

Even though members of the Party of Lincoln honor Ronald Reagan as a great president, he was no Abraham Lincoln. Reagan gave his service to this country, but Lincoln gave his life for his country. Without Lincoln there is a strong possibility that there would be no Republican Party today. We owe it to ourselves to honor this man by keeping the true Legacy of Lincoln alive. Republicans, African Americans and the world as a whole owe this lonely log-splitting country lawyer much more than we will ever know: perhaps even our lives.

Please help us establish and maintain the Legacy of Lincoln through the Legacy of Lincoln Foundation so that future generations will know of his true greatness and his enduring contribution to the entire world.

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 Achieving Lightweight Casting Solutions.

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

Provisions/Account: Army: "RDT&E" Section of the bill, Line Title: End Item Industrial Preparedness, Program Element: 0708045A, Line Number: 179.

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is American Foundry Society, 1695 North Penny Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60173.

Description of Request: The funding would be used to develop lightweight metals and casting methods to produce vital defense components in fast, low cost, efficient ways.

RECOGNIZING THE HARLEM CULTURAL ARCHIVES HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S TRIBUTE TO THE LLOYD EVERETT DICKENS FAMILY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of The Harlem Cultural Archives Historical Society's tribute to the legacy of the Lloyd Everett Dickens Family at their 2nd Annual Award Luncheon taking place at Harlem's renown Londel's Supper Club.

Before the first Wall Street crash and Great Depression of the early 1920's, hard-working successful African Americans found it very difficult to rent apartments and buy homes. Landlords did not want Blacks living in their buildings as tenants, and white property owners would not acknowledge Blacks who sought to bid on their property.

Two young men, Fred and Lloyd Dickens from Watonga, Oklahoma, where their father, Andrew, was a United States marshal disliked what they had observed and what Blacks were experiencing in seeking housing and ownership. They created and built a partnership to conduct real estate business in Harlem and throughout the City of New York.

By the late 1950s, Lloyd E. Dickens had built a reputation as one of Harlem's most successful veterans in the housing profession. He had also established a name in political circles, distinguishing himself as both a District Leader and Assembly Member as one of New York City's major powerbrokers. In 1959, he was the only Tammany Hall leader to defy party leaders when then Manhattan Chairman Carmine G. De Sapio sought to end the political career of Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Instead of following, Dickens led, pressing an agenda that called for a fair share of patronage and representation to deal with the social and economic problems of black people.

For the rest of his years, Lloyd Dickens remained in the vanguard of the struggle to secure equality for blacks and other minorities in the job market, the courts, city government and education. Today, the Dickens family legacy continues through Lloyd's two daughters, Delores Richards and my political wife Inez "Betty" Dickens. Delores continues to run Lloyd E. Dickens & Company with the same dedication, integrity, fairness and core values, which was inspired by her father and uncle. Inez is following in the same path as her father, District Leader, first vice chair of the New York State Democratic Committee, and now, the Majority Whip of the New York City Council—second most powerful female member and highest-ranking African-American woman.

Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to thank the Harlem Cultural Archives Historical Society for preserving and documenting Harlem's illustrious contributions and its history; and for establishing the Dickens Family Scholarship for college students who have exhibited an interest in the Harlem community and achieved academic excellence. It is the least that we can do to honor and pay tribute to a man who did so much for our community and all people of good will.

CONGRATULATING BISHOP JACOB COHEN

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize and extend my congratulations to Bishop Jacob Cohen on his 50th anniversary of pastoral ministry in service to the A.M. Cohen Temple, the Eastern Florida Jurisdiction, and the Church of God in Christ.

Bishop Jacob Cohen, the ninth son and twelfth child of Bishop Amaziah Melvin Cohen, founder and pastor of the Miami Temple Church of God in Christ, was educated in the Miami-Dade County Public School System. While a student at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University his educational pursuit was interrupted with his decision to serve in the United States Army, stationed in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He then went on to serve the 82nd Airborne Division. Upon honorable discharge, he enrolled at Fayetteville State University in North Carolina and graduated in 1958 with a bachelor's degree in education.

Soon after, Bishop Cohen married his wife, Mrs. Josie Jackson, the daughter of the Late Deacon John and Mother Josie Jackson. The two are blessed with four children, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In 1971, Bishop Cohen was appointed as Superintendent of the Miami District and also served as Jurisdictional Bishop of the Eastern Florida Jurisdiction. In 1972, he was elected to serve on the General Board of the Church of God in Christ, the governing board of the international church. He served for 14 years.

With a career spanning half a century, Bishop Cohen served on many national, state, and local boards and advisory councils including the NAACP, YMCA, Governor's Committee on the Black Family, and the Boy Scouts. He sponsored the Labor Task Force for the renovations of Saints Industrial Junior College, established the Clergy Bureau for the Church of God in Christ, and wrote the financial plan for the National Church of God in Christ. On March 11, 2006, Bishop Jacob Cohen was presented with an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Saint Thomas Christian College in Jacksonville, Florida.

Under the leadership of Bishop Cohen, A.M. Cohen Temple has taken an active and progressive role in directly addressing the temporal and spiritual needs of our neighbors. I want to commend him for his tireless apostolate in ministering to those who were imprisoned, to the hungry and to all those seeking the love and solace of a Church that seeks to affirm and confirm their dignity as God's children. Bishop Cohen's anniversary in the ministry takes on a meaning much greater than the passage of time, for he and the Church have met the spiritual needs of thousands of people who came before them, and through the grace of God will continue to do so for another century to come. It is a magnificent legacy we will celebrate.

Madam Speaker and my colleagues, I ask that you join me in honoring Bishop Jacob Cohen, a humble servant of God, a true beacon of hope and a guiding light in the 17th Congressional District of Florida.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE LAB SCIENCE PROGRAM

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the community-based Life Lab Science Program for their 30 years of work in the field of science and environmental education. The Life Lab Science Program is committed to environmental stewardship by promoting science and garden-based education for all learners. Since its inception in 1979, the Life Lab has supported science and garden-based education through publications, professional development, and innovative programs. Through the efforts of the Life Lab Science Program, thousands of educators and youth have developed gardens, while simultaneously learning about food, health, the interrelationships of the natural world and environmental sustainability.

Today, the Life Lab Garden Classroom is a two-acre interactive and educational garden which receives over 15,000 visitors each year. Using the Life Lab garden and farm, in cooperation with the UCSC Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food systems, the Life Lab Garden Classroom teaches environmental science, garden-based nutrition and effective outdoor education pedagogy to children and adults alike. It offers guided garden-

based field trips for elementary school classes, a variety of workshops for teachers, and an opportunity for the public to learn about ecological concepts in a hands-on, living laboratory.

The Life Lab Science Program also works with schools in Santa Cruz County to make a positive impact on the environment through an intensive waste reduction program, called Waste Free Schools. Along with gaining a deeper understanding of educational issues related to waste reduction, each participating school organizes a Community Outreach event. These events educate the greater community about resource conservation and the school's waste reduction efforts. Currently, Waste Free Schools conducts assemblies and in-class presentations that reach over 8,000 students each year.

Another significant contribution of the Life Lab Science Program is the Monterey Bay Science Program, which provides professional development services to teachers in order to bring all learners into the mainstream of academic literacy. This award-winning program hosts teacher workshops on how to use scientific concepts from the physical, earth and life sciences.

Programs such as the Life Lab Garden Classroom, Waste Free Schools, and the Monterey Bay Science Program serve to educate the youth of today about the importance of environmental sustainability and waste management. The Life Lab Science Program is a rare gem, teaching people of all ages about the unbreakable bond between humans and the beautiful environment in which we live. The efforts of the Life Lab, and others like it, better our chances at some day achieving a sustainable future, in which all citizens truly appreciate the plentiful gifts we reap from the land.

Madam Speaker, I applaud the Life Lab Science Program's efforts to promote environmental sustainability and education in an interactive living laboratory. Its dedication towards environmental education is one that ought to be mimicked across the nation, as the effects of unsustainable practices and environmental degradation begin to be felt by our generation and those to come. I know I speak for the entire House when I congratulate the Life Lab Science Program for its 30 years of commendable community service and extend our wishes for many more to come.

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 Manufacturing Lab for Next Generation Engineers.

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

Provisions/Account: Army; Research, Development, Test and Evaluation; University Research Initiatives

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Bradley University, 1501 W. Bradley Avenue, Peoria, IL 61625.

Description of Request: The funding would be used to construct a laboratory to discover

innovative and creative manufacturing techniques and teach these techniques to engineers so they can be competitive in a global economy.

RECOGNITION OF SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK SEPT. 6-12

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the week of September 6 through September 12 as National Suicide Prevention Week. Suicide is a public health problem and suicide prevention is a responsibility we all must share.

The reality of suicide is staggering. Did you know that in the United States more people die by suicide each year than homicide? Suicide is now the leading cause of death among people from the age 15 to 24. In fact, the suicide rate for those 15-24 years old has more than doubled since the mid-1950s.

It is estimated that 5 million people in the United States are survivors of a loved one's suicide. Many of us, myself included, have been touched by teenage suicide. For every completed suicide by a youth, it is estimated that 100 to 200 attempts are made. Each year, there are approximately 10 youth suicides for every 100,000 youth. Each day, there are nearly a dozen youth suicides, and every 2 hours and 5 minutes, a person under the age of 25 commits suicide.

Most suicidal individuals do not want to die, but they do not know how to end the pain they are experiencing nor do they comprehend the permanence of their act. They use their behavior as a means of coping with stress and calling out for help. We must assist these individuals. Not all adolescent attempters may admit their intent so we must look for the signs of at-risk behavior, such as the expression of hopelessness, sadness, or threats to hurt oneself. We must be aware of the abuse of drugs or alcohol, withdrawal from family and friends, or increased aggressive or impulsive behavior.

When suicidal behaviors are detected early, lives can be saved. As a community, we must promote awareness that suicide is a public health problem and develop strategies to reduce the stigma associated with mental health and suicide prevention services. There are services available in our communities to address the behaviors and underlying causes of suicide. I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting National Suicide Prevention Week, because together we can reduce the number of lives shaken by a needless and tragic death.

REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

HON. CONNIE MACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. MACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

This week, we remember the thousands who lost their lives on September 11. We re-

member their courage, their dreams and their spirit. Their families and loved ones are in our thoughts and prayers.

As we stand here, eight years later, the memories of that September morning remain very fresh, and we shall never forget those dreadful hours, days, weeks and subsequent months where the American spirit was put to the ultimate test.

But we, as a Nation, are resilient and have showed the world our resolve. The dark shadows of terrorism did not, and will not crush the steadfast determination of the American people.

Since that terrible day, we have shown the world that America remains vibrant, optimistic and resolute in our ideals of freedom and democracy.

Our shining city on a hill continues as a beacon of freedom to the world.

This anniversary also reminds us of the challenges we have ahead of us when it comes to the protection of freedom, security and prosperity. Tyrants across the region have not wasted any time in crushing personal freedoms and fomenting hate.

Madam Speaker, this week we honor those who lost their lives on September 11. We honor them in our thoughts and prayers. We also honor them by imparting the significance of the day and the lessons we have learned as a Nation on to our children and grandchildren. Finally, we honor them by upholding the ideals of freedom, security, and prosperity that continue to make our country strong.

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. 283, 284, 285, 286, and 287 I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 283; "nay" on rollcall No. 284; "nay" on rollcall No. 285; "aye" on rollcall No. 286; and "aye" on rollcall No. 287.

HONORING MSGR. JOHN "JED" PATRICK ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Monsignor John "Jed" Patrick, or "Father Jed" as his parishioners know him, on his retirement from St. Michael's Parish in Marquette, Michigan. During his 41 years of ministry in the Diocese of Marquette, Father Jed served both his parish and his community with dedication, sharing his life and his church with open arms.

A native of Ironwood, Michigan, Father Jed served parishes in Marquette, Escanaba, Trenary, Palmer, Gladstone, Big Bay, and my hometown of Menominee. He became pastor at St. Michael's in 1995, serving there 14 years before his retirement.

Father Jed attended St. Lawrence Minor Seminary in Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin and St.