

HEALTH CARE AND OUR NATION'S SENIORS

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, as we consider health care reform, we have a responsibility to protect the best interests of our nation's seniors and ensure we do not harm the health care they already receive.

Included in the current government takeover of health care are massive cuts to Medicare Advantage which will result in a loss of health care for millions of seniors.

For seniors living on fixed incomes, the prospect of being forced to pay more for health care is truly frightening.

But the Congressional Budget Office has reported the Democrat plan will increase seniors' Medicare prescription drug premiums by 20 percent over the next decade.

Medicare finances are rapidly deteriorating and we should be working on real solutions which ensure the long-term financial stability of Medicare.

Madam Speaker, a government-run health care system is not the answer to our health care problems, and it certainly is not the answer when it is paid for on the backs of our nation's seniors.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 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. 2996, "Making appropriations for the Department of Interior, environment and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes."

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: Save America's Treasures

Project Amount: \$250,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Blount Mansion Association, 200 W. Hill Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37902

Description of Request: The funding would be used to upgrade and improve the National Historic Landmark.

HONORING BOB BEVERLY

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2009

Ms. HARMAN. Madam Speaker, every community across America has its local icons—women and men whose dedication and commitment to service improve our quality of life and strengthen the bonds between us—regardless of party affiliation. Bob Beverly, who recently passed away, was such a man. He was also a friend and a veteran legislator in

the South Bay, the region of Los Angeles which I represent.

Before Bob made his way to Los Angeles, he served in the Marine Corps during World War II. Following the war, Bob moved to Manhattan Beach where he became Mayor and served for three terms. But more than half of Bob's time in public service—in fact almost a quarter of his life—was spent representing the South Bay as its longest-serving state legislator.

Many people know Bob Beverly for his service as Minority Leader in the State Senate during Ronald Reagan's tenure as Governor. In that role, he left a profound and permanent impact on countless lives throughout the South Bay.

Bob was an enormously popular, responsive and effective leader. His career overlapped with legendary Los Angeles Congressman Alphonzo Bell, who pursued a similar style of bipartisan leadership. Such comity—and a willingness to reach across the aisle—has become all too rare in Washington. But I continue to believe it is a critical element when confronting our toughest problems.

I am proud to have worked early in my Congressional career with Bob on issues of importance to the South Bay. His humility and quiet commitment to issues affecting his constituents will be missed—and not forgotten.

A TRIBUTE TO ELMER WINTER

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2009

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Elmer Winter, a noted Milwaukee philanthropist, entrepreneur, artist, and author. In 1948, Mr. Winter cofounded Manpower, Inc., based in Milwaukee, WI and today the largest temporary employer in the world.

Elmer Winter was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on March 6, 1912. His father was a clothing merchant and belonged to a small, liberal Jewish community in Milwaukee in the 1920s. He was educated in Milwaukee Public Schools, graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in economics as well as a law degree. He practiced law in partnership with his brother-in-law, Aaron Scheinfeld.

Manpower began with the illness of their secretary: Winter and Scheinfeld were frantic to find a typist in order to finish a legal brief for the state Supreme Court. The deadline was met only because a former secretary worked until dawn. The partners knew that other businesses must face these types of challenges and launched the temporary help agency with an investment of \$7000. Manpower is now a multibillion-dollar company with 30,000 employees in 4,100 offices throughout 82 countries.

Mr. Winter had many community-building interests such as improving the central city of Milwaukee, including its schools. "I am very much concerned about the movement of corporate executives away from public schools to charter and voucher schools," he said in 2000. "Corporations have forgotten about the fact that we have 100,000 young people in the public school system that need help". Mr. Winter considered jobs as the bedrock for any so-

cial reform because a job meant a better place to live, streets that are safe, and kids who are out of mischief. In his spare time, he created art and wrote 13 published books. As a painter and sculptor his work was displayed throughout the United States and Israel.

His efforts included everything from the Youthpower Jobs Program to getting business-donated computers refurbished at the state women's prison at Taycheedah for MPS classrooms. Mr. Winter founded the Milwaukee Center for Independence, which serves people with disabilities and is one of Milwaukee's largest nonprofit agencies. He served as a national president of the American Jewish Committee and worked on behalf of the Jewish community on both the national and international level. Mr. Winter formed and led the Committee for the Economic Growth of Israel, a nonprofit dedicated to expanding trade relationships between Israel and the United States.

Mr. Winter was married to Nannette Rosenberg for 54 years and together they raised three daughters, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Nannette passed away in 1990. In 1992 he married Hope Melamed. Mr. Winter retired as president of Manpower in 1976. He drove daily to the office he maintained at Manpower's headquarters in Milwaukee until shortly before his death on October 22, 2009, at the age of 97. Madam Speaker, Milwaukee has experienced a profound loss of a valued native son with the passing of Mr. Winter. Today, I thank him and his family for their immeasurable achievements. I mourn his loss and salute his legacy to our community and the world.

HONORING DUDLEY OF SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Congresswoman LYNN WOOLSEY, to honor the woman known to hundreds of Sonoma County veterans as simply "Dudley." Dudley recently retired as a county Veterans Service Officer after more than 37 years and is taking with her the respect and admiration of a grateful nation.

Dudley is herself a veteran, joining the Army directly out of high school in 1962. She describes this period of her life as "the best thing that ever happened to her." It was during this time that she developed her lifelong appreciation for and dedication to the men and women who serve our country in uniform.

A six-and-a-half year stint as a flight attendant for several airlines that declared bankruptcy left her stranded and unemployed in Sonoma County. To the good fortune of every veteran in the area, she soon found work as a clerk typist in the Veterans Service Office in 1972. Four short years later, she was promoted to a Veterans Claim Worker and from that point forward, became the champion of every veteran with whom she worked.

She was one of the first to recognize that Post Traumatic Stress Disorder was severely affecting the ability of many of our veterans to fully function after returning from combat. She

worked relentlessly with the Department of Veterans Affairs and within the county veteran's service organizations to have PTSD recognized as a disability and was eventually successful.

Throughout her 37-year career, she has given specialized training presentations at the state and national level on procedures for filing claims with the VA for specific disabilities. She has been honored and recognized for her work by the Vietnam Veterans of America, receiving the organization's highest honor, the Commendation Medal, in 1999. The California State Council of Vietnam Veterans of America presented her with its Member of the Year award in 2000.

Dudley also served the veterans community by organizing the United Veterans Parade Committee to participate with floats and veterans groups in Santa Rosa's largest civic parade and by organizing the United Veterans Council POW/MIA ceremony to honor former prisoners of war and those missing in action from Sonoma County.

Madam Speaker, Dudley is a living example that one person can make a difference. There is no greater champion of veterans in our two Congressional Districts and it is therefore appropriate that we honor and express our gratitude to her today and wish her well in her retirement.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2009

Mr. WAMP. Madam Speaker, as a leader on earmark reform, I am committed to protecting taxpayers' money and providing greater transparency and a fully accountable process. The Conference Report on H.R. 2996, the Fiscal Year 2010 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act contains the following funding:

Requesting Member: Rep. ZACH WAMP

Account: National Park Service—Construction

Legal Name Entity Receiving Funding: Moccasin Bend National Archeological District

Address: Moccasin Bend Road, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37405

Description of Request: Moccasin Bend National Archeological District, a unit of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, has a rich and varied cultural history with evidence of occupation dating back to the earliest human cultures in North America. Moccasin Bend was designated as a unit of the National Park Service to preserve the area's rich heritage for future generations. There are no facilities for public enjoyment of these nationally significant resources. Moccasin Bend National Archeological District received \$500,000 for design and construction of an Interpretive Center and educational exhibits to promote awareness of the archeological district.

Distribution of funding:

Design development and construction—100%

Requesting Member: Rep. ZACH WAMP

Account: Environmental Protection Agency—State and Tribal Assistance Grant

Legal Name Requesting Entity: City of Harrogate, Tennessee

Address: 138 Harrogate Crossing, Harrogate, Tennessee 37752

Description of Request: The Mayor and City Council of Harrogate requested funding to extend a wastewater collection system to the Tri-State Health and Rehabilitation Center, residences and businesses. Upgraded sewer capabilities are critical to support the increasing residential and commercial development in Harrogate. The proposed expansion will allow residents in the area to have safe, adequate wastewater service. The City of Harrogate received \$500,000 for the wastewater improvements.

Distribution of funding:

Construction—83%

Survey/Fees—1%

Engineering—6%

Inspection—3%

Project Contingency—4%

Environment Review—1%

Administration—2%

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2009

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on October 28, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall No. 820. Had I been present I would have voted: rollcall No. 820: "yes"—Welcoming to the United States and to Washington, DC, His All Holiness Bartholomew, Archbishop of Constantinople, New Rome, Ecumenical Patriarch on his upcoming trip on October 20, 2009, through November 6, 2009.

HONORING AMERICAN VETERANS

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2009

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, as Veterans Day approaches, I rise today to pay tribute to the millions of brave troops who have worn our nation's uniform and particularly to the 700,000 who now live in Georgia.

Today's American veterans are part of a proud legacy that dates back to the founding of our nation, independence won with the blood and sacrifice of underfed, undertrained, under-equipped colonists hungry for the taste of freedom. That bank of Patriots gave birth to the greatest nation in history.

Our 19th century veterans pushed our nation's boundaries across the continent, from sea to shining sea, and they patched our nation back together after it was ripped apart by a civil war that left more than 500,000 dead.

At the dawn of the 20th century, our veterans again led the way as the United States met its destiny as the greatest of world powers. We did not deploy our mighty forces to pillage the world's riches. Instead we put American lives and treasure on the line in the

service of mankind, fighting the scourges of military dictatorships, fascism, communism and terrorism. Never before has the world's greatest power acted so selflessly and so compassionately on behalf of those in need from all points on the globe.

Our soldiers fought, bled and died from Pearl Harbor to Paris, from the Balkans to Baghdad, from Seoul to Saigon. They fought in defense of freedom; they fought on behalf of human dignity; they fought against genocide; they fought to right wrongs. Most important, they fought to protect the American people and their way of life.

On Veterans Day, we salute those who fought for this nation, from our senior veterans who delivered victory in WWII to our brave men and women coming home today from Iraq and Afghanistan. When the call of duty sounded, they answered. They put liberty over life, and they put their countrymen above themselves.

We know our veterans bear the scars of war, the pains of wounds physical, mental and emotional. We know they faced down horror, loss and sacrifice beyond compare.

And we know they did it for us. The American people cannot repay the debt we owe to those who served. We honor them on this Veterans Day 2009, and may we reflect on their greatness every time we raise the Stars and Stripes, every time we sing the National Anthem, every time we place our hands on our hearts to say the Pledge of Allegiance, and every time we thank God for the birthright of liberty we inherited as Americans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2009

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Monday, October 26, 2009, I was not present for 2 recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way:

Roll No. 814—"yea";

Roll No. 815—"yea."

A PROCLAMATION HONORING LEWIS BAKER

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, Whereas, Lewis Baker served honorably in the United States Armed Services; and

Whereas, Lewis Baker used his 20-month capture by German forces in World War II as motivation to help his fellow veterans at home; and

Whereas, Lewis Baker is an advocate for countless POWs and widows and has helped numerous veterans receive their benefits; and Whereas, at 89-years old he still performs his Honor Guard duty; be it

Resolved that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Lewis Baker on his induction to the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.