

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON

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

Account: Bus and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Fort Worth Transportation Authority (The T)

Address of Receiving Entity: 1600 Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76102

Description of Request: I have secured \$750,000 in funding to be used to purchase 12 Compressed Natural Gas fueled coaches to replace the oldest vehicles in The T's fleet.

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Account: FAA F&E

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: The City of Arlington

Address of Receiving Entity: 101 W. Abram, P.O. 90231, MS 01-0310, Arlington, TX 76004-0231

Description of Request: I have secured \$637,000 in funding to be used for construction and installation of a MALSR (Medium Approach Lighting System) at the Arlington Municipal Airport to supplement and enhance the existing Instrument Landing System (ILS) for Runway 34.

CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF APOLLO 11 MOON LANDING

SPEECH OF

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to support H. Res. 607, a resolution that celebrates the 40th anniversary of the Apollo 11 lunar landing. This resolution honors Neil Armstrong, Edwin Eugene "Buzz" Aldrin, Michael Collins, and the countless number of individuals and organizations who helped the United States become the first Nation in the world to set foot on the Moon.

I want to thank Congressman RALPH HALL for introducing this resolution, which celebrates the anniversary of one of our country's most important accomplishments. As a former Member of the House Science and Technology Committee, I am proud that this resolution recognizes the first human spaceflight along with those organizations, such as the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Mission Control Center, located in Houston, Texas, whose efforts played an instrumental role in extending our country's reach to new frontiers.

President John F. Kennedy set a goal to reach the Moon by the end of the 1960s. He expressed admiration for this goal during a speech he gave before a joint session of Congress on May 25, 1961. During that speech, President Kennedy said, "I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the Moon and returning him safely to the Earth."

Nearly 8 years later, on July 16, 1969, the Eagle landed, making Neil Armstrong and

Buzz Aldrin the first people to ever walk on the Moon. This accomplishment launched the United States to the top of the science and space world. Armstrong and Aldrin represented not only themselves, but the entire Nation, as the United States became the first country to put men on the Moon.

As we prepare for future space explorations, the Apollo spaceflight will continue to inspire us to push the limits of future missions, especially as we tackle some of our most pressing problems, like climate change. This resolution reminds us that we must once again reach for the stars. And, with the confirmation of General Charles Bolden, the first African American to head the agency, the United States is poised to reaffirm its prominence by boldly pushing the boundaries of space, aeronautics and exploration in the 21st century.

Again, I would like to thank my good friend Congressman HALL for introducing this resolution and I encourage all my colleagues to join me in supporting it.

THE BURLESON DECLARATION

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. EDWARDS of Texas. Madam Speaker, to honor the request of a group of citizens from Burleson, Texas in my district, I rise today to enter into the RECORD the following resolution:

THE BURLESON DECLARATION

When, in the course of human events it becomes necessary for "we the people" of the United States to remind our federal government of its constitutional limits, duty demands that we communicate our grievances and petition for redress under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

We begin by reaffirming the core values on which our forefathers founded this Constitutional Republic.

We hold these truths to be self evident—that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

That to secure these rights our forefathers instituted a limited federal government which derives its just powers from the consent of the governed—but the history of our Federal government is one of continual overreaching beyond its constitutional mandate to secure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.

We are therefore peaceably assembled here in Burleson, Texas on this April 15th, 2009 to demand that the Federal government immediately cease its abridgement of the People's rights, and the state's rights.

We call on our District 17 U.S. Representative Chet Edwards to read this our petition for redress on the House floor so that it may be entered into the official record of the House. We call on our U.S. Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn to enter our petition into the Senate record. We call on President Barack Hussein Obama to veto all legislation and desist from Executive Orders which contravene the will of the people herein expressed.

Whereas, the encouragement of private and public debt by the federal government has brought America to the brink of financial

devastation, and has made us a debtor nation;

Whereas, history proves government spending has never succeeded in curing an economic downturn, but rather serves only to deepen and prolong it, snowballing debt for future calamity;

Whereas, government takeovers of banks and financial institutions move America ever further from the free-enterprise principles that have brought the nation prosperity for 233 years, and bring it closer to Socialism;

Whereas, bailouts of private corporations represent a counterproductive response to what is, essentially, a government-induced crisis, and effectively make the President the CEO of private corporations;

Whereas, the current level of irresponsible government spending is bankrupting this country, burdening our children and great-grandchildren with never-ending debt, and making the United States a servant to lender nations such as Communist China;

Whereas, redistribution of wealth by government for the purpose of achieving "social justice" is immoral and a proven failure:

We hereby demand an end to all further "stimulus" spending, corporate bailouts, "earmarks," pork projects, welfare programs, higher tax rates and attempts to nationalize industries. We reject socialism, no matter how it is packaged. And we pledge to hold accountable any and all elected officials who continue to pursue this course that is rapidly leading America to ruin. We remind the government that we are guaranteed a Republican form of Government in the constitution. (Article 4, Section 4)

We hereby petition Congress to repeal the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 which unconstitutionally delegated to the Executive Branch the spending decision of 700 Billion dollars. We call on the government to immediately divest itself of GM, AIG, and all private corporations, and to provide an exact accounting of all TARP funds spent to date. We demand the repeal of H.R. 1106, which forces American families pay the mortgage for those who received loans they did not qualify for.

We petition Congress to repeal the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009 (H.R. 1105), and that the budget bill under consideration be killed which has a net tax hike of \$1.35 trillion.

We petition Congress for passage of H.R. 450 the Enumerated Powers Act, to require Congress to specify the source of authority under the United States Constitution for the enactment of laws, and for other purposes.

We petition Congress for a final end to the death tax which effectively double taxes every citizen's income and usurps our right to transfer wealth to our posterity. This abridges our constitutional right to be safe in our effects, papers and property.

We reject the cap-and-trade energy tax, which Candidate Obama admitted would "cause electricity rates to skyrocket."

We reject the Food Safety Modernization Act of 2009 which will force onerous certification and inspection requirements on family farms and could make private vegetable gardens unlawful and turn the farmers market into a black market. (H.R. 875)

We reject the deceptively named Employee Free Choice Act which takes from the American worker the right to privately ballot whether to organize labor, or not, and makes them subject to union intimidation and bullying. (H.R. 800)

We reject the so called "Ted Kennedy Serve America Act" which forces our youth into involuntary servitude and subjects them to years of indoctrination. This is a violation of the 13th Amendment to our constitution which abolished slavery and involuntary servitude except when duly convicted of a crime. (H.R. 1388)

We reject all encroachment upon our 2nd Amendment right to keep and bear arms. An armed populace is the greatest preservative of the Republic against tyrants. We reject all attempts to limit access to ammunition. We reject the reinstatement of the Failed 1994 Gun and Magazine ban.

As Ronald Wilson Reagan has said: "There are those in America today who have come to depend absolutely on government for their security. And when government fails they seek to rectify that failure [by giving] government more power . . . at the expense of the Constitution. . . . in their willingness to give up their arms in the name of safety, they are really giving up their protection from what has always been the chief source of despotism—government."

We reject government run Health Care which would give bureaucrats the power to ration health care. This leads to an Orwellian society where government ultimately decides the time and circumstance of every citizen's death.

Finally, we reject the current 'Create a Crisis' method of controlling the people of the United States. As Texas Congressman Ron Paul correctly stated, "Whenever something terrible happens, people reflexively demand that government do something. This impulse almost always leads to bad laws and the loss of liberty."

We say that we do not trust in the Nanny-state, we choose instead to believe in the Constitution, in our fellow Americans, in the free enterprise system, and in our God.

To these principles we pledge our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor, and witness our determination by our signature affixed below. We demand that our elected representatives make it their highest priority to address these grievances or face certain expulsion from office, and we strongly suggest they add their signature to ours.

Signed in Burseson, Texas, April 15th, 2009
by WE THE PEOPLE.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MAJOR GENERAL DAVID F. WHERLEY, JR. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NATIONAL GUARD RETENTION AND COLLEGE ACCESS ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce, for myself and for Congressman JOSÉ SERRANO, the Major General David F. Wherley, Jr. District of Columbia National Guard Retention and College Access Act. I introduce this bill a month after the heart-breaking collision of two Red Line Metro trains here in the District of Columbia that took the lives of nine area residents, seven from the District, including a local hero, Major General David F. Wherley, Jr. I introduced the District of Columbia National Guard Retention and College Access Act in May of this year, but after the Metro tragedy I said at the Wherleys' memorial service that I would rename this bill in honor of General Wherley, who not only fought for his country, but also never forgot the men and women who served under him at home or at war. Thereafter, Congressman JOSÉ SERRANO, chair of the Appropriations Financial Services subcommittee, was good enough to offer this renaming in his appropriations bill and to appropriate the funds without authorization this year and in prior years.

Under General Wherley's command, the D.C. National Guard deployed several of its units in the Global War on Terrorism. General Wherley himself served courageously in both Iraq and Afghanistan, but at home he spent hours with me figuring out ways to get funds not only for his soldiers, but also for programs for the District's children. He was always successful because he would show up, not only in my office, but wherever he was needed to get funds or to do service.

General Wherley was a full-service leader. He not only commanded the D.C. National Guard; he worked closely with me and with city officials on programs for our city, its disadvantaged youth, and on keeping our Guard competitive as a premier force at home as well as abroad. He became one of us when he and his wife, Anne, decided to purchase a co-op in Southeast, D.C., here on Capitol Hill. Anne, who sadly also was killed in the train collision, was his high school sweetheart. At their joint memorial service, I only half-jokingly said that she did everything with him but run the D.C. Guard.

As I highlighted when I originally introduced this bill earlier this session, the education incentive in my bill serves not only to encourage high quality recruits, but has had the important benefit of helping the D.C. National Guard to maintain the force necessary to protect the federal presence because this funding helps equalize an important benefit compared with what is offered by Guards in surrounding jurisdictions.

A strong D.C. National Guard able to attract the best soldiers is especially important, given the dual mission of the D.C. National Guard to protect hometown D.C. as well as the federal presence. This unique responsibility distinguishes the D.C. National Guard from any other National Guard.

While the appropriators treat funding for the D.C. National Guard as a programmatic request, under past administrations the Office of Management and Budget has contended that these funds are earmarks, putting them in jeopardy of consistent funding. It therefore is imperative that this important educational incentive be authorized to ensure its permanent sustainability.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. PETRI. 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, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: The Honorable THOMAS E. PETRI

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fond du Lac County

Address of Requesting Entity: 160 S. Macy Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54935

Description of Request: The \$400,000 appropriation will be used to expand Fond du

Lac County's Save a Smile Program, which provides dental care to Medicaid eligible children. The CMS account provides federal funds for demonstration projects related to one of the core missions of CMS, including improving access to health care and access for low-income and uninsured individuals. The lack of dental care among children is a national problem and the Save a Smile Program is a new innovative approach to remedy the situation that may serve as a model for the rest of the country. The goal of the program is to maximize the dental provider delivery system with public sector intervention to establish a dental home for children with Medicaid who reside in Fond du Lac County. The program removes the major barriers voiced by local dental providers, which include burdensome and frustrated Medicaid billing, increased patient no show rates and inadequate Medicaid reimbursement. Specifically the funds will be used to cover additional eligible children, hire additional staff, and produce educational materials.

Requesting Member: The Honorable THOMAS E. PETRI

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lakeshore Technical College

Address of Requesting Entity: 1290 North Avenue, Cleveland, Wisconsin 53015

Description of Request: The \$250,000 appropriation will be used by Lakeshore Technical College to support the development of new programs and certificates in sustainability, renewable energy, energy management, solar power and photovoltaic installation, composites, and other relevant disciplines. These programs will be based on the needs of local industry as determined through program advisory committees, direct business requests, and relevant projections. These programs will expand on Lakeshore's current initiatives to retrain American workers with the skills necessary to succeed in the green workplace. The FIPSE account provides funds for projects that focus on improving access to, or the quality of, postsecondary education. Specifically these funds will be used to hire additional faculty, curriculum and professional development and to develop and offer community education sustainability workshops.

Requesting Member: The Honorable THOMAS E. PETRI

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Marian University

Address of Requesting Entity: 45 South National Avenue, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54935

Description of Request: The \$200,000 appropriation will be used to establish a collaborative abilities-based Master's Program in Nursing Education. The establishment of this program is designed to address the shortage of nurse educators, thereby expanding opportunities for students to get degrees in nursing. The FIPSE account provides funds for projects that focus on improving access to, or the quality of, postsecondary education. Through this program, Marian University proposes to create the relationships and infrastructure to support collaborative agreements among a group of nursing programs at colleges, universities, and technical colleges within Wisconsin. Although the proposed program would have as its primary focus nursing education, students would