

"terrible deals" when the Nets traded Taylor for Tiny. "I thought Brian was a much better player than Tiny, even though Tiny was a much better offensive player," he says. "Brian was such a good rebounder, defender and overall player."

Taylor's leadership also set him apart, teammates Eric Money, a former Pistons point guard. As Money recalls, Taylor didn't lead by shouting or hogging the ball, but by quietly making everyone else better. "He was always the floor general," says Money, who Taylor lured to ICEF schools to become a PE teacher and to help him coach the high school basketball team. "he was a great complementary player to let guys like Dr. J have the spotlight. The leader sometimes has to defer that was one of his stronger qualities."

Taylor will need to draw on every bit of those leadership skills in his current role. Education, especially in California, has been hit hard by the economy, with massive state budget cuts decimating teaching staffs, increasing class sizes and dimming prospects of academic progress. The challenge is particularly acute for charter schools, which already don't receive as much funding as regular public schools, even though their test scores and achievements are often far superior, most markedly in predominantly minority areas. Taylor has to work extra hard to try and drum up financial resources from foundations, individuals and the federal government, whatever it takes to keep the ICEF schools performing at a high level.

Taylor's motivation is intensely personal. His two youngest children attend ICEF schools (an older child, Bryce, was a stand-out player at the University of Oregon and, after playing a year in Italy, is looking to sign with an NBA team), the symbolism of which is not lost on anyone. "It does send an important message, because it tells you he has faith in us and the system," says Sanders. "That says a lot about what he's building and what his belief is in our system." In fact, Taylor says he got into education after 10 years as a successful businessman in larger part to emphasize to his kids how important it is.

Even if his weren't here, it seems clear that Taylor would be. He says he sees himself in the children who attend ICEF schools, growing up in the inner city where bad influences are all too common. What he wants them to understand is that academics lead to a better life and that it's within their grasp. But the job gives him plenty in return, including an opportunity to coach his son, Brendan, who is developing into an excellent player himself. It might not match the immediate thrill of a roaring crowd, but it can be far more gratifying, he says.

"What can you do that is going to give you the thrills that you had as a ballplayer? Probably nothing, but what is my purpose thereafter?" he says. "I feel coming here I found my purpose in life. And my purpose in life is to give back."

HONORING CONNOR KILLEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Eagle Scout Connor Killen, 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 216, and by achieving the incredible feat of earning all 122 possible merit badges.

Connor has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Connor has shown an extraordinary commitment to scouting over the past six years as evidenced by the many weekends of hard work and the travel to five different states and two foreign countries as he worked towards earning his merit badges.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Connor Killen for his exceptional accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving this highest distinction.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Conference Report for H.R. 3183, FY2010 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman McMORRIS RODGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Washington State University for the Department of Energy

Address of Requesting Entity: 1036 Wilson Road; Pullman, WA 99164

Description of Request: Provide an addition of \$1,000,000 for making the power grid more reliable, capable, and secure. The existing power grid is highly unstable and vulnerable to natural and man-made interruptions as well as being inadequate for increased power and transmission speed throughout. The development of software will make a "smart grid" possible.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, I missed three recorded votes on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA" on rollcall 790, "YEA" on rollcall 791, and "YEA" on rollcall 792.

RECOGNITION FOR MEMBERS OF THE TEXAS STATE HOUSE AND SENATE FOR THEIR WORK ON BEHALF OF GALVESTON TEXAS

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, on October 23, the Galveston Chamber of Commerce will recognize the following members of the Texas State House and Senate for their tireless work in the Texas state legislature on behalf of the people of Galveston: Senator Joan Huffman, Senator Mike Jackson, Senator Steve Ogden, Representative Dan Branch, Representative Craig Eiland, Representative Jim Pitts, and Representative Larry Taylor. I am pleased to join the Galveston Chamber of Commerce in saluting these seven legislators.

In the past year, each of these legislators have diligently worked to help the people of Galveston recover from Hurricane Ike. Among the issues they worked on were windstorm insurance, state support for rebuilding Galveston Island, and ensuring continued support for the University of Texas Medical Branch.

I am honored to have a working relationship with these legislators. My district staff regularly communicates with the offices of these state legislators, in working together to meet the needs of our shared constituents.

In conclusion, Madam Speaker, I again join my friends at the Galveston Chamber of Commerce in thanking Senator Joan Huffman, Senator Mike Jackson, Senator Steve Ogden, Representative Dan Branch, Representative Craig Eiland, Representative Jim Pitts, and Representative Larry Taylor for all they do for the people of Galveston. I look forward to continuing to work with these legislators.

RAISING AWARENESS AND ENHANCING THE STATE OF CYBER SECURITY IN THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 797, recognizing the goals and ideals of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

The release of the Presidential Cyberspace Policy Review in May was an important step forward.

However, more work remains to be done to ensure that cybersecurity is fully integrated into our nation's homeland security efforts.

Our country can't afford 20th century thinking for a 21st century problem.

I congratulate Ms. CLARKE, the Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology, for her work on cybersecurity, and thank her for authoring this resolution.

The Committee has held ten hearings and undertaken numerous investigations into cybersecurity issues affecting the Federal government, the private sector, and critical infrastructure owners and operators in just the last three years.

Though the Homeland Security Committee is primarily concerned with cybersecurity on Federal networks and critical infrastructure, we recognize the important education mission carried out by the National Cyber Security Alliance and their efforts to reach home users, small businesses, and students and educators of all ages.

The National Cyber Security Alliance's mission is to increase awareness of cyber security practices and technologies to these folks

through educational activities, online resources and checklists.

Raising the awareness of this issue in both the public and private sectors is absolutely vital as our country becomes increasingly connected.

Cybercrime is a serious business—recent reports suggest that cyber-crime has become a \$105 billion business that now surpasses the value of the illegal drug trade worldwide.

During the past two years, one in five online consumers has been a victim of cybercrime.

But companies and consumers continue to underestimate the threat from phishing, data loss, and other cyber vulnerabilities.

I encourage my colleagues today to support this resolution and join me and Representative CLARKE in our efforts to address this threat to our economy and homeland security.

RECOGNIZING THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA FOR ITS PARTICIPATION IN LIGHTS ON AFTER-SCHOOL DAY

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of the Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Vista, Arizona, which will play a very active role in the Lights On After-school Day on October 22.

Lights On Afterschool Day is a national celebration of after-school programs that promotes quality afternoon activities for children and their families. Arizona ranks in the top 10 states for afterschool programs and I commend the Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Vista for its strong participation in this important initiative.

The mission of the Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Vista is to inspire and enable all young people to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. The club operates exceptional youth development programs which provide young people with the knowledge, skills, and attributes they need to pursue their dreams and succeed in life.

The Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Vista also offers a full menu of after-school activities. These activities provide safe, challenging and fun learning experiences to help young people develop their social, emotional, physical, cultural and academic skills.

There are more than 28 million children in the United States with parents who work outside the home. Some 14.3 million of those children have no place to go after school.

The Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Vista leads the way by encouraging community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth. That leadership is grounded in the principle that quality after-school programs are a key to helping our children become successful adults.

Afterschool Alliance Executive Director Jodi Grant has said "The 2009 Lights On After-school events represent not only diverse people and issues, but also diverse interests—whether those interests run to the sciences,

the arts, community service, sports or the environment." The Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Vista is an outstanding example of how children can be engaged in these meaningful activities.

On behalf of a grateful community, I thank the Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Vista for all that it does to engage and educate our children in a safe and caring setting.

BROOKS C. ROBINSON

HON. C. A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Brooks C. Robinson, legendary Baltimore Orioles third baseman and National Baseball Hall of Famer.

Brooks Robinson began his professional baseball career on Memorial Day 1955, when he signed a contract with the Baltimore Orioles for whom he played throughout his entire 23 year career. Known as the Human Vacuum Cleaner because of his astounding defensive abilities at third base, Robinson is generally acclaimed as the greatest defensive third baseman of all time.

In 1964, Robinson won both the American League Most Valuable Player, MVP, and All-Star Game MVP awards. He played in four World Series and in 1970 Robinson received the World Series MVP Award. In 1971, Robinson was awarded the Hickock Belt, emblematic of his selection as the national outstanding athlete of the year. During his career as an Oriole, Robinson won 16 consecutive Gold Glove Awards, a record for nonpitchers.

Besides his superior defensive skills, Robinson holds major league records for his offensive talent as well. Robinson compiled a .267 batting average with 2,848 hits, 268 home runs, and 1,357 runs batted in. After his retirement in 1977, the Orioles retired his jersey, number 5.

Robinson remained active in the community upon his retirement. A longtime supporter of Scouting, Robinson served for many years on the executive board of the Baltimore Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, and is a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award. On December 5, 2006, he was recognized for his accomplishments on and off of the field when he received the Bobby Bragan Youth Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award.

Brooks Robinson has lived in the Baltimore area for over 45 years with his wife Connie. They have four children and eight grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today in honoring Brooks Robinson, a man who has established a standard of excellence both on and off the baseball field. His stellar baseball performance and outstanding community involvement is a sterling example of a true professional athlete.

HONORING EMILY THOMPSON

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. AUSTRIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the constituents of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District to recognize and honor Emily Thompson for the courage and selfless action she took to save the life of a fellow citizen.

A senior at Kenton Ridge High School in Kenton, Ohio, Emily is a member of the volleyball team. While preparing for a match on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, a fellow teammate's grandfather suffered an apparent heart attack in the stands. Emily was quick to respond, using her first aid knowledge she learned as a lifeguard she effectively saved the gentleman's life.

Emily deserves our recognition for her bravery, strength of character, and quick action to help when needed. She has shown true signs of leadership and responsibility far beyond her 17 years.

Emily provided a great service both to our community and the family and loved ones of the gentleman she saved and for these reasons she deserves our gratitude and special thanks.

NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month" during its 25th anniversary year.

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month has been at the forefront of raising awareness of breast cancer issues and has continued to evolve along with the national dialogue on breast cancer.

I am a strong advocate for organizations that are dedicated to educating and empowering women to take charge of their own breast health by practicing regular self-breast exams and scheduling annual mammograms.

In my district in Orange County, California, I am proud of the numerous health fairs that promote prevention among our ethnic populations, who tend to be more reluctant to get examined than other populations.

My own staff has been involved in this effort. Laura Martinez, my casework supervisor, was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2006. She underwent a mastectomy, received radiation treatment and is currently taking Tamoxifen.

She has been involved with the American Cancer Society, has shared her testimony, and formed "Laura's Lifeline" team to Race for the Cure.

I recognize that many strides have been made in breast cancer awareness and treatment but there still remains much to be accomplished.