

number of advanced degree programs available to non-traditional students and help increase the number of students pursuing higher education. Funding would also go toward books, planning, and evaluation.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, the "Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010"

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 23845 McBean Parkway, Valencia, CA 91355

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$350,000 to assist Henry Mayo Hospital, the only hospital in the Santa Clarita area, with completion of the design and construction of a helipad and flight safety equipment at the hospital necessary to provide emergency care for over 680 square miles of the diverse geography of north Los Angeles County, which is one of the fastest growing communities in the nation. Funding is also critical to ensure that the hospital is able to maintain its relationship with L.A. County trauma system.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, the "Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010"

Account: Department of Education, Elementary and Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Springboard for Improving Schools

Address of Requesting Entity: 181 Fremont Street, Second Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$150,000 for the Improving Student Achievement in Palmdale Elementary School District program that provides Palmdale Elementary School District education leaders—board members, superintendents and district staff, principals, and teacher leaders—with research-based training and coaching to help build capacity within their schools and districts to raise student achievement and narrow the achievement gap.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2009*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I missed 11 votes. I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 605, on the Motion to Table H. Res. 667, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 606, on Agreeing to the Resolution H. Res. 665, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 607, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1675, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 608, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 2938, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 609, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 69, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 610, on Agreeing to the Ryan Amendment to H.R. 2920, I would have voted "no."

Rollcall No. 611, on the Motion to Recommit with Instructions to H.R. 2920, I would have voted "no."

Rollcall No. 612, on Passage of H.R. 2920, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 613, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 3119, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 614, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 534, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 615, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 2972, I would have voted "yea."

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2009*

Mr. PLATTS. 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 Department of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman TODD RUSSELL PLATTS (PA-19)

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

(1) Craighead Bridge Replacement Project—\$750,000

Account: FHA, Transportation and Community and System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cumberland County, Pennsylvania

Address of Requesting Entity: One Courthouse Square, Room 200, Carlisle, PA 17013

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: Cumberland County would use funding to engineer, design, and replace Craighead Bridge. Craighead Bridge is a 110 year-old steel thru truss bridge that carries nearly 2000 vehicles per day across the Yellow Breeches Creek. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because Craighead Bridge has been named one of the worst bridges in Pennsylvania and is functionally obsolete, structurally deficient, and has an estimated remaining life span of four years.

(2) Rabbittransit Bus Facility—\$250,000

Account: FTA, Bus and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: York County Transportation Authority (d.b.a. Rabbittransit)

Address of Requesting Entity: 1230 Roosevelt Avenue, York, PA 17404

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: The York County Transportation Authority (Rabbittransit) is the public transportation provider for York County. Rabbittransit

would use this funding to relocate its facility to a location that could house all 86 buses in its fleet. The current location can only house 65 buses. Due to rapid growth over the past decade, Rabbittransit has been providing increasingly valuable service to the community. However, because of the growth, Rabbittransit is completely out of parking space and the bus facility has become over crowded. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the project would provide Rabbittransit with the ability to continue to meet the needs of the community.

(3) West Manheim Township Park Facilities Improvements—\$250,000

Account: HUD, EDI

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: West Manheim Township Park and Recreation Board Address of Requesting Entity: 15 Waterview Road, Hanover, PA 17331

Description of Request/Justification of Funding: West Manheim Township Park and Recreation Board is a non-profit organization dedicated to the planning for and funding of a 113 acre recreation park in West Manheim Township in Hanover, Pennsylvania. The Board would use this funding to outfit two regulation-sized baseball fields with backstops, bases, scoreboards, specialized infield dirt, field drainage systems, and fencing. The funding would also be used to purchase two sets of restroom facilities. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the facilities in the park will provide a safe outlet for the activities of the local youth population. The West Manheim Recreation Park will be a premier destination for Southern Pennsylvania and Northern Maryland residents.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2009*

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congresswoman JEAN SCHMIDT

Bill number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Requesting entity: Clermont County Transportation Improvement District, 175 East Main Street, Batavia, Ohio, Suite 150, Batavia, Ohio 45103; and

Summary: \$900,000 provided to continue SAFETEA-LU High Priority Project (Ohio #3234) and FY08 and FY09 appropriations to improve IR275-SR32 Interchange in the Eastgate area. Improvements (Local Network Improvements-Segments IV and IVa) include Preliminary Engineering/Environmental Impact Studies (PE/EIS) and related activities to develop and construct projects consistent with appropriate federal project development and ODOT requirements.

CALLING ON GOVERNMENT OF  
VIETNAM TO SUPPORT CITIZEN  
ACCESS TO INTERNET

**HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the number of bloggers and democracy activists who have been imprisoned in Vietnam for distributing their peaceful views over the Internet. The Government of Vietnam continues to restrict websites and blogs that promote democracy, human rights, and speak against the actions of the government.

It has become evident over the past several months that the human rights situation in Vietnam continues to deteriorate. Today, I will be introducing a house resolution calling on the Government of Vietnam to not only release imprisoned bloggers but to also respect the people's right to internet freedom.

This resolution urges the Vietnamese government to support the right of citizens to access websites of their choosing, and to repeal statutes like Circular 07 and Article 88 which restrict the internet in Vietnam. It is time for the Government of Vietnam to become a responsible member of the international community and to respect an individual's freedom of speech, press and political association.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. ROY BLUNT**

OF MISSOURI—

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. BLUNT. 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 Departments of Transportation—HUD Appropriations Bill for FY 2010.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Requesting Member: Congressman ROY BLUNT

Priority Name: Springfield MO Transit Related Improvements for National Avenue, Monroe Street, Brick City, and John Q. Hammons Parkway

Amount: \$500,000

Account: Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Missouri State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 901 S. National, Springfield, MO 65804

Description of Request: Missouri State University, an authorized recipient of transit funds, will make needed transit related improvements to make accessing transit safer and more convenient in order to increase transit use and reduce vehicle traffic in and around campus. The use of taxpayer funds is justified as decreasing vehicular traffic by increasing transit usage will have a significant impact on safety and the environment.

Priority Name: MODOT Reconstruct I-44/Range Line Road Interchange in Joplin, MO

Amount: \$550,000

Account: IM—Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Missouri Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 3901 East 32nd Street, Joplin, MO 64804

Description of Request: The use of taxpayer funds is justified because this request would fund the redesign and reconstruction of the functionally obsolete and structurally deficient cloverleaf interchange at Interstate 44 and Range Line Road in Joplin. The project would eliminate weaving movements traffic must now perform, and it also would eliminate two structurally deficient bridges.

Priority Name: City of Springfield, MO—West Wye Rail Line Relocation

Amount: \$500,000

Account: Rail Line Relocation and Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Springfield, Missouri

Address of Requesting Entity: 840 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, MO 65802

Description of Request: The funding would be used to fund the design and construction of a new West Wye that will allow relocation and reconfiguration of freight rail traffic. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because completion of the project will have a large impact on safety.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. HALL of Texas. 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 Appropriations Act 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman RALPH M. HALL

Bill Number: 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act 2010

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

Address of Requesting Entity: 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE, Washington DC, 20590

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 for I-69 with Federal Highway Administration. For more than 15 years, the I-69 Corridor has been under development and has been consistently recognized by Congress as a national transportation priority. Funding for this project in Texas will help expand interstate highways 77, 281, and 59, to support local, interregional and international traffic. It will provide direct access to the Port of Houston and relieve congestion for the communities all along the route, providing the most direct route from Mexico and Canada for major commercial centers in the U.S., easing traffic on I-35. Funds will also ensure FHWA and in turn the resource agencies with responsibility for environmental clearances—US Fish & Wildlife and the Army Corps of Engineers—have additional staff to expedite the environmental reviews of projects along congressionally designated High Priority Corridors, including I-69 in Texas which is defined by statute as US 59, 77 and 281. Without such resources, the ongoing delay of environmental clearances will continue to significantly increase the cost of

construction of I-69 and other High Priority Corridors. I certify that I do not have any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman RALPH M. HALL and Congressman MIKE ROSS

Bill Number: 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act 2010:

Account: Airport Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texarkana Regional Airport

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 Airport Dr., Texarkana, AR 71854

Description of Request: I have secured \$750,000 for Texarkana Regional Airport Fire Station Project with the Texarkana Regional Airport. Funding for this project will be used to construct an aircraft rescue fire station to save lives in the event of an aircraft accident. This project would complete an Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) station that has been constructed in four phases using incremental funding (continuing resolutions). Without the remaining funds, the facility is not useable. Until recently, airport firefighters shared an off-airport station with city fire crews. Response times to the airfield from the city station did not meet FAA standards for a commercial service airport. The ARFF crews have been temporarily relocated to a maintenance hangar to meet response timing, but the hangar does not meet FAA standards for an ARFF station. The hangar is located in an area where taxiing aircraft may delay ARFF response and aircraft engine noise limits the firefighters' training, rest and ability to hear the crash phone. I certify that I do not have any financial interest in this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION—

**HON. JACK KINGSTON**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. KINGSTON. 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. 3293, the Labor, Health & Human Services, Education & Other Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Representative JACK KINGSTON

Request information: H.R. 3293, Department of Health & Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration Account

Recipient information: \$1 million, Southeast Georgia Health System, Carlton DeVooght, 2415 Parkwood Avenue, Brunswick, GA 31522

Description: This program will establish a full spectrum of pediatric and adolescent care, including preventative immunizations and well care for Medicaid and uninsured patients in Glynn, Camden, Brantley, McIntosh and Wayne Counties. This pilot project will allow the system to cut costs of the ER, keeping health care costs down across the system.

Representative JACK KINGSTON

Request Information: H.R. 3293, Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration Account

Recipient Information: \$100,000, Coastal Medical Access project, Pat Kota, 2605 Parkwood Drive, Brunswick, GA 31520

Description: This program will expand clinical care and add new services at CMAP's