

Address of Requesting Entity: 2830 Calder Street, Beaumont, TX 77702

Description of Request: I have secured \$250,000 in funding under FEMA's Predisaster Mitigation account to allow for the purchase of a 2.5 megawatt diesel generating plant to ensure sanitary and safe conditions for both current and potential patients during disasters. Although the Hospital has basic generator capabilities to sustain life support, Hurricanes Rita and Ike have proved that this basic capacity is insufficient. During Hurricane Ike, 190 patients were unable to be evacuated and as commercial utilities were shut down, basic hospital operations were compromised. The generator will make certain that the Hospital remains serviceable by ensuring that power and water are functional; thus, allowing the Hospital to maintain its mission of providing essential medical care to the residents of southeast Texas.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. CALVERT of California. 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: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: Environmental Protection Agency, STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Western Municipal Water District

Address of Requesting Entity: 450 Alessandro Boulevard, Riverside, CA 92508

Description of Request: H.R. 2996 provides \$500,000 for the Western Municipal Water District for Arlington Desalter Bionitrification project. The funding will be used to build a biological denitrification facility for drinking water. The process, called "Fixed-Bed Biological Treatment" (FXB) uses an innovative bio-reactor to remove multiple contaminants from groundwater. Western Municipal Water District has completed pilot testing of the FXB process at the Arlington Desalter and has already received conditional approval from the California Department of Public Health for a full scale facility. This new facility will consist of a series of large biofilter, polishing and backwash equalization tanks as well as supply pumps and a new groundwater well. It will be built at the site of the Arlington Desalter in Riverside, California. The project benefits the City of Norco, portions of the City of Riverside, unincorporated areas of Riverside County, and any entity within the Arlington Groundwater Basin by cleaning the area's water supply and creating up to 3.7 million-gallons-per-day of new water.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: Environmental Protection Agency, STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of San Juan Capistrano

Address of Requesting Entity: 32400 Paseo Adelanto, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Description of Request: H.R. 2996 provides \$500,000 to the City of San Juan Capistrano for ground water recovery plant expansion and regional distribution facility. The funding will allow the city to expand the current capacity of the existing treatment facility to 7.3 million-gallons-per-day from 5.6 million-gallons-per-day. During the ongoing drought, water that is produced locally can be conveyed to surrounding water agencies thereby reducing the demands placed on the Sacramento Bay Delta and the Colorado River. In the event of a natural disaster or other emergency, the treatment plant will have the ability to function as a regional distribution facility to neighboring water agencies and helping to provide a reliable source of safe drinking water.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. JONES. 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 Bill, 2010:

Rep. WALTER B. JONES

Project: Rural Water Technical Assistance, National Rural Water Association

Recipient: National Rural Water Association, 2915 South 13th Street, Duncan, OK 74544

Account: Environmental Protection Agency, Environmental Programs and Management

Amount: \$13,000,000

Explanation: The funding will be used to provide rural water technical assistance, including source water and ground water protection, to help small rural communities across the nation protect their drinking water quality and comply with federal mandates.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. 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 Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Congressman SAM GRAVES, (MO-6), Department of the Interior, EPA/STAG Account—\$500,000 to the City of St. Joseph for Stormwater and Wastewater Infrastructure (1100 Frederick Avenue, St. Joseph, MO 64501)

The federal funding I obtained will be utilized by the City of St. Joseph, MO, to repair and update its aging stormwater and wastewater system. The community's sanitary and stormwater collection system is divided into two components: a large combined sewer system and a separated system. Specifically, the

funds will support the development and implementation of a county-wide Stormwater Management Plan to make improvements to the system to comply with EPA requirements and operational needs resulting from new regulations, system conditions and community growth in the City of St. Joseph and Buchanan County, MO. This federal funding has the potential to create new jobs with the increased sanitary waste capacity, as well as have a positive impact on ratepayers thanks to more efficient operations with improved water quality.

HONORING THE EFFORTS OF MR.
RUSS DAVIDSON

HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Russ Davidson of Colstrip, Montana, for 25 years of dedicated service to the Close Up Foundation. On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and Montana, it's a privilege to thank Russ for his many years of service.

As a high school teacher of history and government, Russ has traveled to Washington, D.C. with his students many times over the course of his career. According to his students and all who know him, Russ is an excellent teacher with years of experience in the classroom. Each year, I enjoy meeting with hundreds of Close Up students in Washington, D.C., and I appreciate the extent to which Close Up sponsors promote informed participation in the democratic process. Close Up gives students the unique opportunity to learn about the democratic process as they are introduced to lawmakers, public interest groups and personnel from all branches of government.

Thanks to people like Russ, students from across America are able to meet with their elected leaders and understand how they can make a positive difference through democratic participation. Once again, I thank Russ for his dedication as an educator and Close Up sponsor, and it's a privilege to formally recognize his efforts.

CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH
BIRTHDAY OF MARTHA
POFFENBERGER MCKINLEY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of my colleagues, Representative DEVIN NUNES and Representative JIM COSTA, to acknowledge, congratulate, and celebrate the 100th Birthday of Martha Poffenberger McKinley.

Martha has always been an active member of the Fresno community. She worked for the State of California Department of Industrial Welfare for many years, where she was involved with a number of business and professional organizations. She also founded and became the first president of the women's section of the Fresno County Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. McKinley now lives with her daughter and son-in-law. She enjoys spending time with her three grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, and is looking forward to the birth of her first great-great grandchild.

Martha has been a remarkable mother not only to her own daughter but also to her other daughter Sally Lewis. In 2000, Martha was recognized by the Fresno County Women's Chamber of Commerce as Mother of the Year. She is well-deserving of this award.

My colleagues and I want to take this opportunity to not only wish Martha a happy birthday, but to express our admiration and gratitude for her service to the people of Fresno County. It is truly an honor to celebrate such a remarkable lady.

Below is a letter submitted by her long time friend, Sally M. Lewis.

"On July 17th, a remarkable lady will celebrate her 100th birthday. Martha Poffenberger McKinley was born in Portsmouth, Ohio, on July 17, 1909, the only child of Edward Daniel and Claire Kennedy Poffenberger.

Her life is a long list of accomplishments, but most of all she was a loving wife to Pete before his death and she is a remarkable mom to her daughter Monna and a true blessing in my life for treating me as a daughter since I was a child.

After graduation from Ohio State, Martha began her professional life in Ohio as the private secretary to Governor Bricker. Following her marriage to Peter B. McKinley they moved to northern California. Not much for staying at home, she went to work at Mare Island Ship Yard and quickly moved up from secretarial pool to department head. The family moved to Fresno after Monna was born and once she started school Martha went to work for the state of California Department of Industrial Welfare. While working there she was active in many business and professional organizations. Among them she founded and was the first president of the women's section of the Fresno County Chamber of Commerce (now The Fresno County Women in Chambers of Commerce).

She lived in her own home and washed her own car until she lost her vision well into her 90's. She now enjoys living with her daughter and son-in-law surrounded by her three grandchildren, 8 great children and soon her first great-great grand child.

Even though she is now blind, she still keeps up on current events, manages her own investments and has voted in every election.

Martha has a wonderful mind and fantastic memory. She is never without a joke and a smile. Always the life of any gathering, Martha has always enjoyed her evening cocktail and visits with family and friends. An evening with Martha is one you're not likely to forget.

It's an honor and a privilege to have her as my "other mother." From: Sally M. Lewis"

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY'S HERMISTON AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER

SPEECH OF

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to draw my colleagues' attention to the historic

June 30, 2009, centennial of Oregon State University's Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center, located in the corner of northeast Oregon near the mighty Columbia River.

Few areas in the world can match the quantity or quality of crop production of the Columbia Basin region that straddles the Oregon-Washington border. This center has been in the middle of it all for 100 years, helping farmers, ranchers, and researchers find ways to better grow and steward crops ranging from dry land wheat to watermelons; from sugar beets to wine grapes; from beef cattle to dairy cows.

Established in 1909, the "Umatilla Experiment Farm" initially served farmers trying to make a living on 20,000 acres of semi-arid northern Oregon desert as part of a federal government reclamation program. By the 1930s, farming expanded to well over 160,000 acres and the demand for the center's research reached levels far surpassing its initial 40 acres. The center moved and expanded to its current 300-acre location to better serve the region's agricultural communities. Today, the work done at this center serves well over 500,000 acres of irrigated and non-irrigated crop land.

The West is dominated by nutrient-deprived, semi-desert soils. The Columbia Basin is no different. So at the beginning, the center set upon helping farmers and ranchers overcome the fundamental challenges posed by an annual rainfall rate of eight inches. Researchers determined which types of organic matter, when put into the soil, would produce the best crops. They worked with farmers, ranchers, and communities to identify more efficient water use, based on soil type, topography, and micro-climate.

Madam Speaker, it is summertime, and if you enjoy a refreshing slice of watermelon this time of year, chances are you have the great work at this center to thank for it. The Columbia Basin is renowned for its delicious watermelons, and the center's researchers helped increase their production from 30-tons per acre under center-pivot irrigation to 70-tons per acre with drip irrigation and weed control. In the process, they made more efficient use of the water and decreased the amount of herbicide needed during production of the watermelon crop.

The center's researchers are in the middle of the battle against crop disease. Tuber worm has emerged as a threat to root crops in recent years. Late blight, the same fungus that caused the great potato famine, has resurfaced. Researchers are on the cutting edge of identifying new methods to fight diseases that cost producers thousands of dollars each year to control.

And if all that work were not enough, researchers at the center are helping improve the quality of the country's food supply. This is one of the only centers of its kind in America with a molecular biologist working to increase the nutritional quality of our food.

The center's research is so valuable to the region that the many producers who benefit from its research return their thanks generously, donating over \$1 million to the center in the past two decades. Growers also funded the building of two large insect houses at \$40,000 each that facilitate research on which pests carry crop damaging diseases.

Today's challenges require innovative thinking and solutions. New crop varieties devel-

oped at the center help overcome the present challenges facing old crops. Many of the solutions that producers and individuals in the region see as major milestones are all in a day's work for the researchers of the center. As described by the station superintendent, Philip Hamm, "Our staff are just doing their job, and looking for the next challenge."

Madam Speaker, this center has played a vital role in helping farmers, ranchers and agricultural communities thrive on the sandy soils that have presented many challenges over the past 100 years. Today, the region served by the center is one of the most important agriculture production areas in the Northwest and produces some of the highest yielding, highest quality crops in the United States.

I congratulate Oregon State University's Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center leadership, its board members, area farmers and ranchers, and the community on reaching this remarkable milestone. I am confident the center's next 100 years will be as successful as 1909–2009 has been.

ON THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOURTH BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an institution in Richmond, the capital of the Commonwealth of Virginia. On Saturday, June 27, 2009, the members of Fourth Baptist Church are celebrating their 150th anniversary, and I would like to take a moment to highlight the rich history of this church and its contribution to our community.

Fourth Baptist Church, the first black Baptist church in the Church Hill community in Richmond, began in 1859 as a regular assembly of slaves for prayer. The group met regularly on Chimborazo Hill until the outbreak of the Civil War, when the white congregation of the Leigh Street Baptist Church granted permission for the slaves to hold their services in the church basement.

In 1865 the Reverend Scott Gwathmey, one of the group's prayer leaders, gained permission for the group to meet in a Union barracks on Chimborazo Hill. There, on December 2, 1865, the Fourth Baptist Church was formally organized, with Reverend Gwathmey serving as the first pastor.

The barracks were eventually demolished, but the congregation salvaged lumber from the debris and constructed their own church building. In 1875 this church was replaced by another one of frame, on the northern side of Church Hill, near what was to be the site of the present church. The present building was completed in 1884, three months after the former church was destroyed by fire.

The church has grown considerably from these humble beginnings. Major expansion was conducted under the direction of current Pastor Emeritus, Dr. Robert L. Taylor. Dr. Taylor served as Pastor of Fourth Baptist for 34 years. He was responsible for instituting many of the programs that still exist at the church, and oversaw the building of the addition to the church building now known as Taylor Hall.

Fourth Baptist has vibrant Men's and Women's programs that enlighten and assist the