Jersey Audubon Society

Address of Requesting Entity: 11 Hardscrabble Road, Bernardsville, NJ 09724.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,100,000 for a land acquisition project at Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02) (along with Reps. SIRES and ROTHMAN)

Bill Number: HR 2996

Account: Fish and Wildlife Service, Land Acquisition

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New Jersey Audubon Society

Address of Requesting Entity: 11 Hardscrabble Road, Bernardsville, NJ 09724.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,000,000 for a land acquisition project at National Wildlife Refuge.

HOMAGE TO MR. GEORGE A. DALLEY

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, I rise today extremely humbled and privileged to pay homage to Mr. George A. Dalley, who will retire as

Counsel and Chief of Staff to the Honorable CHARLES B. RANGEL of the 15th Congressional District of New York. Chairwoman, anyone who has worked with Mr. Dalley, knows that he is extremely fond of CONGRESSIONAL RECORDS. So it is more than appropriate that I submit my sentiments and testimony about him into the RECORD for posterity.

George A. Dalley is not only a highly-successful leader and an amazing human being, he has been a true supporter and friend to all who have crossed his path. I especially feel blessed to have him serve as my mentor and advisor, who was integral in helping me acclimate and adapt to the rigors of Congress, even before I arrived in D.C. I am also blessed to share with Mr. Dalley a rich Jamaican heritage and common lineage. The pride he exhibits in heritage and his work with the Caribbean American community has truly been an inspiration and motivation for my advocacy on behalf of Caribbean Americans across this nation and their countries of origin.

General Douglas McArthur once said, "A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the quality of his actions and the integrity of his intent."

Mr. George A. Dalley, your example has been a guide to us here on Capitol Hill and your leadership is an example for generations to come. I wish you all the best in the next stage of your life. Your presence on the Hill will sorely be missed.

THE AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY AND SECURITY ACT OF 2009

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, the Congress would be unwise to sit by and simply allow the Environmental Protection Agency to regulate a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, as the agency has been mandated to do by the Supreme Court. Similarly, it would be a mistake to sit back and allow other countries to devise international rules that will affect America's economic and energy interests.

I do not agree with those who advocate for sitting on our hands and just saying NO to everything, sight unseen. The international community has no interest in protecting American businesses, and the Environmental Protection Agency is not required by the Supreme Court to consider the views of our constituents or the economic consequences to our communities.

I believe America is the one nation best equipped to lead such a multinational effort and, in doing so, to strike a balance between environmental preservation and the preservation of jobs. The hands-off approach of recent years did nothing to help promote new energy technologies, or to advance carbon capture and sequestration, or to protect American jobs.

It is evident that wishing that this complex issue would simply go away will not lead to

better results for our Nation or the people we represent. And "just saying no" to any and all proposals, sight unseen, is unrealistic and irresponsible.

For those reasons, I chose to work with my colleagues and with numerous stakeholders—including the coal industry, manufacturers, and labor—to positively influence this bill and America's climate change strategies. And for those reasons our coal miners and responsible industry members have been at the table, too, rather than on the sidelines.

I thank Chairman WAXMAN, who has made many concessions in this bill, and I thank leadership for listening to my concerns about this legislation and moving to help address them.

As well, I commend my colleague RICK BOUCHER, from southwestern Virginia, who serves on the Energy and Commerce Committee and worked in determined fashion to make improvements to the bill that we both sought. I am grateful that he has been so welcoming of my views and supportive of our interests—such as ensuring the availability of \$10 billion to advance carbon capture and sequestration technologies and other changes that are beneficial to the people of our neighboring districts.

While this bill is greatly improved from the discussion draft that was first circulated in March of this year—and opponents were saying NO even before that draft was written—more improvements are needed to gain my support.

Coal does much more than keep the lights on in big cities across America. In my district, it covers the mortgage, puts food on the family dinner table, and keeps open the doors of small businesses. While the emissions target in the early years of this program has been lowered from the 20% cap initially contained in this bill, there remains widespread concern that even the reduced cap—17% in 2020—is still too high and too soon to incentivize rapid development and deployment of carbon capture and sequestration technologies, so as to ensure coal mining jobs for the future. We must allow time for expensive clean coal technologies to come on line.

These technologies are critical to lowering emissions across multiple sectors of our economy. And they are necessary for keeping hardworking coal miners in the jobs they want, providing power for the country they love.

Madam Speaker, today, I cannot cast my vote for this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, on June 25, 2009, I was absent for eight rollcall votes because I was in a meeting at the White House with President Obama on immigration reform. If I had been here, I would like the RECORD to reflect that I would have voted:

Yes on rollcall vote 453, Yes on rollcall vote 454, No on rollcall vote 455, No on rollcall vote 456, Yes on rollcall vote 457, Yes on rollcall vote 458, No on rollcall vote 459, and Yes on rollcall vote 460.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Department of the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2010 (H.R. 2998).

My Congressional District received \$500,000 for the City of Omaha Public Works Department, located at 1819 Farnam Street, Suite 600, Omaha, NE 68183. This money is from the State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) account, and will be used by the City of Omaha for the design and construction of improvements to portions of the City's combined sewer system. These projects will allow the City of Omaha to reduce the amount of sewage overflowing to receiving streams. These efforts are consistent with the latest requirements from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) to achieve the goal of improved water quality in the United States.

A TRIBUTE TO MAJOR EARL G. ANDERSON, JR.

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and military service of Major Earl G. Anderson, Jr. who was recently named the 2009 Aviator of the Year at the Indianapolis Air Show.

Born in Rockford, Illinois in 1920, twenty-two-year old Earl Anderson, Jr. enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps in April of 1942 leaving behind his wife Geraldine to serve his country in its time of need. By September 1943, Aviation Cadet Anderson had completed his State-side training and was assigned to the United States 15th Air Force flying The Consolidated B-24 Liberator bomber over Europe. The B-24 was an American heavy bomber that still holds the record as the most produced U.S. military aircraft.

Between December 1943 and June 1944 Major Anderson flew fifty-one successful combat missions against enemy targets before being shot down. He spent the remainder of the war as a Prisoner of War (POW) in a camp outside Munich, Germany. For his heroic and courageous flying, Major Earl Anderson, Jr. was awarded by order of the President of the United States the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with 6 clusters, and the Distinguished Unit Badge with one cluster.

Earl's prison camp was eventually liberated by allied troops in 1945 and after debriefing Earl was sent back to the United States to spend some time on furlough before returning to duty. Major Anderson continued serving both on active duty and as a member of the Reserves until he was Honorably Discharged in 1961.

Fortunately for all Hoosiers, Earl's passion for aviation stayed with him after he left the service and he's been an active part of Indiana's aviation community for many years. Earl and his wife Geraldine (Gerrie) have been married for 67 years. They have two daughters, Marilyn and Barbara, and five grandchildren.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me now to thank Major Earl Anderson, Jr. for his service and his sacrifices for our country, and to congratulate him on being named the 2009 Indiana Aviator of the Year.

HONORING LT. COLONEL CHARLIE PARNELL

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an unsung hero from Southwest Colorado; Lt. Colonel Charlie Parnell of Durango. Charlie Parnell has selflessly and tirelessly been serving the veterans of Southwest Colorado for many years and it is time that he is recognized for this service.

In 1988, Lt. Colonel Parnell retired from the United States Air Force after 26 years of honorable service, including tours of duty in Germany, Thailand, Vietnam, Korea, Turkey and Saudi Arabia. He is the proud recipient of the Bronze Star.

After struggling for 15 years to receive the disability benefits he had earned from the Department of Veterans Affairs, Lt. Colonel Parnell dedicated himself to helping his fellow veterans wade through the challenging VA benefits system so they too would receive the compensation they had earned. Since then, he has helped over 1000 veterans receive their benefits, and has done so completely at his own expense.

It is this type of above the call-of-duty service that makes this nation great. And it is this kind of service that deserves all of our recognition. When asked why he does what he does for his fellow disabled veterans, Lt. Colonel Parnell says simply, "Because I can."

Madam Speaker, today I rise to join the 1000 veterans in Colorado's Southwest region to thank and honor Charlie Parnell for his service to this country and to my constituents in the Third Congressional District.

Thank you, Lt. Colonel Parnell for your hard work and dedication to our nation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 2996, the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. This legislation appropriates \$500,000 to the Department of the Interior National Park Service account for the Castillo de San Marco National Monument in the City of St. Augustine, Flor-

ida, which is in my district. The entity to receive this funding is the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, Castillo de San Marco National Monument located at 1 South Castillo Drive, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

The City of St. Augustine, founded 444 years ago in 1565, is our nation's oldest enduring settlement of European design. Prominent within the Historic Spanish Colonial District, which features thirty-six original colonial buildings, is the majestic Castillo de San Marcos stone fortress that began construction in 1672.

As the only existing 17th century fort in North America, the Castillo de San Marcos is an important historical and cultural landmark that features the oldest surviving masonry in our nation. About 538,500 people visited the Castillo in 2008, hosting as many as 3,751 tourists in just one day.

Authorized by Public Law 108-480, this funding will be used for the planning and design phase of the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument Restoration Project, as outlined in Alternative C of the March 2007 Final General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement.

This planning will help preserve and expand the Castillo by constructing a visitor center in the Spanish Quarter of St. Augustine and removing a portion of the visitor parking lot to restore the glaci.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

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. PASCRELL. Mr. Chair, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Chairman SKELTON and his Committee for the important work they have done on this legislation and the strides they have made to ensure that individuals with traumatic brain injury (TBI) are identified and afforded the benefits that they deserve.

TBI is the signature injury of our current conflicts overseas. As many as 20 percent of the 1.8 million deployed troops—or an estimated 360,000 soldiers—have sustained traumatic brain injuries while in Iraq and Afghanistan. Unfortunately, many of these men and women in uniform are falling through the cracks. We must ensure that these individuals are properly identified and provided with the world class health care that they deserve. H.R. 2647 takes important steps to achieving both of these goals.

First, I applaud the inclusion of language submitted by myself and Congressman TODD PLATTS, who is both a member of the Armed Services Committee and serves as my Co-Chair on the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force, that calls on the branches of the Armed Services to implement long-term tracking for