

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARY BONO MACK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Mrs. BONO MACK. 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: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Entity Requesting: California State University San Bernardino, 5500 University Parkway, San Bernardino, CA 92407

Description of Earmark: \$100,000 is provided for California State University, San Bernardino, to equip a nursing lab in its Health Sciences building at the Palm Desert campus. The need for nursing and health science education has been voiced throughout the Coachella Valley. The Palm Desert Campus of California State University, San Bernardino has responded by establishing new health sciences programs, including a R.N. to B.S.N. that enrolls registered nurses currently working in local hospitals and enables them to upgrade their skills, preparing them for more responsible roles in local hospitals. I am asking for appropriated funds to help outfit the simulation lab (sim lab) of the Health Sciences Building, which will provide the necessary real-life experience needed by nursing students. The sim lab would help the University deal with the decline in clinical placements sites through the use of human patient simulation. The sim lab provides a computer-model-driven, full-sized human patient simulator that delivers true-to-life experiences.

Spending Plan: With local and state funding, a new Health Science Building is being constructed to house traditional classrooms and computer labs, science labs, as well as specialized labs for nursing, including a hospital-like simulation lab with projected completion by end of FY09. California State University provides both the programming and staff, and it will be responsible for future expansion as needed.

Project Budget Breakout: Human Patient Simulator Base Unit—\$259,835; Pediatric Human Patient Simulator Base Unit—\$262,400; Second Human Patient Simulator Base Unit—\$227,835; Equipment for lab to support mannequins (computers, replacement equipment, etc. Mannequins are run on Apple Mac G4's.)—\$150,930; Clinical Simulation programs scenarios—\$35,000; Eight Stryker Bed Secure 2 Beds (or Hillrohm equivalent) with monitoring equipment @ \$6,000/ea—\$48,000; Eight portable crash carts (Intermetro Industries or equivalent) @ \$2,000/ea—\$16,000; Total: \$1,000,000

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Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Entity Requesting: Eisenhower Medical Center, 39000 Bob Hope Drive, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

Description of Earmark: \$350,000 is provided for Eisenhower Medical Center to meet the needs of a growing medically underserved community in need of health care services in the fast-growing East Coachella Valley. Eisenhower Medical Center is developing a health center in La Quinta, California to address this need. The first phase will house an academically affiliated physician group, an imaging center, a radiation oncology center, a breast and bone screening satellite, Express Clinic, a satellite lab and pharmacy, and prevention and wellness programs. This center will combine conventional medicine and cutting edge technologies with preventative practices. This will ensure that the Health Center in La Quinta will serve as the focal point for integrative health, wellness education and treatment, addressing more than the management of disease, but the pursuits of optimal health in the Coachella Valley. This clinic will also provide much needed job opportunities for the east valley. A study conducted as recently as 2006 showed that the Coachella Valley is 100 primary care physicians short of meeting the current demand. The Health Center is designed to provide an additional 15 primary care physicians and 80 to 100 health care professionals in the first four years and will provide services to a population of 80,000 to 100,000 people. Eisenhower Medical Center, a not-for-profit organization, exists to serve the changing health care needs of our region by providing excellence in patient care with supportive education and research and therefore believes community education and health are of utmost importance.

Spending Plan: EMC is committed to meeting the rapidly growing, critical community needs of the East Valley and to provide the best cancer treatment services to the communities with the new Health Center in LaQuinta.

Construction: \$45,000,000; Equipment/Furnishings/Fixtures: \$6,000,000; Total: \$51,000,000

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Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Entity Requesting: Riverside Community College District, 4800 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506-1299

Description of Earmark: \$150,000 is provided for Riverside Community College District to equip their Allied Health Sciences Program. A lack of skilled workers, advances in medical science, and an aging healthcare workforce are producing a national and regional shortage of allied healthcare professionals such as Physician Assistants, Laboratory Technicians, Paramedics, and Physical Therapists. To begin filling the shortage, RCCD seeks to expand existing Allied Health Sciences Program and Funds would be used to purchase equipment for this program, enabling RCCD to graduate 300 percent more medical professionals over five years. RCCD's Allied Health Sciences program has been recognized as the best program in California in terms of graduating allied health services professionals, topping USC and Stanford in a recent competition. RCCD serves a region which is severely medically underserved. The Inland Empire has the state's lowest number of physicians per 100,000, with a projected shortfall of 1,140 physicians by 2015. This ratio also holds for allied health service professionals, making the

Inland Empire one of the most medically underserved areas in the nation. Cutting-edge equipment at the Allied Health Sciences program will increase the effectiveness and efficiency of training efforts through close interaction, exchange and collaboration within and between various disciplines. Further, a program equipped with the latest technology will also attract more high-quality students and new faculty.

Spending Plan: The State of California recently awarded RCCD \$495,000 for equipment purchases. RCCD will undertake a private fundraising effort to raise the delta between \$1.25 million, the State funds, and any federal appropriations. These efforts will be similar to those which netted \$100,000 per year over five years from Tri-Dental to establish and grow RCCD's Dental Hygienist program. While the acute need for such workers will spur private donations from professional organizations, federal funds will allow the program to fill the worker shortage more quickly.

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Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Entity Requesting: University of California—Riverside, 900 University Ave., Riverside, CA 92521

Description of Earmark: \$3,400,000 is provided for University of California—Riverside for the UC Riverside School of Medicine. The planned School of Medicine at the University of California, Riverside (UCR) will address the severe physician shortage in Inland Southern California by training a diverse physician workforce. The UCR medical school will also respond to 21st century health care needs by incorporating advances in medical education, science and technology for the benefit of the population of Inland Southern California. The medical school at UCR is being built on the strong foundation already established by the campus' joint medical education program with the University of California Los Angeles School of Medicine. This partnership of more than 30 years has produced more than 700 practicing physicians. UCR is uniquely positioned to launch its own four-year School of Medicine. The campus lies in the heart of Southern California's Inland Empire, one of the most rapidly growing regions in the nation.

The first incoming class of 50 medical students is projected to enroll in the UCR School of Medicine in fall 2012. Concurrently, the medical school will launch residency programs to offer the required training for postgraduate medical students to achieve board certification. Enrollment will ramp up gradually to a total of 400 medical students, 160 residents and 160 graduate students. With the regional physician shortfall forecast to be as high as 53 percent by 2015, the Inland Empire faces a health care challenge of crisis proportions. Since physicians tend to practice near where they complete their residencies, building a medical school in the region is an effective means of mitigating some of the area's physician shortfall. The regional focus of the medical school's research and clinical enterprises will address the poor health outcomes for many residents of Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

Spending Plan: Health Sciences Building construction (financing + campus funds): \$39,689,000; Health Science Building 1st/2nd

fl. fit-out, vivarium (funding unidentified): 10,311,000; Anatomy Lab Renovation (this request): 2,500,000; Biomedical Sciences Renovation (this request): 2,975,000; PRIME Telemedicine (state general obligation bond funding): 5,000,000; TOTAL COST: \$60,475,000

OCCASION OF UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CHANGE OF COMMAND AND RETIREMENT OF COLONEL PAUL GROSSKRUGER

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the service and contributions of Colonel Paul Grosskruger of the United States Army Corps of Engineers—Jacksonville District as he passes Command to Colonel Pantano and prepares to retire from military service. He has had a long and admirable career, worthy of distinction and worthy of our gratitude.

Colonel Grosskruger assumed command of the Jacksonville District on July 25, 2006 and it has been my distinct pleasure to work closely with him for these past several years. Most notably, I have worked with Colonel Grosskruger on the Merrill-Stevens Expansion Project and was also fortunate to assist the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as they completed the restoration of Virginia Key Beach. Each time, Colonel Grosskruger impressed us with his clarity, candor and fairness. Colonel Andrew Pantano has large new responsibilities to fill, but from reading his resume and noting his experiences, I am confident that he will be more than up to the task.

Below is a brief biographical sketch of Colonel Grosskruger's long and distinguished career. We have come to expect nothing less than great things of this career officer and we look forward to hearing from Colonel Grosskruger again, though as a private citizen. I know that many members of Florida's delegation join me in wishing him the best as he enters this new stage of life and we have every confidence that Colonel Pantano will continue the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Jacksonville District's fine tradition.

Born and raised in eastern Iowa, Colonel Grosskruger was commissioned into the Corps of Engineers upon graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1983. Colonel Grosskruger is a graduate of the U.S. Army Engineer Basic and Advance Courses, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering mechanics from the United States Military Academy and a Master of Science degree in civil engineering from Iowa State University. He is a registered professional engineer in both the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of Florida.

His assignments include platoon leader, battalion S2 officer and company executive officer in the 317th Engineer Battalion, Eschborn, Germany; company commander and battalion

S4 officer in the 82d Engineer Battalion, Bamberg, Germany; company commander of the 535th Engineer Company (Combat Support Equipment), Grafenwoehr, Germany; project officer and deputy resident engineer in the Omaha Engineer District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Colorado Springs, Colorado; battalion executive officer, 317th Engineer Battalion, Fort Benning, Georgia; group operations officer, 36th Engineer Group, Fort Benning, Georgia; Instructor, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Chief of Engineer Operations and Assistant Corps Engineer, V Corps, Heidelberg, Germany; Commander of the 94th Engineer Combat Battalion, Vilseck, Germany, where he planned and conducted operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His prior assignment was as the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army Engineer School, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Colonel Grosskruger's awards include the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal (seventh award); the Army Commendation Medal (three awards and the "V" device); the Joint Commendation Medal; the Army Achievement Medal (fifth award); the NATO Medal; the Joint Meritorious Unit award; and the Humanitarian Service Medal. He has earned medals from Nicaragua and Poland. He has the U.S. and German parachutist badge and the air assault badge. His battalion earned the Presidential Unit Citation for service with the 3d Infantry Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

I would be remiss if I did not also take this opportunity to thank Colonel Grosskruger's wife and family for their support and dedication. It is a well known fact that the hardest job in the military is that of the military spouse; our service men and women would not be able to do what our country asks of them without the backbone of a loving family. Claudia Grosskruger is to be commended as much as Colonel Grosskruger for their work in service to this country and for their efforts in raising Jerry, 20 and Jennifer, 18.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 649, H.R. 1121, the Blue Ridge Parkway and Town of Blowing Rock Land Exchange Act of 2009, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall No. 648, H.R. 1376, the Waco Mammoth National Monument Establishment Act of 2009, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall No. 647, H. Res. 593—Recognizing and celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the entry of Hawaii into the Union as the 50th State, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise to state that I was unavoidably detained and unable to vote on rollcall votes 644, 645, and 646. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Nos. 644 and 645, and "nay" on No. 646.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, on the legislative day of Monday, July 27, 2009, I was unable to cast votes a number of rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 647, 648, and 649.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN T. FINLEY

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the distinguished life of John T. Finley, retired Ramsey County District Judge and lifelong public servant. Judge Finley passed away unexpectedly in June at the age of 69, while visiting his daughter and grandchildren. While our community has lost a beloved civic leader, we celebrate John's legacy of compassion, fairness, and service to others.

On the judicial bench, John's steadfast impartiality and willingness to take on tough cases earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues. No matter how politically charged or publicly scrutinized the case, John approached each one with a fair and impartial mind. He was, in this regard, an exemplary judge.

John's public service began when he was elected as a Ramsey County commissioner in 1970, only one year after graduating from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul. He would become the longest-serving member of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners before being elected as a judge in 1996. His vision and leadership helped to craft a comprehensive transportation plan for the region that includes light rail transit. His advocacy for investments in parks and recreation helped to put Ramsey County on the map as one of the most livable communities in America.

Whether serving on the board or the bench, John's love for the community was remarkable. He was a proud native and lifelong resident of St. Paul, and he lived to serve its people. His sense of duty and honor are irreplaceable, and his leadership will be sorely missed.

Madam Speaker, please join me in this tribute to former Ramsey County Judge John T. Finley.