

shallower, thereby limiting activities of freighters that utilize ship terminals along the river. Dredging and disposal of the contaminated sediments is expected to improve navigation and enhance the environmental quality of the Miami River and downstream portions of Biscayne Bay. The target population includes those who use the Miami River for navigational purposes. Additionally, the positive environmental effects from the dredging will be beneficial to all of Miami-Dade County's residents. This project benefits the environment of South Florida because it removes contaminated sediment from the Miami River before those contaminants enter the Bay. Completion of the project will also permit larger commercial vessels to call on the River, thus increasing commerce. Completion of the project will also allow the marine related industry to expand along the River. For example, Merrill Stevens, a local boat yard, is planning on adding over 100 new skilled jobs and a training center to teach local people the skills required to work on large ocean going vessels. This project has the support of the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, the Mayor of Miami-Dade County, and the Director of the County's Department of Environmental Resources Management.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. ROB BISHOP**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 2009*

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. 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. 3183, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP  
Bill number: H.R. 3183

Account: Water and Related Resources

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, 2837 East Highway 193, Layton, UT 84040.

Description of project: \$1,000,000 to conduct a feasibility study to enlarge the Arthur V. Watkins Dam.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. ROSCOE G. BARTLETT**

MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 2009*

Mr. BARTLETT. 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

Bill Number: H.R. 3082

Account: MILCON Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Detrick

Address of Requesting Entity: 810 Schreider Street, Fort Detrick, Frederick, Maryland 21702-5000

Description of Request: This request appropriates \$7.4 million for the ALT Auditorium and

Training Center Expansion in Fort Detrick, MD. This project is required to meet the directed objectives of Homeland Security Council and National Security Council to provide meeting and conference space for members of the National Interagency Biodefense Campus (NIBC). Currently, the USAG is required to provide space for the biodefense conferences. Fort Detrick cannot provide the required support to the directed interagency biodefense missions as assessed by multiple, independent government organizations as well as increasing degradation of already inadequate community support and space for educational services. Fort Detrick is unable to provide high demand, highly attended, more secure, Interagency Conferences, human capital enhancement, as well as expanded community services. The current auditorium space has inadequate standoff and force protection standards without completion of this project.———

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 2009*

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding a project for Dover Air Force Base included in H.R. 3082, the Fiscal Year 2010 Military Construction—VA Appropriations Act.

Name of Intended Recipient: Dover Air Force Base

Location: Dover, DE

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: Military Construction, Air Force

Name of Project: Consolidated Communications Facility

Project Description: The current Dover Air Force Base communications functions are spread among five facilities separated by as much as 1.75 miles, which does not meet Air Force standards. A comprehensive, integrated communications system is impeded by fragmented location of related functions. Consolidating these functions into one hardened facility will improve manpower efficiency by approximately 25 percent. Consolidation and demolition of the old facilities will improve security and will result in approximately \$17,000 annual energy savings, which benefits the U.S. taxpayer.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. LEE TERRY**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 2009*

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2010.

My Congressional District received \$1.2 million to fund alternative energy training and solar power research at Creighton University. Creighton University is located at 2500 Cali-

fornia Plaza, Omaha, NE 68178. This funding will support costs associated with expansion of its energy technology training program and the establishment of the Research Center for Solar Energy that are consistent with the mission of the Department of Energy—"to strengthen America's energy security, environmental quality, and economic vitality in public-private partnerships that 1) enhance energy efficiency and productivity, 2) bring clean, reliable and affordable energy technologies to the marketplace, and 3) make a difference in the everyday lives of Americans by enhancing their energy choices and their quality of life."

This new program will take advantage of Creighton's developing leadership in energy technology. The new energy technology program will create two faculty research labs that will be designed as settings for project-based and internship-based research settings. Federal funding will allow the university to offer specialized technical training programs in photovoltaics and wind energy to create highly skilled manpower to provide the expertise to develop and implement solar energy. These programs will serve the needs of both traditional and non-traditional students as well as addressing training and retraining needs for a growing energy sector of the economy.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. KAY GRANGER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 2009*

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 490, 493, 496, 497, 498, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 516, 519, 522, 523, 526, 527, and 528, I was absent from the House due to illness.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

## HONORING THE 516TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DISCOVERY OF PUERTO RICO

**HON. RON KLEIN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 2009*

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the discovery of Puerto Rico and the contributions of Puerto Ricans to our Nation.

On November 19th, 1493, five hundred and sixteen years ago, Christopher Columbus discovered the island on his second voyage to the New World. The island took the name Puerto Rico, meaning "Rich Port," and ever since, it has been home to the vibrant culture which has enriched American life

I would like to express my gratitude to the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach and Broward counties for their continuing innovation and their role in preserving and promoting Puerto Rican culture.

In honor of all Puerto Ricans who have served, fought, and worked tirelessly to make the United States what it is today, the state of Florida has recognized this November as Discovery of Puerto Rico Month.

On this occasion, I commend Puerto Rican-Americans for their contributions to American

life and extend best wishes to all observing November 2009 as Discovery of Puerto Rico Month.

SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO NYPD  
ASSISTANT CHIEF RAYMOND DIAZ

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 2009*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize and thank Patrol Borough Commander, Assistant Chief Raymond Diaz of the New York City Police Department who for the last 15 years and a total of 24 years has served my Congressional District with much CPR—Courtesy, Professionalism, and Respect.

The history of American law enforcement is a tale of triumphs and tragedies. Since the first night watch established in Boston in 1631, police officers, the men and women in blue who serve and protect our citizenry, have laid their lives down while serving the public interest. Never having worked in law enforcement, I can see that police work is often dangerous, with long hours, impossible weather, and for not a whole lot of pay, frequently dealing with the worst elements of our society. It has always been my considered opinion that all Americans owe a debt of generosity to our honest and hardworking police officers and the chiefs they serve under for all that they do.

As a thirty-nine year veteran of the New York Police Department, Assistant Chief Raymond Diaz embodies the true spirit of "New York's Finest." He has served and protected my District with great distinction and his tireless dedication to Upper Manhattan and his fellow officers under his command is quite admirable. Assistant Chief Diaz's life long dedication of service in the line of duty should serve as an example to all.

Assistant Chief Raymond Diaz was appointed to the New York City Police Department in January 1970 and began his career on patrol in Manhattan's 1st Precinct. In January 1972, he was reassigned to East Harlem's 25th Precinct where he served for nine years. After a number of assignments in Brooklyn and Staten Island and promotions to the rank of Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain, in May 1994 he was assigned back to my beloved East Harlem as the Commanding Officer of the School Safety Division.

Upon Chief Nicholas Estavillo's historic ascension as the City of New York's first Latino Chief of Patrol in June of 2001, Diaz was selected to replace him as the Commanding Officer of Patrol Borough Manhattan North which encompasses my entire Congressional District. As the Commanding Officer of Manhattan North, Assistant Chief Diaz supervised over 2,400 police officers and over 200 civilians in the 12 Manhattan precincts north of 59th Street.

Assistant Chief Diaz is "True Blue;" one of the finest products of my district who came up through the struggles of life. He was born in East Harlem's Metropolitan Hospital to immigrant parents. His father Amador immigrated from Chile and his mother Helena from the Ukraine. Due to a family illness, Assistant Chief Diaz and his younger brother Jay were separated from their parents and raised in foster homes through the Catholic Home Bureau.

Upon graduation from his school, Assistant Chief Diaz joined the United States Marine Corps where he so valiantly served as Corporal in the Vietnam War. As a result, he was the recipient of two Purple Hearts. After joining the Police Department, he attended college night classes and obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology. Assistant Chief Diaz is also a devout family man. He has been married to his wife Lynn for thirty-seven years and is a proud parent of a son, Carlos.

As he is re-assigned to the coveted Manhattan Borough South Command, I congratulate Assistant Chief Diaz on his advancement, and I'm certain that he will continue to serve the communities of the new command with the same leadership, professionalism, and admiration of those he so valiantly served in my district.

So Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing my good friend Assistant Chief Raymond Diaz for all his contributions to my district and the city of New York. He is truly one of New York's finest and I wish him well.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. ROSCOE G. BARTLETT**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 2009*

Mr. BARTLETT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received in H.R. 2847. The list is as follows:

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Conservative Operations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: NRCS

Address of Requesting Entity: 339 Busch's Frontage Road, Annapolis, MD 21401

Description of Request: NRCS Support for Chesapeake Bay Activities: This program was funded: \$3,998,000. Since 2003 the Ag Appropriations bill has included an earmark for Chesapeake Bay, MD. Although this earmark has previously not been in addition to state funds the Task Force encourages the committee to make this request additive.

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Conservative Operations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Harford County Executive David Craig

Address of Requesting Entity: 220 South Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014

Description of Request: Deer Creek Watershed Conservation and Restoration: This program was funded \$400,000. This project will assist in the implementation of the Deer Creek Watershed Restoration Action Strategy recommendations, promoting conservation efforts and completing streambank restoration in the Deer Creek Watershed. Deer Creek is the largest watershed in Harford County covering 38% of the county's land area.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. CHARLES W. DENT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 2009*

Mr. DENT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Leadership standards on

earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding a project that is listed in H.R. 3170, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, FY2010:

Bill Number: H.R. 3170, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, FY2010, Account: Small Business Administration, Salaries and Expenses, Title: Green Business Advancement Program, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley (CACLV)—Rising Tide Community Loan Fund (RTCLF), Address of Requesting Entity: 1337 East Fifth Street, Bethlehem, PA 18015, Description of Request: This program will help small businesses identify and implement energy efficiency improvements. For each participating small business, the CACLV will offer a green business assessment/energy audit, generate an estimated savings calculation based on potential remediation projects, and develop an energy savings plan that outlines work necessary to reach maximum efficiency and a detailed schedule of work. CACLV will work with business owners and contractors in scheduling assessments, audits, and renovations; preparing loan packages and documentation; developing partnerships with community organizations focused on energy efficiency and sustainability; monitoring utility bills and savings of borrowers; and providing technical assistance in environmentally friendly business practices.

INTRODUCING THE WILDLIFE  
WITHOUT BORDERS AUTHORIZATION  
ACT

**HON. DON YOUNG**

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 2009*

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to reintroduce today the Wildlife Without Borders Authorization Act.

The Wildlife Without Borders Program was administratively created by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1983. For the past 25 years, the International Affairs Office has done a superb job of developing wildlife management and conservation efforts to maintain global species diversity.

While the Congress has already created Multinational Species Conservation Funds to assist highly imperiled African and Asian elephants, Rhinoceros and Tigers, Great Apes and Marine Turtles, the Wildlife Without Borders program has provided a funding lifeline to a number of endangered species that for whatever reason have not merited their own Multinational Species Conservation Fund.

The first conservation grants issued under this program were awarded to the Wildlife Without Borders Program for Latin America and the Caribbean Initiative. Since that time, additional grants have been allocated for projects in Africa, Mexico, India, China and the Russian Federation. In fact, in the past two decades, the International Affairs Office within the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, has approved 955 conservation projects at a cost of \$20.5 million in taxpayer money. These funds have been matched by more than \$60 million in private non-federal money, which is a remarkable 3 to 1 matching ratio.

Among the conservation projects that have been approved are funds for the Winged Ambassadors Program to stop the killing of