

those in the surrounding communities who may not otherwise have access to quality health care services.

The McCafferty Center, a bilingual clinic, provides health care in the areas of family practice, pulmonary, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, and cardiology, as well as social work and nutrition services. Within these areas are clinics for women's health, veterans, TB testing, testing and counseling for STD and HIV/AIDS and free vaccinations for infants, children, and teens.

The Center serves over 32,000 patients a year, over half of whom are Hispanic. Evident in their programs and clinics, the Center has a legacy of embracing the community's vibrant diversity, including a concerted effort in outreach and service to Cleveland's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered community. Additionally, the Center's Community Advocacy Program works to remove legal barriers that may exist to improve the health outcomes of their patients.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor of the staff and volunteers of the Thomas F. McCafferty Health Center, whose collective and individual commitment to providing quality health care continues to uplift the lives of countless individuals and families throughout Cleveland's west side community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR.  
BRUCE PHILLIPS DAVIS

**HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 9, 2009*

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Bruce Phillips Davis, a devoted husband, father, and Veteran; and to mourn him upon his passing at age 44.

Bruce was born on March 18, 1965. He attended Lincoln Elementary School, Frost Junior High, Bentley High School and Cleary University, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Business. He became a consultant with DTE Energy, a position in which Bruce excelled for twenty years. Following in his father's and brother's courageous footsteps, Bruce heeded a higher call of service and joined our United States military; and nobly served us and defended human freedom during Operation Desert Storm. A lover of life whose company brought joy to all he knew, Bruce enjoyed numerous outdoor activities and giving back to his community through his memberships in the Fraternal Order of Eagles and American Legion.

On July 6, 2009, Bruce succumbed in his ongoing struggle with pulmonary hypertension. He will be remembered as a father devoted to his family, especially his wife, Penny, and daughter, and to his many nieces and nephews. Bruce was a wonderful man, kind to all he encountered; and he will be truly, and sorrowfully missed.

Madam Speaker, during his lifetime, Bruce Phillips Davis enriched the lives of everyone around him. As we bid farewell to this wonderful individual, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning his passing and honoring his years of loyal service to our community and country.

Goodbye and God Bless, "Tiger!"

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 9, 2009*

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

Rodale Institute, Kutztown PA—\$349,000 for crop-rotation research to improve air, soil and water quality.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**REP. DENNY REHBERG**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 9, 2009*

Mr. REHBERG. 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. 3082—Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG  
Bill Number: H.R. 3082

Account: Army NG

Name and Address: Montana Army National Guard, 1956 Mt Majo Street, Fort Harrison, Helena, MT 59636-4789

Description: An increased number of Periodic Health Assessments has led to serious overcrowding of waiting areas, exam rooms, treatment facilities and administrative areas at the Fort Harrison Troop Medical Facility in Helena, Montana. This overcrowding presents both a risk to patient safety and patient privacy as required by HIPAA. The \$1.75 million in funding will be used to expand and renovate the current facility to handle the increased patient load and improve both safety and patient privacy.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JACK KINGSTON**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 9, 2009*

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

City of Kingsland, Kingsland, GA

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: H.R. 2996, FY2010 Interior and Environment Appropriations

Account: EPA-STAG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Kingsland, GA

Address of Requesting Entity: 107 South Lee Street P.O. Box 250 Kingsland, GA 31548

Description of Request: expand water and sewer infrastructure for the purposes of a new affordable housing development. Project would spur economic development in an underserved area.

Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District, Atlanta, GA

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: H.R. 2996, FY2010 Interior and Environment Appropriations Account: EPA-STAG

Proposed Recipient: Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District

Address of Recipient: 40 Courtland Street, NE Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Description of Request: 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.

COMMENDING THE SERVICE OF  
REAR ADMIRAL GARY T. BLORE  
AS ASSISTANT COMMANDANT OF  
THE UNITED STATES COAST  
GUARD

**HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 9, 2009*

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, I rise to recognize Rear Admiral Gary T. Blore for his distinguished service as the Assistant Commandant for Acquisition and Chief Acquisition Officer for the United States Coast Guard. Having completed his tour at Coast Guard Headquarters, he has now assumed command of the Coast Guard's 13th District, located in the Pacific Northwest.

Admiral Blore took the helm of Coast Guard acquisition programs at a time when these programs were facing significant challenges. Early procurements in the Deepwater program—a multi-billion dollar program intended to repair or replace the Coast Guard's air and surface assets—had failed.

Additionally, the decision made years earlier to manage the Deepwater procurements outside the service's existing acquisition management structure had created serious oversight and even morale challenges.

The Coast Guard needed to completely revamp its acquisition management systems to create a structure equal to the size of its acquisition initiatives and capable of effectively overseeing its contractors and obtaining best value for the expenditure of taxpayer resources.

Admiral Blore has ably led that change and, working closely with the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, has modernized the Coast Guard's acquisition management systems.

His leadership guided the reorganization of several stalled projects that have now produced an unprecedented number of urgently needed capital assets for the Coast Guard, including modern helicopters, airplanes, boats, large cutters, and sophisticated shore, air and sea-based command and control systems.

Responding to the extensive criticisms of the early Deepwater effort and the Rescue-21 program, Admiral Blore led the organization of a new Acquisition Directorate. He issued and updated a Blueprint for Acquisition Reform, which continues to guide the creation of acquisition management systems within the new Directorate. Further, he oversaw the successful

extraction of the Deepwater procurements from the Integrated Coast Guard System team and brought the Lead Systems Integration functions back in-house.

Additionally, Admiral Blore updated the Coast Guard's Major Systems Acquisition Manual, published an Acquisition Human Capital Strategic Plan, and developed 30-year air and surface asset recapitalization plans that will guide the service's ongoing effort to effectively plan future capital needs.

I believe that under the leadership of Commandant Thad Allen and Admiral Blore, the Coast Guard has positioned itself to more effectively manage its acquisition efforts and to produce assets that will significantly enhance the Coast Guard's mission readiness.

To ensure that these and other needed acquisition management reforms are solidly established, I introduced legislation during this Congress—the Coast Guard Acquisition Reform Act of 2009, H.R. 1665—which builds on and institutionalizes the many reforms that Admiral Blore has introduced.

This measure will strengthen the Coast Guard's ability to manage complex acquisition projects and I look forward to its full consideration and passage by the House.

Admiral Blore has had a long and distinguished career in service to our Nation. He is an accomplished Coast Guard aviator; this fall, he will relieve Vice Admiral Vivien Crea as the Coast Guard's Ancient Albatross—the service's longest-serving active duty aviator.

I know Admiral Blore to be a man of unyielding integrity who has forthrightly presented to me and to the Congress the full extent of the problems he has confronted. I also know him to be an effective and deliberate manager who has diligently addressed the problems he faced and who leaves a modern acquisition organization that reflects his dedication to excellence.

I am honored to pay tribute to Admiral Blore in the United States Congress and on behalf of the Representatives and staff who have been fortunate enough to work with him. I wish him, his wife Vera, his son David, and his daughter Anna the very best.

RECOGNIZING THE CONGREGATION OF THE ST. JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH FOR ITS DEDICATION TO OUR COMMUNITY

**HON. JOHN S. TANNER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 9, 2009*

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the St. John Missionary Baptist Church congregation on the recent dedication of its rebuilt church, restored following a fire that tragically destroyed the building shortly after the church's 100th anniversary celebration in January of 2006.

At the beginning of the 20th century a group of men and women, former slaves and sons and daughters of slaves, began to congregate and conduct church services in Haywood County, Tennessee, which I am honored to represent in this chamber. The first church building of St. John Missionary Baptist Church was a small log building erected on land given to the congregation by Deacon Charlie Wilkerson and was known as simply St. John's "across the river."

On November 16, 1904, papers were drawn up to purchase 33 acres of land from W.H. Ford approximately one and a half miles from Dancyville, Tennessee. The deed was filed on January 20, 1906, with the church paying \$425 for the land. Marion Sweet and William Graves served as master carpenters for the new structure, and they, along with the tireless effort of countless others, laid the foundation and built a frame structure that served as a place of worship for numerous years.

Throughout the 20th century, the congregation continued to grow in number as well as in presence within West Tennessee and became known throughout the area for its leadership, dedication to God and love of fellow man. The congregation continued to improve the structure of St. John Missionary Baptist Church with expanding facilities to aid in worship and assist with the growing number of congregants. The frame church was bricked in the late 1950's with additions and renovations through the latter portion of the 20th century.

Tragedy struck on September 20, 2006, when the building was destroyed by fire. Undeterred, the congregation held meetings at Raul's Funeral Home in Brownsville and soon began the process of rebuilding their historic church.

The congregation's ability to rebuild the church is both a testament to their dedication to worship as well as their commitment to what the church has represented to our community for more than 100 years. From their humble beginnings in a small log church building near the corner of Highway 76 South and the Qualls Road intersection to the beautiful church they have just restored, St. John Missionary Baptist Church has served as a symbol of hope, faith and devotion. We know that tradition will continue under the leadership of my friend and an outstanding public servant, Reverend Johnny W. Shaw.

Madam Speaker, we hope you and our colleagues will join me as we congratulate the St. John Missionary Baptist Church on the dedication of its new church, and thank members of the congregation for all they do to help West Tennessee.

CONGRATULATING SERGEANT FIRST CLASS BLAKE SIMMS AND SERGEANT FIRST CLASS CHAD STACKPOLE

**HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 9, 2009*

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sergeant First Class Blake Simms and Sergeant First Class Chad Stackpole, winners of the 2009 Best Ranger Competition, a rigorous contest at Fort Benning, Ga., between elite two-man teams.

Simms and Stackpole won a home-court victory, as they hail from Benning's 4th Ranger Training Battalion.

The Best Ranger Competition started out as a contest between the best two-man teams at Fort Benning in the early 1980s but quickly expanded Army-wide. It easily rates as one of the toughest, most physically demanding competitions in the world. Contestants endure extreme demands of their physical, mental and technical abilities as Rangers, and they must

deliver at levels that far exceed the expectations of average soldiers.

Today, the competition pits the best of the best against each other. It's an honor to simply win a spot in the contest, making Simms and Stackpole's accomplishment all the more extraordinary. The event lasts three days and teams face elimination unless they complete all events, which include marksmanship, climbing a 60-foot rope and long, wet hikes. It's easy to see why of the 49 teams that entered only 24 finished all courses.

Both Sergeant First Class Blake Simms and Sergeant First Class Chad Stackpole have been awarded many medals, including the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Valorous Unit Award and many others.

Simms, from Columbus, GA, joined the service after high school in 1999. He has served one tour in Iraq and also participated in the humanitarian aid to New Orleans following the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Simms had competed in the Best Ranger Competition twice before. He is married with two children.

Stackpole, from Bowling Green, KY, has served since 1998 and has deployed to Iraq twice. He and his wife Andrea have two children. Stackpole has competed in the competition twice with a 5th place finish last year.

Sergeant First Class Blake Simms and Sergeant First Class Chad Stackpole have dedicated their lives to the service of this nation and have dedicated years of their lives to fighting on the front lines of the war on terrorism in Afghanistan and Iraq. With a combination of hard work, dedication and talent, they have proven on the field of battle and on the field of competition that they rank amongst the best soldiers in the U.S. Army—the greatest fighting force in the history of the world.

Madam Speaker, I call on the U.S. House of Representatives to join me and the people of Georgia's 3rd Congressional District in honoring the service and applauding the stellar achievements of Sergeant First Class Blake Simms and Sergeant First Class Chad Stackpole. They are a tribute to Fort Benning, the U.S. Army Rangers, and the United States.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. GARY G. MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 9, 2009*

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. 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 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations

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

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 20895, Fountain Valley, California 92728  
Funding Secured: \$134,000