

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. HARPER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2996—Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman GREGG HARPER

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Project Name: Mississippi State Natural Resources Economic Enterprises Program

Project Amount: \$350,000

Agency: Fish and Wildlife Service

Account: Research Management

Recipient and Address: Mississippi State University, P.O. Box 9800, Mississippi State, MS 39762

Description of Request: The integrated extension-research program promotes a sustainable/profitable conservation ethic among landowners, managers, and communities that includes recreational enterprises with fish, wildlife, and forest/agricultural land. It is imperative that we (1) have a long-term interdisciplinary research program, (2) monitor economic impact to rural communities, (3) develop educational curricula and training materials, and (4) demonstrate successful integrated wildlife-forest-agricultural business strategies to promote rural development and family farm incomes.

RECOGNIZING THE PASSING OF W.A. JAKE JERNIGAN

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. W.A. "Jake" Jernigan, a Northwest Florida leader who passed away on October 9, 2009. Jake Jernigan spent his life serving our community and our country, and I am proud to honor his lifetime of dedication and service.

Born on October 20, 1919 in Baker, Florida, Jake Jernigan was the second child of Walter and Addie Cobb Jernigan. He lived on the Cobb family farm until moving to Crestview, Florida to attend grade school. In 1937, Jake enrolled at the University of Florida. However, the call of duty interrupted his education, and Jake joined the United States Army to serve during World War II. After his distinguished military service, he returned to the University of Florida where he met the future Senator George Smathers, working as a volunteer on Smathers' student body president campaign.

After graduating in 1942 with a degree in education, Jake returned to Crestview and

taught for a short time at Laurel Hill before founding the Jernigan Insurance Agency and the Jernigan Construction Company. In 1950, he married Claire Covell of DeFuniak Springs, Florida. Jake developed the first affordable housing subdivision in Crestview in 1954 and he also founded the First National Bank of Crestview in 1956, where he served as its first chairman for ten years.

Jake also continued his life of public service as a member of the Crestview City Council and as a founder of the Okaloosa County Island Authority. In 1950 and again in 1960, he served as his old friend George Smathers' Northwest Florida Senate campaign chairman. Later in 1960, he served as John F. Kennedy's Northwest Florida campaign chairman.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize the life of Jake Jernigan. He will always be remembered by all of us in Northwest Florida as a true community leader. My wife Vicki and I offer our continued prayers for his children, Jill, Jan, Jack, Jenny, Tracey, and George, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire extended family as we remember and honor the life of Jake Jernigan.

CONGRESSMAN BROWN THANKS MEMBERS OF THE CHARLESTON TEA PARTY AND ALL RESI- DENTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S FIRST DISTRICT WHO PARTICI- PATED IN THE HEALTH CARE "HOUSE CALL" ON WASHINGTON

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to personally thank members of the Charleston Tea Party and all residents of South Carolina's first district who took time out of their busy schedules and made the long bus trip to Washington to participate in the Health Care "House Call" on Washington on Thursday, November 5, 2009.

I was proud to stand with my constituents on the steps of the Capitol as we voiced our opposition towards the Democrats' health care bill. I greatly appreciate the time and effort of my constituents who are dedicated to the future of health care in South Carolina and I am proud to say I voted no on H.R. 3962.

AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE FOR AMERICA ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. KURT SCHRADER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, November 7, 2009

Mr. SCHRADER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have cast an historic vote to overhaul

America's failing health care system today. Controlling escalating health care costs is essential to getting our nation's fiscal picture under control. For the first time in our country's history it has brought consumers, businesses and providers to the table in a united effort to control costs, make health care affordable and improve our health outcomes. I have always said that if you like your current health care you need to be in favor of reform because you will not be able to afford that same level of care if the status quo persists.

H.R. 3962 prohibits exclusions based on preexisting conditions. It forbids the cancellation of your health care because you have suffered an illness or injury. It makes sure that everyone shares appropriately in the benefits and costs of affordable health care reform. Americans will no longer be one illness or job loss away from bankruptcy. It guarantees basic benefits for all Americans and allows competition across state lines to reduce costs.

H.R. 3962 makes major reforms in our health care delivery system that we have not had the political courage to do for years. Major improvements in Medicare and Medicaid save over \$400 billion while still expanding services to our seniors. I am pleased the House bill contains a section on Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER). However, I believe the CER provisions contained within the bill could use significant improvement to ensure the research that is conducted is protected from undue political influence from the government. Earlier this year I introduced H.R. 2502, the Comparative Effectiveness Research Act of 2009. My bill reinforces a core principal of health care that patients and doctors should be making medical decisions. It would establish an independent institute charged with coordinating and guiding comparative effectiveness research programs. By streamlining access to the latest medical research, doctors can make sound decisions that will improve the health of their patients and ultimately lower costs by reducing the number of redundant and ineffective treatments. This is the approach that has guided CER efforts in the Senate and it is my intention to work closely with the House leadership and the conference committee to ensure any final compromise establishes a public-private institute outside of government to guide the research and ensure it will be independent, credible, and protected from political influence.

It begins to emphasize, and pay for early, intervention and prevention to keep people healthy and reduce costs. H.R. 3962 puts \$34 billion is put into wellness and prevention programs and developing the primary care network needed to provide timely service to all Americans. Rural America also gets particular attention in the bill with loan forgiveness and incentive programs.

America's senior citizens do particularly well under this legislation. In addition to modernizing and reducing costs, Medicare improvements allow seniors to keep more assets and still access subsidies. The new bill fixes the donut hole sooner and allows more drug price-

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negotiation to ensure seniors are getting the best prices for their medication. In a separate bill Congress fixes doctor reimbursement so that a 21 percent rate reduction is avoided and doctors become more willing to take senior Medicare patients again.

Private employer-based health insurance would still constitute 60 percent of the way Americans get their health care. This bill provides a public option with negotiated rates and without tax-payer subsidies that will drive down costs without creating an uneven playing-field with private insurance companies.

H.R. 3962 does better by small businesses too. Small businesses with payrolls below \$500,000 are excluded from having to provide health care or pay penalties. The old bill set that limit at \$250,000. And only individuals earning over \$500,000 and families over \$1 million would be subject to the surcharge for incomes over those amounts.

Oregon does particularly well in the new bill. Not only are many of our pioneering health care delivery systems included in the bill with grants for expanding, but two studies create a Congress proof opportunity for the restructuring of Medicare reimbursement that will reward high-quality low-cost states like Oregon.

Perhaps most significantly H.R. 3962 substantially reduces the cost of the initial reform bill. Almost \$200 billion is trimmed from the costs, with more to come in negotiations with the Senate and President Obama. According to CBO, the bill reduces the deficit both in the short- and long-term. According to leading economists, the bill lowers premiums going forward compared to current law for all income groups, even those without subsidies.

I believe we can do better! I have personal commitments from the President that more cost containment is necessary and will occur as we work with the Senate. The Senate subsidies are much more sustainable over the long-term and strike a better balance between making health care affordable and curbing the overutilization through meaningful cost sharing.

I am excited about reforming our health care system to deliver better health outcomes and more affordable costs for families, businesses and our Nation.

ANGELA D'AURIO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and applaud Angela D'Aurio for her outstanding service to our community.

Angela D'Aurio has served Jefferson County for many years as a politically active citizen. She has managed several local campaigns, and is active in many civic organizations. Angela D'Aurio is also a supporter of the area Kiwanis Denver West Soccer Club.

The dedication demonstrated by Angela D'Aurio directly benefits her community, and is exemplary of her high personal and professional standards. She serves as a leader who inspires those around her to continually strive for a safer environment for America's children through her work protecting children from internet predators.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Angela D'Aurio for her recognition by

the West Chamber of Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF VFW POST 3020

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I stand before you today, asking you and my fellow Members of Congress to honor the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3020. For 75 years they have stood firmly to their commitment to our Nation.

One of the ways we honor our country is to make service a tradition. In south Jersey, this effort has gained substantial support from the VFW, a visible, active, and honorable organization. I often cite the way in which our veterans find ways to continue to serve as a strength to our community. Veterans in south Jersey have been a constant reminder of the pride we take in public service throughout the past 75 years.

VFW Post 3020 has always been supportive of service men and women at any time of need. The members of VFW Post 3020 all served this country once. Now they are serving their country again. And I for one would like to thank them for all they have done, and will continue to do.

Madam Speaker, please join me in wishing the best for the long future ahead for this great organization. Thank you to all of the veterans of VFW Post 3020, and thanks to all of the members of our community who support the VFW in their mission. God bless you all, and God bless America.

HONORING LARRY SHEHADEY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I am joined today with Congressmen JIM COSTA and DEVIN NUNES to honor the life of Larry Shehadey for his dedication to his family, business and community. Mr. Shehadey passed away on Saturday, October 10, 2009 at the age of one hundred and two. The life of Mr. Shehadey will be honored on Thursday, October 15, 2009 in Fresno, California.

Larry Shehadey was born on July 2, 1907 to Lebanese immigrants Salem and Sadie. He was raised in the foothills of Northern California. He never missed a day of school, although he did walk or ride his horse five miles one-way to get to school. His family moved to San Francisco, where he graduated from Polytechnic High and excelled in athletics. Upon graduating from high school, he became a salesman in San Francisco and married Elayne.

In 1951, Mr. Shehadey bought a controlling interest in Producer's Dairy and moved his family to Fresno, California. When he became involved with Producer's, the company was one of over seventy dairies in the Fresno area; however, through creative marketing

Producer's became the top dairy in just three years. He was innovative and always looking for a better way to do things. He developed his own vertical integration system to make production more efficient. He also started his own herd and added acreage to grow alfalfa to feed his herd. His two sons, John and Richard, became part of the family business.

Growing up during the depression, his goal was always to provide well for his family and to leave a legacy for them. He was also very involved in our community. Mr. Shehadey was generous in giving and donated to Fresno hospitals, Fresno City College and possibly his largest contribution was to California State University, Fresno. He donated to CSU Fresno through his support of the Craig School of Business, the Jordan College of Agricultural Science and Technology and the athletics department. He was honored by CSU Fresno when they named a clock tower after him.

After sixty-three years of marriage, Mrs. Shehadey passed away. Mr. Shehadey is survived by his two sons, John and his wife Mary, and Richard and his wife Sue; eight grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren and two nephews.

Madam Speaker, we rise today to posthumously honor Larry Shehadey. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring his life and wishing the best for his family.

HONORING BRENDA D. WILLIAMS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Brenda D. Williams for her many years of service and dedication to the U.S. Postal Service. On October 31, 2009, after 36 years, Brenda retired from her position as Customer Relations/Congressional Liaison for the Chicago District.

Ms. Williams began her career working in the old Chicago Main Post Office Building as a Tour 1 Scheme Qualified/Distribution Clerk. Her hard work and dedication earned her a position in the Regional Office and secretary to the Manager.

After five short years, Ms. Williams was transferred to the Computer Forwarding Site to help train all new clerks. Due to her experience and knowledge of the postal system, Brenda soon became a valuable asset to all CFS Managers. Her institutional knowledge helped ease the transitions of six managers, ensuring that operations never missed a beat.

In 1995, Brenda moved to the Consumer Affairs Department, where she stayed until 2001, when she was transferred to the Congressional Office.

Brenda always went above and beyond to provide assistance to those who were unable to access alternate means of assistance, both in the public sector and as a congressional liaison. She calmly dealt with many difficult circumstances.

Ms. Williams has helped the Postal System in other ways, as well. She has served on numerous committees, including: Multicultural Day, Federal Employee of the Year, Postmaster Installations, Stamp Unveilings, Congressional Briefings, Santa Letters and Employee Recognition Day. In all areas, Brenda's expertise proved invaluable.