

for salaries and approximately 25 percent for travel, communications, and program development.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PETER  
CROSS, USA

**HON. KAY GRANGER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the courage of a brave and dedicated hero of the state of Texas and of our nation.

Private First Class Peter Cross was a soldier in the United States Army and is a true American hero. Peter gave his life in the service of his country on June 26, 2009, due to injuries he sustained from his vehicle overturning on a mountainous road in Afghanistan.

Assigned to 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York, Private First Class Cross made the ultimate sacrifice for his country in a time of war, an action that speaks volumes far greater than words about his character and patriotism.

A native of Saginaw, Texas, Peter had aspirations of missionary work following his service in the Army. These ambitions, along with his efforts to avoid children herding sheep near Combat Outpost Carwile, Afghanistan, which ultimately resulted in the overturning of his vehicle, led his father Mike Cross to point out, "His last act in life shows what kind of man he was—selflessly thinking of others."

Peter had been on active duty in the United States Army for less than one year. He joined the Army in August of 2008 and was deployed to Afghanistan in February of 2009. Peter quickly developed a sincere passion for the people of Afghanistan that he was there to help. His father specifically noted, "He really had a heart for the Afghani people. He used to hand out candy, and pens and papers, and anything else he could spare for the kids when they came around the guys. He was a fun guy. A godly guy."

Our thoughts and prayers are with Private First Class Cross' parents, siblings, grandparents, and all of his family and friends. His community and nation honor his memory, and we are grateful for his faithful and distinguished service to America.

Private First Class Cross will not be forgotten. His memory lives on through his family and the legacy of selfless service that he so bravely imprinted on our hearts.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR GENERAL  
JEFFERY W. HAMMOND

**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Major General Jeffery W. Hammond, Commanding General, 4ID along with the 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas for their honorable commitment to Fort Hood, Texas and the United States of America.

The 4th Infantry Division will be leaving Fort Hood and relocating to Ft. Carson, CO this month.

The citizens of TX-31 have supported the 4th Infantry Division through the Adopt-A-Unit Program as they deployed and completed tours in Iraq over the last year. Through this support relationships have been built with the men and women of the 4th ID and their families. The people of TX-31 will miss the remarkable family they have made.

It has been a true honor to have MG Hammond and the men and women of the 4th Infantry Division reside in Texas District 31.

I am pleased to recognize Major General Hammond and the 4th Infantry Division for their time spent at Fort Hood, Texas.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. NATHAN DEAL**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. DEAL of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman NATHAN DEAL

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The City of Gainesville, Georgia

Address of Requesting Entity: Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District, 40 Courtland Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30303

Description of Request: Pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the Congressional Record regarding earmarks I received as part of [Bill 2996, the "Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for 2010."] Any federal funding received would be used to help local governments meet water resource plan requirements and be used for various stages of design and construction for several water projects including watershed management, wastewater treatment and water conservation. District serves broad public purpose protecting water supplies and water quality. Rivers and streams don't follow political boundaries, (12 of 16 District counties lie within more than one watershed) regional solutions to problems are only way to achieve lasting results. District's projects are multi-jurisdictional in nature and beyond abilities of individual local governments. Consequently, federal assistance will allow members to work towards these critical regional solutions. District's plans outline variety of water related activities required by various state and federal requirements. Successful implementation of District's plans has national significance through protection of water resources of roughly half the Georgia population.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as

part of the FY 2010 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman LAMAR SMITH

Bill Number: FY2010 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act

Account: GSA—Federal Buildings Fund

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: General Services Administration, Washington, DC

Address of Requesting Entity: 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405

Description of Request: I have secured \$4,000,000 for the San Antonio United States Courthouse, Texas. It is my understanding that the requested funds are additional design funding for a new federal courthouse in San Antonio, Texas. Design funds were originally appropriated in FY 2004, but GSA had difficulty identifying a site. They have now identified a site and intend to swap the land the courthouse is currently on, as well as an adjacent government-owned site, for a city-owned site on which to build the courthouse. GSA will require, however, additional design funding now to hire an architect to design the proposed facility. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

COMMEMORATING THE COURAGE  
AND SERVICE OF THE WORLD  
WAR II VETERANS OF IBEW  
LOCAL 601

**HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Veterans of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 601 in Champaign, Illinois. On July 11, IBEW Local 601 will be sponsoring a World War II Heritage Day which will honor 48 of their members who fought for our freedom in World War II.

The citizens of the United States of America find great inspiration in the men and women of our armed forces. We hold our revered veterans with the highest respect and admiration, remembering those who stepped forth with tremendous courage to make the ultimate sacrifice in World War II. On July 11, 2009 we join to celebrate a particularly inspiring group of this nation's citizens, the World War II Veterans of IBEW Local 601 who served with remarkable dedication to protect our cherished ideals of freedom and democracy.

Throughout the history of our great nation, brave and patriotic individuals answered the most honorable call to serve this country. Out of the bloodshed and carnage of World War II rose shining examples of selfless courage, heroism and glorious deeds performed under the direst of circumstances and against a background of unprecedented loss of lives.

From the moment of the first attack upon Pearl Harbor to the declarations of victory in Europe and Japan, this assault waged upon the entire world took an enormous toll in terms of human casualties. They went off willingly to the battlefields, seas and skies of Europe and the South Pacific to risk their lives.

I have the utmost respect for the soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines of our armed forces who bravely served this nation during

World War II and welcome the opportunity to acknowledge and thank the members of IBEW Local 601 for their valiant efforts in defending freedom and democracy, and in building a more peaceful world.

To commemorate the noble service and sacrifices of IBEW Local 601 World War II Veterans, I would like to read each of their names into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

IBEW Local 601 World War II Veterans who served in the U.S. Navy:

Andrew Messmer  
Arlo Deremial  
Earl "Pete" Schweighart  
Evan B. Renn  
Fred L. Cline  
Robert F. McNattin  
Glen Wilsky  
Howard McIntosh  
Hugh Bothwell  
Frederick C. Treseler  
Morgan C. Craft  
Richard G. Hensler  
Merle R. "Bud" Mingee  
Robert Carley  
Ralph L. Allison  
Ross Brown  
Cecil E. Reynolds  
Al Schaebe  
Richard McNattin  
Miles P. "Olie" Bland  
Orville L. Bell  
John P. Bothwell  
Lafayette C. Craft  
Russell Reynolds  
IBEW Local 601 World War II Veterans who

served in the U.S. Army:

Brice "Speedy" Hartyman  
Clarence Berger  
Dale Terven  
David R. Goodwin  
Floyd H. Ellis  
George Panbacker  
Robert Faullin  
George Bland  
Howard Barham  
Russell E. Wicks  
Glen "Red" Eastman  
Nyles R. "Shorty" Hardyman  
Wally Lamb  
Harold E. McHenry  
Paul Rubenacker  
IBEW Local 601 World War II Veterans who

served in the U.S. Army Air Force:

E. L. "Al" Ruthstrom  
Lynn Norris  
Donald E. Wonders  
Harold Schweighart  
Wayne Billhmer  
Leo J. Francis  
John J. Minneci  
IBEW Local 601 World War II Veterans who served in the U.S. Marines:  
Harold Clements  
Richard Henry Hillier, Jr.

May their noble service and sacrifices be remembered forever. I know the House of Representatives will join me in honoring the Veterans of IBEW Local 601 for their World War II Heritage Day on July 11, 2009.

WILLIAM CHURCHHILL "DOBBER"  
DOYLE

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, there is perhaps no greater sacrifice an American can

make than serving their Country during a time of war, and one of my constituents—William Churchill "Dobber" Doyle—has quite a story to tell.

At 90-years-old, Billy—as he is known to many—loves to share his tale with anyone who will listen. Like many from the "Greatest Generation," his time during World War II reads like a Hollywood script, but to the humble man who lived it, the sacrifice was his duty.

Billy was assigned to a supply unit and stationed at Camp Forrest in Tullahoma, Tennessee in December 1941. On December 6, he was told to get ready to be deployed, and he boarded a troop train to the west coast on the eve of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

His first step on foreign soil was on his birthday on November 19, 1942, in North Africa. He would eventually pass through sites like Casablanca and Cairo and make his way to Europe, crossing through Italy, Germany, and France. As Billy told the Knoxville News Sentinel in Knoxville, Tennessee, "Every time the front moved, we had to move."

As part of a supply unit, Billy was one step behind General Patton throughout the war, tasked with keeping him supplied and always at risk of attack. He was part of one of the bloodiest campaigns of the war to establish a beachhead in Italy. 3,000 troops died in the effort, and his 30-member unit lost two in the battle.

Billy demonstrated his true character after breaking his nose in the field. He refused to seek treatment because that would mean having to leave his men.

His favorite moment of the war was when a group of French citizens called him a liberator. He learned of the end of the war in Lyon, France while listening to the radio. As he told the Knoxville News Sentinel, "The town went crazy, especially the girls."

Throughout his life in Tennessee after the war, Billy has selflessly given his time back to the community. He is known as the "Bread Man" around his hometown of Vestal, and donates his time to the Vestal United Methodist Church Food Pantry and Center of Hope Ministry. He is loved and respected by everyone who is fortunate enough to know him.

Madam Speaker, I have known many members of the Doyle family, and they are one of the most respected and prominent families in South Knoxville. I gladly bring this story of William Churchill "Dobber" Doyle to the attention of my Colleagues and other readers of the RECORD, and I hope this tale of the "Greatest Generation" inspires the next.

TRIBUTE TO PRIVATE AMOS  
MCKINNEY

**HON. PARKER GRIFFITH**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Private Amos McKinney. Private McKinney was a Black Soldier who served the United States Army in a White Regiment during the Civil War.

Amos McKinney started his service to our country at Rome, Georgia on December 15, 1863 as an Undercook in Company C of the

1st Alabama Calvary. Enlisting as a cook was the avenue to combat for many African American soldiers during the Civil War, and Private McKinney was no different. During his service, he was shot below the knee and also suffered several wounds to his chest before being mustered out of service on October 20, 1865 in Huntsville, Alabama.

Unfortunately, history has forgotten many Black Soldiers who served the Union White Regiments during the Civil War. Driven by a firm belief in the Union's purpose, Private McKinney and others were willing to work their way up the ranks so they could fight for the cause. Their perseverance and courage should not be lost. In recognition of Private McKinney's service, there will be a dedication ceremony on July 11, 2009 for a memorial established in his honor.

Amos McKinney married Melissa Ann McAfee Pearson after the war, and together they had 9 children. Private McKinney's courage is surely an inspiration to the family he left behind, and his bravery is a testament to the power of an unyielding American spirit and personal resolve.

Madam Speaker, I stand to recognize an American soldier and to extend my gratitude for the service of Private Amos McKinney and those who served beside him. I commend the McKinney family and the historians of my district whose efforts made this recognition possible.

HONORING THE CONGREGATION OF  
NOTRE DAME IN NEW HYDE  
PARK, NEW YORK

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of the congregation of Notre Dame in New Hyde Park, New York to commemorate its remarkable contributions to the community. Celebrating its 50th anniversary, the Church of Notre Dame has been an influential and beneficial entity in New Hyde Park and beyond. Through a wide-range of programs, Notre Dame and its congregation have served their community with persistence and openness. For this, the Church and its congregation, both past and present, are deserving of recognition.

The Church of Notre Dame and its affiliated school do much for the community. Over the past half century, thousands of students have acquired the skills and focus to live meaningful and productive lives while attending Notre Dame. These students, drawing on their education at Notre Dame School, often give back to their community as a part of Notre Dame's congregation and beyond. In addition, the Church itself runs many programs that aid the local community. Reaching out to others in New Hyde Park and providing for both its congregation and those in need, the Church has and continues to provide important services and opportunities for the community and has remained a place of both worship and hospitality. Activities such as food drives, educational seminars, and support groups, are just a few examples of programs sponsored by the Church for the benefit of its congregation and community. As Notre Dame celebrates its 50th