

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of HR 3082—Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010.

Rep. WALTER B. JONES

Project: Radar Approach Control (RAPCON) Complex at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base Phase 1

Recipient: Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, 1510 Wright Brothers Ave., Seymour Johnson AFB, NC 27531

Account: Military Construction, Air Force Amount: \$6,900,000

Explanation: The existing Radar Approach Control (RAPCON) Complex and Ground to Air Transmitter/Receiver (GATR) at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base are inadequately configured for today's mission and high-tech equipment. Replacing these facilities would improve Air Force operations and safety and save money by sharply reducing the cost of maintaining the existing outdated infrastructure.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. BLUNT. 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 Interior Appropriations Act for FY2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROY BLUNT

Priority Name: McDonald County for Wastewater Infrastructure—Public Water Supply District #1 of McDonald County

Authorized Amount: \$244,000

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: McDonald County, Missouri

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 345, Pineville, MO 64856

Description of Request: This funding will be used by Public Water Supply District (PWSD) #1 toward the second phase of a wastewater expansion project to augment recently constructed infrastructure financed from PWSD funds. The proposed project will supply the Village of Jane with needed sewer service. The Village of Jane is a small but rapidly growing community in south-central McDonald County on the bank of Little Sugar Creek, a 303d impaired waterway.

The use of taxpayer funds is justified because in addition to the benefits of improved water quality within the Little Sugar Creek watershed and encouraging additional commercial and residential development in the area, the proposed project will also provide needed wastewater service to properties recently purchased by the McDonald County R-1 School District and Crowder College to house a second high school campus and a community college campus respectively.

HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND RETIREMENT OF KATHY MELSTON

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a true public servant who has dedicated her life to promoting reading and library use, Ms. Kathy Melston, who recently retired as Library Director of the Rockwall County Library in my hometown.

Early on, Kathy recognized the emerging need for adult literacy. As a result, the award-winning Reading for Adults program was established in 2000. This program has grown from two students and five tutors to 68 volunteer tutors and 300 students, of which many have earned GEDs and their citizenship through this process. The innovative "Rock and Read" fundraiser supporting the program won the literacy award from the Texas State Reading Association.

Kathy is accredited by many for promoting bond propositions to purchase land and construct a new state-of-the-art library in Rockwall. County Commissioner Lorie Grinnan maintains that with Kathy's intelligence, extensive knowledge base and dedication, she has been able to steer Rockwall County through a time of tremendous growth and change. Kathy's belief that the main purpose of a library is to serve its community has been the foundation of the loyalty and dedication of her staff, volunteers and the Friends of the Library.

During her 20 years as Library Director, Kathy has provided vision, enthusiasm, and results in Rockwall County. She was named the Rockwall Soroptimist Professional Woman of the Year, served on several RISD committees, and was President and Secretary of the Public Library Administrators of North America. She is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and is a Lector and Eucharistic Minister at her church.

Kathy's recent retirement is bittersweet for those who know, love and respect her. They are happy for this new phase of her life which will be filled with travel, home projects, volunteering and a chance to read all of the books for which she will finally have the time. But, at the same time, they feel some distress at the loss of personal connections established between Kathy and the library patrons.

In September, at the grand opening of the new library, many noticed a large corner spot with a beautiful view, filled with flowers and cards with a brass plaque on the door identifying the Kathleen Melston Quiet Reading Room. This tribute from staff, friends and volunteers recognizes Kathy's enormous impact on the community.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to join the Rockwall County Library, Friends of the Library, and Rockwall citizens in congratulating Ms. Kathy Melston on her retirement. I can't think of a better testament to public service than educating tomorrow's leaders, and Ms. Melston is to be commended for her commitment to the advancement of reading literacy. Please join me in honoring her on this prestigious occasion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, on July 9, 2009, I was unavoidably unable to cast my vote for rollcall 512. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican Conference standards regarding Member initiatives, I am submitting the following information regarding the earmark I received as part of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (Alabama)

Bill Number: H.R. 3082, Military Construction—Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act for FY 2010

Account: Military Construction, Army Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Congressman MIKE ROGERS

Address of Receiving Entity: Anniston Army Depot, 7 Frankford Avenue, Anniston, AL 36201

Description of Request: Provide \$3,300,000 in funding for the Industrial Area Electrical System Upgrade. This funding will be used to construct electrical system upgrades to the area south of Third Avenue in the industrial area. Construction will include new power poles, cross arms, insulators, cutouts, re closers, anchor systems, wire, transformers, underground duct and circuit breakers for a couplet 12470 volt electrical service system in the area south of Third Avenue in the industrial area. This construction will provide upgraded

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overhead lines and underground service from the power poles to pad mounted transformers that supply each building. Construct the secondary for a 10.5 MVA 44.000/12/470 volt substation. The substation secondary will consist of vacuum breakers, voltage regulator, bypass switches and the structural steel. Anti-terrorism/force protection measures will include observance of vehicle access sitting distances, landscaping berms, exterior lighting, laminated glass, and walkway bollards.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the policies and standards put forth by the House Appropriations Committee and the GOP Leadership, I place in the RECORD a listing of the congressionally-directed projects I have requested in my home state of Idaho that are contained in the report of H.R. 3082, the FY2010 House Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Bill.

Project Name: Civil Engineer Maintenance Complex at Mountain Home Air Force Base
Amount Received: \$690,000

Account: Air Force Military Construction Account

Recipient: 366th Wing, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho

Recipient's Street Address: 366 Gunfighter Avenue, Ste 107, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, 83648

Description: The civil engineer functions are currently dispersed among 10 WWII-era wood-frame and Korean War-era facilities. Wood frame facilities have a RAC 2 due to failing roof structures and cracked and spreading concrete foundations that have contributed to failing floors and trusses, presenting risk to squadron members who work in the facilities. Currently, employees must evacuate during heavy snowfall or high winds. The fire safety deficiencies are endemic to all buildings, the patchwork electric wiring is maxed out, which increases fire risk, and the HVAC systems can't keep buildings heated and cooled. The dispersed locations and failing conditions of existing facilities adversely affects all daily Civil Engineering operations and negatively impacts the Wing's mission. This funding will be used for planning and design.

Project Name: Logistics Readiness Center

Amount Received: \$20,000,000

Account: Air Force Military Construction Account

Recipient: 366th Wing, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho

Recipient's Street Address: 366 Gunfighter Avenue, Ste 107, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, 83648

Description: The existing Logistics Supply is a condemned 53-year-old wooden structure beyond economical repair. The roof is held up with temporary structural supports. The building is evacuated and now 60% of base supply functions operate from temporary spaces across base, creating significant delays in troop/equipment mobilization. This negatively impacts the Wing's ability to demolish and relocate from other substandard facilities on base. When funded, the Logistics Readiness

Center will provide command and control for all materials in-bound and outbound, including freight processing, packing, crating, pallet buildup shop, and provide bulk and bin storage. The facility will also support secure storage, an armory, and have administrative areas.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide a list of Congressionally-directed projects in the report accompanying the FY2010 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations bill on behalf of Idaho and provide an explanation of my support for them.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL FRANCES C. WILSON

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this time to honor a dedicated military educator, Lieutenant General Frances C. Wilson, who will be retiring as the President of the National Defense University, after having served this nation for 37 years in the United States Marine Corps.

Culminating with her appointment as President of the National Defense University in 2006, General Wilson has, throughout her career, focused on professional education while working tirelessly to create an educated and well-trained class of American warriors. She has completed seven advanced training courses, including Harvard's Senior Executive Course in National Security, and earned four Master degrees along with a Doctorate in Education. Through these impressive academic undertakings, General Wilson acquired the knowledge and skills needed to prepare America's future officers for the complex contemporary world.

Most impressively, General Wilson has relentlessly used her extensive education to increase the capabilities of our Armed Forces. She commanded the Fourth Recruit Training Battalion at Parris Island, directed the Manpower Management Division at Marine Corps Headquarters, and managed the military's Reserve forces while a member of the Reserve Force Policy Board. Through her leadership in these posts, General Wilson greatly advanced the professional development of the marines under her command and helped to mold a vibrant military education system.

As President of the National Defense University, General Wilson understood the critical need for National Security Professionals within the Executive Branch. She spearheaded the development of the National Security Education Consortium and, recognizing the importance of international cooperation, established educational partnerships with 79 nations, especially our NATO allies. Additionally, she added three Masters degrees to the University's curriculum while managing NDU's reaccreditation process. As a strong proponent of military education myself, I could not be more pleased with General Wilson's efforts or the many accolades she has received over her long career.

General Wilson's leadership has strengthened both the Marine Corps and the professional military education system. As a staunch believer in continuous education for profes-

sional soldiers, I am proud of her commitment to lifelong study and the development of America's warriors. I trust that Members of the House will join me in congratulating General Wilson for her contributions to the United States of America.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks in H.R. 3082—Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act. H.R. 3082 contains \$8,700,000 for TFI—Upgrade DCGS Facilities (PRQE089032) in the Air Force, Military Construction account. This project is for Air National Guard at McConnell Air Force Base located 57837 Coffeyville St., Kansas, 67221.

The funds will build an adequately sized and properly configured facility for personnel, equipment, and materials, for near-real time intelligence mission conducting the processing, exploitation, and dissemination of U-2, MQ-1 Predator, and RQ-4 Global Hawk sensor data around the world in support of warfighters by the growing 161st Intelligence Squadron of the new 184th Intelligence Group. Security features, high-capacity environmental control equipment, high-capacity secure fiber optics, and redundant power supplies are all prerequisites to accommodate the sophisticated Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) Operation Center. No matching funds are required for this military construction project.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MOODY NEWELL SIEBMAN

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and accomplishments of a man who dedicated his life to showing generosity towards others, Moody Newell Siebman of Pottsboro, Texas, who passed away last year.

Mr. Siebman was born March 27, 1932 in Wichita Falls, Texas, to school teachers Moody Nugent Siebman and Rudy Steedman Siebman. He married Carol Sue Gillum on March 8, 1958 in Collinsville, Texas and they had two children, my good friend and outstanding citizen Clyde Siebman, their daughter Annette Skupin, and four grandchildren, Elizabeth Siebman and Katie, Becca and Sam Skupin. Mr. Siebman was proud to be a fifth generation resident of Grayson County whose great-grandfather, S.D. Steedman was a Grayson County Judge in the 1800s.

Much of Mr. Siebman's professional life was dedicated to the transportation industry, where he worked in all aspects of the industry from long-haul truck driver to owner and manager of multi-truck fleets. He also worked as a traffic manager for twelve years and in 1998 as