

Club of Sault Ste. Marie has worked diligently to provide service to others, to promote high ethical standards, and to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace in Sault Ste. Marie and the surrounding areas.

One of the oldest Rotary Clubs in Michigan, the Sault Ste. Marie club was chartered on January 1, 1919. Since its inception the club has taken an active role in supporting and enriching individuals and projects that make Sault Ste. Marie a positive place to live and do business.

Service projects have been a continuing priority for the club. Each year members honor past president Charlie Graver with the Rotary Graver Auction, which has raised nearly \$150,000 to fund youth projects around the community. In the 1960s the Rotary Club built Rotary Park, where visitors can enjoy the view of the lake carriers in the St. Marys River. Today, Rotarians are rebuilding the park starting with the "Poppink Path" walkway. The club has also helped finance Project Playground and agreed to maintain it with yearly repairs and cleanups.

Recognizing the importance of education, the Rotary Club has established the William Poppink Distinguished Teacher Award given annually to one local elementary and secondary teacher recognized for their outstanding contribution to education. The club also presents students in the area with scholarships through the Sault Rotary Strahl Scholarship Fund. The club has raised thousands of dollars to support the community-based Soo Theatre Project, now teaching more than 400 students the arts and providing shows for the community at the historic Soo Theatre.

The Sault Ste. Marie Rotary Club has also done much for those in the community with intellectual disabilities. Members work closely with Special Olympics to staff events and hold an annual Special Olympics carnival. The club also hosts a Valentine's Day lunch each year for special education students in the area.

The club also reaches out beyond Sault Ste. Marie by giving area students the opportunity to go abroad and learn about new cultures in countries across the world. At the same time the club hosts young people from across the globe that come to Sault Ste. Marie to learn about life in the United States.

Madam Speaker, since the formation of the Sault Ste. Marie Rotary Club, members have continuously upheld their mission of, "Service Above Self." The Sault Ste. Marie area has benefited greatly from members' long tradition of community pride and dedication to fostering the ideal of service through action. Madam Speaker, I ask that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating the Sault Ste. Marie Rotary Club on its 90th anniversary as well as thanking members for their active involvement in the Sault Ste. Marie community.

HONORING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN'S NORTHWESTERN MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor St. John's Northwestern Military Academy and to recognize its 125th anniversary.

St. John's Military Academy was founded in 1884 in Delafield, Wisconsin, by Dr. Sidney T. Smythe with the goal of educating young men in a program of physical, moral and religious education that trained student character as well as mind.

The principles are echoed in the academy's motto, "Work Hard, Play Hard, Pray Hard." Dr. Smythe believed that the way to get the most out of a boy is to challenge him and to make him reach just a little farther than he had supposed his arms could stretch. From its small beginnings, the academy grew steadily as it became recognized as one of the leading schools of its kind in the Nation.

Northwestern Military Academy was established in 1888 in Highland Park, Illinois, by Harlan Page Davidson, whose philosophy of education was remarkably similar to Sidney Smythe. In addition to academic classes, cadets participated in athletics, gymnastics, drill instruction and bayonet practice. In 1911, naval training was added to the academy's program and the name was changed to Northwestern Military & Naval Academy, gaining national recognition as an educational experience with a military emphasis.

In 1995, St. John's Military Academy, and Northwestern Military & Naval Academy joined to become St. John's Northwestern Military Academy, located at the St. John's 110-acre campus in Delafield. Though the emphasis has shifted away from the military arts of an earlier day, the discipline, self-confidence, loyalty and camaraderie remain just as strong today. Shaped by each school's strong history, common goals and similar philosophies, the academy continues its long tradition of education and leadership with honor.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican adopted standards on earmarks, I submit the below detailed explanation of the cancer research facility.

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Provisions/Account: Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services Account

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria, located at One Illini Drive, Peoria, Illinois 61605.

Description of Request: The funding would be used finance the construction of a cancer research facility.

RECOGNIZING BRAD HICKS

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Brad

Hicks, the president and CEO of the Chamber of Medford/Jackson County headquartered in Medford, Oregon.

Brad has deep and enduring roots in southern Oregon that have grounded his personal and professional life in special ways. He treasures the beautiful Rogue Valley in which he was raised and where he and his lovely wife, Kimberly, have chosen to raise their son, Jonathan. Brad's love of southern Oregon and his steadfast belief in its bright future have driven his chamber career along a steady path of unselfish service to the Rogue Valley.

Brad grew up in Grants Pass, Oregon and graduated with a degree in political science from Southern Oregon State College, now known as Southern Oregon University. After public service as an aide to members of the state legislature and the U.S. Congress, Brad returned home to southern Oregon in 1993 where he began his chamber management career as membership director of the Chamber of Medford/Jackson County. Brad was mentored by a chamber legend, Bill Haas, who taught him the essentials of running an effective chamber.

In 1994 Brad became advertising sales director, and then marketing director in 1995, serving in that capacity until being selected to his current position when Bill Haas retired at the end of 1999.

Under Brad's leadership as president and CEO, the Chamber of Medford/Jackson County has grown to be the largest chamber in Oregon, far surpassing the membership of chambers in much larger communities. The Chamber of Medford/Jackson County has not only grown significantly, it has been recognized repeatedly for its effective service to the community. Theirs is the model that other chambers follow for membership growth, political involvement, and communications with the membership.

Brad gives greatly of himself to his community and to his profession. He has served ably on a long list of local boards, commissions, and philanthropic endeavors. Brad has served on the United States Chamber of Commerce West Institute Board of Regents, the American Chamber of Commerce Executives Board of Directors, and the Northwest Chamber Leaders. Brad is a past president of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, and was named that organization's Chamber Executive of the Year in 2006. Brad was also recently awarded the 2008 Western Association of Chamber Executives' "Executive of the Year" award.

Madam Speaker, Brad Hicks is an impactful leader who makes a difference in his community. He brings considerable skills and experience to his service to others and he never rests in his constant personal and professional growth.

However, it is Brad's latest accomplishment that compels me to address this body today. Through years of hard work and dedication, Brad recently joined a very elite group of chamber executives when he achieved the status of certified chamber executive, or CCE as it is known in the chamber profession. In the past 38 years, fewer than 460 chamber executives have achieved the coveted CCE level. The CCE program is designed to assess a senior manager's knowledge of the four core chamber management areas: management, planning and development, membership, communications, and operations.

The CCE earned by Brad is a national recognition of his commitment to his profession,

his dedication to managerial and leadership excellence, and his leadership in state, regional, and national chamber professional associations.

I value what Brad has accomplished and his contribution to his community. I invite each of you today to join me in thanking Brad Hicks for his service and in congratulating him on achieving the rare accomplishment of certified chamber executive.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL AEROSPACE DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congressman EHLERS for his leadership on this bill and I am proud to be a cosponsor of this important legislation. National Aerospace Day recognizes the importance of NASA, its world-class employees and the decades of successes those employees have accumulated for NASA. NASA contributes greatly to the advancement of scientific research and is responsible for technology that we use every single day.

Yesterday, the Summary Report by the Review of U.S. Human Spaceflight Plans Committee was released. The Committee's report confirms what we've known for a long time—NASA is underfunded. Supporting and adequately funding NASA's programs that contribute to its human space flight initiative is essential for the U.S. to maintain its global leadership.

While I agree with the Commission that NASA's research centers like NASA Glenn in Brook Park, Ohio need more funding in order to achieve the mandates given to them by Congress and the President, I am particularly concerned with the recommendations in the Committee Report to privatize important parts of NASA. Privatization of a public resource is dangerous. We must not let ourselves fall for the lure of the potential for short term savings when privatization frequently ends up costing the taxpayer much more than purported savings, not to mention well-paying, stable jobs. At a time of record high unemployment rates, we cannot afford to compromise the integrity of one of our nation's greatest assets by outsourcing NASA's work.

I want to also be clear that NASA must not become an arm of the Department of Defense. NASA has always focused on civilian research, which has allowed it to avoid becoming subsumed by the perpetual imperative of national security.

NASA's aeronautics research is particularly important because NASA is able to develop longer term, high-risk enabling technologies that our private industry is unable and unwilling to perform. If we lose aeronautics at NASA, we will cede our global leadership in the field to Europe.

I have the privilege of having the NASA Glenn Research Center in my district. NASA Glenn serves as an economic engine for the Greater Cleveland Community and for the State of Ohio. In the year 2007 alone, the economic output of NASA Glenn was \$1.2 billion.

As of 2007, NASA Glenn was responsible for over 8,000 jobs and household earnings amounting to \$402 million in Ohio alone.

NASA Glenn's employees have been global leaders in their field for decades. In fact, Glenn has won 98 of the 150 R&D 100 Awards from R&D Magazine that have been granted to NASA since 1966, more than all the other NASA centers combined. Of over 600 national laboratories, Glenn is in the top 10 for these awards.

NASA Glenn specializes in space flight systems development, aeropropulsion, space propulsion, power systems, communications, and human-related systems. They develop cleaner technologies for space propulsion that is safer, more reliable and more affordable. NASA's expertise in renewable energy and energy efficient technologies will be critical to a burgeoning green economy.

NASA Glenn plays a vital role in developing NASA's future generation of space flight vehicles and is the lead developer of the lunar lander's ascent stage propulsion system—the system responsible for getting our astronauts back to earth from the moon. The Center is vital in training and recruiting the next generation of employees that will work on future space flight missions to the Moon and Mars through its educational partnership programs with local universities.

I am proud of the work done at NASA Glenn and of the important contributions NASA has made to our Nation. Congress has an obligation to fully support NASA and I strongly urge passage of this bill.

HONORING JAKE ALAN FOTHERINGHAME

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jake Alan Fotheringhame, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 125, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jake has been very active with his troop participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Jake has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jake Alan Fotheringhame for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO LANCE CORPORAL DONALD JAMES HOGAN

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a hero from my congressional district, Lance Corporal Donald James Hogan,

United States Marine Corps. Today I ask that the House of Representatives honor and remember this incredible young man who died in service to our country.

Lance Corporal Hogan graduated from Tesoro High School in 2007 and fulfilled his dream to follow in his grandfather's footsteps by joining the U.S. Marine Corps. His grandfather reached the rank of Gunnery Sergeant and Lance Corporal Hogan wanted to match his grandfather's success through a career in the Marine Corps. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Pendleton.

Hogan is remembered by friends as supportive, loyal and unselfish. He was a cross country runner in high school and his teammates recall his encouraging spirit that got them across the finish line. On Wednesday, August 26, 2009, Lance Corporal Hogan was killed while on a foot patrol in southern Afghanistan when a roadside bomb went off nearby in a blast that also injured several other Marines. He was 20 years old. Lance Corporal Hogan is survived by his father Jim, mother Carla, and sister Adrianna.

As we look at the incredibly rich military history of our country we realize that this history is comprised of men, just like Lance Corporal Hogan, who bravely fought for the ideals of freedom and democracy. Each story is unique and humbling for those of us who, far from the dangers they have faced, live our lives in relative comfort and ease. The day the Hogan family learned of their son and brother's death was probably the hardest day they have ever faced and my thoughts, prayers and deepest gratitude for Lance Corporal Hogan's sacrifice goes out to them. There are no words that can relieve their pain and what words I can offer only begin to convey my deep respect and highest appreciation.

Lance Corporal Hogan's family have all given a part of themselves in the loss of their loved one and I hope they know that their son and brother, the goodness he brought to this world and the sacrifice he has made, will never be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 685 I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 685.

HONORING DARIN MATTHEW DUNLAP

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Darin Matthew Dunlap, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts