

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. DON YOUNG**

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 15, 2009*

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. 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.

Project Name: Fairbanks Geothermal Energy Project

Bill Number: H.R. 3183—Department of Energy

Legal name and address of entity receiving earmark: Fairbanks North Star Borough, 809 Pioneer Road, Fairbanks, AK 99707

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: Fairbanks North Star Borough in cooperation with the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) Center for Energy and Power will use funds to perform research and development work on an enhanced geothermal system designed to replace the 9 megawatt combined heat and power unit located on the campus of UAF.

Appropriated Amount: \$1,000,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Program Coordination: \$300,000, geothermal resource assessment: \$500,000, test well: \$4,200,000

Project Name: St. Hermann Harbor Dredging in Kodiak

Bill Number: H.R. 3183—Army Corps of Engineers

Legal name and address of entity receiving earmark: City of Kodiak, 710 Mill Bay Road, Kodiak, AK 99615

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: In 1997, the Army Corps completed a breakwater to protect Kodiak's St. Herman Harbor. The south channel of this new harbor has residual rubble from the construction period that needs to be dredged and cleaned out in order to allow the channel entrance to be the width and depth intended by the original project design.

Appropriated Amount: \$500,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Army Corps of Engineers Operations and Maintenance: \$500,000

Project Name: High Penetration Wind Power in Tatitlek

Bill Number: H.R. 3183—Department of Energy

Legal name and address of entity receiving earmark: Native Village of Tatitlek, P.O. Box 171, Tatitlek, AK 99677

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: Funding will provide for a high penetration hybrid wind turbine/diesel power station in the Village of Tatitlek. Because it is expensive to ship home heating fuel into Tatitlek, Tatitlek conducted studies on cost effective alternatives. Energy generation from wind is expected to save the community 32 percent over energy generation from diesel.

Appropriated Amount: \$900,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Machines: \$612,495; Shipping: \$34,028; Concrete pads for generators: \$156,257; Crane: \$122,499; Electrical lines: \$24,500; Controls and Equipment: \$340,275; Site prep: \$88,472; C.E. freight:

\$68,055; Wind prospecting: \$20,417; Engineering: \$102,083

Project Name: Port of Anchorage

Bill Number: H.R. 3183—Army Corps of Engineers

Legal name and address of entity receiving earmark: Port of Anchorage, 2000 Anchorage Port Rd, Anchorage, AK 99501

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: Provide an earmark of \$18 million will be used for operations and maintenance for the Port of Anchorage expansion project.

Appropriated Amount: \$18,000,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Army Corps of Engineers Operations and Maintenance: \$18,000,000

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. CANDICE S. MILLER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 15, 2009*

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. 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. 2892, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman CANDICE S. MILLER

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

Account: Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Macomb County, Michigan

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 S. Main St., 7th Floor, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

Description of Request: This request, in the amount of \$100,000.00, would be used to provide a variety of much needed programs and services including training such as business plan and marketing writing and assistance. Additionally, it would serve businesses and entrepreneurs in Macomb County who currently lack access to such vital services.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN LEE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 15, 2009*

Mr. LEE of New York. 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 Financial Services Appropriations bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman CHRISTOPHER LEE (NY-26)

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Account: Small Business Administration—Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Buffalo Niagara International Trade Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: 725 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14203

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$250,000 to support three approaches by the World Trade Center Buffalo Niagara

(WTCBN), a non-for-profit that helps companies to enter, grow, and compete in international markets: (1) The "Export Canada" program addresses the needs of small and medium sized-manufacturers and service firms by providing workshops focused on exporting to Canada; (2) Expand WTCBN's international business development services and guided assistance to service a broader audience of companies in a 12-county region of Western New York; (3) Support comprehensive trade education and global skills development programs geared for the agribusiness and manufacturing sectors through strengthened partnerships with educational institutions.

Of the total amount, approximately \$100,000 (or 40 percent) is for outreach and marketing; \$60,000 (or 24 percent) is for education; \$50,000 (or 20 percent) is for technology; \$30,000 (or 12 percent) is for miscellaneous expenses; and \$10,000 (or 4 percent) is for membership activities.

Global trade for any individual firm remains a complex matter requiring a wide range of services, market contact and skills. As part of a network of 300 World Trade Centers in 100 countries, WTCBN has the capabilities and contacts to assist regional businesses in every major market in the world. WTCBN is licensed by the World Trade Centers Association to serve companies throughout much of Upstate New York. The WTCBN shares a very similar mission as the Small Business Administration.

## RECOGNITION OF LES WEISBROD

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 15, 2009*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor and pleasure that I stand before you today to recognize a very special constituent and friend of mine. He is both a mentor and an outstanding lawyer with a brilliant legal mind, and I am privileged to recognize and acknowledge the achievements of Les Weisbrod. I have known him since 1971, and I can truly say that he is a dedicated, distinguished, and committed citizen.

The name Weisbrod has long been associated with excellence, and his life and work reflect his parents' highest standards of hard work, honesty, courtesy, and responsibility. On July 30, 2009, Mr. Weisbrod will finish his term as President of the American Association for Justice. As the largest trial bar in the world, this association aims to promote a fair and effective justice system and has benefitted enormously from Mr. Weisbrod's leadership and expertise. He has served as President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian of the American Association for Justice, in addition to leading many of this association's litigation groups through his quarter-century of membership.

Regarded as one of the most effective medical malpractice and personal injury attorneys in the country, Mr. Weisbrod has obtained more medical malpractice punitive damage jury verdicts for his clients than any other attorney in the United States. In 2003, he obtained a verdict which has been reported by the National Law Journal as one of the 100 most important verdicts of that year, and he

was named one of the best lawyers in Dallas for 2003–2005 in Dallas' "D" Magazine and a "Texas Super Lawyer" for 2003–2004 in Texas Monthly.

Our communities and our country rely on the contributions of individuals like Mr. Weisbrod who rise above and beyond the call of duty to make a difference in the lives of others, both personally and professionally. He has demonstrated an unfaltering and tireless commitment to the betterment of Dallas County, the State of Texas, and the entire Nation. I am fortunate to know and to have worked with Mr. Weisbrod for the past 38 years, and I am so pleased to call him a dear friend.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I would like to give a final salute to Les Weisbrod who has fought to ensure justice and fairness in our legal system. I wish him continued health, happiness, and peace throughout his professional and personal journey. His outstanding service on behalf of others truly makes a remarkable difference and serves as an outstanding example to us all.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Mr. McKEON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding Member priority requests I received as part of H.R. 3170, the "Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010."

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

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

Account: Small Business Administration (SBA)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Palmdale, CA

Address of Requesting Entity: 38300 Sierra Highway, Palmdale, CA 93550

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$100,000 to assist the City of Palmdale and the South Valley WorkSource Center (SVWC) with their efforts to further develop and fully implement the second year of the Business Resource Network, an economic development support program that would connect area small businesses to available public and private business resources, which are designed to increase worker skills preparedness, reduce the potential for employee lay-offs and business closures, and promote continuing local economic development and growth.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Mr. UPTON. 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 Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2010.

St. Joseph Harbor O&M Dredging  
Department: Army Corps of Engineers  
Account: Operations & Maintenance  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Berrien County, Michigan

Address of Requesting Entity: Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main St., St. Joseph, MI 49085

This request is for securing funds for dredging both the inner and outer harbor of St. Joseph, Michigan, as well as performing much-needed structural repairs. The inner harbor is a key port for raw materials such as limestone, sand and gravel for state highways. Road and building construction projects in the area receive a majority of their aggregate materials through the three commercial docks located in this harbor. Additionally, it is a major hub for recreational boaters, with over 1,600 boat slips. This project has been authorized through many WRDA acts, is vital to the economic viability of Southwest Michigan, and has the support of the entire community.

The St. Joseph Harbor is an integral cog in the region's economic engine. A recent study by Purdue University gauged the harbor's economic impact at more than \$5.5 million dollars and more than 35 local jobs. The St. Joseph Harbor is among the top 50 in commercial activity among Great Lakes Harbors.

Amount: \$750,000

Funding Breakdown: The entirety of this funding will go towards dredging to the entrance, inner channel of the harbor and outer harbor. Supplemental funds will be provided by Berrien County and local municipalities.

New Buffalo Federal Channel O&M Dredging

Department: Army Corps of Engineers  
Account: Operations & Maintenance  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of New Buffalo, Michigan

Address of Requesting Entity: City of New Buffalo, 244 W. Buffalo St., New Buffalo, MI 49117

This request is to secure funds for the dredging of the Federal Channel in New Buffalo Harbor, from the Whittaker Street Bridge to Lake Michigan. The floodwaters from the September 14, 2008 storm event discharged an immense amount of sediment into the federal channel which has restricted the access to Lake Michigan. The project would dredge the federal channel to remove the shoals (much worse than what normal dredging handles) which prevent boats from accessing Lake Michigan. Dredged material would be used to supplement a beach nourishment area established by the ACOE. The federal channel serves boat traffic for the south Lake Michigan area, including residents of Chicagoland and Northern Indiana. New Buffalo is a boating community with an economy that relies entirely on its harbor's access to Lake Michigan via the Gallen River. Without the dredging, the City and surrounding area will see a significant decline in tourism and related jobs. This project is authorized through the River and Harbor Act of 1962.

Amount: \$139,000

Funding Breakdown: The entirety of this funding will go toward the dredging of the Federal Channel in New Buffalo Harbor, from the Whittaker Street Bridge to Lake Michigan

Western Michigan University Green Manufacturing and Energy Conscious Design Program

Department: Energy

Account: Office of Science and Biological Research

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Western Michigan University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1903 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49008

This project will assist companies (small companies in particular) to take advantage of environmentally benign and energy conscious materials in their design and manufacturing processes. The proposal is a collaborative project involving WMU College of Engineering, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, industry partners and community participants and seeks to enhance economic and workforce development and technology transfer through the advancement and use of environmentally friendly materials, designs, products and manufacturing processes and systems, building upon the already successful manufacturing, environment and energy research centers and programs at WMU.

Amount: \$1,000,000

Funding Breakdown: One third of this funding will go to equipment, one third to educational materials development and delivery to employees and students, and one third to program support. Western Michigan University will provide supplemental funding for this \$3 million project.

#### TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOHN L. "JACK" HUDSON

### HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Mr. AUSTRIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lieutenant General John L. "Jack" Hudson, for his outstanding service to our nation on the occasion of his retirement.

On behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, I am honored to congratulate Lieutenant General Hudson upon his retirement as the Commander of the Aeronautical Systems Center at Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

His dedicated service to the citizens of our nation and our area is both admirable and commendable. Hudson received his commission in 1971 upon his graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy. Since that time, he has served as a T-38 instructor pilot; an A-10 pilot, instructor pilot and flight examiner; and test pilot at Edwards Air Force Base.

Over the course of his distinguished career, he has also served as the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force for International Affairs. Most recently, Lieutenant General Hudson has served as the Commander of the Aeronautical Systems Center at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, a position from which he will retire in 2009.

For his many years of service to our nation, I join the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in extending our best wishes upon his retirement and wish him ongoing success in all future endeavors.