

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Trenton, NJ—

Address of Requesting Entity: Trenton City Hall, 319 E. State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608

Description of Request: The \$200,000 in funding would be used for capitalizing on the economic potential generated by the new Trenton Train Station. It would help with the City of Trenton's plans to enhance the area around the station to promote private development.

CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OFFICER W. THOMAS LEE

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2009*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true hometown hero. On Tuesday, July 14, 2009, while on patrol, Officer W. Thomas Lee of the Smithfield Police Department in Smithfield, North Carolina, saved a couple and their three children from an early morning house fire.

Officer Lee was on patrol just after 2:00 a.m. when he saw a car burning at 1411 W. Market Street in Smithfield, where Javier Ramirez, Maria Mejia and their children, ages 12 to 18, were sleeping. Lee banged loudly on the front door and on several windows before managing to wake the family. The family was able to exit the structure through a bedroom window to avoid moving about the burning home. Fortunately, no one was injured. The fire had spread to the attic and roof of the house by the time firefighters arrived just before 2:20 a.m., Smithfield Fire Marshal Paul Whitehurst said. The blaze began when the engine of the family's 2003 Ford Mustang caught fire. In a statement the family said, "if it hadn't been for the police officer that saw [the fire], it would have been a very different situation." Madame Speaker, this is an understatement.

It is first-class citizens like Officer Lee who highlight the sense of community and duty shared by all our first responders. These emergency personnel work tirelessly on behalf of our communities and I would like to take this time to recognize their achievements. Officer Lee is truly a hometown hero and I ask my colleagues to join in congratulating his bravery and integrity.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2009*

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Wednesday, July 22, 2009, I mistakenly voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 605 (on motion to table the Flake of Arizona Resolution). As a member of the House Committee on Standards on Official Conduct, I must remain consistent with the many other PMA-related resolutions offered by Rep. FLAKE in the past. I intended to vote "present" and would request that the record reflect my vote on rollcall vote No. 605 as such.

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Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: 180 Turning Lives Around Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 180 Turning Lives Around Inc., 1 Bethany Road Building 3, Suite 45, Hazlet, NJ 07730

Description of Request: The \$200,000 in funding would be used to initiate construction of the 180 Safe House domestic violence shelter.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JOHN L. MICA**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2009*

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY2010 Labor-Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Act.

I have received \$700,000 in the in the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services Account for the Stewart-Marchman-Act Foundation, Inc. Daytona Beach, FL located at 214 Loomis Ave. Daytona Beach, FL 32114.

Federal funding will allow the construction of the Vince Carter Sanctuary, a 100-bed substance abuse treatment, education, and research center to be located in Bunnell, Florida (Flagler County) on land donated for this purpose by the Flagler County Commission. This request seeks to assist in the total financing of this \$8 million project as 80% of the total funds have been generated from local philanthropic contributions. The Vince Carter Sanctuary will impact the economy of the region and create 75 new jobs to operate the facility. These new positions will have an average salary of \$32,500, thus reflecting over \$2.5 mil-

lion in direct salary expenditures. The Sanctuary will have a \$56 million impact from the construction funds and an annual \$17 million from operations, for a total of \$73 million for the first year. These funds will have a significant impact upon the local Northeast Florida economy.

Madam Speaker, I also received \$100,000 in the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services Account for the Florida Hospital Altamonte, Altamonte Springs, FL located at 601 East Altamonte Drive Altamonte Springs, FL 32701.

With infant abductions a growing concern in hospitals (256 infant abductions in the US since 1983), federal funding for the HUGS Infant Security Initiative would provide a defense against this matter. Funding will be used to purchase and implement the HUGS Infant Security Electronic System for Florida Hospital Altamonte OB and MIU departments in order to prevent unauthorized transportation of infants and abduction.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2009*

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

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

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

Account: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Transportation, Community, and System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: California Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 S. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$750,000 for the Santa Clarita-Los Angeles Gateway Improvement Project. This funding would provide a portion of the \$7.5 million needed for construction level design drawings needed to extend the high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes on the Interstate 5 (I-5) from the State Route 14 (SR14) Interchange to Parker Road and to incorporate truck climbing lanes from the SR-14 Interchange to Pico Canyon Road/Lyons Avenue. The project would provide improved goods movement along this nationally strategic artery to Mexico and Canada from some of our nation's largest ports. Additionally, this project would improve air quality, reduce congestion, and improve safety.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

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

Account: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Buses and Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Santa Clarita, CA

Address of Requesting Entity: 23920 Valencia Blvd., Suite 300, Santa Clarita, CA 91355

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$300,000 for the McBean Regional Transit Center's (MRTC) park-and-ride facility project. This effort is a vital expansion of an intermodal, transportation hub that serves hundreds of local bus riders, commuters, carpools, and vanpools every day. This funding would be used to help construct a permanent park-and-ride lot (300 parking spaces), provide passenger loading areas, bus bays, and the infrastructure to service passengers using multimodal travel. These upgrades are necessary to accommodate the additional demand for transit service into the City of Los Angeles (a ridership that has increased 31% over the last six years), increase safety and efficiency, cut emissions, and provide economic development opportunities within the region.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

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

Account: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Buses and Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Palmdale, CA

Address of Requesting Entity: 38300 Sierra Highway, Palmdale, CA 93550

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$200,000 to assist the City of Palmdale's efforts to expand the Transportation Center's train platform to accommodate the additional Metrolink train cars. The project provides this extension to conform to current Metrolink standards, which were adopted after construction of the center. This project is vital to ensuring continued public transit access into Los Angeles from the Antelope Valley.

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Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiative

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The School for Children with Hidden Intelligence—

Address of Requesting Entity: The School for Children with Hidden Intelligence, 812 E. County Line Road, Lakewood, NJ 08701

Description of Request: The \$250,000 in funding would be used to help in the construction of a new 52,000 square foot facility to accommodate the increased need for special educational services. The facility, located on a 13-acre wooded campus, will provide services for New Jersey's severely disabled and underprivileged children.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill.

Requesting Member: JOHN M. SHIMKUS

Bill: 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill

The Account: Higher Education (including FIPSE)—Lincoln Land CC

Requesting Entity: Lincoln Land Community College at 5250 Shepherd Rd. Springfield, IL 62794.

The funding will be for the LLCC HIRE Education Program to allow for pre apprenticeship training in energy production fields and construction trades to meet regional demand.

The Account: Higher Education (including FIPSE)—Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Requesting Entity: Southern Illinois University Edwardsville is located in Edwardsville, IL 62026.

The funding will be for a high tech simulation laboratory for advance practice nursing students to help address a nationwide nursing shortage.

The Account: Administration for Children and Families (ACF)—Social Services—The Hope Institute for Children and Families

Requesting Entity: The Hope Institute 15 E. Hazel Dell Lane Springfield, IL 62712

The funding will be for equipment, for training and a conference center, and dental clinic at the Children's Healthcare Partnership, Noll Medical Pavilion.

The Account: Innovation and Improvement—Reading is Fundamental

Requesting Entity: The point of contact for Reading Is Fundamental is Stephen Leach and the address is 1825 Connecticut Ave. NW Washington, DC 20009.

The funding would be used for purposes authorized in Section 5451 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

The Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services—Hamilton Memorial Hospital

Requesting Entity: Hamilton Memorial Hospital is located at 611 S. Marshall McLeansboro, IL 62859.

Hamilton Memorial serves a very poor, rural area of Illinois and is in need of capital to convert this EMR project to better serve their patients. The funding will be to assist electronic file management and forms, computerized physician order entry, and a new HIS server to support electronic file conversions.

#### RESTORE OUR AMERICAN MUSTANGS ACT

SPEECH OF

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 17, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1018. Current practices by the

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to maintain the population of our nation's wild horses and burros have been ineffective, inhumane and expensive.

This bill will significantly curb the costly and inhumane practice of rounding up our nation's wild horses and burros into crowded short- and long-term holding pens. In their report, "Effective Long-Term Options Needed to Manage Unadoptable Wild Horses," the Government Accountability Office (GAO) confirmed that the bulk of budget shortfalls faced by the Bureau of Land Management have resulted from current management methods that move wild horses and burros from Herd Management Areas (HMA) to long- and short-term holding areas. The report affirms that BLM will face budget shortfalls if long-term corrections to current management practices are not put in place.

In the past, I have advocated for significant changes to current herd management practices to ensure that long-term reduction of wild horse and burro populations on public lands is not achieved by slaughter. Such concerns were expressed by the public and Members of Congress alike as recently as last summer.

The slaughter of these animals is an unacceptable solution that jeopardizes public trust and undermines congressional intent. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has never exercised its authority to slaughter wild horses and burros. Financial shortfalls are not sufficient reason to end the BLM's good record. As such, I strongly support the effective and humane actions this bill has taken to replace current practices.

Under this bill the Bureau of Land Management will identify appropriate public lands and sanctuaries for our nation's wild horses and burros. With passage of this bill, most of the beautiful and treasured wild horses and burros currently in holding pens will be released to roam on public lands. Additionally, the BLM's adoption program for wild horses and burros will be strengthened to improve efforts to increase adoption by qualified individuals. Furthermore, the bill wisely includes a provision that will help protect threatened and endangered species by requiring BLM to ensure a "thriving natural ecological balance" on public lands designated for wild horses and burros.

I strongly support this important bill and urge my colleagues to vote in favor.

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### HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on congressionally-directed funding, I am submitting the following information regarding funding included in H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Aviation Administration—Facilities & Equipment

Legal Name of Recipient: Hazard-Perry County Airport Board—Wendell H. Ford Regional Airport