

Army Meritorious Service Medal, three awards of the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, and Saudi Arabia Liberation Medal.

Madam Speaker, it is evident from his long list of accomplishments and accolades that Colonel Tortora's has dedicated his life to service to his country. I am honored to have worked with him to improve and protect the lives of Long Island residents. I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors and thank him again on behalf of the First Congressional District of New York.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. LATOURETTE. 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, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Mr. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HHS—Health Resources and Services Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Akron Children's Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 Perkins Square, Akron, Ohio 44308

Description of Request: Provide an earmark in the amount of \$250,000 for the renovation of the Akron Children's Emergency Medical/Trauma Center. The Hospital serves a 25-county region in NE Ohio and was one of the 10 busiest pediatric emergency departments in the country in 2008. The current Level II trauma center and emergency center are regularly overcrowded, and expansion would allow for more rapid diagnoses, treatment and release from the facility, thus reducing hospital costs. The hospital also serves a high number of underserved or uninsured patients, and a more efficient center would translate to lower health care costs. The full amount of the funding would be put toward the design and construction costs of the \$18.5 million facility.

Requesting Member: Mr. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HHS—Health Resources and Services Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Ashtabula Council on Aging, Inc. (a.k.a. Ashtabula Senior Center)

Address of Requesting Entity: 4632 Main Ave., Ashtabula, Ohio 44004

Description of Request: Provide an earmark in the amount of \$250,000 for construction of a new facility to better accommodate and address the needs of the county's senior population. It is the only fulltime, stand-alone Senior Center in the economically distressed county, and supporting the construction of the facility would help to meet the national goal of providing support to our elderly population through a host of programs the center offers. The full amount of the funding would be put toward the construction costs of the new facility.

Requesting Member: Mr. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Education—Elementary and Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Auburn Joint Vocational School District

Address of Requesting Entity: 8140 Auburn Road, Concord Township, Ohio 44077

Description of Request: Provide an earmark in the amount of \$250,000 for curriculum development and technology for the Auburn Career Center for the creation of an alternative fuels education program. Auburn is a nationally recognized career and technical education facility that prepares students to effectively transition into high-skill jobs. The job market for these jobs is competitive, and training will create an educated and sought after workforce. The full amount of the funding would be used to develop the curriculum for this new program including the purchase of materials and equipment in order to teach the students in a hands on environment.

Requesting Member: Mr. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration—Mental Health  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Bellefaire JCB

Address of Requesting Entity: 22001 Fairmount Boulevard, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44118

Description of Request: Provide an earmark in the amount of \$200,000 for the Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) program for prevention and early intervention services to high school students in eight school districts in northeast Ohio. The purpose of the program is to reduce risk factors and enhance protective factors in the prevention of substance abuse and violence and to promote healthy behaviors in youth. The full amount of the funding will be used to carry out intervention, screening, counseling and programming services.

Requesting Member: Mr. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HHS—Health Resources and Services Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Bio-Innovation Institute

Address of Requesting Entity: 453 South High Street, Akron, OH 44311

Description of Request: Provide an earmark in the amount of \$600,000 for equipment for the newly established BioInnovation Institute of Akron, an effort supported by multiple organizations throughout NE Ohio to enhance research and treatment capabilities for patients struggling with orthopedic medical issues. One focus of the research will be more effective and cost-effective procedures for joint replacement.

Requesting Member: Mr. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HHS—Health Resources and Services Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University Hospitals—Geauga Medical Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 13207 Ravenna Road, Chardon, Ohio 44024

Description of Request: Provide an earmark in the amount of \$250,000 for health information technology equipment for the Geauga Medical Center's cutting-edge Heart & Vascular Care Project. University Hospital's

Geauga Medical Center is the only hospital in the county and serves residents in four additional counties, providing service to more than 100,000 patients per year. Its Heart and Vascular Institute provides critical in-patient and outpatient vascular services which will substantially improve the health outcomes of the patients it serves. This IT program will improve patient care and reduce medical errors through a federal initiative championed by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Requesting Member: Mr. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HHS—Health Resources and Services Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lake Hospital System

Address of Requesting Entity: 10 East Washington Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

Description of Request: Provide an earmark in the amount of \$500,000 for health information technology (IT) equipment for the Lake Hospital System, a private, not-for-profit hospital system serving a four county region in NE Ohio, including creation of an all digital hospital system. The hospital system boasts two inpatient, acute care facilities, a same day surgery campus, five urgent care facilities and construction is almost completed on a new, state-of-the-art hospital with total connectivity in electronic records between the hospital and its more than 200 physicians. This IT program will improve patient care and reduce medical errors through a federal initiative championed by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Requesting Member: Mr. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HHS—Health Resources and Services Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lakeland Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 7700 Clocktower Drive, Kirtland, Ohio 44094

Description of Request: Provide an earmark in the amount of \$250,000 to develop the College's Regional Healthcare Workforce Development Project with the purchase of lab equipment and technology for its Health Technology Building. The full amount of the funding will be used to purchase computer and laboratory equipment. There is a demonstrated need for health care training, and it is one of the few fields in northeast Ohio with continued growth and demand.

Requesting Member: Mr. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HHS—Health Resources and Services Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Visiting Nurse Association Healthcare Partners of Ohio

Address of Requesting Entity: 2500 East 22nd Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Description of Request: Provide an earmark in the amount of \$100,000 for a workforce training program sponsored by the Visiting Nurse Association Healthcare Partners of Ohio (VNAHPO) home health aides. In providing more than one-half million units of nursing, rehabilitation and supportive services to more than 12,000 Ohio families, the VNAHPO is one of the largest home and community healthcare organizations in Ohio. In carrying out its patient service mission, the VNAHPO struggles with shortage and retention challenges for home healthcare aides and seeks

to address this need and reduce unemployment through establishment of this workforce training program. By supporting the development of a well-trained home healthcare aide workforce, the organization anticipates providing value to the taxpayer by reducing the rate of hospitalizations and directly reducing costs to the Medicare and Medicaid programs. The full amount of the funding will be used to purchase equipment and develop the curriculum for this training program.

Requesting Member: Mr. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Education—Rehabilitation Services and Disability Research

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Vocational Guidance Services (VGS)—Painesville Center

Address of Requesting Entity: One Victoria Square, #135, Painesville, Ohio 44077

Description of Request: Provide an earmark in the amount of \$100,000 for the Training Enhancements Promoting Jobs for Ohioans with Disabilities project, which implements a training program to provide job skills to people with disabilities and other barriers to the job market. With the nation's unemployment rate approaching 10 percent, there continues to be a need for training to meet the many challenges to employers competing in the global economy, and this project will provide significant value to the taxpayer and those seeking employment who can become taxpayers. The funding will be used to purchase computer equipment and technology, as well as other equipment to carry out the center's curriculum.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 24, 2009*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the U.S. House of Representatives Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding four earmarks I received as part H.R. 3293—Labor—HHS—Education Appropriations Act, 2010:

Doctorate in Nurse Anesthesia Practice Initiative, Texas Wesleyan University, Fort Worth, Texas—Department of Health & Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services—\$650,000

This project will support TWU's new doctorate program of nurse anesthesia practice—the second doctoral program of its kind in the United States, and the only program to be offered 100 percent online—originating from the main campus of Texas Wesleyan University. The objective is to develop a distance learning program that will provide extended education to full-time employed Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists who are located in rural or metropolitan areas of the United States. This project provides education via new technologies, including distance learning methodologies, and addresses the Health People 2010 goal set by HHS to eliminate health disparities.

Texas Wesleyan University is located at 1201 Wesleyan Street, Fort Worth, TX 76105.

AB Christian Learning Center, Stop Six Community Go Center, Fort Worth ISD and

Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce—Department of Education Higher Education (FIPSE)—\$175,000

The Stop Six Community Go Center provides a safe environment in which students can explore higher education and career options, financial aid resources, apply for scholarships and receive counseling services to assist in facilitating a seamless transition from high school to college. This funding will help the Go Center hire another academic advisor and a security guard.

AB Christian Learning Center is located at 5009 Brentwood Stair Road #101, Fort Worth, TX 76112.

City of Fort Worth, Early Childhood Development Program—Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Children and Families (ACF)—Social Services, Early Childhood Matters Initiative—\$425,000

The city of Fort Worth, Texas seeks funds to support key projects that will significantly advance the Early Childhood Matters Initiative. Early Childhood Matters, a community initiative led by the city that impacts the entire region, will help coordinate resources and programs to benefit children up to 5 years of age. Training and materials from early childhood resource centers will be used by parents and child care providers. The funds will be used to continue two existing early childhood resource centers and start up two new locations in facilities in high need neighborhoods. Each neighborhood resource center provides training, support, educational materials and leadership development for parents, children, and child care staff. Together, the 4 resource centers will reach 500 parents, 280 child care staff, and 1,200 children under five years old. Each \$1 expended for early childhood training will result in savings of \$7 per child due to children not being retained a year at school, taking special education classes, or dropping out of school.

City of Fort Worth is located at 1000 Throckmorton Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

Parkland Health and Hospital System (PHHS), Parkland Center for Clinical Innovation, Parkland Hospital, Dallas, Texas—Department of Health & Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services—\$100,000

PHHS proposes to use electronically derived variables to create a model that measures clinical, social, and economic factors that predict patients at-risk for hospitalization, readmission or death in real-time, which would create "e-coordinated" clinical and care management interventions for the highest risk patients and serves lives while improving patient services, increasing productivity, and reducing costs. PHHS request will cover the cost of one Data Analyst, one Technical EPIC programmer, and server technology.

Parkland Hospital is located at 5201 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, TX 75235.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 24, 2009*

Mr. PLATTS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on ear-

marks, 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.

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

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

(1) York College of Pennsylvania—Facilities and Equipment—\$300,000

Account: Higher Education, FIPSE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: York College of Pennsylvania

Address of Requesting Entity: 441 Country Club Road, York, PA 17403

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: York College of Pennsylvania is a private, four-year institution of higher education serving over 5,600 students. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because York College would use this funding to expand their existing Nursing Department. Specifically, funds would be used to refurbish laboratories and purchase equipment related to the project. This is also a good use of taxpayer funds because York College operates one of the largest bachelorette nursing programs in the region. York College's ability to continue providing a pool of highly educated and trained nursing graduates helps fill the critical demand for nurses, both locally and nationally.

(2) Hanover Hospital—Electronic Medical Records Initiative—\$450,000

Account: HRSA, Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hanover Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 Highland Avenue, Hanover, PA 17331

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: Hanover Hospital would use this funding to convert all paper records at the hospital to an electronic medical record system. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because the use of such records is proven to improve clinical outcomes and enables health systems to better define, measure, monitor, and reward quality care. Electronic medical records create efficiencies for patients, physicians, and the hospital.

(3) WellSpan Health of York, PA—Purchase of Equipment—\$100,000

Account: HRSA, Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: WellSpan Health

Address of Requesting Entity: 912 South George Street, York, PA 17403

Description of Request/Justification of Funding: WellSpan Health would use this funding to purchase a remote monitoring system for the York Hospital Emergency Transitional Care Unit, allowing physicians to monitor patients in a distant location without physically leaving the main Emergency Department. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the remote monitoring system would create remote access using video/audio conferencing technology so that a physician could monitor multiple patients at one time. In addition, while caring for a patient in the main emergency department, the physician could answer questions and communicate with patients and families who are waiting in the Emergency Transitional Care Unit, eliminating the constant disruption of walking back and forth.