

Chief. He served in that position as a volunteer for 13 years; in 1976, the needs of Madison County had grown so much that the position of Fire Chief became a full-time, paid position.

In his more than 50 years with the Madison County Fire Department, Chief Holmes has served on the Board of Directors for the Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association and served from 1978 to 1980 as President of that association. He has received many awards, including the Good Conduct Medal, the Army's National Defense Service Medal, the Jackson Exchange Club's "Man of the Year" Award in 1975, and the First American Red Cross Humanitarian Service Award in 2005. In 1965, he appeared in "Outstanding Young Men of America." Chief Holmes has also held various leadership roles at the Bemis United Methodist Church, to which he and his family belong.

Fire protection service to our community is important to the entire Holmes family. Kelly says "his number one assistant" is his wife, Willadene, who has also served the Madison County Fire Department for 50 years as a dispatcher and secretary. For 30 years, his son Ralph served the Jackson Fire Department, from which he retired as Battalion Chief, and spent his off days as Head of Maintenance and Captain of the Madison County Fire Department. Chief Holmes' grandson Joe has served 4 years with the Madison County Fire Department as a firefighter.

Among Chief Holmes' greatest moments of service was his leadership in responding to a 1978 train derailment and propane explosion in Waverly, Tennessee, that had killed several, including the local police and fire chiefs, and destroyed several city blocks. Chief Holmes and the firefighters serving with him put their lives on the line in a very precarious situation, knowing that a second propane car at the center of the fire could have exploded at any time. Tennesseans were grateful for the courage and dedication displayed by Chief Holmes and other responders.

Madam Speaker, I have long been proud to call Chief Kelly Holmes my friend. I thank you and our colleagues for joining me in expressing gratitude for his service protecting West Tennessee families and congratulating him on his retirement, which will allow him to spend time with his family and—in his words—"enjoy the country life." We wish him all the best.

THE NATIONAL EXCHANGE CLUB'S
FIGHT AGAINST CHILD ABUSE

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend the National Exchange Club and the Jacksonville and Jacksonville Beaches Exchange clubs on their continuing commitment to fight child abuse and to recognize those in our communities who fight against it on a daily basis. Members remind me that "These are America's children and this is America's responsibility."

From July 14–18, 2009, local and national leaders and concerned citizens will gather at Metropolitan Park for a Healing Field flag memorial. At that time, 1530 American flags will be flying. Each flag will be in honor of a child

abuse victim. 146 of the flags represent children of Florida. The display will be a colorful reminder that child abuse is a national problem, and we all must work to prevent it.

During this weeklong event, flags will also fly to honor Jacksonville's fallen military in the current conflict, and fallen police and fire officers.

Also at this time, the 91st annual convention of the National Exchange Club will be hosted in Jacksonville. Club members will erect the display and maintain this awe-inspiring memorial during the convention. This patriotic display was established by the Healing Field Foundation to shine light on an ugly subject—child abuse in America.

Recently, at one of my local Exchange Clubs, I congratulated those who work in the field to prevent child abuse on their commitment to children from families who often are in fragile situations. Talk about unsung heroes! For every child who finds a sanctuary, hundreds are living day-to-day in often precarious situations. The flags represent those who paid a terrible price for something they did not do. These children depend on you and me to become aware and help extend them a lifeline.

My wife Kitty and I are concerned about the growing problem of child abuse not only in America but across the globe. As the economic situation worsens, it is our fear that more children will become victims. I hope that families in Jacksonville will go to Metropolitan Park with their children and experience this moving and patriotic display. None of us can do this alone but there is tremendous strength in our combined actions. It is too late for those memorialized in the Healing Field but for more of our children life is a risky business.

The National Exchange Club and its local clubs are willing to step forward to illuminate a growing problem in our nation. I hope that the Healing Field will move us to action. I thank the Speaker for the time to address the House on this important issue.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN FLEMING

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. FLEMING. 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, the "Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010."

I have requested funding for the Multi-Purpose Machine Gun Range project in Fiscal Year 2010. The entity to receive the funding for this project is the United States Army, located at Fort Polk/Joint Readiness Training Center, Louisiana. FY10 funds would provide for the construction of a standard design Multi-Purpose Machine Gun Range, required to train and test soldiers on the skills necessary to detect, identify, engage and defeat targets in a tactical environment. Fort Polk does not currently have a suitable training area that meets the requirements needed for machine gunnery. Without this facility, the soldiers of Fort Polk, Reserve, and National Guard units will not be able to maintain efficiency for live fire training for machine gun engagements.

Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, this request: (1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress, (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark, and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I also hereby certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 3082—Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 3082—Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2010

Account: Military Construction—Army
Legal Name of Requesting Entity:
SOUTHCOM Headquarters, Incr 3

Address of Requesting Entity: United States Southern Command, Doral, FL 33122

Description of Request: I have secured \$55,400,000 to complete construction of a new headquarters for the United States Southern Command in Doral, Florida adjacent to the existing facility. Currently, the Department of Defense is leasing the land on which SOUTHCOM is now located from a private individual. The land for this facility is leased from the State of Florida. SOUTHCOM received \$100 million in the FY08 Military Construction Appropriations bill and \$81.6 million in the FY09 Military Construction Appropriations bill as the first two installments of \$237 million, authorized by section 2101(a) of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (division B of Public Law 110–181; 122 Stat. 504).

HONORING RETIRING
MURFREESBORO CITY MANAGER
ROGER HALEY

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Murfreesboro City Manager Roger Haley. After serving the citizens of Murfreesboro for the last 20 years, Roger will retire on August 1. Before becoming city manager in 1989, Roger was a Murfreesboro City Councilman for nine years.

In the last 20 years, Murfreesboro's population has increased from 44,000 to over 100,000. It is currently the sixth largest city in Tennessee and the largest city with a city

council/manager style of governance. Despite the growth in population and the expanded services that come with such growth, the city has not had an increase in its property taxes in the past 14 years. This is probably one of many reasons why Roger was named the 2009 City Manager of the Year by the Tennessee City Manager Association.

As city manager, Roger has overseen the expansion of businesses, schools, and recreational opportunities that have given the residents of Murfreesboro a greater quality of life. The recent addition of the shops at the Avenue and the hospital and business and medical offices at the 400-acre Gateway are examples of such developments. Roger has worked on numerous recreation projects that residents of Murfreesboro enjoy, such as the Murfreesboro Greenway system, SportsCom, the Patterson Park Community Center, the wetlands at Murphree Springs, Murfreesboro Bark Park, and the Siegel Park and Soccer Complex.

As a life-long resident of Rutherford County, Roger has always been an active member of the community. He owned and operated several local businesses, including Murfreesboro Supply Company and Mr. Tool Rent-All. Roger was one of the organizers of First City Bank of Murfreesboro. He attended Middle Tennessee State University and served in the U.S. Army for two years in the Judge Advocate General Corps.

Roger leaves both his position and the City of Murfreesboro in top-notch shape. I've enjoyed working with him on many projects over the years. I hope Roger will enjoy the fruits of his labor, as he starts his retirement, and new time shared with friends and family.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN M. MCHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. MCHUGH. 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, the Fiscal Year 2010 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill.

Requesting Member: JOHN M. MCHUGH

Bill Number: H. R. 3082

Account: Military Construction, Army

Name of Military Installation: Fort Drum

Address of Requesting Entity: Fort Drum, New York 13601

Description: Provide an earmark of \$8,200,000 in MCA to build an All Weather Marksmanship Facility at Fort Drum, New York. Currently, Fort Drum has only one operational All Weather Marksmanship Facility. The project is required to provide year round live fire training to more efficiently support soldiers in meeting weapons proficiency and qualification standards, and minimize the amount of time required to complete training. The Light Infantry Doctrine and the missions of the 10th Mountain Division require higher than normal levels of marksmanship proficiency and fire discipline.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID H. DELL

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize David H. Dell of Dale City, Virginia. Mr. Dell is a retired 20-year veteran of the United States Army and an active Dale City resident.

Mr. Dell's military service began in 1959 at the age of 17. His age required that he gain parental consent to join the Army, and his father proudly granted him approval hoping it would provide his son with new opportunities. Mr. Dell worked to make the most of those opportunities. He served a long and distinguished career in the Army, receiving the Joint Service Commendation in 1973 for his service in Korea. In 1976, he received a diploma from the U.S. Army Transportation School shortly before exiting the Army with an Honorable Discharge in 1979.

Mr. Dell has long been devoted to the quality of life and sense of community in Dale City. As a member of the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department he has spent countless nights on duty, sacrificing his time and safety for the protection of his neighbors and friends. Mr. Dell is a Life Member of both the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1503 and the Dale City Civic Association. He also serves as the Staging Director of the Dale City Independence Day Parade. This year, more than 100 organizations and thousands of participants marched in the parade. Thousands of spectators watched the procession make its way through the heart of Dale City and terminate at the Fourth of July Family Fun Day. Mr. Dell's participation in civic life contributes to a robust and vibrant sense of community in Dale City.

Mr. Dell's loyalty and passion for service extend into his professional life. On May 1, 2009, Mr. Dell commemorated 20 years of service with First Transit Incorporated, contractor for the Prince William County COMMUTERIDE bus system. This is a remarkable milestone, and Mr. Dell's years in the bus system have benefited Prince William County commuters and residents.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding David H. Dell's accomplishments. His service to his country and community represents the ideals we hope to instill in future generations, and by commending his accomplishments may we inspire them to follow his example.

CELEBRATING THE BRYAN-BENNETT LIBRARY CENTENNIAL

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the Centennial Celebration of the Bryan-Bennett Library in Salem, Illinois.

The Bryan-Bennett Library was established by Salem native William Jennings Bryan and his friend, Philo Bennett. In a letter to the mayor of Salem in 1905, Bryan stated that "the library (was) established because of my

attachment to the city of my birth and to the friends of my childhood."

William Jennings Bryan was born in 1860 in Salem, Illinois. He had a distinguished career serving as a lawyer, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives and as Secretary of State during the Wilson Administration.

Through the tribulations and successes of his professional life, William Jennings Bryan gained an appreciation for education. His desire to share that passion with his community inspired Bryan to bring a new library to Salem. With assistance from Philo Bennett, he spearheaded the construction of the Bryan-Bennett library. On June 9, 1909, William Jennings Bryan gave his "Price of a Soul" speech to dedicate the opening of the library.

The original location of the library was on South Broadway Street, the site of Bryan's childhood home. It has since been moved with the generous contributions by Joe and Anna Hale of Salem and the support of the Illinois State Library's Live and Learn Grant.

On August 15, the Bryan-Bennett Library will formally celebrate its Centennial and dedicate its new site to Joe and Anna Hale.

I would like to congratulate the citizens of Salem, Illinois and the men and women who serve at the Bryan-Bennett Library to preserve the living legacy of William Jennings Bryan.

HONORING JEFFREY C. PACK

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jeffrey C. Pack, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1692, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jeffrey has been very active with his troop participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jeffrey has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jeffrey C. Pack for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2997) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes: