

TRIBUTE TO SGT. MIKE HEADRICK

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. WAMP. Madam Speaker, the Volunteer State has done it again! Today, I rise to honor Sgt. Mike Headrick, a Tennessee National Guard soldier from Dunlap, Tennessee, who will be among seven National Guardsmen from across the entire United States competing for the prestigious title of Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) of the Year.

Sgt. Headrick has successfully competed against other highly talented National Guardsmen from our region for the opportunity to contend in the national finals. Competition begins in the hometown unit and becomes more difficult as the participant advances. In Sgt. Headrick's case, each unit in his Armored Cavalry Regiment squadron selected an NCO to compete at the Squadron level. Testing includes marksmanship, first aid, and warrior task training, along with proficiency on Army regulations and history. Squadron winners move up to regimental competition and face more difficult challenges including a physical fitness test, more warrior tasks, weapons qualification and a 10-mile road march. At the statewide competition, obstacles become even tougher with the addition of a land navigation course, another long road march and a mandatory appearance before a panel of Sergeant Majors.

The national competition begins at Fort Benning, Georgia, on July 30, and is packed with a grueling physical fitness test, five-mile run, day and night land navigation course, 12-mile road march with a 30 lb. rucksack, water survival, day and night weapons marksmanship, obstacle course, and hand-to-hand combat with little or no sleep. The competition concludes here in Washington, DC., one week later.

Sgt. Headrick is a member of the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment's Det. 1, Headquarters Troop, 2nd Squadron, in Gallatin, Tennessee, and has proudly served in our National Guard for six years. He volunteered for military service at the age 33, just before the age-limit cutoff, because he wanted future generations to have the ability to live in freedom without the fear of terrorists attacks.

In civilian life, Sgt. Headrick is a Certified Master Auto Technician at Bavarian Auto in my hometown of Chattanooga. He has been married to his wife, Audrey, for 20 years and they have one son, Alex.

Tennessee is very proud of the accomplishments and service of Sgt. Mike Headrick, and I am honored to recognize him today in the U.S. House of Representatives. This friendly competition sharpens the skills of our service men and women and better prepares them for the intensities of combat. We wish all seven soldiers the very best as they prepare to win the coveted title of Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year, but it's no secret that I hope Sgt. Headrick brings it home to the great State of Tennessee!

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on congressional-directed funding, I am submitting the following information regarding funding included in H.R. 2996, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: Department of the Interior—National Park Service—Land Acquisition

Legal Name of Recipient: Cumberland Gap National Historic Park

Address of Recipient: US 25E S, P.O. Box 1848, Middlesboro, KY 40965

Description of Request: Provide directed funding of \$500,000 for Cumberland Gap National Historical Park. P.L. 108-07 gave the National Park Service authority to acquire the historic and pristine Fern Lake and surrounding 4500 acre watershed incorporating this area into Cumberland Gap National Historical Park. Fern Lake will eventually serve as a clean and reliable water source for the city of Middlesboro, Kentucky as well as enhance recreational opportunities at Cumberland Gap. In May 2009, using previously secured federal funds, over 2000 acres of this property were conveyed to Cumberland Gap National Historical Park. To date, 4021 acres of the watershed have been added to the park, and the ultimate goal is to acquire 4500 acres within the sightline of the park's popular Pinnacle Overlook.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: Environmental Protection Agency—Science & Technology

Legal Name of Recipient: Consortium for Plant Biotechnology Research

Address of Recipient: 100 Sylvan Drive, Suite 210, St. Simons Island, GA 31522

Description of Request: Provide directed funding of \$1,000,000 for the Consortium for Plant Biotechnology Research, a non-profit organization whose membership includes 43 leading U.S. research universities and 39 agribusiness companies and trade associations. 92.6% of funding is utilized for researching plant biotechnologies that will improve the competitiveness of U.S. agriculture by developing technologies to lessen the country's dependence on foreign energy supplies. Federal funds are matched 130% on average. The University of Kentucky is a CPBR member.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: Environmental Protection Agency—Environmental Programs and Management—National Programs

Legal Name of Recipient: Rural Communities Assistance Partnership

Address of Recipient: 1522 K Street, NW., Suite 400, Washington DC 20005

Description of Request: Provide directed funding of \$2,500,000 for the Rural Communities Assistance Partnership with the EPA. RCAP service providers work with federal and

state agencies to help small communities address their drinking water and wastewater treatment concerns. While small, rural communities are home to less than 25% of the nation's population, they account for over 85% of the nation's community water systems. Problems with EPA clean water compliance may arise when small communities lack the oversight capacity and technical expertise to deal with the complexities of maintaining a safe and clean supply of water, and communities with fewer than 10,000 residents are more than twice as likely to violate drinking water standards as are larger systems. Each year, the RCAP network delivers services to more than 2,000 rural communities, 90% of which have populations of 2,500 or fewer, while leveraging an average of \$25 in additional funding for every \$1 in federal investment. FY10 funding will be equally divided between technical assistance activities related to drinking water and clean water compliance.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: Environmental Protection Agency—STAG Water & Wastewater Infrastructure
Legal Name of Recipient: Perry County Sanitation District

Address of Recipient: P.O. Box 1615, Hazard, KY 41702

Description of Request: Provide directed funding of \$500,000 to support the Perry County Sanitation District's ongoing efforts to provide sanitary wastewater treatment services for residents in the Chavies area. Funds will support the Sanitation District in developing a 150,000 gallon per day wastewater treatment plant and an enhanced collection system, which will ultimately serve 502 households. The project will initially construct approximately 24,900 feet of gravity sewer, 3,500 feet of force main and two pump stations to serve 109 new customers. The wastewater treatment plant will be constructed to accommodate future expansions as collection lines are extended to serve additional customers. The Perry County Sanitation District received a grant from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the design of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collection System, which covered the cost of a regional facilities plan, environmental assessment and design. An additional \$1.154 million in Environmental Protection Agency funds have also been secured to begin construction.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, June 24, 2009, I could not be present for votes due to a family funeral back in Michigan. I rise today to enter into the RECORD how I would have voted had I been able to vote.

House rollcall vote No. 424. I would have voted no.

House rollcall vote No. 425. I would have voted no.

House rollcall vote No. 426. I would have voted no.

House rollcall vote No. 427. I would have voted no.

House rollcall vote No. 428. I would have voted yes.

House rollcall vote No. 429. I would have voted no.

House rollcall vote No. 430. I would have voted yes.

House rollcall vote No. 431. I would have voted no.

House rollcall vote No. 432. I would have voted no.

House rollcall vote No. 433. I would have voted yes.

House rollcall vote No. 434. I would have voted no.

House rollcall vote No. 435. I would have voted yes.

House rollcall vote No. 436. I would have voted yes.

House rollcall vote No. 437. I would have voted no.

House rollcall vote No. 438. I would have voted yes.

House rollcall vote No. 439. I would have voted yes.

House rollcall vote No. 440. I would have voted no.

House rollcall vote No. 441. I would have voted yes.

House rollcall vote No. 442. I would have voted yes.

House rollcall vote No. 443. I would have voted no.

House rollcall vote No. 444. I would have voted no.

House rollcall vote No. 445. I would have voted no.

House rollcall vote No. 446. I would have voted no.

House rollcall vote No. 447. I would have voted no.

House rollcall vote No. 448. I would have voted no.

House rollcall vote No. 449. I would have voted yes.

House rollcall vote No. 450. I would have voted yes.

House rollcall vote No. 451. I would have voted yes.

House rollcall vote No. 452. I would have voted yes.

REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE CLASSIFIED ANNEX TO H.R. 2701, THE INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, I wish to inform my colleagues that the classified annex to H.R. 2701, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010, will be available for review by members during regular Committee business hours, beginning on Monday, July 6th, 2009.

Members will be required to complete the appropriate security paperwork to view any classified information.

Staff are requested to contact the Committee to schedule a viewing appointment for members.

INTRODUCTION OF THE TRIBAL CHARITIES FAIRNESS ACT OF 2009

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. BECERRA. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the "Tribal Charities Fairness Act of 2009" with Representatives DEVIN NUNES, EARL BLUMENAUER, MICHAEL HONDA, DALE KILDEE, BEN RAY LUJÁN, BETTY MCCOLLUM, and JOHN OLVER. This legislation remedies an inequity in our tax code and will enhance the ability of tribal charities to provide essential services such as nutritional, educational and health care assistance for many in Indian country.

The economic and social needs of the Native American community are immense. Native American households are among the most economically disadvantaged in the United States. Over 25 percent live in poverty, with greater proportions of Native American children and seniors living in poverty compared with the general United States population. Health status is lower for Native Americans, who have a life expectancy that is 4.6 years shorter than all races considered together, and mortality rates from diabetes, tuberculosis, and alcoholism that are many times higher than in the general U.S. population. And although 76 percent of Native Americans have a high school diploma, just 13 percent go on to receive a bachelor's degree.

Tribal charities play an essential role in remedying these untenable circumstances by providing assistance to communities across Indian country. Their work and assistance ensure Native American children, working adults, and seniors have access to the same opportunities available to all Americans.

Unfortunately, the tax code currently treats tribes like corporations rather than like state and local governments when they provide support to charities that serve tribal members. This flawed tax treatment has significant implications, affecting tribal charities' ability to access tax-exempt financing, receive grants from private foundations, and operate in the governmental arena without being subject to additional tax rules and regulations.

The "Tribal Charities Fairness Act of 2009" will correct this inequity in the law by treating tribal governments the same as state and local governments when they provide support to charitable organizations. This simple change in our tax code will have far-reaching, positive effects for tribes and charities across the nation by increasing the availability of resources to address the poor economic and social conditions plaguing many in Indian country.

I encourage my colleagues to support this essential legislation that puts tribal charities on an equal playing field with other government-funded charities and increases their ability to carry out their necessary and important work.

TRIBUTE TO POLICE CHIEF WILLIAM "BILLY" WEBBER

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to pay tribute to William "Billy" Webber, a revered Chief of Police of the Town of Southborough, Massachusetts, who died too early at the age of 53 on November 11, 2008 after a courageous 18 month battle with pancreatic cancer.

Earlier this week, family members, friends and colleagues held a golf tournament in honor of Chief Webber—"dedicated to his memory, to his kind heart and to the courage he has given all of us to rise above the sorrow." All proceeds from the event went to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston to support research efforts to fight the dreaded disease that claimed his life.

The son of proud parents, Harry and Claire Webber, Bill Webber grew up in Milford, Massachusetts and joined the Police Department in nearby Southborough in 1980, beginning an impressive and distinguished 28 year career in law enforcement. He received his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Northeastern University in 1983 and earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Clark University in Worcester in 2003. He was also a graduate of the State Police Academy where he was President of his class. In 2004 he was appointed as Southborough's Chief of Police.

Chief Webber's career with the Town of Southborough was characterized by honor, courage and commitment. His professionalism and integrity made him a great role model for his fellow officers and law enforcement colleagues. Town Planner Vera Kolas said "Chief Billy Webber had all of the qualities that you can only hope for in one person: an accomplished, intelligent and caring professional, and a consummate gentleman who displayed integrity and sensitivity at every turn."

With Chief Webber's death, the citizens of Southborough have suffered a tragic loss. The love and respect felt by his neighbors and members of the community is reflected by the Town's dedication of its 2008 Annual Report to him. In presenting copies of the Annual Report to his family at a recent Board of Selectmen meeting, Chairman Bill Boland expressed thanks to them "for sharing Billy with us; he was truly a remarkable person and a great representative of the Town of Southborough."

Chief Webber's Pastor, Reverend James Flynn of St. Matthew's Church in Southborough observed that he was a man of great compassion and said that "We of St. Matthews were awed with the example that Bill left for us, a man of faith who genuinely loved his neighbor."

Sadly, the record of impressive achievements and honorable service throughout Chief Webber's life came to an early end on November 11, 2008. As noted by Vanessa Hale, Assistant Town Administrator of Southborough, "It was providential that he left us on Veterans Day—a proud, patriotic American who loved his family, God and Country to the end."

On behalf of the residents of the Third Massachusetts District, I extend our deep sympathy to his loving wife Kathy (Carmody) Webber, his children Kathleen and Kevin, his