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Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Project Amount: \$1,000,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Tennessee, 114 Morgan Hall, 2621 Morgan Circle, Knoxville, Tennessee 37996

Description of Request: This funding will be used for producing crop plants that can be used directly as early-warning sentinels for the detection of plant diseases.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF ANNE FORRESTER LYBRAND

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to the special life of Anne Forrester Lybrand of Oxford, Alabama.

Mrs. Lybrand was born on November 11, 1906 in Talladega County. She was married to Mr. Eule Lybrand in 1928 and was blessed with two sons, Eule Lybrand, Jr. and Fred Ray Lybrand.

Mrs. Lybrand and her husband owned their own business and she also worked as a City Clerk for the City of Oxford. She has been an active member of First United Methodist Church of Oxford since 1946 where she taught Sunday school, and is past President of the United Methodist Women's Group.

She also has been involved with Interfaith Ministries and is a Charter Member of the Oxford "Meals on Wheels" program.

On November 7th, her friends and family will celebrate her birthday at her church. Today I would like to wish Mrs. Anne Forrester Lybrand a very Happy 100th Birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Madam Speaker, I regret that I missed rollcall votes nos. 772–774. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all rollcall votes.

CONGRATULATING ACT, INC., ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DAVID LOEBSACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Mr. LOEBSACK. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize and congratulate ACT, Inc., on its 50th anniversary, and 50 years of ac-

complishments. ACT, originally American College Testing Program, was founded in Iowa's first state capitol in Iowa City, IA, in 1959. The goal was to help all students who wanted to attend college find the best match for their interests and abilities and to help colleges and universities place students into appropriate freshman-level classes. On November 7, 1959 about 75,000 students took the first ACT Assessment; in the high school graduating class of 2009 nearly 1.5 million students—45 percent of all high school graduates in our nation took the ACT.

While ACT started with a single focus, the organization now conducts research and offers a broad array of programs and services to help provide solutions to many of the complex education and workforce problems facing our nation and those abroad. ACT, with its educational knowledge, has expanded to help bridge the barriers that remain in accessing the globalized marketplace for millions of individuals around the globe. Through local partnerships in 13 countries ACT is working to improve the educational opportunities for the students and help teach English as a second language.

I am honored to represent many of the employees of ACT here in the U.S. House of Representatives. I congratulate them and all of the ACT employees, directors, and members of state organizations on their 50-year history of helping people achieve education and workplace success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Mr. CAPUANO. Madam Speaker, yesterday I missed several rollcall votes, and I wish to state how I would have voted had I been present: rollcall No. 772—"yea," rollcall No. 773—"yea," rollcall No. 774—"yea."

TRIBUTE TO W. FRANK JONES

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a good friend and an important public servant. W. Frank Jones recently retired after 14 years as Executive Director of the Marion County Economic Development Commission. His leadership and devotion will certainly be missed.

Frank Jones was born in Marion County in the farming community of Gapway. Although he loved growing up on a farm, Frank knew early on that he didn't want to follow his parents, Ernest F. Jones and Nina Brown Jones, into the family business.

After graduating from Mullins High School, Frank enlisted in his local National Guard unit in December 1953. On October 1957, upon graduation from Palmetto Military Academy, he was appointed an armor officer assigned to the 1st Battalion, 263rd Armor in the South Carolina Army National Guard. He served in this battalion through December 1982, with as-

signments ranging from Company Commander to Battalion Executive Officer and Battalion Commander. From December 1982 through March 1986, he was assigned to the State Area Command, where he served as Deputy Commander, Detachment 1 (Troop Command) from June 1983 to September 1984. He became Deputy Commander of the 218th Heavy Separate Brigade in March 1986.

Frank received numerous federal and state awards and decorations during his 40 years of service to the National Guard. He eventually retired from the Army National Guard after he rose to the rank of Brigadier General in the Army National Guard where he commanded the 3rd Brigade of the historic 1st Infantry Division.

General Jones also demonstrated his commitment to serving his community in other ways. From 1966 until 1982, he served on the Mullins City Council and was Mayor pro tem in 1981–1982. Professionally, he pursued a career in banking receiving degrees from the South Carolina Bankers School, the Louisiana State Graduate School of Banking, the Commercial Lending School of the University of Oklahoma, and the State University of New York at Albany. He went to work for Davis National Bank of Mullins, and in 1981, he became the bank's President and CEO, a position he held for 13 years. Frank decided to embark on another career as Executive Director of the Marion County Economic Development Commission. He also furthered his education by completing an economic development course at Georgia State University in 1995.

Frank's tenure at the Commission was marked by difficult circumstances. Marion County historically had an agricultural-based economy. With the decline in tobacco farming, the county became a hub for textile manufacturing. Subsequently the textile industry suffered big losses as jobs were moved overseas and plants were closed leaving large unemployment in the county.

Frank did a tremendous job attracting diverse smaller industries to the county, which helps protect against the devastation the county suffered when its two previous economic engines collapsed. He also grew Marion County Progress, an organization made up of local business leaders that help drive economic development in the area, from a handful of people to members.

Throughout his life, Frank has remained connected to his community. He is a member of Mullins First Baptist Church where he serves as Treasurer, teacher of adult men's Sunday School, and Deacon. He is a member of the Mullins Rotary Club, and is a past President. He has also served as Chairman of the Board of Visitors at Francis Marion University, and is a past Director of the S.C. Bankers Association. Frank is a recipient of the Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian honor bestowed by the Governor of South Carolina.

He is married to Joann McCumber Jones. The couple has two children Charles Jones and Karen Grice, both of Marion, and five grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Frank Jones on his retirement and thanking him for his years of service to Marion County, the State of South Carolina and our nation. He has dedicated his life to helping his community and it is a much better place because of his

tremendous contributions. I wish Frank well in retirement, and know he will remain an active part of the Marion County community.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure information for project requests that I made and which were included within H.R. 2997, "Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes."

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Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Project Amount: \$1,000,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Tennessee, 114 Morgan Hall, 2621 Morgan Circle, Knoxville, Tennessee 37996

Description of Request: This project would entail the ARS at Knoxville working in cooperation with University of Tennessee scientists in improving plant carbon production from atmospheric CO₂ and the sequestration of the carbon in plants.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 775 had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

TRIBUTE TO TOM RICHARDSON

HON. PARKER GRIFFITH

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Dr. Tom Richardson. Dr. Richardson is the Chief Scientist and Technical Director at the Missile and Space Intelligence Center in Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

Tom began his career at MSIC in 1974 working primarily in the areas of sensor data analysis, weapon systems stimulations, and analysis methodologies. Over his tenure, he has held supervisory duties for several organizations involved with analyses of air defense, and theater and strategies ballistic missile defense systems.

Dr. Richardson has received the DIA Director's Award for Exceptional Civilian Service and the National Military Intelligence Association John T. Hughes Award. His leadership and service to the Defense Intelligence Agency has been exceptional and he has represented North Alabama well.

Madam Speaker, I wish to congratulate Dr. Tom Richardson on a phenomenal career and wish him continued success.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the policies and standards put forth by the House Appropriations Committee and the GOP Leadership, I submit a list of the congressionally directed projects I requested in my home state of Idaho that are contained in the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2997, the FY2010 Agriculture Appropriations bill.

Project Name: Aquaculture Research Initiative

Amount Received: \$529,000

Account: USDA/CSREES

Recipient: University of Idaho

Recipient's Street Address: 875 Perimeter Drive, Moscow, ID 83844

Description: Research and development of strains of barley for the production of high-value protein concentrates from barley and oats that can be used as fish feed. Increasingly, fish that are consumed world wide originate from aquaculture. This increase has taxed global supplies of marine protein and oil traditionally used in aquafeeds resulting in record prices for these commodities. Idaho is a leader in the national aquaculture industry, producing over 70% of the nation's commercially grown rainbow trout and generating \$100 million per year. Funding would support innovative research to develop new ways of addressing problems in the industry.

Project Name: Barley for Rural Development

Amount Received: \$547,000

Account: USDA/CSREES

Recipient: University of Idaho

Recipient's Street Address: 875 Perimeter Drive, Moscow, ID 83844

Description: Funding for this program would support research directed at the continued development of improved malt, feed, cellulosic ethanol and food barley varieties for growers and value added end-users in rural Idaho, Montana, and North Dakota communities. This research is starting to expand and meet market opportunities, addressing the critical need of growers in production agriculture to increase economic yield, enhance domestic and international market access, improve production technologies, better compete with Canadian imports and reduce dependence on government subsidies. Research supported by this project will increase the manufacture and sale of value-added barley products (malt, beer, fuel, food, livestock) in these states, having a substantial positive impact on their economies, supporting jobs, generating business activity, and federal, state, and local tax revenue. Maintenance of the strength of barely in the Idaho economy requires continual efforts to improve crop quality and productivity. This can only be accomplished by investing in strong research programs that keep the industry at the forefront.

Project Name: COOL Season Legume Research

Amount Received: \$350,000

Account: USDA/CSREES
Recipient: University of Idaho
Recipient's Street Address: 875 Perimeter Drive, Moscow, ID 83844

Description: This program is an aggressive cooperative research program between the USDA, the University of Idaho, and the University of Washington that seeks new, high yielding, high quality, nutritious dry pea, lentil, and chickpea varieties to meet producer and consumer needs. This research focuses on the breeding of new, superior varieties of legumes; management of nematodes, insects, plant diseases and weeds that can limit production; and reduction of soil erosion and water degradation associated with production, as well as the development of value-added new products. The technology being generated through the research is essential for the pea, lentil, and chickpea industries to remain competitive and profitable. Funding would be provided to the University of Idaho through the USDA ARS facility located at 29603 U of I Lane, Parma, Idaho 83660.

Project Name: Greater Yellowstone Interagency Brucellosis Committee

Amount Received: \$605,000

Account: USDA/APHIS

Recipient: Idaho State Department of Agriculture

Recipient's Street Address: 2270 Old Penitentiary Road, Boise, ID 83712

Description: Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming are each required by law to manage brucellosis-infected wildlife within their borders in order to prevent the spread of brucellosis to non-infected wildlife, cattle, or domestic bison. The Committee is coordinating with federal, state, and private actions in eliminating brucellosis from wildlife in the Greater Yellowstone Area and preventing transmission of this disease from wildlife to livestock. The funding will be used to develop and implement brucellosis herd unit management plans; to perform functions and duties of Idaho relative to the Greater Yellowstone Interagency Brucellosis Committee; to conduct brucellosis prevention, surveillance, control and eradication activities in Idaho and the Greater Yellowstone Area.

Project Name: Increasing Shelf-Life of Agriculture Commodities

Amount Received: \$603,000

Account: USDA/CSREES

Recipient: University of Idaho

Recipient's Street Address: 875 Perimeter Drive, Moscow, ID 83844

Description: In order to prevent serious food safety issues, this project will fund research and development of bio-electronic sensors that can detect the presence of microbial pathogens in food and food products. Preventative detection and treatment at the agricultural commodity level and fast, accurate detection of biological pathogens and dangerous food toxins is an important element for ensuring safety and shelf life. The research being conducted in this area at the University of Idaho will advance and expand previous work on biosensor systems to further enhance preventative detection and treatment of biological pathogens and dangerous food toxins.

Project Name: Nez Perce Bio-Control Center

Amount Received: \$176,000

Account: USDA/APHIS

Recipient: Nez Perce Tribe Bio-Control Center

Recipient's Street Address: 102 Agency Road, Lapwai, ID 83540