

Bill Number: FY10 Transportation, HUD Appropriations

Account: FHA—Transportation and Community & System Preservation

Requesting Agency: City of Galt

Requesting Agency Address: 495 Industrial Drive, Galt, CA 95632

Amount: \$500,000

Funding this project will provide for the reconstruction of the Central Galt (C Street)/SR 99 Interchange, which is critical to relieve congestion, improve regional transportation mobility, and ultimately alleviate a deficit in adequate emergency services access.

This project represents an appropriate use of taxpayer funds by elevating the ingress and egress of a major trade corridor to standards of safety commensurate with the impacts to the effected community.

International Drive Extension/Folsom South Canal Bridge, CA

Requesting Member: DANIEL E. LUNGREN

Bill Number: FY10 Transportation, HUD Appropriations

Account: FHA—Surface Transportation Priorities

Requesting Agency: City of Rancho Cordova

Requesting Agency Address: 2729 Prospect Park Dr., Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Amount: \$500,000

The International Drive Extension and Folsom South Canal Bridge project will construct a new six-lane extension of International Drive from Kilgore Road to Sunrise Boulevard. The waterway creates a barrier that cuts the City in half from north to south.

This project represents an appropriate use of taxpayer funds by facilitating the crossing of a U.S. Bureau of Reclamation waterway which bisects the City of Rancho Cordova, allowing emergency service access across this present barrier.

ADA Infrastructure Improvements

Requesting Member: DANIEL E. LUNGREN

Bill Number: FY10 Transportation, HUD Appropriations

Account: Housing and Urban Development (HUD)—Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Requesting Agency: City of Citrus Heights

Requesting Agency Address: 6237 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621

Amount: \$450,000

Disability access is limited in several identified locations throughout the City of Citrus Heights, and the City has been and continues to be the subject of lawsuits from advocates in the disability rights community. This funding will cover the cost of new ADA-compliant infrastructure. Citrus Heights is nearly 100% built-out, extinguishing the stream of development fees which might normally provide for this infrastructure improvement.

This project represents an appropriate use of taxpayer funds by providing for the elevation of city facilities to meet the requirements of ADA compliance.

LETTER FROM THE HIGH-PERFORMANCE BUILDINGS CAUCUS RE: ENERGY AND WATER APPROPS OF 2010

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I submit the following letter:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, July 15, 2009.

Hon. DAVID R. OBEY,

Chairman, Committee on Appropriations.

Hon. ED PASTOR,

Acting Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development.

Hon. JERRY LEWIS,

Ranking Member, Committee on Appropriations.

Hon. RODNEY FRELINGHUYSEN,

Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development.

DEAR CHAIRMEN AND RANKING MEMBERS: As members of the High-Performance Buildings Caucus, we commend your work on the Energy and Water Appropriations Act of 2010. This Act makes investments in all areas of energy and makes critical investments in our nation's infrastructure. Of those investments, we hope you will give priority consideration to the Energy Efficient Buildings Systems Hub.

As a Caucus, we have consistently advocated for investments in a particular element of our nation's infrastructure—our built environment. Each year our nation's homes, offices, schools, and other buildings consume 70 percent of the electricity in the U.S., emit 39 percent of the nation's carbon dioxide emissions, and our citizens spend approximately 90 percent of their time indoors. Investing in the research and development of high-performance building technologies can have a direct impact on decreasing our nation's carbon footprint, reducing costs and improving building energy efficiency.

In light of these facts, the Department of Energy fiscal year 2010 budget introduced a request for eight Energy Innovation Hubs, each focused on a specific national energy related topic. These Energy Innovation Hubs would function in a new structure modeled after the research laboratories involved in the Manhattan Project Labs, Lincoln Labs at MIT that developed radar and AT&T Bell Laboratories that developed the transistor.

According to the Department of Energy, the proposed Energy Efficient Building Systems Hub would:

Develop systems-based approaches to designing commercial and residential buildings that integrate windows and lighting, natural ventilation and HVAC, thermal inertia, on-site energy generation and other factors. Develop building design software with imbedded energy analysis to assist architects and engineers in adopting new technologies for conserving energy. Develop automated operating platforms for real-time optimization of the building control systems, analogous to computer optimization of automobile engine performance.

We understand that during difficult economic and budgetary times, we must be especially careful with federal research investments. It is because of our strong belief in the benefits of energy efficiency gains that we believe that this Energy Innovation Hub will offer the best return for our investment.

While we understand the concerns of the Appropriations Committee regarding possible redundancies within existing initiatives, we hope to work with the Committee and the Department of Energy to address

these specific concerns before moving forward. It is our hope that as this legislation moves forward, we will be able to work with you to address this important issue.

Sincerely,

Russ Carnahan, Co-Chair, High-Performance Buildings Caucus; Judy Biggert, Co-Chair, High-Performance Buildings Caucus; Earl Blumenauer, Paul Hodes, Dave Loebsack, Bill Foster, Jay Inslee, Edolphus Towns, David Wu, *Members of Congress*.

H. RES. 529, CONDEMNING THE VIOLENT ATTACK ON THE UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 529, which condemns the violent attack on the United States Holocaust Museum on June 10, 2009 and honors the bravery and dedication of Museum employees and security personnel. I also rise to extend my condolences to the family and friends of Stephen Johns who died as a result of this horrible attack.

On June 10, 2009, 89-year-old James von Brunn walked into the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and opened fire, killing security guard Stephen Johns. This act of violence led to the death of an innocent and admired security guard and wounded an institution meant to remind us where the spread of hatred can lead. Thankfully, the courage and quick action of the museum's security guards prevented further injury and death.

Words of bigotry and racism cannot be ignored; too often they end in hateful actions. From the recent murder of abortion provider Dr. George Tiller to the shooting of two soldiers at a military recruitment center in Arkansas, hate too often materializes into violence with devastating effects for American families and communities. All of us must take it upon ourselves to end the ignorance and false beliefs that lead to discrimination, bigotry and worse. That is the mission of the Holocaust Museum and it is a mission and a message which now rings louder and clearer than ever.

The assault against the Holocaust Memorial Museum, its employees and patrons is also a painful reminder of the public safety threat we face from gun violence. The United States must work harder to bring an end to gun violence.

Madam Speaker, my thoughts are also with all those who have been victims of hate as well as those who dedicate themselves to increasing tolerance within our communities. I join my colleagues in supporting H. Res. 529.

THE CONTINUING SITUATION ON THE ISLAND OF CYPRUS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring renewed attention to the ongoing situation on the island of Cyprus.

On May 23, 2008, the Turkish Cypriot leader, Mehmet Ali Talat, and the Greek Cypriot leader, Demetris Christofias, reaffirmed their commitment to a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation with political equality as defined by relevant Security Council resolutions. This will include a federal government with a single international personality as well as a Turkish Cypriot constituent state and a Greek Cypriot constituent state, both of equal status.

If the process to reach a settlement is derailed, I'm concerned that it will take years to resuscitate negotiations. The issues facing the two communities are difficult, but they are not insurmountable.

Five years ago, the inhabitants of the island participated in a referendum put forward by the United Nations under Secretary General Kofi Annan. The Annan Plan, to which it is often referred, foresaw a bi-communal, bi-zonal federation based on political equality. Unfortunately, it was overwhelmingly rejected by Greek Cypriots in 2004 despite vast support by Turkish Cypriots.

The Annan Plan was the product of intense negotiations conducted under the auspices of the United Nations Secretary General between the Turkish Cypriots, Greek Cypriots, Turkey, and Greece. It was the first plan since the conflict began to be submitted for public approval. In addition, it struck a fair compromise between the two sides on the island and was supported by both the United States and the European Union. Had it been accepted, it would have brought about a resolution to this longstanding separation of the island and contributed to political stability in this region of the world.

I was hoping the outcome would meet the fundamental interests of the parties, including economic and political security for all Cypriots, and put an end to the island's division. However, with the rejection of the Annan Plan by the Greek Cypriots, I must ask my fellow colleagues to join me in continuing to work with good faith and determination to build a brighter future for all the people of Cyprus. The international community should keep the promises made in 2004 to end the isolation of the Turkish Cypriots, given their support for a negotiated settlement.

Madam Speaker, the leaders on both sides of this conflict will require a strong political will to overcome the difficult issues that the process to reconciliation necessitates. The United States should do all it can to support this process and avoid any steps which would undermine the leaders of the various parties.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations Act, the FY 2010 Transportation Treasury Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, and the FY 2010 Education, Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman Ed WHITFIELD

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Section 205

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Hopkinsville

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 North Main Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42241

Description of Request: Funding will be used to study the South Fork of the Little River to reduce 100 year flood levels in Hopkinsville by 2.6–4.9 feet. The agency that should provide the funding is the Corps of Engineers and the account is Section 205.

Requesting Member: Congressman Ed WHITFIELD

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Paducah

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 South 5th Street, Paducah, KY 42001

Description of Request: Funds will be used (\$44,000) for the rehabilitation of the current flood control system will involve repair/replacement of pumping station equipment, corrugated pipes, concrete, and other appurtenant features. This is considered a levee safety issue. This project was authorized in the 2007 Water Resources Development Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman Ed WHITFIELD

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: O and M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 625 Catlett Street, Hickman, KY 42050

Description of Request: This funding (\$44,000) provides for maintenance of an off-river harbor channel extending from the main channel of the Mississippi River along the City. Annual dredging is necessary to ensure maximum efficiency of the Harbor. This project will provide vital economic development and community growth.

Requesting Member: Congressman Ed WHITFIELD

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Other Defense Activities—Health, Safety, and Security

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Department of Energy

Address of Requesting Entity: Department of Energy Washington, D.C. 20585

Description of Request: This funding (\$1,000,000) will be used to assess the health of DOE contract workers in Paducah, KY to detect selected occupational illnesses at an early stage. This funding will help screen for health problems, which will save taxpayers' money in the long-run. The agency that should provide the funding is the Department of Energy and the account is Other Defense Activities—Health, Safety, and Security.

Requesting Member: Congressman Ed WHITFIELD

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Nashville Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 1070, Nashville, TN 37202

Description of Request: This project consists of constructing a completely new lock and dam structure, which is vital to the movement of goods through the inland waterways system. The project will have an average annual benefit of \$70.7 million when completed. Expanding Kentucky Lock will help protect hun-

dreds of jobs and help ship products promptly to more than 23 other states. The agency that should provide the funding (\$1,000,000) is the Corps of Engineers and the account is Construction.

Requesting Member: Congressman Ed WHITFIELD

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Nashville Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 1070, Nashville, TN 37202

Description of Request: The rock foundation under the dam continues to deteriorate and foundation seepage pressures have increased, which prompted the Corps to begin this major rehabilitation. Catastrophic failure of the dam could result in loss of life and massive destruction of property downstream. The agency that should provide the funding (\$123,000,000) is the Corps of Engineers and the account is Construction.

Requesting Member: Congressman Ed WHITFIELD

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Louisville Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 59, Louisville, KY 40201

Description of Request: This strategic reach of the Ohio River provides a connection between the Mississippi River, Tennessee River, and Cumberland River. More tonnage passes this point than any other place in America's inland navigation system. Traffic at the Olmsted project is projected to exceed 113 million tons by 2020. This project will facilitate the movement of goods throughout the country. The agency that should provide the funding (\$109,790,000) is the Corps of Engineers and the account is Construction.

Requesting Member: Congressman Ed WHITFIELD

Bill Number: FY 2010 Labor, Health and Education Appropriations Bill

Account: Elementary and Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Reading is Fundamental

Address of Requesting Entity: 1825 Connecticut Ave. NW Washington, D.C. 20009

Description of Request: Reading Is Fundamental enhances child literacy by providing millions of underserved children with free books for personal ownership and reading encouragement from the more than 18,000 locations throughout all fifty states, Washington, D.C., Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Requesting Member: Congressman Ed WHITFIELD

Bill Number: FY 2010 Labor, Health and Education Appropriations Bill

Account: Higher Education (Includes FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Breathitt Veterinary Center (BVC)

Address of Requesting Entity: 715 North Drive, Hopkinsville, KY 42240

Description of Request: The funding (\$350,000) will be used for teaching and Laboratory Equipment purchase, installation, and maintenance at the Breathitt Veterinary Center in Hopkinsville, KY. Currently, the BVC is a Biological Safety Level (BSL) 2 facility, employing over 50 people, but serving a 150 mile radius to research, diagnose, and report bioterrorism and high impact disease agents in the food supply.