

rely on his professionalism and responsiveness.

Upon graduation from Chatham High School in Massachusetts, Commander Meservey attended Norwich University as an Army Reserve Officer Training Corps scholar, graduating magna cum laude and with a commission as an Army Aviation officer in 1985. He completed flight training at Fort Rucker, AL in 1986 and served as a Black Hawk helicopter pilot through the last days of the Cold War in Cyprus and Germany. Assignments included serving as a Flight Platoon Leader, aviation Company Executive Officer, and United States Embassy Liaison Officer to a classified State Department mission. While in Europe, he deployed to Ethiopia to participate in an internationally sensitive search and rescue operation for the late Congressman Mickey Leland and planned Return of Forces to Germany 1990 for an aviation battalion. For his efforts working with the U.S. Air Force in Ethiopia, he was personally decorated by the Army's Chief of Staff, General Carl Vuono. Upon his return to the United States, he graduated from the U.S. Army's Aviation Officer Advanced Course as an Honor Graduate.

In 1990, Commander Meservey accepted a direct commission in the U.S. Coast Guard as a Lieutenant Junior Grade and initially served at Air Station Clearwater, FL as an HH-3F and HH-60J search and rescue pilot and flew in support of Operation Bahamas and Turks and Caicos, working closely with the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Department of Defense, and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas Drug Enforcement Unit to stem the flow of illegal drugs entering the United States through the Caribbean.

In 1994, he transferred to Air Station Cape Cod and served as an HH-60J Instructor Pilot and Flight Examiner. While serving as the unit's Public Affairs officer, he earned back-to-back CDR Jim Simpson awards for excellence in media relations. He participated in numerous hazardous weather search and rescue operations and planned and provided air security for Constitution Sail 200, the USS CONSTITUTION's first sail alone in over 116 years.

In 1998, he attended Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs as a full graduate scholar, earning a Master of Public Administration degree. Following graduate school, Commander Meservey completed a two-year assignment with the U.S. Department of Transportation in Washington, DC in the Office of the Secretary of Transportation as the lead budget analyst for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) responsible for developing and justifying FTA's multi-billion dollar budgets to the President's Office of Management and Budget and the United States Congress.

Commander Meservey returned to Coast Guard aviation in 2001, serving as Deputy Executive Officer and Gulfstream I fixed wing VIP and logistics pilot at Air Station Miami, one of the Coast Guard's largest aviation units. In 2004, he transferred to Air Station Washington where he served as Executive Officer flying the C-37A Gulfstream V executive jet across the globe for Department of Homeland Security Secretaries Ridge and Chertoff and Coast Guard Commandants Collins and Allen. In this assignment, he gained additional international experience working closely with the State Department and foreign militaries and governments ranging from Malaysia to the United Kingdom.

He's recently completed the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's prestigious Seminar XXI, a year-long Washington, DC-based program in foreign politics and international relations.

Commander Meservey has earned numerous military decorations thus far in his twenty-four years of active duty service, including Naval and Army Aviator Wings, the two Meritorious Service Medals, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, the Army Achievement Medal, the Commandant's Letter of Commendation, and a variety of other personal, team and unit commendations.

This week, Commander Meservey will leave his post on the Hill to assume a newly created position as liaison to the Federal Aviation Administration's Unmanned Aircraft Program Office where he will serve as the Coast Guard's voice on all matters relating to unmanned aerial systems in particular and aviation in general.

I am honored to pay tribute to Commander Meservey in the United States Congress, and on behalf of the Representatives and staff who have been fortunate enough to work with him over the past three years. I wish him, his wife Kathleen, and his three children, Nicole, Maura and Seth, the best in their future endeavors.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

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

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (MI-08)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Howell

Address of Requesting Entity: Michigan Department of Transportation, 425 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 to purchase the right of ways necessary to complete the construction of an interchange and overpass at the interchange of Interstate 96 and Laston Road. The purpose of this project is to provide the eastern and western sides of Livingston County access to the major interstate of I-96 and the remainder of Livingston County. 40 percent of this funding will be used to purchase the right of ways and 60 percent will be used for construction.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (MI-08)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Capitol Area Transportation Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: Capitol Area Transportation Authority, 4615 Tranter Street, Lansing, Michigan, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for bus purchases, facility renovations, and planning studies. The purpose of this project is to continue to provide citizens of the greater Lansing area with jobs, a vital connection to employers, safe equipment for transportation, and planning studies that may lead to future advanced public transportation projects. 80 percent of the funds will be used to replace old, less-efficient busses with buses that offer greater fuel efficiency, lower cost of maintenance, and omit fewer emissions and 20 percent of the funds will be used to conduct a study to find more efficient, improved public transportation alternatives.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (MI-08)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cleary University—Livingston Campus

Address of Requesting Entity: Cleary University, 3750 Cleary Drive, Howell, Michigan, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$250,000 to renovate the Livingston Campus Community Center. This facility is used by the community service agencies, local school districts, and government agencies providing services to low and moderate income individuals. 80 percent of these funds will be used for necessary renovations and upgrades, and 20 percent will be used to enhance energy efficiency.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. THOMAS J. ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. ROONEY. 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—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

One request was funded in this bill and is a previously Congressionally authorized project.

\$800,000: State Road (SR) 80, Hendry County, Florida. The entity to receive the funds for the project is Hendry County, Florida located at Courthouse Square, 165 S. Lee Street, La Belle, Florida 33975. SAFETEA-LU, Item 1487 authorized the widening of SR 80 in Hendry County, Florida. SR 80 serves as a major route for the movement of freight and agriculture products throughout the county, as well as a connector between Florida's east and west coast counties. It is the nearest cross-state highway north of I-75, extending from eastern Palm Beach County to Fort Myers on Florida's west coast. Funds will be used to further widen the road from two lanes to four.

All of my projects are Congressionally authorized and go only to public government agencies.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida.
Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: TCSP

Name of Requesting Entity: City of Doral

Address of Requesting Entity: 8300 NW 53rd Street, Suite 100, Doral, FL 33166

Description of Request: I have secured \$400,000 for the City of Doral Street Improvements. This funding will be used for the resurfacing of two current streets and the construction of six new streets within the City of Doral. It is the City of Doral's intention to provide its residents and visitors with the safest and most convenient transportation within its limits. The completion of these small sections of roadway would complete the City's grid pattern and provide additional options for increasing traffic to avoid already congested intersections. This project will help to alleviate traffic congestion and improve driver and pedestrian safety. Additionally, this project is estimated to create over 300 jobs in the area.

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Buses & and Bus Facilities

Name of Requesting Entity: City of Doral

Address of Requesting Entity: 8300 NW 53rd Street, Suite 100, Doral, FL 33166

Description of Request: I have secured \$350,000 for the City of Doral Transit Circular. This funding will be used for further implementation and expansion of its Transit Circulator Program. The City of Doral is a municipality incorporated in 2003 which is located in west-central Miami-Dade County, directly west of the Miami-Dade International Airport (MIA). Approximately 40,000 people live in Doral and over 100,000 more travel to and through the City each day for employment and business activities. Due to its proximity to the urban core of Miami-Dade and major transportation facilities, as well as the rapid development of its component communities, Doral contends with a unique array of transportation concerns that require immediate and significant attention. The City of Doral launched the Transit Circulator Program in early 2008. The goals were to alleviate traffic congestion and reduce pollutant emissions by removing vehicles from the roadways. Additionally, the Doral Transit Circulator serves residents who are outside of the routes operated by Miami-Dade County's transit system (North of 41 Street and west of 97 Avenue). Since its introduction, the Transit Circulator Program has been extremely successful. Its usage and demand are far greater than were originally expected. The City of Doral is now looking to expand the routes of the Circulator and provide greater services to the residents of Doral via the purchasing of two new trolleys. This will further the City's goal of bringing convenient, safe, and environmentally-friendly transportation to its residents. The federally-funded portion of the project is estimated to create four new jobs within the City of Doral. The City of Doral embarked upon this program to bring public transpor-

tation to the City for a number of reasons. The most socially-conscious of these reasons are to reduce traffic congestion and reduce pollutant emissions. The City also wants to make sure that there are alternatives for transportation available to residents, since the County Transit system does not service much of Doral—the area north of 41st Street and west of 97th Avenue.

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: TCSP

Name of Requesting Entity: Collier County, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 3301 E. Tamiami Trail Naples, FL 34112

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 for the Interstate 75/Everglades Blvd. Interchange. This funding will be used for the design of a proposed interchange at or around Interstate 75 and Everglades Boulevard. Much of Collier County's current growth is occurring in an area known as Golden Gate Estates, one of the largest platted subdivisions of its kind in the world. This area is roughly the size of Washington, D.C. and is adjacent to the Big Cypress development which is anticipated to add another 23,000 dwelling units to the area. The only east-west routes between the eastern Estates and Naples area activity/employment centers are Golden Gate Boulevard and Immokalee Road and while the western portion of the Estates and Golden Gate City proper have access to interchanges at Immokalee Road, Pine Ridge Road, State Road 951 (Collier Boulevard) and Golden Gate Parkway, residents of the eastern portion of the Estates have no access to Interstate 75. Also, the lack of an interchange at Everglades Boulevard forces additional traffic onto already congested portions of Interstate 75, affecting not only local but inter-regional traffic on the Interstate. The lack of access to the Estates also creates safety problems, particularly in the event that its residents must be evacuated during hurricane or wildfire season. As Collier County's population expands from the nearly 330,000 residents today to a projected 1,066,000 at buildout, this situation will worsen. The current IJR and PD&E Study will evaluate the amount of traffic that would use a new interchange at Everglades Boulevard and the impact that it will have on adjacent interchanges and the Interstate's mainline operations. In order to ensure that there will be minimal to no environmental impacts associated with this project particular attention will be paid to the need for wildlife crossings or other such mitigation measures. An interchange at Everglades Boulevard and I-75 is an identified need in the MPO's Cost Feasible and Needs Plan and is the highest priority with the residents of Golden Gate Estates. Funds will be used for the next appropriate phase which may include design, right of way, mitigation of construction, depending on the availability of potential state and local funds that may expedite the project. The project will provide better access for an area that covers more than 100 square miles while improving interchange operations at three (3) existing overburdened interchanges. Additionally, the interchange would provide critical access to a route for safe evacuations from storms and fires as significant growth continues in eastern Collier County.

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: New Starts/ Fixed Guideway

Name of Requesting Entity: Miami-Dade County, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 111 NW 1st St., Suite 1032, Miami, FL 33128

Description of Request: I have secured \$4,000,000 for the Metrorail Orange Line Expansion. This funding will be used for the construction of a 9.2-mile Metrorail extension along NW 27th Avenue between the existing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Metrorail station and the Broward County line. The Department is also undertaking the implementation of the alternative analysis for Phase 3 of the Miami-Dade County East-West Corridor Rapid Transit Project. This 10-13-mile Metrorail project will extend from the Miami Intermodal Center to Florida International University and points west. This expansion will allow for more options for commuting and travel around Miami-Dade County. Additionally, this will take vehicles off the road in the County, allowing for increased public transit, which is more environmentally-friendly. The target population includes those who live along the areas of the expansion both NW 27th Avenue, as well as from the Miami Intermodal Center to Florida International University, who could utilize the expanded Metrorail service for commuting/traveling throughout Miami-Dade County. The North Corridor provides transportation access to the City of Opa-locka and the City of Miami Gardens. Additionally, the corridor will provide access to Miami-Dade College, Florida Memorial University and St. Thomas University as well as major employment and activity centers including Dolphin Stadium and Calder Race Course. The East-West Corridor will provide transit access to the City of Miami, the City of Sweetwater and the City of Doral. Additionally, the corridor will provide access to Florida International University as well as major employment and activity centers including Miami International Airport, Dolphin Mall, Miami International Mall, Mall of the Americas and Waterford at Blue Lagoon Corporate Park.

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: FL—Federal Lands (Public Lands Highways)

Name of Requesting Entity: Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 440021, Tamiami Station, Miami, FL 33144

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,750,000 for the Tamiami Trail (U.S. 41) Safety Improvements. This funding will be used to create east and west turn lanes on Tamiami Trail (U.S. 41) into the Miccosukee Tribe's Headquarter at Mile Marker 68 and 70. The funds will be used for the clearing & grubbing, excavation, embankment, asphalt, guardrails and traffic stripes needed to create the turn lanes and widen the Tamiami Trail entrance. This project would address significant safety concerns associated with turning into the Miccosukee Tribe Headquarters from Tamiami Trail, U.S. 41, on the Miccosukee Reservation. These entrances lead to housing for all Tribal members as well as the School, Clinic, Court and all other government offices. Currently, the entrance is a two-lane highway where speed limits are reduced upon approach from 55 M.P.H. to 45 M.P.H., but pose serious risks to Tribal members and tourists who visit attractions. Many accidents have