

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PETER HOEKSTRA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding that will benefit the Second Congressional District of Michigan as part of H.R. 2997.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETE HOEKSTRA

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: United States Department of Agriculture/Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Services (USDA/CSREES) Special Research Grants Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 484 Administration Building, East Lansing, MI 48824

Description of Request: Provide funding of \$346,000 for fire blight research to be shared by Michigan State University in East Lansing Michigan and Cornell University in New York. Approximately \$184,000 is for the salaries of laboratory and \$162,000 for field research personnel and for materials and supplies at Michigan State University. The remaining funds will be allocated to Cornell University in New York. Researchers at both universities will collaborate on findings. Michigan State University has obtained funding from the State of Michigan. Michigan Apple Committee and industry sources and will continue to fund the fire blight research at MSU at a level of \$112,0000 in FY10.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETE HOEKSTRA

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: USDA/Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Services Special Research Grants Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 109 Agriculture Hall, East Lansing, Michigan 48824

Description of Request: Provide \$346,000 in funding for Phytophthora research at Michigan State University. Approximately 85 percent of the funding will go to researchers, technicians and students. Approximately 15 percent will be used for materials, supplies and administration. Michigan State University has received outside sources of funding for Phytophthora research as well. This funding is consistent with the authorized purpose of the Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. ADERHOLT. 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. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Bill:

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

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

Account: CREES

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Auburn University

Address of Requesting Entity: Auburn University, 102 Samford Hall, Auburn, AL 36849

Description of Request: "Precision Agriculture, AL, \$419,000"

The funding would be used for the development and implementation of new geospatial tools to allow site-specific management of forestry and agriculture land along with alternative crops for bioenergy production.

Taxpayer Justification: The project has allowed the investigation of new technology and management practices to increase the efficiency of production. Results have led to establishing the best approach to implement precision agriculture/forestry technology and strategy while improving environmental stewardship. Differences in soil conditions, for example, can allow a reduced, and targeted, amount of fertilizer to be used. The requested level of funding is \$650,000 budgeted in the following manner: \$435,000 for personnel; \$65,000 for equipment; \$75,000 for supplies; \$75,000 for travel.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican 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 of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (MI-08)

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: Environmental Protection Agency, STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The City of Lansing

Address of Requesting Entity: Lansing Board of Water & Light located at 1232 Haco Drive, Lansing, Michigan, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for a more energy efficient drinking water system in Lansing, Michigan. The purpose of this funding would be to construct a more energy efficient drinking water system. This project would reduce energy use and costs through the deployment of energy efficient technologies on the drinking water sys-

tem. Since the drinking water system is one of the largest electric users in Lansing, these changes are expected to cut energy use for water pumping by 20% and as a result, bring down utility costs. 20% of the federal funding will be used for project engineering, 40% for equipment purchases, and the remaining funds will be used for the installation of energy efficiency technology and improvements in the drinking water system.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (MI-08)

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: United States Environmental Protection Agency's Science and Technology Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University

Address of Requesting Entity: Consortium for Plant Biotechnology Research, Inc., Georgia at P.O. Box 20634, St. Simons Island, Georgia, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,000,000 for clean energy research for the Consortium for Plant Biotechnology Research. This funding would be used for research at Michigan State University and commercialization for clean energy, national energy security, and a cleaner environment. The purpose of this project is to fund research and technology transfers that have applications to energy security and the reduction of greenhouse gases through developing technologies in renewable energy, biofuels, "green" chemicals, and industrial manufacturing processes. Approximately 8% of the federal funds will be used for peer reviewed competitions and 92% is for research projects.

PROVIDING FOR DESIGN OF SLAVE LABOR MARKER IN CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

SPEECH OF

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Con. Res. 135, a resolution which pays tribute to the contributions of African American slave laborers in the building of the United States Capitol.

We owe a great debt to the enslaved African Americans who played an instrumental role in the construction of the United States Capitol. Their labor was responsible for erecting this massive building, a place where the hopes and dreams of this nation are represented, voiced, and debated each and every day.

Thank you to my colleague, Congressman JOHN LEWIS, for introducing this resolution which directs the Architect of the Capitol to place a historical marker in the Capitol Visitors Center to acknowledge the toils of slaves who helped construct the U.S. Capitol.

The history of this country and her most enduring symbol of democracy, the United

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States Capitol, cannot be told without fully and accurately reflecting the contributions of enslaved African-Americans. According to the History of Slave Laborers in the Construction of the United States Capitol report, there is documentation that slave labor was employed from 1795 to 1801 for the construction of this building. African American slaves participated in almost every aspect of construction of the U.S. Capitol, completing such tasks as removing tress, quarrying stone, painting, and roofing. Evidence of their work can be seen in the columns of Statuary Hall and the Old Senate Chamber. Their story is a story that must be told for it is our collective story, the great American story.

After nearly 200 years, it is time for America to acknowledge these individuals who contributed to one of our nation's symbols of freedom while never having the opportunity to experience it themselves. Constructing a historical marker that includes the original stone used to build the Capitol is an outstanding tribute to African American slaves that will teach all who visit the Capitol of our nation's past as well as her future.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and recognizing the work of enslaved African Americans in the building of the U.S. Capitol by voting in support of this important resolution.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on member requests, I am submitting the following information regarding congressionally directed appropriation projects I sponsored as part of H.R. 2997, FY 2010 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Agency/Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture RE/FA
Amount: \$1,730,000

Requesting Entity: Texas Tech University, 2500 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79409

The Cotton Production and Research Center is a multidisciplinary cotton research program for the Southwest cotton production region that serves as a market and policy analysis program for natural fibers. The research focuses on maximizing efficiency for regional and U.S. cotton production, marketing and trade. Overall, the project goals are to: develop new information and technologies, increase cotton and textile production, reduce costs, improve market efficiency, increase exports, and improve the U.S. textile industry's global competitiveness.

Agency/Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture RE/FA
Amount: \$946,000

Requesting Entity: Texas Tech University, 2500 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79409

The International Center for Food Industry Excellence proposes to build upon the expertise available at Texas Tech University and its collaborating institutions. Center-affiliated researchers will develop and evaluate food innovations that improve the security, safety, functional properties, nutritional quality, eating

quality, and consumer acceptance and production characteristics of food available to U.S. consumers. Center scientists engage in innovative research across the farm-to-table continuum to improve food safety, expand uses for existing commodities and identify consumer behaviors and attributes that influence food acceptability and marketability.

Agency/Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture SRG

Amount: \$515,000

Requesting Entity: Texas Tech University, 2500 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79409

The Great Plains Sorghum Improvement and Utilization Center will build on the Kansas Sorghum Improvement Center, initiated in 2001, by pooling and integrating the research and extension resources for sorghum improvement, utilization, production and marketing located at Kansas State University, Texas Tech University, and Texas A&M University (including USDA-ARS scientists located on those campuses with assigned sorghum responsibilities). Efforts among the three institutions will be integrated to bring new technologies and knowledge together and focus on improvement of profitability in each stage of sorghum production, processing, and marketing.

CONGRATULATING VEVAY, INDIANA

HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, on April 15th, CBS's Early Show announced Budget Travel Magazine's Top 10 "America's Coolest Small Towns", ranking Vevay, Indiana, Number 4. I would like to give my heartfelt congratulations to the Vevay community and all of Switzerland County.

Vevay was selected based on the "quality of life, arts and restaurant scenes and proximity to nature" of the town. The Swiss Wine Festival, events such as First Fridays and Second Saturdays, art galleries, and local restaurants all contributed to receiving this honor. Close to 8,000 people voted for Vevay.

As Vevay's representative in Congress, I can certainly attest to its merit in winning this award. I always enjoy visiting Vevay, and while biased, think it should have been ranked Number 1!

Again, congratulations to the residents of Vevay. This distinction is much deserved, and I am proud to represent you in the Ninth District.

REMEMBERING MICHAEL JACKSON

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a consummate performer, Michael Jackson, a man whose music bridged racial and generational divides, whose generous charity combated global poverty, whose kind and gentle spirit endeared him to millions. Thousands of people gathered outside the historic Apollo Theatre in my district last week,

standing for hours to enter an at-times raucous, at-times somber memorial to the late singer. Along with Rev. Al Sharpton, film director Spike Lee, and Apollo President and CEO Jonelle Procope, I joined a packed crowd of Jackson fans on the very stage he began his career in 1967, winning the Apollo's Amateur Night contest with his four brothers, the Jackson Five. We were there because his singing and dancing remain unmatched. We were there because he was as much an institution in our community as the legendary theatre we sat in. We were there because, all over this world, his love and warmth should and will be maintained.

As a young boy who dreamt big and often, Michael Jackson sustained a decades-long career he began as a child in Gary, Indiana. He is a testament to young people everywhere that dreams are worth pursuing—regardless of their size or scope. In this America, all great things are possible. He grew up before us all, adapting his style to match each passing decade and leaving a series of catchy, easily recognizable hits along the way. Jackson's music captured our imagination and never let go. His records are gifts he has left us and our posterity as remnants of a time that will live on in American history.

As a person of color, who came to be highly regarded by Americans of all colors, he opened the door for other minorities to dare to achieve big. His music and dance moves were welcomed into living rooms across the country, without regard to his race. It was a harbinger of great things to come—Tiger Woods remains the best athlete in a sport not known for its diversity, the Top 40 Billboard charts feature a mix of Black and White musicians alike, and last January, we inaugurated this country's first African American President. His legacy eclipses its impact on the recording industry, the entertainment business, or even Hollywood—his life taught us an important lesson about race, about hard work, and about ourselves.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. 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. 2847 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requested by Rep. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN
Bill number: H.R. 2487
Account: Department of Justice, Byrne Discretionary Grants
Amount: \$500,000
Project: Human Trafficking Initiative
Requested by: St. Thomas University, 16401 NW 37th Avenue Miami Gardens, FL 33054

St. Thomas University seeks support for an initiative that will provide essential educational and training services to law enforcement, immigration services, government employees directly involved with service providing to trafficking victims, as well as to private organizations and individuals as well as to generate