

CONGRATULATING ALEC KOHLI  
FOR EARNING THE CONGRES-  
SIONAL AWARD GOLD MEDAL

**HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Alec Kohli, a resident of Scottsdale, Arizona, and a constituent of my district. Alec has earned The Congressional Award Gold Medal, the United States Congress' award for young Americans. The Congressional Award recognizes outstanding young people from all over the nation, and Alec has gone above and beyond by committing a tremendous amount of time and effort to attain the Award's highest ranking possible—the Gold Medal.

In order to be considered for the Congressional Award, individuals must achieve goals set in four exclusive program areas: Voluntary Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition or Exploration. Alec has excelled in all areas, first completing over 400 hours of Voluntary Public Service by participating as an Environmental Proctor at Exeter Academy, as a youth mentor to underprivileged youth, and as an Eagle Scout. For Personal Development, Alec attended a five-week summer program at Stanford University, where he worked on improving his math and analytical abilities as well as his leadership and time management skills. In the Physical Fitness category, Alec focused on sports and fitness activities, and measured his progress over a three-year training period by his ability to run one mile in six minutes and forty-five seconds. Finally, for his Expedition, Alec attended Camp Philmont in the mountains of New Mexico.

Alec is an exceptional young man, and sets a great example for Arizona's youth. I would like to express my appreciation for his contributions to the community, and I hope you will join me, Madam Speaker, in congratulating Alec on his phenomenal accomplishments.

RETIREMENT OF MR. GEORGE  
DALLEY

**HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Ms. FUDGE. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Mr. George Dalley on his exemplary service to the United State House of Representatives. Mr. Dalley is retiring this year after thirty years of service to Chairman RANGEL. Throughout his tenure in Congress, Mr. Dalley provided a wealth of information to CBC members and was a strong advocate for a more responsive approach to Africa, the Caribbean, and Central America.

Having an informed, passionate and committed staff makes a significant difference for a Member of Congress. Mr. Dalley has been such a staffer for Chairman RANGEL. As a journalist once wrote, "Dalley is the guy in Rangel's office who sees every piece of paper the boss sees. He's the one Rangel seeks out when he needs an answer." The trust and collegiality between these two men is indeed a rare and valuable commodity.

Even in his well-deserved retirement, I am sure he will maintain a busy schedule advocating for the causes in which he so passionately believes. As Mr. Dalley continues to raise his voice in support of human rights around the world, I wish him the best in his retirement from the House of Representatives.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. 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. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

I requested two projects in H.R. 2997.

\$300,000 for the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences Shellfish Aquaculture Development Program and the Cedar Key Aquaculture Association located at P.O. Box 89, Cedar Key, FL 32625. These funds will be used to conduct multi-disciplinary research into struggling aquaculture programs.

\$1,033,000 for the study of Subtropical Beef Germplasm by the SubTropical Agricultural Research Station located at 22271 Chinsegut Hill Road, Brooksville, FL 34601. The 3800 acre USDA research facility conducts multi-disciplinary research aimed at boosting efficiency, safety and environmental responsibility for the cattle industry of Florida and the southeast.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.  
Bill Number: H.R. 2892, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: FEMA, State and Local Programs  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Dorchester County

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 Johnston Street, St. George, SC 29477

Description of Project: Construct and equip a new emergency operations center to enhance response by first responders and survivability of critical equipment in a county that contains significant critical infrastructure, including I-26, and is in close proximity to Charleston's military bases and ports.

Requesting Member: HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.  
Bill Number: H.R. 2996, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: National Park Service, Save America's Treasures

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Dorchester County

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 Johnston Street, St. George, SC 29477

Description of Project: Repairing standing wooden tents at this historic meeting compound that were damaged as a result of arson, and facilities upgrades allowable under program rules; Cypress Historic Meeting Compound, which was founded in 1794, is on the National Register of Historic Places and has been recognized as one of the last "Great Awakening" religious compounds. National Register Number: 78002504.

Requesting Member: HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.  
Bill Number: H.R. 2997, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture, SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Clemson University

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 Sikes Hall, Clemson, SC 29634

Description of Project: Funds will be used to support the continued development of fruit tree genomics at Clemson University that currently underpins the future of competitive specialty crop agriculture in South Carolina and the U.S. This work identifies, characterizes and manipulates the genes and gene actions that control: the normal growth and development of fruiting trees, natural resistance genes to both abiotic and biotic stresses, genes that influence the progression of disease in the trees (e.g. peach tree short life), and genes controlling quality and yield of fruits. This research provides the pipeline for future fruit tree improvement and sustainability. Clemson is at the heart of fruit tree genomics research in the U.S. Project has been funded in past appropriations acts.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. ANDER CRENSHAW**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit documentation consistent with the Republican Earmark Standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Services (CSREES)

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: University of Florida—Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF–IFAS)

Address of Receiving Entity: 700 Experiment Station Rd., Lake Alfred, FL 33850

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,217,000 in funding in H.R. 2997 in the Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Services Account for University of Florida—Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences.

The purpose of this funding is support the continuing citrus canker and greening research by UF–IFAS to improve technologies for treatment and detection, methods of movement and containment, and means to control and eliminate these devastating citrus diseases.

Federal funding, in addition to state and grower contributions will help improve technologies for treatment and detection, methods

of movement and containment, and means to control and eliminate devastating citrus diseases and disease vector.. This project is eligible to receive a federal grant under the Department of Agriculture, Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Services (CSREES) Account.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to state for the record that I was on an official leave of absence from the U.S. House of Representatives on the account of illness and unable to vote on rollcall vote No. 328 to H.R. 2410 taken on June 10, 2009. Had I been present for this vote, I would have voted nay.

As an ardent supporter of the unborn, I am strongly opposed to this legislation, which among many issues created an Office of Global Women's Issues that could advocate for abortions around the world. I believe that life begins at conception and could not support this legislation without safeguards that ensure that abortion is not promoted.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. DENT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding a project that is listed in H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010:

Bill Number: H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010

Account: National Institute for Food and Agriculture, SRG

Title: Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resources

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pennsylvania State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802

Description of Request: Funding for this project will support a collaborative research and education program between the Pennsylvania State University and the Rodale Institute that will help diverse farm operations better adopt sustainable farming practices. The project will increase field research and demonstration to enhance the exposure of farm advisors and farmers to sustainable cropping system practices. Practices to be further investigated and field-demonstrated include: crop species and cultivars for inclusion in crop rotations that improve the performance of sustainable and organic cropping systems, especially for the Northeast; fine-tuning of management guidelines for mechanical control of cover crops and weeds in conservation and no-tillage systems to reduce or eliminate herbicides; factors that better promote conserva-

tion of biological control organisms and beneficial soil microorganisms for weed seed predation and management of other pests; and practices that increase soil organic matter.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. COLE. 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. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Provision: Title I

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—Extension

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "Oklahoma State University"

Address of Requesting Entity: 107 Whitehurst Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$209,000 to fund the Pilot Technology transfer services and engineering assistance to small, rural manufacturers with the goal of improving their profitability and enhancing the economy in rural communities. More specifically, 25 percent of these funds be used for Oklahoma State University's Corporate Extension office to fund the salary and benefits for one Applications Engineer, 25 percent of the funds would fund the Rural Enterprises Institute, and 50 percent of the funds would fund a companion program at Mississippi State University.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Provision: Title I

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—Special Research Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "Oklahoma State University"

Address of Requesting Entity: 107 Whitehurst Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$223,000 for the expanded Wheat Pasture project to develop science and technologies, uniquely adapted wheat varieties, decision-support economic models, and extension education programs to increase profitability of the many dual-purpose wheat enterprises (i.e. wheat grain and stocker cattle) in Oklahoma and the southern Great Plains and strengthen the economies of rural communities. More specifically, 60 percent will be used for staff salaries to conduct the program; 33 percent will be for the annual land lease where field trials are conducted; and 7 percent will be used for field supplies, vehicles and maintenance and other miscellaneous expenses.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Provision: Title I

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—Special Research Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "City of Norman, Oklahoma"

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "Oklahoma State University"

Address of Requesting Entity: 107 Whitehurst Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$177,000 for the Integrated Production Systems for Alternative Crops to develop and refine crop management techniques that enable environmentally sound and economically feasible production of alternative crops that will best utilize natural resources as they produce organically grown vegetable crops and crops for the bio-fuel industry. The research and educational program includes organic production practices, pest management strategies and weed control using organically approved practices and chemical agents. The work is conducted at the Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Lane, Oklahoma. All the funding will be used for the technician, researcher and student salaries needed to carry out the program.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. DEAN HELLER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. HELLER. 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. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Natural Resources Conservation Service—Conservation Operations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Carson City, Nevada

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 N. Carson Street, Suite 2, Carson City, NV 89701

Description of Request: \$375,000. Carson City suffered a devastating wildfire in July 2004. Over 8,700 acres reaching across the entire west side of Carson City were burned. This devastation removed all vegetation, and destroyed a large stand of timber. The eastern flank of the Sierras remains burned and barren. These mountains are extremely steep, and severe erosion continues to occur. Carson City therefore faces threats from flooding and potential debris flows, as well as severe damage to surface water supplies. This federal funding will help to continue critical reforestation work, which is necessary to control erosion, prevent flooding, and restore the areas destroyed by the fire.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding received in my district as part of H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.