

She was a wonderful example of the talented, professional and dedicated federal employees who serve their country with distinction and honor.

Madam Speaker, I would like to offer my sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Sally Crowe, as well as my greatest appreciation for her many years of service.

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO
JAMES PAUL LATTURE III

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Paul Latture III, who has served as the President and CEO of the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce since May 2002. Paul is leaving the position next week for a new opportunity in Rutherford County, Tennessee. Paul has helped expand West Tennessee's industrial base, including the recruitment of companies such as Bodine Aluminum/Toyota, and by working with existing industries to encourage expansion.

Paul is a graduate of the University of Mississippi, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Marketing. Before joining the Jackson Area Chamber, he served as Assistant Commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, Executive Vice President for Economic Development for the Clarksville-Montgomery County Industrial Development Board, and Director of Membership Development and Governmental Affairs for the Memphis Regional Chamber of Commerce.

He is a graduate of the Institute for Organization Management, sponsored by the United States Chamber of Commerce, and is an active member of CoreNet Global, the American Chamber of Commerce Executives, and the Tennessee Economic Partnership (TEP). Paul is a 2005 graduate of WestStar. He is past president of the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives (TCCE), past president of West Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives, and serves as vice president for the Tennessee Industrial Development Council (TIDC).

Paul and his wife Jennifer have two daughters, Abby and Claudia.

Madam Speaker, I hope you and our colleagues will join me in thanking Paul Latture III for his service and wishing him and his family all the best.

A TRIBUTE TO THE VOLUNTEERS
OF WOODSTOCK, NEW YORK

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. HINCHEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the volunteers of Woodstock, New York, which is part of the 22nd Congressional District that I proudly serve. Once a year, the Woodstock community joins to honor those members who have given their time and energy to help others. This year, I am proud to commemorate the Fifth Annual Woodstock

Volunteers' Day. In the American tradition of "lending a hand," I am delighted to recognize this community's activist history and continued commitment to altruism.

Although people began settling in its mountainous land long before the American Revolution, Woodstock was officially named a township in 1787. At the turn of the twentieth century, Woodstock was a quaint, farming town and an upstate escape for artists and craftspeople. Since those early days, Woodstock has maintained a notable relationship between artists and non-artists, enabling people of all generations to work hand-in-hand for the sake of the community. A Woodstock historian writes, "More recently, the artists and local people have worked together to better the town, joining in efforts to support the library, local planning, local schools, and governments. Woodstock has become truly a melting pot of a tremendously diverse group of people working together for a better way of life."

The Fifth Annual Woodstock Volunteers' Day will pay homage to a number of volunteers and volunteer organizations, including the Woodstock Rescue Squad, Meals on Wheels, Family of Woodstock, Woodstock Fire Companies No. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, as well as their Auxiliaries, the Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, the Woodstock Food Pantry, all volunteers for the Town of Woodstock, Friends of the Library, the Woodstock Historical Society and the Boards of the various arts organizations with the Woodstock Arts Consortium.

There is an unparalleled value in the act of giving oneself voluntarily. Volunteerism provides an appreciation for community, instills a respect for life and humanity, and creates a bond that transcends generations. The Woodstock community has demonstrated a strong history and distinguished appreciation for this value, thus I extol their achievements. As thankful members of the Woodstock community gather to recognize the selfless acts of neighbors and friends, let us recognize the voluntary daily acts of kindness here in Woodstock and throughout America that strengthen our foundation. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the volunteers of Woodstock, New York as they celebrate the Fifth Annual Woodstock Volunteers' Day.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Requesting Member: Congressman BRIAN BILBRAY

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: OPAF, Line 12

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: California National Guard

Address of Requesting Entity: 9800 Goethe Road, Box 42, Sacramento, CA 95826

Description of Request: I received \$6,000,000 to upgrade the Eagle Vision III system which is operated by the 147th Combat Communications Squadron, in San Diego, California. Eagle Vision is a mobile commercial satellite imagery collection and processing

system which has proven itself as a resource in the war on terror and a homeland defense asset. The Eagle Vision III system has supported missions with AFNORTH, NORTHCOM, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Geological Survey Agency (USGS) during natural disasters, CALFIRE/CalEMA, and the Army Strategic Command (ARSTRAT). In fact, it directly and indirectly supported 2009 Midwest flooding, and Hurricanes Fay, Gustav, and Ike and has participated in numerous military exercises. By providing the One-meter Electro-optical CARTOSAT 2 and the 2.5 meter CARTOSAT 1 and One-meter SAR system (RADARSAT II) upgrades, Eagle Vision III will have the same capabilities as newer versions of the system. The upgrades will provide the direct downlink of two separate imaging satellites allowing operators access to satellites with different orbitologies, and more frequent access to imagery during each day. Also, with a one-meter capability, imagery analysts will be able to identify specific information regarding roads, bridges, dams and other critical infrastructure which is very important to "first responders" during disaster situations.

HONORING MARISSA KAHN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize Marissa Kahn. On July 16, 2009, Marissa received a Gold Medal while competing at the National Family, Career and Community Leaders of America National Leadership Conference. This is the highest award in the nation for her FCCLA event.

She has been very active with her local chapter and has contributed greatly to her area through her service. Not only has she distinguished herself through her involvement, she has earned the respect of her family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Marissa Kahn for her accomplishments with the National Family, Career and Community Leaders of America and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction in the National Leadership Conference competition.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARY FALLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Ms. FALLIN. 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. 3170—Financial Services Appropriations Act and Amendments I submitted and received the following funding.

I, Congresswoman MARY FALLIN, requested and received \$1,000,000 for The Oklahoma City National Memorial Foundation located at 620 N. Harvey Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73102. This is the installment of a congressional authorization of which \$3 million was

appropriated in Pub. L. 108-447 enacted 12/8/04 (H.R. 4818) for FY 2005. The authorization for the present request was passed by Congress in H.R. 2673 and signed into law January 23, 2004, which amended Pub. L. 105-58 to match non-federal funds raised/received by the Foundation for a permanent endowment. The purpose of the endowment is to ensure the financial stability of the Foundation for future operation and maintenance of the Memorial and Museum and to execute outreach and educational programs.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
CAROL BROOKS CASEY

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the city of Mexia and indeed all of Monroe County recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor her and pay tribute to her memory. Carol Brooks Casey was a beloved citizen with a long and distinguished record of community service.

Carol, a renowned radio announcer, began her 32-year broadcasting career in 1977 at WMFC station in Monroeville. Although she initially professed a disinterest in radio, Carol possessed self-confidence, determination, and graciousness that earned her the affectionate title "The Voice of Monroe County." Her radiant presence brought joy to those with whom she worked and earned her "star status" among her frequent listeners.

A leader for a host of philanthropic causes, Carol was honored by the local Kiwanis Club as its "2008 Citizen of the Year." She served as chairwoman for the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade, was one of the organizers of Excel's Pioneer Days, established a Christmas toy drive for children, and helped promote the national Angel Tree organization. She was also an active member in a number of civic organizations, including: the American Cancer Society, Peddlin' for a Cure, the American Red Cross, Kiwanis Club of Monroeville, and the Monroeville/Monroe Chamber of Commerce, among others. She also organized the first Veteran's Day Parade in Monroe County in 2007.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader, a generous friend, and an inspirational voice for Monroe County and Southwest Alabama. Carol will be dearly missed by her family—her husband, Mike Casey; her son, Calvin Casey; her daughter, Adrienne Casey; her three sisters, Helen Tucker, Land Watford, and Wanda Brooks; and her brothers, Mike Brooks and Cliff Brooks—as well as the countless friends and devoted listeners she leaves behind.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this difficult time.

Madam Speaker, I ask that the following poem—written by Reverend Wayne McMillian, pastor of the Mexia Baptist Church, as a tribute to Carol—be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

A VOICE IN THE WIND

The Morning Dove arose with the dew
Her voice on the wind like pigeon flew
Bringing music, joy, and laughter she knew

Would brighten a dull and somber world.

She knew us well, that voice on the wind
The hand she held of many a friend
Through concerts, charities and raffles send
Help to the needy in this crippled world.

Now the Morning Dove from here has flown
Her voice on the wind, in a celestial dome
Yet the Waves she rode right here at home
Will be her legacy in that perfect world.

IN MEMORY OF MARY ALICE
ETHRIDGE

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of, Mary Alice Ethridge, 61, the executive director of the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce, who passed away recently after a two year battle with colon cancer. I extend to all of her friends and family my deepest sympathy for their loss.

According to the Rowlett Lakeshore Times, "She took a medical leave of absence from the chamber earlier this year but did not speak publicly about her condition. Ethridge's daughter, Laura Morris, said her mother was a constant source of encouragement.

"My mother was my best friend and my inspiration in life and spirituality," Morris said. "There was no challenge too big. If someone told me no, my mother taught me to find a way to make it yes, but always with grace and dignity. She taught me that friendships are one of the greatest gifts a person can give another person, and that one can never have too many friends."

"Ethridge served as the executive director of the Rowlett chamber for more than 20 years, and she helped the chamber grow from a one-room office to its current building along Main Street. She helped develop the Leadership Rowlett program and the annual casino night fund-raiser.

"Chamber board member Staci Mauldin said she will never forget Ethridge's unwavering commitment to the community. 'I'll most remember her for her dedication to the chamber and the business community here,' Mauldin said. 'It was something that was very near and dear to her heart.'

"Besides working at the chamber, Ethridge also enjoyed gardening and enjoying her home. She and her husband, Robert, were married about 40 years. Ethridge was also involved with the Alpha-Nu Sorority, Keep Rowlett Beautiful, Crimestoppers, and the Rowlett Arts and History Foundation.

"Above all, Ethridge enjoyed a good laugh.

"The one thing that will always be with me will be her contagious laugh and beautiful smile," Morris said. "We loved to make each other roll with laughter. I miss her deeply already."

While representing the wonderful community of Rowlett, I had the honor of getting to know Mary Alice. She touched many of us in such a positive way that her life will never be forgotten by those of us who had the privilege to know her. Mary Alice was an outstanding individual and she will be dearly missed. I ask all Members, please join me in honoring the distinguished memory of Mary Alice Ethridge.

HONORING EDWIN AND JEAN
KRUPA ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Edwin and Jean Krupa on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Jean worked in my Congressional District Office for years, and her dedicated service and hard work made her both a valuable asset and someone who is a pleasure to know.

The love and dedication required through 50 years of marriage are truly worth celebrating. I am pleased to recognize them on this milestone, and wish them a continued life of adventures and fond memories.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Jean Krupa and her husband Edwin Krupa on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

A CENTURY OF SERVICE:
ROBBINSDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT,
ROBBINSDALE MN

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary services provided by the Robbinsdale Fire Department throughout the past 100 years. Established in 1909; the Robbinsdale Fire Department has dutifully responded to fire calls, assisted neighboring communities, extinguished structure fires, grass fires, vehicle fires, responded to gas leaks, hazardous material spills, and advocated fire prevention through inspections and community education. The members of the fire department are residents of Robbinsdale who serve and protect their families, friends, and neighbors 365 days a year, regardless of the perilous nature of their work.

I applaud their dedication and service to their community. The professionalism of the Robbinsdale Fire Department is an inspiration to those they serve. Their commitment to public service is honorable and I encourage all who encounter past, present or future members of the Robbinsdale Fire Department to thank them for their selfless service to their city. On behalf of the residents of Minnesota's Fifth Congressional District, I commend the members of the Robbinsdale Fire Department for their hard work and sacrifice and wish them well in their next century of service.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ROBERT E.
KELEHER

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer a tribute to Dr. Robert Keleher of the Joint Economic Committee, who is retiring this week from government