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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

Swainson's hawks in Argentina, a project to conserve the forest habitat for monarch butterflies, jaguar conservation in the Yucatan region, the restoration of the California condor in Baja California, Mexico and the purchase of equipment for law enforcement personnel to protect imperiled Far Eastern leopards, Amur tigers and snow leopards.

A fundamental goal of this program has been to build conservation capacity and establish ecosystem management regimes by allocating a small amount of U.S. taxpayer money. It is no exaggeration to state that these are the only funds available to assist these highly endangered international species and without this investment these species may become extinct in the wild.

During the last Congress, witnesses representing the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, the Wildlife Conservation Society, and the World Wildlife Fund testified before the House Natural Resources Committee on H.R. 4455. Each of these organizations spoke in strong support of my bill to establish the Wildlife Without Borders Program into law. For instance, the Association of Zoos and Aquariums said that: "AZA wholeheartedly supports this effort". The Wildlife Conservation Society stated that: "Congressional authorization for the Wildlife Without Borders program affirms the leadership of the U.S. Government within the international community, underscoring our commitment to our international wildlife treaty obligations, and encouraging coordinated international efforts to save wildlife species." Finally, the World Wildlife Fund testified that: "There is much to be gained in authorizing the international conservation programs of FWS, and creating one umbrella to promote synergies, efficiencies and coordination."

By establishing a Congressional authorization for the Wildlife Without Borders Program, we will send a positive message to the international community that the United States is committed to its international wildlife treaty obligations and we recognize the long-term importance of this program by enacting it into law. It will also ensure that this Congress has an opportunity to carefully examine this program, to evaluate its effectiveness and to decide whether its merits further expenditures of taxpayer money in the future.

I urge my colleagues to support this important conservation legislation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. 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, Energy and Water Appropriations.

Requesting Member: JOHN M. SHIMKUS

Bill number: H.R. 3183

The Account: Construction—Chain of Rocks Canal

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers St. Louis District at 122 Spruce St. St. Louis, MO 63103.

The funding will be used for the continuation of authorized activities on the Chain of Rocks Canal; provides flood control for Metro East and a corridor for navigation of commerce

The Account: Construction—East St. Louis Levee

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers St. Louis District at 122 Spruce St. St. Louis, MO 63103.

Funding will be used for the continuation of authorized activities on the East St. Louis levee which provides flood protection for Metro East.

The Account: Construction—Upper Mississippi River Restoration IL, IA, MN, MO & WI

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers at Clock Tower Building Rock Island, IL 61204.

Funding The funding would be used to continue projects which are vital to the ecological restoration of the Upper Mississippi River and Illinois Waterway, including habitat creation and long-term monitoring

The Account: Construction—Wood River Levee

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers St. Louis District at 122 Spruce St. St. Louis, MO 63103.

Funding will be used for the continuation of authorized activities and for repair flood protection for Metro East at the Wood River Levee

The Account: O&M—Carlyle Lake

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers St. Louis District at 122 Spruce St. St. Louis, MO 63103.

Funding will be used for the continuation of authorized activities including to maintain recreation and flood control activities and to address a project backlog at Carlyle Lake.

The Account: O&M—Lake Shelbyville

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers St. Louis District at 122 Spruce St. St. Louis, MO 63103.

Funding will be used for the continuation of authorized activities including to maintain recreation and flood control activities and to address a project backlog at Lake Shelbyville.

The Account: O&M—Mississippi Rivers Between Missouri River and Minneapolis (MVS Portion) IL

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers St. Louis District at 122 Spruce St in St. Louis, MO 63103.

Funding will be used for the continuation of authorized activities including the navigation channel on the Mississippi River which is essential to all commerce in the United States.

The Account: O&M—Rend Lake

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers St. Louis District at 122 Spruce St in St. Louis, MO 63103.

Funding will be used for the continuation of authorized activities including to maintain recreation and flood control activities and to address a project backlog at Rend Lake.

The Account: Construction—Madison & St. Clair Counties, IL

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers St. Louis District at 122 Spruce St in St. Louis, MO 63103.

Funding will be used for the continuation to the next phase of sewer design and construction in the Glen Carbon and Maryville areas to provide long term regional sewer system for Metro East.

The Account: Section 206—Lake Lou Yaeger Restoration

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers St. Louis District at 122 Spruce St in St. Louis, MO 63103

Funding will be used for the continuation of authorized activities and design and engineering of sediment removal plan for Lake Lou Yaeger and allow the viability as long term water source.

The Account: Investigations—Prairie DuPont Levee and Sanitary District and Fish Lake Drainage and Levee District

Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers St. Louis District at 1222 Spruce St in St. Louis, MO 63103

Funding will be used for the continuation of authorized activities and design and engineering of sediment removal plan for Lake Lou Yaeger and allow the viability as long term water source.

The Account: EERE—Hardin County General Hospital Energy Efficiency Upgrades

Requesting Entity: Hardin County General Hospital located at Ferrell Road, Rosiclare, IL 62982.

Funding will be used for energy efficiency upgrades.

HONORING FROST, HOMETOWN,
MOODY NATIONAL AND TEXAS
FIRST BANKS

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, at a time when the financial headlines are dominated by stories of financial institutions seeking taxpayer funds and other special privileges, I am pleased to call my colleagues' attention to a story from the Galveston Daily News about how four community banks came together to help their friends, neighbors and customers begin to recover and rebuild from Hurricane Ike. I ask for unanimous consent to insert this story into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Last fall, as the people of Galveston were assessing the damage from Hurricane Ike and Congress was beginning debate on spending billions of taxpayer funds to bail out irresponsible financial institutions, representatives of Frost, HomeTown, Moody National and Texas First banks met to discuss how these banks could help jumpstart hurricane recovery efforts. The four banks agreed to make unsecured bridge loans to Galveston businesses to ensure these businesses had access to capital while they waited for federal assistance and insurance payments.

The four banks made more than \$40 million in recovery loans. These loans provided lifelines to many businesses struggling with both the devastation of Hurricane Ike and the credit crisis. Without the efforts of these four banks, several Galveston businesses would have had to shut their doors.

In conclusion, Madam Speaker, I extend my thanks to management and employees of Frost, HomeTown, Moody National, and Texas First banks for their efforts to help the businesses and people of Galveston recover from Hurricane Ike.