

out which ones are more cost effective. This initiative is aimed at providing accountability on how taxpayer dollars are spent with the goal of providing taxpayers with greater transparency of government expenditures.

Consistent with Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for entities unless the use of the funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

CONGRATULATING THE SCRANTON JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the Scranton Jewish Community Center on its 100th anniversary celebration.

The Scranton Jewish Community Center, or JCC, was founded as the YMHA, or Young Men's Hebrew Association, on September 12, 1909. The YMHA humbly began in the rear of a candy store on Penn Avenue. However, not long after holding its first meeting, membership grew rapidly. The group, under the leadership of the first president, Mr. A. Freedman, rented bigger rooms on Wyoming Avenue.

Less than four years later, the Ladies' Auxiliary was established forcing the group to look for a more permanent location—resulting in the first resoundingly successful fundraising campaign of the YM-YWHA.

After raising over \$50,000, under the direction of A.B. Cohen, the association purchased the Matthews Homestead and was able to officially open on December 5, 1915.

With its growing success and its growing membership, larger facilities were again needed. Myer Davidow donated \$50,000, which was matched by the building committee to remodel the existing property.

Between 1934 and 1938 the club system had reached the apex of function and success. The YM-YWHA provided various programming benefiting the entire Jewish community of Scranton.

Between 1946 and 1949 the "Y" programs continued to prosper and another successful fundraising campaign began. Also, a new constitution was adopted renaming the organization the Jewish Community Center.

On May 15, 1953, Judge Brady granted the organization's plea to erect a new center on Jefferson Avenue. The JCC was given \$200,000 over a ten-year period as well as \$450,000 and collected out-standing pledges resulting in an additional \$400,000 for the building project.

Between 1955 and 1979 JCC programs expanded to include theater, art and film festivals, camps, dances and balls, cultural and women's affairs under their new roof on Jefferson Avenue. Meanwhile, a \$750,000 revitaliza-

tion project helped establish a fitness center for JCC members.

In the 1980s and 1990s, an emphasis was placed on community cooperation and coordination. The JCC collaborated with area agencies including the YMCA and United Way.

The Golden Agers made their way into JCC programming with senior-focused tours, trips and clubs.

In 1998 the Capital Campaign chaired by Steven Seitchik set a goal of \$400,000. They exceeded their goal receiving pledges totalling \$666,208 of which 99.9% was collected.

Since 2000, the Scranton JCC has continued to expand and perfect its programming for the community as it provides for the needs of members. Also available are "Teen Trips to Israel" which offers lowered costs to those participating.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Scranton Jewish Community Center on 100 years of success. The Scranton JCC has set an example in Scranton of an organization focused on its members' needs spiritually, mentally, physically, socially and educationally. Their work in the community has provided innumerable benefits for Scranton and has improved the quality of life throughout the region.

35TH COMMEMORATION OF THE INVASION AND OCCUPATION OF CYPRUS

HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. SIRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 35th Commemoration of the invasion and occupation of Cyprus. In 1974, the Turkish Military invaded Cyprus, and 35 years later, the military still occupies over one-third of the island. The invasion and subsequent occupation led to the deaths of thousands and the forced displacement of nearly 200,000 Greek Cypriots.

Fortunately, President Christofias and the Turkish Cypriot leader, Mr. Talat, have made several agreements to improve relationships between the two communities on the island, and the settlement negotiations are ongoing. It is my hope that these negotiations will yield a bi-communal, bizonal federation for Cyprus that adheres to UN resolutions.

I rise today to stand with the people of Cyprus to seek a long overdue solution to this decades-long division. To succeed, a settlement effort should be of the Cypriots, by the Cypriots and for the Cypriots.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I missed nine votes. Had I been present I would have voted.

Rollcall No. 596, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H.Con.Res. 164, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 597, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 2729, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 598, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 1622, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 599, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to, as Amended, H.Res. 507, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 600, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H.Res. 270, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 601, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to S.Con.Res. 30, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 602, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H.Con.Res. 123, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 603, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1933, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 604, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 2632, I would have voted "yea."

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

TITLE I: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Surface Transportation Priorities
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Somerset County

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 3000, Somerset, New Jersey 08876-1262.

Funding Level: \$1,250,000

Description of Request: This project, authorized under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, would relieve current and projected traffic congestion, improve vehicular and pedestrian safety and integrate access to mass transit in one of the fastest growing regions in New Jersey. This area is currently the site of extremely dangerous accident "hot spots," and this funding will greatly improve roadway and pedestrian safety. Further, it has been estimated by the county that drivers are subjected to over 100 hours of transit delays per year in Somerset County.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Transit Administration, Buses and Bus facilities
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New Jersey Transit

Address of Requesting Entity: One Penn Plaza, Newark, New Jersey 07105.

Funding Level: \$2,350,000

Description of Request: It is my understanding the funding would be used for intermodal improvements throughout Northern New Jersey. Ridership on public transportation is at all time highs and it is critical to ensure that our public transportation system operates smoothly and can handle this increased demand.

TITLE II: DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Employment Horizons, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 10 Ridgedale Avenue, Cedar Knolls, New Jersey 07927.

Funding Level: \$400,000

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding will be used to renovate and refurbish the Employment Horizons facility to enhance self-sufficiency and increase productivity for the disabled population that has occupied the building for the past 38 years.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, to provide open disclosure pursuant to Republican standards on congressionally directed funding, I am submitting the following information regarding funding that I support included in H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETE OLSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Name of Recipient: Federal Highway Administration

Address of Recipient: 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20590-9898

Description of Request: \$500,000 in funding would be used on development of the I-69 route in Texas, particularly the expansion to interstate standards of highways 77, 281, and 59, from Laredo and the Lower Rio Grande Valley through Houston to Texarkana. This project has been authorized under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 and designated by Congress as a "high priority corridor." This funding would be used to work to obtain environmental clearances so as not to further delay ongoing construction of the corridor.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: State of Arkansas

Address of Requesting Entity: Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department, 10324 Interstate 30, Little Rock, AR 72203

Description of Request: \$1,000,000 in funding would be used to continue development and construction of a project to widen Interstate 540 and improve existing interchanges from Fayetteville north in Washington and Benton Counties. The purpose of these improvements is to relieve existing traffic congestion, to provide increased capacity to accommodate future traffic growth, and to enhance motorist safety.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Buses and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: State of Arkansas

Address of Requesting Entity: Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department, 10324 Interstate 30, Little Rock, AR 72203

Description of Request: \$1,050,000 in funding would be used for buses and bus facilities for Arkansas' small urban and rural transit systems, and to supplement the procurement of ADA vans and small buses for Arkansas' 250 community human service organizations serving the elderly and persons with disabilities.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Fort Smith

Address of Requesting Entity: 623 Garrison Avenue, Suite 315, Fort Smith, AR 72902

Description of Request: \$250,000 will be used for the planning, design, and construction of a Riverfront area, which will include the new U.S. Marshals Museum. This is a revitalization and redevelopment area that is expected to bring visitors, new businesses, and focus to this area of Arkansas. Because this area is adjacent to historic and National Park sites, taxpayer dollars will be spent creating an area focused on showcasing US history, and which is expected to attract tourists from all over the world.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mrs. BIGGERT. 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. 3288, the Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: U.S. Representative JUDY BIGGERT

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Rail Line Relocation and Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Aurora

Address of Requesting Entity: 44 East Downer Place, Aurora, Illinois 60507

Description of Remarks: Provide an earmark of \$1,000,000 for Ogden Avenue Grade Separation, Aurora, IL: Engineering and design is needed to jumpstart Grade Separation Engineering for IL Route 34 in Aurora, Illinois due to Canadian National Railroad four-fold increase in rail traffic.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, on July 21, 2009 I was absent for two rollcall votes. Had I been here, I would have voted: "yes" on rollcall vote 598 and "yes" on rollcall vote 599.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican earmark guidance, I am submitting the following in regards to the Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS

Bill Number: Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Ranchero Road Corridor Project

Account: FHWA-Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Hesperia, CA

Address of Requesting Entity: 9700 Seventh Ave., Hesperia, CA 92345.

Description of Request: Funding will help construct an interchange at Ranchero Road and I-15. The project will improve motorist circulation, reduce traffic congestion, and promote commerce. This project is eligible for Interstate Maintenance (IM) funding as the IM program provides funding for resurfacing, restoration, rehabilitation and reconstruction work, including adding lanes to increase capacity, on most existing Interstate System routes. IM program requires 10% local match.

Amount: \$1 million

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS

Bill Number: Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Yucca Loma Bridge/Interstate 15 Congestion Relief Project

Account: FHWA—Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Town of Apple Valley

Address of Requesting Entity: 14955 Dale Evans Parkway, Apple Valley, CA 92307

Description of Request: This project, to design, engineer, and construct an east-west transportation corridor across the Mojave River, would serve the urban/commercial core of Apple Valley and Victorville. The interchange portion of the project will serve as a conduit across the I-15 freeway and help disperse traffic from existing interchanges. The project will improve motorist circulation, reduce traffic congestion, and promote commerce. This project is Surface Transportation Program (STP) eligible as those program funds may be used to carry out projects involving construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, resurfacing,