

Of all her accomplishments, however, Mrs. Wynne was most proud of the legacy of her family. Those who know her well can attest that family was her first love. Born one of eight children and married 51 years, Mrs. Wynne certainly understood family. And as an enthusiastic Alabama football fan, she made certain that each of her children and grandchildren attended the University of Alabama. In the company of those most dear to her, she graciously entertained guests, and friends knew her as the epitome of a hospitable, Southern lady. It is said that rarely a day went by that she did not welcome visitors into her home.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a gracious host; a devoted family figure; and a respected woman of Mobile. Hallie will be dearly missed by her family—her daughter, Hallie Wall; her son, William W. Wynne, Jr.; her son, Phillip Andrew Wynne, Sr.; her granddaughters, Nancy Wynne Wall and Hallie Elizabeth Wynne; her grandson, Phillip Andrew Wynne, Jr.; a sister, Evelyn Botter Biretta Wilson; and a number of nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews—as well as the countless friends she leaves behind.

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

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. 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. 3183, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

The Electric Power Research Institute, Palo Alto, CA—\$1 million to develop ultra fast power processor for Smart Grid. Silicon Power located in Malvern, PA is a partner on this project.

FISCAL SOLVENCY OF CERTAIN TRUST FUNDS

SPEECH OF

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Budget Committee and House Financial Services Committee, one of my top priorities is to get the job engine running again in America. Over the past year, Congress has spent over \$1 trillion to get the economy moving again, but 2.6 million Americans have lost their jobs since President Obama took office and we have the highest unemployment rate in 25 years. Clearly, Washington Democrats' plan for economic recovery has been an abject failure.

I support policies that will provide struggling Texas small businesses with tax relief, enabling small businesses, which create 2 of every 3 jobs in America, to begin hiring workers. But we also must ensure that those who

have lost their jobs through no fault of their own have a temporary safety net to help them weather this economic storm. That is why I voted for H.R. 6867 on October 3, 2008. H.R. 6867 provides up to 59 weeks of unemployment compensation benefits, and I was pleased that it was signed into law on November 21, 2008.

The House recently considered H.R. 3357, which transferred \$7 billion from the General Fund to the Highway Trust Fund to cover a projected shortfall of funds. This legislation also would provide funds for the Unemployment Trust Fund.

I support those provisions that would ensure the Unemployment Trust Fund, which is the funding mechanism for federal unemployment compensation benefits, has the resources it needs. In these tough economic times, I know how important unemployment benefits are to those who have lost their job. I do not, however, support provisions of H.R. 3357 that would transfer \$7 billion from the General Fund to the Highway Trust Fund, as this would add \$7 billion to the deficit and send the bill to our children and grandchildren. While I support a first-class highway system and would not want to see the Highway Trust Fund run short of funds, simply adding \$7 billion to the deficit was not the solution to the Highway Trust Fund's problems. This \$7 billion is on top of an \$8 billion transfer in 2008 and the \$27 billion provided to the Highway Trust Fund in the so-called stimulus bill.

Unfortunately, Members of Congress have wasted billions of taxpayer dollars on transportation earmarks over the last decade, helping lead to the depletion of the fund. While not all earmarks are bad, too many have diverted funds from the fund to pay for the Bridge to Nowhere, parking garages and bike paths. Had Members of Congress spent Highway Trust Fund money more wisely, we may not have been forced to replenish the fund.

Even though I support the Unemployment Trust Fund provision of H.R. 3357, at a time when the federal government is running a record debt in excess of \$11 trillion, a projected record deficit of \$1.8 trillion, and a 9.5 percent unemployment rate that is the highest unemployment rate in over 25 years, I simply could not support a bill that would borrow \$7 billion and send the bill to future generations.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY 10 Energy and Water Development Appropriation Act.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Project name: Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) Simulation Integration Laboratory

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: RF PRODUCTS, INC.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1500 Davis Street, Camden, NJ 08103

Description of Request: Provides additional operational connectivity capabilities onboard aircraft that work to ensure the safety of ground personnel and prevent unplanned events including fratricide and wrong target hits. This capability will allow more information to be transmitted to the aircraft, such as an injured soldiers' medical record, or to the ground forces, such as real-time enemy locations.

Project name: Marine Mammal Detection System to Support Navy Training

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Navy Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Integrated Systems Solutions, Inc. (ISSI)

Address of Requesting Entity: Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division, Route 547, Building 195/Hangar 6, Lakehurst, NJ 08733

Description of Request: Providing the Navy with new technology to track marine mammals in coastal training areas from the air—providing habitat protection, offering environmentally enhanced tracking alternatives and saving training time and money. The funding will be allocated as follows: \$1,618,477 for salaries; \$148,715 for expendables such as aviation fuel; \$83,800 for direct travel; \$107,864 for direct material such as sensors and other electronic equipment; and \$41,144 for support equipment vehicles.

TEXAS H. CON. RES. 38

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, at the request of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas, I am officially entering Senate Concurrent Resolution 38, as passed by the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009 of the State of Texas, into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas, During the Vietnam War, the United States military sprayed more than 19 million gallons of Agent Orange and other herbicides over Vietnam to reduce forest cover and crops used by the enemy; these herbicides contained dioxin, which has since been identified as carcinogenic and has been linked with a number of serious and disabling illnesses now affecting thousands of veterans; and

Whereas, The United States Congress passed the Agent Orange Act of 1991 to address the plight of veterans exposed to herbicides while serving in the Republic of Vietnam; the Act amended Title 38 of the United States Code to presumptively recognize as service-connected certain diseases among military personnel who served in Vietnam between 1962 and 1975; this presumption has provided access to appropriate disability compensation and medical care for Vietnam veterans diagnosed with such illness as Type II diabetes, Hodgkin's disease, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, chronic lymphocytic leukemia, multiple myeloma, prostate cancer, respiratory cancers, and soft-tissue sarcomas; and

Whereas, Pursuant to a 2001 directive, United States Department of Veterans Affairs policy has denied the presumption of a service connection for herbicide-related illnesses to Vietnam veterans who could not

furnish written documentation that they had "boots on the ground" in-country, making it virtually impossible for countless United States Navy and United States Air Force veterans to pursue their claims for benefits; many who had landed on Vietnamese soil could not produce proof due to incomplete or missing military records; moreover, personnel who had served on ships in the "Blue Water Navy" in Vietnamese territorial waters were, in fact, exposed to dangerous airborne toxins, which not only drifted offshore but also washed into streams and rivers draining into the South China Sea; and

Whereas, Warships positioned off the Vietnamese shore routinely distilled seawater to obtain potable water; a 2002 Australian study found that the distillation process, rather than removing toxins, in fact concentrated dioxin in water used for drinking, cooking, and washing; this study was conducted by the Australian Department of Veterans' Affairs after it found that Vietnam veterans of the Royal Australian Navy had a higher rate of mortality from Agent Orange-associated diseases than did Vietnam veterans from other branches of the military; when the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention studied specific cancers among Vietnam veterans, it found a higher risk of cancer among United States Navy veterans; and

Whereas, Agent Orange did not discriminate between soldiers on the ground and sailors on ships offshore, and legislation to recognize this tragic fact and restore eligibility for compensation and medical care to United States Navy and United States Air Force veterans who sacrificed their health for their country is critical; and

Whereas, When the Agent Orange Act passed in 1991 with no dissenting votes, congressional leaders stressed the importance of responding to the health concerns of Vietnam veterans and ending the bitterness and anxiety that had surrounded the issue of herbicide exposure; the United States Congress should reaffirm the nation's commitment to the well-being of all of its veterans and direct the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to administer the Agent Orange Act under the presumption that herbicide exposure in the Republic of Vietnam includes the country's inland waterways, offshore waters, and airspace; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to restore the presumption of a service connection for Agent Orange exposure to United States Navy and United States Air Force veterans who served on the inland waterways, in the territorial waters, and in the airspace of the Republic of Vietnam; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

DAVID DEWHURST,
President of the Senate.

JOE STRAUS,
Speaker of the House.

PATSY SPAW,
Secretary of the Senate.

ROBERT HANEY,
Chief Clerk of the House.

Approved: Rick Perry, *Governor.*

HONORING JULIE REICHERT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize Julie Reichert. On July 16, 2009, Julie 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 Julie Reichert 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. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. CULBERSON. 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. 3183, the FY 2010 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Construction General account

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Harris County Flood Control District at 9900 Northwest Freeway, Suite 220, Houston, TX 77092.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$11,018,000 to the Harris County Flood Control District. It is my understanding that the funding would be used for construction of a flood damage reduction project along Brays Bayou in Harris County, Texas.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Investigations account

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Harris County Flood Control District at 9900 Northwest Freeway, Suite 220, Houston, TX 77092.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$100,000 to the Harris County Flood Control District. It is my understanding that the funding would be used for construction of a flood damage reduction project along White Oak Bayou in Harris County, Texas.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Investigations account

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Harris County Flood Control District at 9900 Northwest Freeway, Suite 220, Houston, TX 77092.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$100,000 for the Harris County Flood Control District. It is my understanding that the funding would be used for oversight of a flood damage reduction project aimed at reducing the loss of life, injury, and property destruction in the Buffalo Bayou in Harris County, Texas.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Construction General account

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Port Authority of Houston, P.O. Box 2562, Houston, TX 77252.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for the Port Authority of Houston. It is my understanding that the funding would be used to add capacity for dredged material disposal sites along the Channel.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Operations and Maintenance account

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Port Authority of Houston, P.O. Box 2562, Houston, TX 77252.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$15,063,000 for the Port Authority of Houston. It is my understanding that the funding would be used for operations and maintenance of the Channels, including dredging activities.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF JOSEPH W. TESTA AS AUDITOR OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. TIBERI. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Joseph W. Testa for his service to the people of Franklin County, Ohio.

Joe Testa has been a tireless advocate for good government, first serving as Franklin County Recorder from 1985 to 1992, and since then, as Franklin County Auditor. Throughout his career as an elected official, Joe acted as a resounding voice of fiscal responsibility.

Joe's career also showcased the finest level of professionalism. For more than 17 years, he ran one of the most effective and innovative county offices in the State of Ohio, and was consistently recognized as such by the County Auditor's Association of Ohio. As an early advocate of the potential of the internet and its benefits to local government, Joe's vision helped Franklin County government to become an example for other metropolitan areas in the region in how to maximize technology for public use.

In addition to his work with the county as an elected official, Joe made a lasting impression on the greater Central Ohio community. Driven by his deep faith, he has made service a priority throughout his life. Serving as an adjunct professor at The Ohio State University, and a