

Address of Requesting Entity: 350 New Campus Drive, Brockport, NY 14420

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for the Genesee River Watershed project. No systematic studies have attempted to identify the causes of the water quality issues that also affect the near-shore of Lake Ontario. Identification will provide a basis for management practices in order to improve water quality.

Of the total amount, \$283,000 (or 56.6%) is for salaries for project administrator and field agents; \$113,200 (22.64%) is for fringe benefits; \$86,500 (17.3%) is for supplies, travel, and equipment; and \$17,300 (3.46%) is for indirect costs.

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EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. KAY GRANGER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I, KAY GRANGER, submit the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2010. For the project titled "Assistance to Improve Water Quality for Tarrant County, Texas," which received \$336,000 in H.R. 2997, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations account, the legal name and address of the receiving entity is Texas AgriLife Extension Service, 113 Jack K. Williams Building 2142 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-2142. This funding supports specialized studies to improve water quality in North Central Texas. The project aims to create a watershed protection plan and improve the water quality in the five reservoirs that supply water for the majority of Fort Worth and fifty-nine surrounding communities. By implementing a watershed protection plan, water quality can be improved in North Central Texas, thereby protecting supply and quality for over 1.6 million residents in the area. Tarrant Regional Water District, Texas Water Resources Institute, and the Texas AgriLife Extension Service support this project through in-kind support including employee salaries and data and sample analysis.

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AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY AND SECURITY ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

**HON. PAUL TONKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2009*

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, today I come to the floor to urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2454, the American Clean Energy Security Act.

As you know, I represent a state that has been a leader in the nation when it comes to renewable energy standards and energy efficiency activity. New York was the first state in the country to adopt a state renewable energy standard and is currently ranked as one of the

most energy efficient states per capita in the nation.

I am proud to say H.R. 2454 will allow New York to continue these successful programs and push us even further in a positive direction. Working with, and on behalf of, the New York delegation, I was able to work with Chairman WAXMAN and Chairman MARKEY to include language which allows states like New York to have the flexibility to be in control of their own compliance. This flexibility is vital if New York is to continue its great progress in renewable energy and energy efficiency activities. This bill allows New York State to build upon a strong record of demand reduction. Otherwise, a commitment of several years would be required to set up a new system in our state with its proven results.

In addition to the flexibility language, the bill includes provisions allowing market transformation initiatives to count towards the energy efficiency standard. It also addresses the issue of transportation emissions and transportation planning and makes it consistent with current state policy. Finally, the bill includes an improvement that I recommended concerning efficiency of natural gas turbines. H.R. 2454 creates a \$65 million competitive grant program specifically for research and development of more efficient natural gas turbines used for power production. The goal of the program would be to raise the efficiency of these turbines to 65 percent. Currently, the most efficient turbines operate at 60 percent. A one percentage point improvement in efficiency alone, applied to existing turbines, would reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 4.4 million tons per year and provide fuel savings of more than \$1 billion per year.

The innovation and the technology advancement that this bill aims to promote will see benefits for future generations. As we did during the Space Race so many years ago, we must turn towards innovation and leadership on the energy front to lead the world again. This is a global race for clean, green energy that we cannot afford to lose.

Madam. Speaker, with the collective energy of the President and the Congress, this bill will create new and enduring policies which will promote cleaner, more efficient, and more independent sources of energy that will positively influence all of America's energy demands as well as jobs and career paths of the future. I urge my colleagues to join me and vote in favor of HR. 2454. I yield back the balance of my time.

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IMMIGRATION RIGHTS—ATTORNEY ACCESS RESTORED

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to enter into the record an article published in the New York Carib News newspaper on June 23, 2009, titled "Eric Holder Restores Key Immigration Right, Access to Attorney", written by Tony Best. The article applauds Attorney General Eric Holder's swift action in reversing the past Administration's move to deprive individuals facing deportation with the right to an attorney.

As this Administration moves towards immigration reform, it is important that we articulate

that we are a nation that was founded on immutable rights, and these rights should not be limited to those who have the great benefit of US citizenship. Everyone who stands before a judge in our country is afforded the right to an attorney and why should an immigrant be excluded from such due process?

It is understood that immigrants are not granted all the same protections that citizenship guarantees, but the integrity of the immigration proceedings are compromised when an individual does not have the ability to assert themselves through the benefit of counsel. Cultural and language barriers already place many immigrants at a disadvantage when standing before a judge and it is important that we offer these individuals the benefit of legal counsel to represent and assert their rights.

I am pleased to hear that the Attorney General will be drafting a new order on this policy to recognize the need to give immigrants the capacity to be fairly judged.

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HONORING DR. JAMES D. LOMBARDO

**HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. James D. Lombardo, Superintendent of Schools of the Bensalem Township School District.

Dr. Lombardo will be stepping down from his position this summer after two and a half years of dynamic leadership in the district. Prior to this position he was superintendent for the Upper St. Clair School District in Pennsylvania as well as school districts in the state of Vermont. Dr. Lombardo's experience in the public education system also includes positions as a curriculum and staff development director, principal, associate principal, and English teacher.

As an educator, Dr. Lombardo's philosophy centers on the concept of providing learning for the "whole" child, challenging and supporting each student to discover a passion for learning while designing and achieving a personal vision of success. He has guided members of his school district in setting goals and beliefs to achieve this vision of education.

During his time as superintendent, Dr. Lombardo has encouraged staff and parents alike to ensure that no child is "invisible" and that each student is safe, healthy, and engaged. Specifically students in grades 3, 7, and 8 now have an opportunity to learn a second language, students with special needs are spending more of their time in the regular classroom setting, more than 100 kindergarten students now benefit from a full time program, and smaller class sizes in grades K-2 promise improved learning for hundreds of Bensalem children.

Dr. Lombardo has contributed enormously to the education and well-being of children in his community. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Dr. Lombardo for his outstanding efforts, and am extremely honored to serve as his Congressman.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. KAY GRANGER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I, KAY GRANGER, submit the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3081, the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2010 for the language pertaining to "Sister Cities International Cultural and Economic Development Exchange Programs." Any funding granted by the Department of State Educational and Cultural Exchange Programs account would go to Sister Cities International, 1301 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 850, Washington, DC 2004. It is my understanding that the funding would be used to support Sister Cities International's ongoing initiatives to increase the numbers of international citizen exchange opportunities through its network with Africa and Islamic communities. Once funded, there is a one-to-one match of local private dollars to re-granted federal dollars. The City of Fort Worth, TX, is an active partner in Sister Cities International, leading in U.S. public diplomacy efforts.

## BLACK MUSIC MONTH

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 476, celebrating the 30th anniversary of June as "Black Music Month". I would like to thank my colleague Representative STEVE COHEN from Tennessee for introducing this important piece of legislation, as well as the co-sponsors.

I stand in support of this resolution because it is continuing to recognize the importance that black music has played in American culture. Many American made genres of music such as jazz, blues, gospel, rock and roll, and the rhythm and blues owe their existence to the contribution of black musicians in the past. Georgians such as Tenor Richard Hayes, born in 1887 to former slaves, was one of the most important African-American tenors performing in classical music during the first part of the 20th century. Hayes was one of the highest paid musicians of his time breaking down color barriers for other black classical performers such as Paul Robeson, Leontyne Price, William Dawson, William Grant Still, and even Duke Ellington. As well as other native Georgia artists like Ray Charles, one of the main creators of "soul music", who is well known for his unique version of "America the Beautiful". Charles' rendition of "Georgia on My Mind" was proclaimed the state song on April 24, 1979.

This resolution aims to continue to stress the importance of recognizing June as Black Music Month as it was formally declared in 1979. Celebrating the phenomenal work of black composers, musicians, producers, writers, and singers during one month of the year is the least that we can do to pay tribute to

contributions that they have made in shaping the musical art forms that we enjoy today. Celebrating and observing the 30th anniversary of June as "Black Music Month" is something that I encourage all Americans to do. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

## TRIBUTE TO ANTOINETTE TRIFARI

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the life of an outstanding individual, Antoinette Trifari. She will mark her 100th birthday with a celebration, joined by family and friends, some of whom are traveling great distances to be part of this happy occasion.

It is only fitting that she be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, for she has brought so much joy to the lives of others throughout her lifetime.

Antoinette is a native of the great City of Paterson, NJ. She was born there on July 9, 1909 to Angelina and John Pescatore, and was the fifth of fourteen children. She attended Paterson schools, going first to School 19, then graduating from School 5. Then at age fourteen, she began working, sewing pearls and sequins onto fabric that was used for opera gowns. Antoinette soon went on to work for more than ten years in Paterson's world famous silk and textile mills.

Antoinette was married on June 9, 1935 to Edmund Trifari, also of Paterson, who had attended New Jersey Law School. The wedding was held at St. Anthony's R.C. Church and was officiated by the groom's brother, Reverend Aloysius Trifari, a Salesian priest. Two years later, the Trifaros welcomed twins, Edmund, Jr. and Nancy Angela. The young family soon moved to a new development of Cape Cod homes on the outskirts of Paterson, known as Colonial Village. Antoinette and Edmund lived there together until Edmund passed away on January 2, 2003, after sixty-seven and a half years of marriage. She remained in their home until 2005 when she moved to Connecticut to live with Edmund, Jr. and his wife Claire Elwood. Her daughter Nancy lives in England with her husband George Dowden.

Over the years, Antoinette has been blessed not only with her children, but with seven grandchildren; Conrad, MaryBeth and Michael Roncati, and TerriAnn, Edmund III, John and Brian Trifari. Now, she also has thirteen great-grandchildren; Conrad Maxwell, Dean, Mia, Dylan, Carissa Roncati and Jessica Bates, Abigail, James, Ryan and Michael Sands, Joshua, Nicholas and Tyler Trifari. She is also the loving aunt of countless nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews.

She is well known throughout the Paterson area for a business that she began. She made poodles out of commercial yarn; they were so creative and lifelike that the yarn company featured a story about her in their corporate magazine. She also continues crocheting, a lifelong hobby she still enjoys. Antoinette also has a passion for helping people and volunteering. She was a member of St. Mary's R.C.

Church in Paterson her entire life until she moved, and is a now a parishioner of Saint Peter Claver R.C. Church in West Hartford. Even into her nineties she was a volunteer at St. Joseph's Home for the Aged in Totowa, NJ. She made many lasting friendships and touched many lives through her involvement with the Little Sisters of the Poor. When she moved in 2006 to Middlewoods Assisted Living Home in Farmington, Connecticut, she immediately became an active participant in many of their programs. She is the assistant to the pianist in the Choral Group, attends Sunday outings visiting historic and cultural points of interest around Connecticut, and is a tutoring mentor for young children. She enjoys playing Scrabble with friends and playing solitaire on the computer, and most of all, sharing her joy of life and her love with all those she encounters.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to celebrating and recognizing individuals like Antoinette Trifari.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Antoinette's family and friends, everyone at St. Joseph's Home in Totowa, New Jersey, all those who have been touched by her, and me in recognizing Antoinette Trifari.

## UPPER ELK RIVER WILD AND SCENIC STUDY ACT

**HON. NICK J. RAHALL II**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, at the request of the Pocahontas County Commission of the great State of West Virginia, today I am introducing legislation to provide for a study to determine the feasibility and suitability of including a segment of the Elk River as a component of the Wild and Scenic River System.

The Elk River is one of West Virginia's premier natural resource assets. It is the longest river in West Virginia with its boundaries entirely within the State. The study which would be authorized by this legislation, however, would focus only on that segment of the Elk where it begins at the confluence of two streams—Old Field Fork and Big Spring Fork—at the community of Slatyfork and flows North for approximately five miles to the Pocahontas/Randolph County line. The study would be conducted by the U.S. Forest Service.

The idea of preserving this river in its natural state is not something new. Indeed, I well recall conversations with one of West Virginia's visionary conservationists, former State Senator Robert K. Holliday, on this matter during the late 1980s and early 1990s. In 1989, the Senate of West Virginia passed a resolution calling for the development of the Elk River into a national recreation area by Federal and State governments. And in 1993, I did propose a Wild and Scenic study for a 57.5 mile segment of the river. For one reason or another, the enthusiasm over this endeavor dissipated.

The February 4, 2009, unanimous vote by the Pocahontas County Commission consisting of President Martin V. Saffer, David M. Fleming and Reta J. Griffith to request that a study be conducted on a much smaller segment of the Elk River resurrects this issue and makes it ripe for consideration.