

The funding would be used to repair Selden Lock miter gates and Holt spillway and Holt lock valves. Funds would also be used to construct an upland disposal site at Buena Vista. Provide \$24,180,000 in funding for Operations and Maintenance for the Mobile District of the COE for the Black Warrior and Tombigbee Rivers. Currently there are 20–25 million tons transported on this river each year, mostly coal and petroleum products, and serious repairs are needed. The Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway and Coosa-Alabama River systems depend on the efficiency of the Black Warrior-Tombigbee. This project will provide necessary infrastructure maintenance and repairs to the 50+ year old lock and dam system. The entire budget for the project will go towards maintenance and repairs. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Corps of Engineers, O&M Account. Taxpayer Justification: Each year approximately 20–25 million tons of goods move through this waterway, mostly coal and petroleum products. The Black Warrior and Tombigbee Rivers system is vital for the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway and the Coosa Alabama River system, and this funding promotes the functioning of this vital waterway.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 15, 2009*

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding H.R. 3170, the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill: H.R. 3170

Account: Small Business Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Alma

Address of Requesting Entity: 884 Radio Station Rd., Alma, GA 31510

Description of Request: Funding in the amount of \$500,000 for business and infrastructure development to entice small businesses to the area and encourage growth in the community.

#### THE COMMUNITY GARDENS ACT OF 2009

#### HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 15, 2009*

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, today Congresswoman NORTON and I introduced the Community Gardens Act of 2009, along with Representatives MATSUI, BLUMENAUER, MORAN, CONYERS, Jr., BORDALLO, CHRISTENSEN, DENNIS MOORE, ENGEL, KAPTUR, MALONEY, MCGOVERN, CARSON, GRIJALVA, BARBARA LEE, DONNA EDWARDS, WOOLSEY and CLEAVER II. We thank them for their support.

Localities across America are already demonstrating an eagerness to harvest fresh fruits and vegetables in community gardens. Ac-

cording to a national study, 1 million households participated in community gardens in 2008, and an estimated 5 million households are very interested in starting a garden plot near their home. Washington state is home to many opportunities by which individuals may participate in a community garden atmosphere. For example, the City of Seattle's Department of Neighborhoods currently maintains 1,900 plots, which serve more than 3,800 urban gardeners on 23 acres of land. This successful program is expanding as interest in gardening grows. With this legislation we can help programs like the one in Seattle, Washington, as well as at 21 Acres in Woodinville, Washington, to expand opportunities for all American households to share in the numerous benefits of local gardening.

The Community Gardens Act of 2009 will establish a grant program specifically geared to help local organizations create community gardens in their areas. Groups eligible to apply for funds include community-development organizations, schools, and state and local governments, among others. By encouraging these groups to construct gardens in their communities, the legislation will promote nutrition, environmental awareness, and neighborhood development.

Existing community gardens illustrate the many benefits of creating such a grant program. These gardens are already helping to beautify neighborhoods by transforming vacant lots and paved areas into "green" spaces. They are reducing the impact of nutrient and sediment pollution on local wildlife habitats, forest lands and water quality. They are also teaching our kids about the importance of nutrition and exercise by participating in harvesting healthy food and creating an excellent opportunity for outdoor recreation.

Congresswoman NORTON and I are proud to introduce the Community Gardens Act of 2009 and we look forward to working in Congress to ensure that healthy food and healthy lifestyles are available to all communities across the nation.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 15, 2009*

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit documentation consistent with the Republican Earmark Standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 3170—Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Salaries & Expenses

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Operation New Hope, Inc.

Address of Receiving Entity: 1830 North Main Street, Jacksonville FL 32206

Description of Request: I have secured \$790,000 in funding in H.R. 3170, in the Salaries & Expenses Account for a prison re-entry job training program that works with small business owners.

The purpose of this program is to successfully re-integrate ex-offenders by work training and job coaching and matching up successful participants with local small businesses that meet their hiring and staffing needs.

This project is eligible for federal funding under the Small Business Administration.

Operation New Hope, Inc. will contribute \$2,000,000 in non-Federal matching funds.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 15, 2009*

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding for Delaware included as part of FY 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, H.R. 3183:

Name of Project: Delaware Bay Coastline, Roosevelt Inlet to Lewes Beach, DE

Requesting Member: MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: ACOE—Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: The Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Description of Request: \$350,000 for periodic renourishment of Roosevelt Inlet/Lewes Beach area located in Sussex County, Delaware. The purpose of the project is to reduce flood and coastal storm damage and for navigation mitigation.

Name of Project: Intracoastal Waterway, Delaware River to Chesapeake Bay, DE & MD

Requesting Member: MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: ACOE—O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: The Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Description of Request: \$28,390,000, which is the President's requested funding level for the continued annual operations and maintenance of this Intracoastal Waterway.

Name of Project: Wilmington Harbor, Delaware

Requesting Member: MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: ACOE—O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: The Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Description of Request: \$320,000 for aggressive management and capacity restoration of federal disposal areas and chemical and sediment testing within those areas. The purpose of this project is to increase capacity and manage disposal areas for Wilmington Harbor.

Name of Project: Delaware Coast Protection, DE

Requesting Member: MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: ACOE—Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: The Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Description of Request: \$390,000 to reimburse the State of Delaware for the Federal share of the annual operation and maintenance costs of the sand bypass plant and new

plant facilities. The purpose is to support the periodic nourishment of the beach during the authorized period.

Name of Project: Red Clay Creek, Christina River Watershed, DE

Requesting Member: MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: ACOE—Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: The Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Description of Request: \$300,000 to continue the investigation of the Christina River Watershed feasibility study. The purpose of the project is to continue investigation of flood damage reduction, ecosystem restoration, water quality control strategies.

Name of Project: Wind Turbine Infrastructure for Green Energy and Research on Wind Power in Delaware

Requesting Member: MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: DoE—EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Delaware

Address of Requesting Entity: Hullahen Hall, Newark, DE 19716

Description of Request: \$300,000 for the one-time purchase and installation of a wind turbine to be used shore-side at the University of Delaware's Lewes Campus. The purpose of this project is to help inform decisions about the viability and delivery of offshore renewable wind energy.

Name of Project: University of Delaware Energy Institute

Requesting Member: MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: DoE—Science

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Delaware

Address of Requesting Entity: Hullahen Hall, Newark, DE 19716

Description of Request: \$500,000 for equipment, fellowships, and outreach for University of Delaware's Energy Institute. The purpose of the project is to expand and accelerate the deployment, demonstration and adoption of alternative energy sources and technologies that are more secure, abundant, and sustainable to help meet the nation's energy challenges.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 15, 2009*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately Monday night, July 13, 2009, I was unable to cast my vote on the Motion to Adjourn.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 530, on the Motion to Adjourn, I would have voted "aye."

#### TRIBUTE TO CONTINENTAL AIRLINES ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 15, 2009*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Continental Airlines headquartered in Houston, Texas, on its 75th anniversary. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Continental Airlines and its employees for the outstanding service and dedication it has provided to travelers over the past 75 years.

From its modest beginnings in July 1934 in El Paso, Texas, Continental has grown to become the fifth largest carrier in the world. Just before the Second World War, Continental moved its headquarters to Denver, Colorado where it subsequently built the Denver Modification Facility, modifying B-17 and B-29 aircraft for the war effort. As the war approached an end, Continental expanded its services to include 26 cities and employ over 400 people by 1945.

In 1963, Continental moved its headquarters once again to Los Angeles, where the company continued to support American military efforts, flying soldiers to Asia during the Vietnam War. During the 1970s, Continental experienced considerable growth. Most notable was approval by President Jimmy Carter to fly from Los Angeles to New Zealand and Australia.

In 1982, Continental, once more relocated its headquarters to its current location in Houston, Texas. Continental then mounted one of the most successful business turnarounds ever in American history when it began restructuring in 1994, using its famous "Go Forward Plan" that emphasized the airline's unique company culture. In addition to Houston, Continental also has hubs in Cleveland, Ohio and Newark, New Jersey.

Today, Continental remains a major employer in the Houston area and a valued airline. I hear often from satisfied travelers about the quality of the company's service and commonsense approach to operations. As a million mile traveler, I personally can attest to the quality and professionalism of the crew and staff of Continental Airlines. It is my personal choice when I travel back and forth to Washington, and one I trust with the safeguard of my family.

Madam Speaker, I hope my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives will join me to recognize Continental's contribution to America on the occasion of the 75th anniversary.

#### RECOGNIZING YOUNG JU JI

#### HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 15, 2009*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Young Ju Ji. Ms. Ji is the Executive Director of Korean American Women in Need, KANWIN, and a well-respected member of the Korean-American community in Chicago.

KANWIN helps Korean-American survivors of domestic violence and is one of a few organizations in the country with such a mission. The organization's formation began amid controversy as it publicly stated that women should not be subjected to violence or brutality at the hand of her husband or partner. KANWIN has served thousands of families in Chicago, giving women and their children renewed optimism and opportunity.

Ms. Ji immigrated to the U.S. in 1999 to Chicago where she and her family now reside. In addition to her work at KANWIN, Ms. Ji teaches both adults and children Korean drumming, one of her many efforts to preserve Korean culture in Chicago. She also is a Board Member at the Korean-American Resource and Cultural Center, KRCC.

Ms. Ji is well-respected and vital to the Korean-American community. She is a natural leader and her strength invigorates the men and women whose lives she has affected. In her charity, few things are ever unavailable. Ms. Ji, her husband and their two young children regularly open their home and share their financial resources and time to those in need. It is my privilege to recognize Ms. Young Ju Ji as an outstanding member of our community and as a person who deserves our country's honor.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 15, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. 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:

Congressman SAM GRAVES (MO-6)

Department of Defense, Corps of Engineers—Civil, Investigations—\$350,000 to the Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District for the Missouri River Levee System (MRLS) Units L-455 and R 471-460 (4800 East 63rd Street, Kansas City, MO 64130)

Federal funds obtained will be used to advance design of the levee system on the Missouri River at Elwood and Wathena, KS and St. Joseph, MO. Damage from flooding has been significant in St. Joseph and the surrounding area, with devastating floods occurring in 1881, 1952 and 1993. In the Great Flood of 1993, Unit R 471-460 failed causing more than \$97 million in damages. The levee system extends over 29 miles in length, protecting industrial and residential areas in St. Joseph worth over \$1 billion. The feasibility study was completed in 2006 identifying an alternative to raise 13 miles of the right bank unit of the levee protecting Elwood, Wathena, and the MO Air National Guard base.

Congressman SAM GRAVES (MO-6)

Department of Defense, Corps of Engineers—Civil, Section 205—Funds to the Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District for the Blacksnake Creek Feasibility Study (4800 East 63rd Street, Kansas City, MO 64130)

The Blacksnake Creek is a tributary of the Missouri River. In 1984 a flash flood in St. Joseph, MO devastated homes and commercial