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EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. ROSCOE G. BARTLETT**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. BARTLETT. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: NOAA—Operations, Research and Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Maryland

Address of Requesting Entity: Main Administration Bldg, College Park MD 20742

Description of Request: Earth System Information Delivery & Assessment. Funded \$150,000. The funding would be used for a one-year feasibility study in support of Earth System Information Delivery and Assessment. Such a capability would produce complete comprehensive and consistent space-time descriptions of all significant aspects of the Earth System. The end result of this transition across observational analysis, environmental predictions, and policy response will lead to better informed investment, adaption and policy options across the public and private sector.

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Washington County Sheriffs Office; Arthur Smith (Chief of Police)/Bruce Zimmerman (City Administrator)

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 East Frederick Street Room 202, Hagerstown, MD 21740

Description of Request: Hagerstown Radio Equipment Acquisition. Funded \$750,000. The funding would be used for the purpose ensure that the City's public safety communications system is compatible with the communications system used by Washington County and the State Highway Patrol's Hagerstown Barracks. Funds are being requested to support portable radio equipment for the City of Hagerstown.

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: OJP—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Enough is Enough

Address of Requesting Entity: 746 Walker Road Suite 116, Great Falls, VA 22066

Description of Requesting Entity: Maryland Internet Safety 101: Empowering Parents Program. Funded \$250,000. The funding would be used for booklets and training to ensure that parents and other adult child caregivers are provided with the information needed to establish safety rules and to use appropriate software tools to protect children under their care, irrespective of any insecurities about technology or a lack of previous training or education. Funding will be dedicated to ramp-up Maryland state-wide outreach.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. DANA ROHRBACHER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman DANA ROHRBACHER (CA-46)

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Name of Project: Smart Time Irrigation Controller Installation Program

Account: Conservation Operations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Municipal Water District of Orange County

Address of Requesting Entity: 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, CA, 92708

Description of Request: I received \$134,000 for the Municipal Water of Orange County's Smart Time Irrigation Controller Installation Program. The application of smart irrigation controller technology will help Orange County and greater-Southern California manage its existing water supplies more efficiently. It will also help take pressure off our imported water supplies from Northern California and the Colorado River. Additionally, it will demonstrate for other areas with water supply challenges the effectiveness of these devices in achieving significant water savings. Finally, there are environmental protection benefits as the devices help reduce urban runoff, which is responsible for transporting pollutants and sediment into natural waterways and eventually to beaches and the ocean.

The application of Smart Irrigation Controller technology will help Orange County and greater-Southern California manage its existing water supplies more efficiently. It will also help take pressure off our imported water supplies from Northern California and the Colorado River. Additionally it will demonstrate for other parts of the county with water supply challenges the effectiveness of these devices in achieving significant water savings. Funds will be used for labor, professional services, and printing and marketing. It is my understanding that local and regional funding will contribute approximately seventy percent of the FY2010 cost.

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CONGRATULATING DR. JOHN JOHNSON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday July 8, 2009*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to honor the long and distinguished career of Dr. John Johnson, on the occasion of his retirement as president of Alabama Southern Community College.

Dr. Johnson received a bachelor's degree in mathematics and physics/chemistry from Troy University, a master's degree in counseling from the University of Alabama, and a Ph.D. in college administration from the University of Alabama.

He devoted almost four decades of his life to higher education. For the past 20 years, Dr. Johnson served as president of Alabama Southern Community College, and prior to his

tenure as president, he served on the faculties of Birmingham-Southern College and the University of Alabama, as well as the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education.

While serving as president, Dr. Johnson raised Alabama Southern Community College to new heights. During his tenure, Alabama Southern has been recognized by the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education as having "achieved the most dramatic turnaround of any college in the history of the Alabama College System." Alabama Southern was selected as a top ten finalist for the 2006 Bellwether Award for Workforce Development and was also selected as the 2005 National Bellwether Award for Instructional Excellence by Community College Futures Assembly and National Council for Instructional Administrators.

In 2004, Alabama Southern was designated as a National Center for Pulp and Paper Technology Training, the highest award given by the National Science Foundation for Advanced Technology Education. This distinction made Alabama Southern the only national center in rural America. In 1998, Alabama Southern was selected as one of the 10 best examples of the management of change in the American Association of Community College's report *Managing Change: A Model for Community College Leaders*.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a dedicated educator and friend to many throughout Alabama. I am certain that his family—his wife, Laurie, and their three children, Adam, Russell, and Bess—along with the faculty and staff at Alabama Southern Community College and his many friends in Monroeville and throughout the State join me in praising his accomplishments and extending thanks for his considerable service to southwest Alabama. On behalf of a grateful community, I wish Dr. Johnson the very best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

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HONORING THE MOSES AND AARON FOUNDATION SPECIAL FUND FOR CHILDREN

**HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to a worthy organization, one committed to special needs children and their families. The Moses and Aaron Foundation's significant and enduring efforts under the direction and visionary leadership of President Rabbi Yaacov Kaploun and Executive Vice President Yehuda Kaploun deserve the highest praise, as do the philanthropists who have given of themselves to fulfill its mission.

The Moses and Aaron Foundation Special Fund for Children, an all volunteer organization, is dedicated to assisting children with disabilities and their families with a wide range of programs including social, physical, financial and wheelchair assistance, as well as counseling and guidance.

It also provides scholarship funding to educational institutions; collects; purchases; and distributes clothing for children in need and remembers them with presents at holiday time or when hospitalized. The Foundation has arranged for sound and musical equipment in

other institutions and has distributed gifts to thousands of children during the holiday seasons.

The corporate and individual supporters of the foundation include Metropolitan Lumber Company, Mr. Robert Gans, and the Croton Watch Company. Concert Chairmen Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gans, Mr. Avi and Dr. Laura Greenbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Rothman, Mr. Mark Selden and Patti Shlesinger.

On Saturday night August 1st, 2009 at the Sullivan County Community College, Lock Sheldrake, New York, the Moses and Aaron Foundation under the Honorary Chairmanship of Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel, will sponsor its thirteenth Barmitzva Summer "Chazak-Strength" Concert honoring and paying tribute to special and outstanding children and their families. The Guests of Honor will be the Special and Outstanding children, many of whom will perform with the entertainers on stage. More than forty organizations, camps and schools serving the physically and mentally disabled children will be represented.

The Chazak Concert and the Moses and Aaron Foundation's other programs demonstrate a caring and compassionate concern for the quality and dignity of life of others and merit the appreciation of all those who have benefited from its services.

The program will feature a musical tribute in memory of Mr. Izzy Taubenfeld of Sameach Music, a lifelong friend and member of the Chazak family.

The Moses and Aaron Foundation was founded in memory of Rabbi Dr. Maurice I. Hecht of New Haven, Connecticut, and Aaron Kaploun, both of whom led lives of exemplary community service. It is in this sentiment of communal dedication that the Moses and Aaron Foundation has devoted itself to serving the needs of a unique group in the community.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the Moses and Aaron Foundation an organization which exemplifies the generosity of spirit in American Society.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican adopted standards on earmarks, I submit the below detailed explanation of the Crop Production and Food Processing, Peoria, IL.

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

Provisions/Account: Agriculture Research Service, Salaries and Expenses

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is U.S. Department of Agriculture National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research (NCAUR), located at 1815 N. University Street, Peoria, IL, 61604.

Description of Request: This project conducts non-destructive and wet chemical analysis for soybean, wheat and new crop germplasm for the entire U.S. This research program directly supports 75 public soybean breeders for the assembly of a genetic database for soybeans and wheat.

#### 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. 2892—Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requested by Rep. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

Bill number: H.R. 2892

Account: FEMA, Emergency Operations Center

Amount: \$200,000

Project: Monroe County Emergency Operations Center

Requested by: Monroe County, Florida, 1100 Simonton Street; Suite 205 Key West, FL 33040.

Currently, there is not an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located in Monroe County that meets the existing state guidelines for an EOC. Monroe County is located in an area of high potential and historical hurricane landfall. Without a facility that meets the current EOC guidelines there is a life safety risk to emergency management staff who remain in the County during an event such as a hurricane. Presently, the EOC staff occupies a substandard, multipurpose government building which fails to meet structural requirements. The current structure risks that there might not be an operational facility for recovery efforts should there be an event such as a hurricane.

Requested by Rep. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

Bill number: H.R. 2892

Account: FEMA, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fund

Amount: \$600,000

Project: City of Miami Stormwater Project

Requested by: City of Miami, Florida, 3500 Pan American Drive Miami, FL 33133

Flooding caused by future hurricanes and storm events can lead to severe infrastructure damage and water quality degradation within the projects drainage basin. The City of Miami Stormwater Project will significantly mitigate flood conditions caused by local storms and will result in a reduction of flood damage and an increase in public safety for the City of Miami by implementing stormwater drainage projects throughout the City. This project will also help control the discharge of stormwater into the Miami River and Biscayne Bay and will improve the overall water quality of Miami's waterways.

Requested by Rep. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

Bill number: H.R. 2892

Account: FEMA, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fund

Amount: \$500,000

Project: Jackson Health System Hurricane Mitigation Structural Reinforcement

Requested by: Jackson Health System, 1161 NW 12th Avenue, Miami, FL 33136

Jackson Health System (JHS) operated by Miami-Dade County's Public Health Trust and is the county's sole public health system; the primary provider for the county's indigent and uninsured and its sole trauma center. When a hurricane warning is issued, JHS serves as an emergency evacuation shelter for medically at risk individuals. Florida consistently has the greatest risk for a direct hit by a hurricane of

any other location in the U.S. Given the anticipated demands placed on the Ryder Trauma Center in the event of a direct hit of a high category storm, it is imperative that the building be structurally safe, adequately secured, and operationally functional. This funding will be used to structurally reinforce and fortify the trauma center through an exterior skin upgrade. The current construction is unsuitable for a threat of a higher category storm. This project is wholly consistent with Federal and agency missions to provide pre-disaster mitigation assistance to critical public entities who serve as vital providers of emergency services. The frequency and foreseeable nature of natural disasters striking densely populated Miami-Dade County make the project a natural priority for federal participation in protecting a safety-net institution such as the Ryder Trauma Center.

ALEXANDRA JOY MASSA

### HON. ERIC J.J. MASSA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. MASSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to address this esteemed body regarding a young woman who at this moment, in my home town of Corning, New York, is preparing to close an important chapter in her life. Alexandra Joy Massa has spent the last decade growing into the beautiful young woman that she is today, working tirelessly to achieve exceptional grades, to excel in sports and in theater, and to serve her community through multiple volunteer efforts. Alexandra is my daughter, and today is her graduation day from high school, a monumental moment in her life and in the life of her parents. It's impossible to believe that eighteen years have passed since she became a part of my life, and that soon she will be heading off to college.

Many of my colleagues have children of their own and they understand all too well the joys, fears, hopes, and anxieties that come with parenthood. Raising my daughter has caused me many frustrated days and sleepless nights, but I wouldn't have traded a minute of them for the world.

Alexandra has brought lots into my life and the lives of those around her, with her warm sense of humor and generosity of spirit. These are beyond measure. Words do not allow me to convey how proud I am of my daughter, of all that she has accomplished in her life, and all that she will become in the coming years.

Now, like all parents, I will have to let go and watch as my little girl leaves home and goes off into a world where her father isn't there to watch over her. She will no longer have to seek my or her mother's permission to stay out late with friends or to go to a movie. She will never again have to listen to my lectures. I can only hope she chooses instead to listen, if only to humor her old man. She has become the adult that her mother and I hoped she would become: independent and intelligent, perceptive and engaging, considerate, compassionate, and kind. Where my little girl stood only a short time ago, a woman now stands, ready to take on the challenges of the world.

It is a bittersweet moment, and a moment of immeasurable pride. In the future, Alexandra