

RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE
OF MICHAEL SHIMANSKY**HON. JERRY McNERNEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mr. McNERNEY. Madam Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Michael Shimansky, who passed away peacefully at age 65 on September 15, 2009.

Mike Shimansky was the longest serving member of the Danville Town Council since the town's incorporation in 1982. He was elected in 1989 and served for 20 years with a deep rooted sense of public service and strong belief in giving back to the community in which he lived. I knew Mike on a personal basis, and he was a warm and genuine man. His passion for public service extended beyond his role as a Danville Town Council member. He was well known for officiating local soccer games, lacrosse games and track meets. I remember Mike as a fixture at events to raise money for positive causes, such as presiding over Primo's Run for Education, and the Hats Off America Run, which raises money for the benefit of surviving families of our fallen soldiers.

Mr. Shimansky also represented the town of Danville through appointments to numerous other boards, committees and commissions. He was currently serving on the Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority, Contra Costa Transit Authority, and San Ramon Valley Disaster Council; and as the Contra Costa Mayors' Conference appointee on the S.F. Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board and the East Bay Regional Park District Advisory Committee and the Elections Citizen Advisory Committee. Prior to his election to the town council, Mr. Shimansky served as a member of the town's inaugural Parks and Leisure Services Commission.

Mike was also a friend to our veterans in the San Ramon Valley. As a member of the Danville Park and Leisure Services Commission, he was instrumental in the establishment of the All Wars Memorial at Oak Hill Park. A local veterans organization, the Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley described him as, "a truly outstanding and dedicated—beloved man of the community—in which he served and lived."

Michael Shimansky's passion for public service did not stop at home. In addition to being deeply involved in the local community, he volunteered to help his fellow citizens during times of national crisis, by going to New Orleans to join the American Red Cross' efforts in both the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, and during the wildfires that devastated many homes and communities in San Diego County in 2007.

Mike was a valued and respected leader who touched the lives of many and improved the quality of life in Danville for decades to come. He always worked for the common good and led by example. In the words of one of his fellow council members, "People loved him for his work ethic. Every decision he made, he had the people of Danville in mind."

Michael Shimansky's efforts as a volunteer and unwavering dedication to public service leave a legacy that will continue to benefit the people of Danville, the State of California and our great Nation for generations to come. It is

for these reasons that I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Michael Shimansky in sending our thoughts and prayers to his beloved family and friends.

HONORING THE LONG VALLEY
WOMAN'S CLUB**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Long Valley Woman's Club in Morris County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 95th Anniversary this year.

Originally named the "Home Bureau," The Long Valley Woman's Club was founded in 1914 by a group of twelve dedicated community leaders at the home of Mrs. Frank Castle, who served as their first president. The women met regularly for monthly "Meet and Eat" sessions, at which they would dine, while sharing recipes with each other.

The Long Valley Woman's Club eventually transformed into a service-based organization, providing valuable support for the community. Most notably, the Long Valley Woman's Club was responsible for providing the Washington Township Fire Company with its first alarm system, donating essential life-saving equipment to the local first aid squad, and contributing funds for the building of a hospital. The club also led the charge for establishing Washington Township's first free public library. The Long Valley Woman's Club has a long-standing tradition of providing clothing, food, and monetary donations to those in need, as well as scholarships and awards to hard-working young people in the community.

In 1930, the Long Valley Woman's Club was recognized for its outstanding volunteer services when it became a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the members of the Long Valley Woman's Club as they celebrate 95 dedicated years of serving our community.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information in regards to H.R. 3183, the Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill.

Project Name: Wappapello Lake, MO

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: MRT—Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Oak St. Poplar Bluff, Missouri 63901

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$5,232,000 for Wappapello Lake, MO MR&T Operations and Maintenance. This

funding is for routine operation and maintenance, as well as work on U.S. Highway 67. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, MR&T Operations and Maintenance Account.

Project Name: Bois Brule Drainage and Levee District, MO

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Bois Brule Levee and Drainage District of Perry County, MO

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 347, Perryville, MO 63775

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,938,000 to continue work on a flood damage reduction and deficiency correction project conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Approximately, \$400,000 to award a contract for the Missouri Chute pump station; \$420,000 to complete exploration and design of relief wells; and \$1,118,000 to construct additional relief wells. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Construction General Account.

Project Name: Cape Girardeau (Floodwall), MO

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Cape Girardeau

Address of Requesting Entity: 401 Independence Street, Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$183,000 to continue work on a flood damage reduction project conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The \$183,000 will be used to complete the rehabilitation of the floodwall. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Construction General Account.

Project Name: Clearwater Lake, MO (Seepage Control)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Piedmont

Address of Requesting Entity: 115 West Green Street, Piedmont, MO 63957

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$37,791,000 for Clearwater Major Rehabilitation Project to continue work on a flood control project conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The \$37,791,000 will be used to complete Phase I(b) construction and continue Phase II to construct a cutoff wall. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Construction General Account.

Project Name: Mississippi River Levees, AR, IL, KY, LA, MS, MO & TN

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: MRT—Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Bootheel Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 105 E. North Main Street, Dexter, MO 63841

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$44,702,000 for Mississippi River Levees (MR&T) to continue work on flood protection projects conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi River and Tributaries, Construction Account.

Project Name: St. John's Bayou and New Madrid Floodway, Missouri
 Bill Number: H.R. 3183
 Account: MRT—Construction
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. John's Levee and Drainage District of Missouri
 Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 40, New Madrid, MO 63869

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$200,000 for the St. John's Bayou and New Madrid Floodway. This funding will be used to conduct NEPA activities. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, MR&T Construction Account.

Project Name: Clearwater Lake, Missouri
 Bill Number: H.R. 3183
 Account: Operations and Maintenance
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Piedmont, Missouri
 Address of Requesting Entity: 115 West Green Street, Piedmont, MO 63957

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,827,000 for Operation and Maintenance of Clearwater Lake. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance Account.

Project Name: St. Francis Basin, AR & MO
 Bill Number: H.R. 3183
 Account: MRT—Operations and Maintenance
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Little River Drainage District

Address of Requesting Entity: 1440 Kurre Lane, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$9,509,000 for St. Francis River and Tributaries, AR & MO Maintenance. This funding will be used for land and damages, cultural resources, engineering, design, construction management and operate and maintain two pumping stations. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, MR&T Maintenance Account.

Project Name: Caruthersville Harbor, Missouri

Bill Number: H.R. 3183
 Account: Operations and Maintenance
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pemiscot County Port Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 619 Ward Avenue, Caruthersville, MO 63830

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$482,000 for Caruthersville Harbor for annual maintenance of the navigation channel conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Approximately \$482,000 is for dredging the harbor to authorized levels. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance Account.

Project Name: New Madrid Harbor, Missouri
 Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Operations and Maintenance
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New Madrid County Port Authority
 Address of Requesting Entity: 435 Main Street, New Madrid, MO 63869

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$400,000 for the New Madrid County Harbor for annual maintenance of the navigation channel conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Approximately \$400,000 is for dredging the harbor. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance Account.

Project Name: New Madrid Harbor (Mile 889), Missouri

Bill Number: H.R. 3183
 Account: Operations and Maintenance
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of New Madrid, Missouri

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 96, New Madrid, MO 63869

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$240,000 for the New Madrid Harbor Mile 889 for annual maintenance of the navigation channel conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Approximately \$240,000 will be used to dredge the harbor. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance Account.

Project Name: Little River Diversion, Dutchtown, Missouri

Bill Number: H.R. 3183
 Account: Section 205

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Little River Drainage District

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 159 Cape Girardeau, MO 63702

Description of Request: The Little River Diversion project will be funded at the discretion of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, through Section 205 funds. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Section 205 account.

Project Name: Mississippi River Levees, AR, IL, KY, LA, MS, MO & TN

Bill Number: H.R. 3183
 Account: MRT—Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Bootheel Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 105 E. North Main Street, Dexter, MO 63841

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$11,311,000 for Mississippi River Levees (MR&T) to continue work on flood protection projects conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi River and Tributaries, Operations and Maintenance Account.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, September 29, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and thus missed rollcall vote No. 740.

Had I been present I would have voted as follows: On rollcall No. 740, Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 905, as amended, "Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve Boundary Modification Act of 2009." I would have voted "aye."

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA MENTORS AND VOLUNTEERS HONORED WITH STATUE IN RIVERFRONT PARK; SPOKANE, WA

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication and commitment to service exemplified by the mentors and volunteers of the Boy Scouts of America and to commemorate the installation of a statue, dedicated in honor of these mentors and volunteers, in Riverfront Park in Spokane, Washington.

The support and assistance of the community and those directly associated with the Boy Scouts has made this project a reality. Over the course of three years, funds were raised and a location secured for the installation of the "Footsteps of the Future" statue honoring the volunteers and mentors involved with the Boy Scouts of America. A gift from Troop 325 and the Inland Northwest Council of the Boy Scouts to the City of Spokane, this bronze statue, over seven feet in height, is inspired by the National Boy Scouts of America statuette that is oftentimes given to those attaining Eagle Scout rank. The models for the statue are two Boy Scouts from Troop 325; the older Scout is depicted pointing the way for the younger Scout.

However, perhaps the greatest impetus behind this project was the inspired service of a Spokane-area man who devoted nearly 40 years of his life mentoring the youth in our community as a Boy Scout leader. Dean Dinnison, former Scoutmaster of Troop 325, served honorably with the United States Marine Corps for four years during World War II. It is fitting, then, that the statue honoring his commitment to service and that of countless other mentors and volunteers should be placed at the western-most edge of Riverfront Park, in the Veterans Park.

Madam Speaker, as we recognize 100 years of Scouting in America this year, I believe the ongoing service of our Nation's Boy Scouts and the mentors and volunteers who help shape them as leaders in our communities deserves recognition. It is my hope that this statue, like the two boys it is modeled after and the man who inspired its creation, will serve to inspire future generations of our Nation's youth to a vibrant life of civic involvement. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring the volunteers, mentors, and Scouts of the Boy Scouts of America and in commemorating the dedication of the "Footsteps to the Future" statue.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast votes on the following legislative measures on September 29, 2009. If I were present for rollcall votes, I would have voted Yea on each of the following:

Roll 740, September 29, 2009: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended: