

mass transit, \$41.1 billion for highways, and \$47 billion for the Housing and Urban Development Department.

HUD oversees the administration of many of the nation's housing assistance programs including many important community-development programs like the Community Development Block Grants program which will receive \$4.2 billion under the bill. The bill also provides \$151 million for grants under the Economic Development Initiative to finance targeted economic investments, and \$18 million for the Neighborhood Initiative Program to improve blighted or distressed areas in our neighborhoods.

The bill appropriates \$1.9 billion for HUD homeless-assistance programs and \$8.7 billion for the Section 8 program. This program is used by local housing authorities to provide rental subsidies to landlords who rent to low-income families.

Additionally, as more Americans turn to public transit, the bill invests \$10.48 billion in the Federal Transit Administration, including \$1.83 billion for new construction and \$8.34 billion for formula grants to improve existing systems.

This bill makes critical transportation investments that will put Americans to work while also helping repair crumbling highways and bridges, improve public transit, and modernize air travel. I encourage my colleagues to join me in support of the bill.

HONORING ALBERT COSYNS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Albert "Al" Cosyns upon being honored as the Madera Chamber of Commerce 2009 Senior Farmer of the Year. Mr. Cosyns was recognized at the annual Senior Farmer Dinner on Thursday, July 23, 2009.

Mr. Al Cosyns was born on March 12, 1925 in Southern California. After farming in Orange County, California for sixteen years, he decided to head north. He hitched his bean harvester to his truck and made his way over the Grapevine, finding his home in the heart of California, Madera. For fifty years, Mr. Cosyns has raised a variety of crops and has been finding ways to adapt to the new cropping patterns necessary to the longevity of a farming operation. Over the years they have farmed almonds, alfalfa, black-eyed beans, lima beans, barley, cotton, corn, grapes, wheat, safflower, soybeans, oats, sugar beets and sudan. Today, the Cosyns Farm is currently located on 2500 acres; with almonds and grapes at the heart of the operation.

Mr. Cosyns' priorities have always been his ranch, his family and his community. Mr. Cosyns has always been active in the farming community and has served on a number of boards, including the Bonita Soil Conservation Board, the Sugar Beet Board and he has been a member of the Madera County Farm Bureau for forty-five years. He has also served as a 4-H Youth Advisor and is a supporter of the 4-H and Future Farmers of America Livestock Auction at the Madera and Chowchilla Fairs. Mr. Cosyns is the co-founder of the Madera Agricultural Youth Association (MAYA), an or-

ganization that supports youth in agriculture and provides scholarships to students entering college and pursuing a degree in a field related to agriculture. There are now four generations of the Cosyns family in Madera and Mr. Cosyns enjoys passing his knowledge and joy of agriculture on to the newest generation, his great-grandchildren. Mr. Cosyns along with his sons, Allan and Rick, and his grandchildren, continue the farming tradition with their strong leadership in the community.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Albert Cosyns upon being named the Madera Chamber of Commerce 2009 Senior Farmer of the Year. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Cosyns many years of continued success.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Mr. REHBERG. 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, FY2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Rep. REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3128

Account: Department of Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiative (EDI)

Requesting Entity: Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, 1732 72nd Street West, Billings, Montana 59106

Description: \$100,000 in federal funding will enable the Ranch to renovate several specialized learning and training rooms, as well as bring the building up to an acceptable standard for housing programs for at-risk youth.

Requesting Member: Rep. REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3128

Account: Department of Housing & Urban Development—Neighborhood Initiative
Requesting Entity: Rocky Mountain Development Council, Inc., P.O. Box 1717, Helena, MT 59624

Description: \$200,000 in federal funding will enable the Rocky Mountain Development Council, in partnership with the City of Helena, to address a significant shortage of quality affordable housing through the redevelopment of a former iron foundry and 2.4 acre Brownfield site.

Requesting Member: Rep. REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3128

Account: Department of Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiative

Requesting Entity: City of Shelby, 112 1st Street, South, Shelby, MT

Description: \$200,000 in federal funding will enable the City of Shelby to renovate its historic downtown with the goal of attracting downtown business development and creating new local jobs.

Requesting Member: Rep. REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3128

Account: Department of Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiative

Requesting Entity: Great Falls Development Authority, 300 Central Ave. Suite 406, Great Falls, MT 59401

Description: \$300,000 in federal funds for the Great Falls Development Authority will enable Cascade County, Montana to extend existing water, sewer, and storm drains, as well as rail lines and roads into a proposed heavy industrial area. The newly-developed area will attract business development and economic diversity to the area.

Requesting Member: Rep. REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3128

Account: Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiatives

Requesting Entity: Pantry Partners Food Bank, Inc. P.O. Box 806, Stevensville, MT 59870-0806

Description: The Pantry Partners Food Bank serves approximately 200 families each month in the Stevensville area. \$200,000 in federal funding will allow the Pantry Partners Food Bank to construct a larger facility and to replace outdated equipment that is crucial to ensuring the safety of their food items.

Requesting Member: Rep. REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3128

Account: Federal Highway Administration—Surface Transportation Priorities

Requesting Entity: Great Falls Development Authority, 300 Central Ave. Suite 406, Great Falls, MT 59401

Description: \$500,000 in federal funding will enable the reconstruction of Black Eagle Road in Cascade County. It is important that this deteriorating roadway be repaved to address safety concerns and to attract business traffic to the Great Falls region.

Requesting Member: Rep. REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3128

Account: Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiatives

Requesting Entity: City of Billings, P.O. Box 1178, Billings, MT 59103

Description: \$323,000 in federal funding for the City of Billings' Business Consortium Project for the Homeless will be used for the purchase or renovation of a building in downtown Billings, with the intent to provide housing and services in the upper-levels for homeless individuals or families, and to provide for a storefront business on the lower level.

Requesting Member: Rep. REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3128

Account: Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiatives

Requesting Entity: Billings Food Bank, Inc. P.O. Box 1158, Billings, MT 59103

Description: \$450,000 in federal funds will enable the Billings Food Bank to continue construction of a new facility with offices, a warehouse, commercial kitchens and classroom facilities to better serve and educate needy families in the Billings-area.

Requesting Member: Rep. REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3128

Account: Federal Highway Administration—Federal lands (Public Lands Highways)

Requesting Entity: Anaconda-Deer Lodge County, 800 South Main Street, Anaconda, MT 59711

Description: \$500,000 in federal funds will allow Anaconda-Deer Lodge County to reconstruct Highway 274, a treacherous 26-mile winding road that connects the Northern and Southern ends of the County. Reconstruction measures include rebuilding the road bed, widening the existing highway, and removing dangerous curves and switchbacks to address growing safety concerns.

Requesting Member: Rep. REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 3128

Account: Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiatives

Requesting Entity: Watson Children's Shelter, 2901 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula, Montana 59804

Description: Watson Children's Shelter serves nearly 100 children annually who are leaving abusive or neglectful family situations. \$500,000 in federal funding will allow the Shelter to expand to a second facility to double its capacity and fulfill a crucial and growing need within the community.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR.
JULIUS RICHARD SCRUGGS

HON. PARKER GRIFFITH

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend Dr. Julius Richard Scruggs of the First Missionary Baptist Church in Huntsville, Alabama. This year he celebrates his 50th pastoral anniversary and his 32nd anniversary with First Missionary Baptist. Dr. Scruggs is a wonderful asset to the community and all of North Alabama.

Rev. Dr. Julius Scruggs began his pastoral career at the age of 18 at Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Harvest, Alabama. He has been at First Missionary Baptist Church since 1977 and welcomed more than 3,000 new members into the congregation during that time. Under his leadership, the church formed teams that have improved the community of North Huntsville through scholarship funds, health and recreation clinics, and jail ministries. Dr. Scruggs has also personally overseen multiple projects with Habitat for Humanity that have directly benefitted his area.

Rev. Dr. Scruggs' leadership has been undeniably advantageous for Missionary Baptist Church's growth and development. Because of his vision and enthusiasm, he is a perfect candidate for President of the National Baptist Convention. The convention is being held during the second week of September, and I am honored to declare my support for this remarkable gentleman from North Alabama.

Madam Speaker, I wish to express my extreme gratitude to Dr. Scruggs for his service to our community. As a former recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. award and as Vice President at Large of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., Dr. Scruggs serves as an example of leadership for us all. The Tennessee Valley appreciates his invaluable service in the ministry for half a century and his dedication to First Missionary Baptist Church in Huntsville for more than three decades.

HONORING SERGEANT
CHRISTOPHER ENEY

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Sergeant Christopher Eney, a brave and dedicated U.S. Capitol Po-

lice Officer who was killed on the job 25 years ago this August.

Sergeant Eney, who was 37 years old, was a devoted husband and father. He was deeply committed to his work with the Capitol Police, to which he gave 12 years of faithful service. His fellow officers remember him as "a model officer, a leader, not a follower." At his memorial service, they recalled his quiet optimism, how Sergeant Eney could conjure a smile during his shifts in the House gallery at four in the morning. Sergeant Eney, they remembered, was always proud to serve.

In a training exercise in 1984, a fellow officer accidentally discharged his weapon, and Sergeant Eney was mortally wounded. He was the first Capitol Police Officer to die in the line of the duty.

Sergeant Eney's wife Vivian spoke at a ceremony for fallen officers some years later. "As far as I'm concerned," she said, "death doesn't make them a hero. What makes them a hero is the fact that they're walking out of the Academy, they're putting on a gun, they're wearing the badge. And in this day and age that takes a lot of courage."

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the service and sacrifice of Christopher Eney and all of America's fallen heroes, and I ask my colleagues to join me in doing so.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3326, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3326

Account: RDTE, A

Name of requesting entity: Moffitt Cancer Center

Address of requesting entity: 12902 Magnolia Drive, Tampa, Florida 33612

Description: The \$6,000,000 will be used by the National Functional Genomics Center to conduct applied research for the discovery of molecular signatures for cancers and speed the development of new drugs based on individual molecular fingerprints. This will help improve health care and lower costs.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3326

Account: RDTE, A

Name of requesting entity: University of Florida

Address of requesting entity: 2151 West University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida 32603

Description: The \$3,000,000 will be used to conduct research and clinical trials on Traumatic Brain Injury and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder to ensure the successful reintegration of injured military personnel into their families, communities, and jobs. This will improve quality-of-life for those afflicted with these conditions and lower health care costs.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3326

Account: RDTE, A

Name of requesting entity: University of South Florida

Address of requesting entity: 4202 East Fowler Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33620

Description: The \$2,000,000 will be used to conduct multidisciplinary research to develop better methods for clinical management of injuries and autoimmune diseases. This will improve disease and injury treatment and management, improving quality-of-life and increasing productivity among those individuals.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on budget requests, I am submitting the following information regarding budget designations I received as part of H.R. 3288: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Recipient: Arizona Department of Transportation, 206 S. 17th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Budget designation: \$1,000,000

The Hoover Dam Bypass project was authorized by Congress in P.L. 98-381. Hoover Dam is a strategic national asset. This project will protect the Dam while ensuring safer traffic flow between Phoenix and Las Vegas.

Recipient: Arizona Department of Transportation, 206 S. 17th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Budget designation: \$250,000

The Hassayampa Study corridor is located in the Phoenix West Valley. The request would fund an Environmental Impact Statement of the Hassayampa Freeway and the Hassayampa Study Region. This project holds tremendous potential for the West Valley and entire Southwest region by linking Phoenix to Las Vegas through the proposed Interstate 11 corridor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, on Friday, I missed 9 votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows.

Rollcall No. 638, on the Motion to Table Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 639, on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 673, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 640, on Agreeing to the Resolution H. Res. 673, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 641, on Agreeing to the Obey Amendment to H.R. 3293, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 642, on Agreeing to the Souder Amendment to H.R. 3293, I would have voted "no."

Rollcall No. 643, on Agreeing to the Pence Amendment to H.R. 3293, I would have voted "no."