

This project, which has received \$490 million in federal funding, will be a vital transportation link for the communities of East Los Angeles and sometime in the future continue through San Gabriel Valley cities. The project has already begun to spur economic development in this historic Mexican-American section of Southern California.

I congratulate my neighboring colleague, Congresswoman LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD for her great work on behalf of this Eastside Extension. She has led the East Los Angeles County delegation in the fight for federal funding for this project over the years. She has continued a tradition of dedicated service to this community begun many years ago by her father, Edward R. Roybal, and we are honoring him here today by naming the Edward R. Roybal Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension in his memory.

This is only the beginning of bringing this important rail extension project to a working class area. Planning and design for phase 2 of this project continues, as it extends the metro line to the cities of Eastern Los Angeles County. Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority and my colleagues must continue to pursue a full funding grant agreement for this project with the Federal Transit Administration in an effort to provide Metro access to the millions of people living in Eastern Los Angeles County. Major cities have great rail transit and the East Los Angeles community should be no exception!

Madam Speaker, my constituency welcomes the metro service finally connecting East Los Angeles to the greater Los Angeles community. This will go a long way to encourage the citizens of East Los Angeles to continue their push for cityhood and will allow the residents of this area to be involved in critical projects, such as the Eastside Extension, that will impact their neighborhood and way of life.

Madam Speaker and colleagues please join me in congratulating the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority, the Eastern Los Angeles Congressional Delegation, Supervisor Molina, the Review Advisory Committee and the residents of East Los Angeles for their involvement in making this historic moment a reality.

EARMARK DECLARATIONS

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on congressionally-directed funding, I am submitting the following information regarding funding included in H.R. 2996, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: Department of the Interior—National Forest Service—Land Acquisition

Legal Name of Recipient: Daniel Boone National Forest

Address of Recipient: 1700 Bypass Road, Winchester, KY 40391

Description of Request: Provide directed funding of \$900,000 for the Daniel Boone Na-

tional Forest to acquire additional land from willing sellers in the Red River Gorge area, as well as the Rockcastle River and Horse Lick Creek watersheds. Acquisition of these available tracts of land will minimize fragmentation and help ensure consistent management of the forest. Between 2.5 and 5 million people visit the forest every year.

DR. WANDA BEDINGHAUS

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 Dr. Wanda Bedinghaus for her outstanding service to our community.

The dedication demonstrated by Dr. Wanda Bedinghaus directly benefits her community in countless ways. A Jefferson County resident since 1992, Dr. Bedinghaus has made significant efforts to improve the health of individuals in the community. She founded and served as senior minister of Lakewood Unity Church, a center for creative spirituality, as well as Harmonia Center for Healing and co-founded Healing Unleashed.

A pediatrician by training, Dr. Bedinghaus was recently made an assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of Colorado's Health Science Center, Department of Pediatrics. She works steadfastly to transform our current medical system into a true system of prevention and wellness.

Currently, Dr. Bedinghaus is studying clinical nutrition in order to better serve the health needs of Jefferson County residents. In addition, Dr. Bedinghaus is bringing wellness workshops to area businesses, helping improve the health of their employees.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Dr. Wanda Bedinghaus 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.

RESOLUTION OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL ENCOURAGING THE PRESERVATION OF INDIANA JOBS

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, in October the national unemployment rate reached 10.2 percent, the highest level of unemployment our country has seen since April 1983. Clearly, the stimulus package rushed into law earlier this year has failed to create the jobs that President Obama, Vice President BIDEN, and the Democrat Congressional Leadership promised it would. And, I fear that the full extent of the unfulfilled promises of job creation and economic stimulus are just beginning to surface.

Under the circumstances, as policymakers one of the first questions we should ask when evaluating any bill that comes before this House is "Will enacting the policies embodied

by this bill potentially jeopardize American jobs?" If the answer is yes, in my opinion, we have a responsibility to the American people to reject that bill. Unfortunately, it appears that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle take a different view. Rather than seeking to preserve and grow private sector jobs they seem determined to kill those jobs in favor of the Federal government assuming control over a larger and larger percentage of our economy.

I would like to briefly discuss one example of the Majority's drive to replace private sector jobs with government jobs that, if enacted into law, will potentially put thousands of Hoosiers out of work. Recently, the House of Representative voted on the "Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009", H.R. 3221, which sets the stage for the elimination of the Federal Family Education Loan, FFEL, program leaving parents, schools, and students with no choice for obtaining student loans except for the Federal government's Direct Lending Program. Supporters of the proposal contend that consolidating student loans under the Federal umbrella will actually save the Federal government money. They cite as evidence a Congressional Budget Office, CBO, estimate that nationalizing the whole Federal student loan program would save nearly \$90 billion in direct spending over ten years. However, what they fail to mention is that the CBO also found that President Obama's plan to reform the Pell Grant program would increase direct spending by \$293 billion over that same 10-year period. In other words, any potential savings to the taxpayer, real or not, from federalizing the student loan industry will actually be spent many times over. More importantly, whether the plan to federalize the student loan industry is good fiscal policy or not fails to take into account the real world question of jobs.

Moving to a one hundred percent Direct Lending system would kill jobs in the private student loan industry. Make no mistake about it, it is not a question of if jobs will be lost; it is a question of how many jobs will be lost. The FFEL program supports more than 30,000 private sector jobs nationwide. In Indiana alone about 2,300 jobs are in the FFEL industry, and in Indiana's 5th Congressional District, killing off the FFEL program could result in the loss of more than 1,500 jobs.

As you can imagine, the possibility has many of my constituents worried, and for good reason. In Fishers, Indiana, Sallie Mae—the Nation's largest private student loan lender—operates a Loan Service and Data Center and employs 647 Hamilton County residents. The Hamilton County Council—which represents the people of Fishers—is following this issue closely and has taken note of what the end of the FFEL program could mean for hundreds of its residents. I would like to ask unanimous consent to place into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a copy of the Hamilton County Council resolution encouraging the preservation of Indiana jobs, which was passed on November 4.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-04-09-02

Whereas, the Congress of the United States is debating the President's plan to make college more affordable; and,

Whereas, among many issues involved in said debate is the issue of eliminating private student lenders; and,

Whereas, Sallie Mae and its 8,500 employees across the country including 2,300 in Indiana are "at risk" in said debate; and,

Whereas, Sallie Mae employees 647 Hamilton County Residents and,

Whereas, Sallie Mae, its employees and leadership have been significant supporters of the community in many ways; and,

Whereas, the Hamilton County Council on behalf of all residents of Hamilton County is supportive of responsible actions by the Congress which will recognize appropriate cost saving measures while protecting valuable jobs for Hoosier families; and,

Whereas, Sallie Mae and a broad coalition representing various stakeholders in the student loan community have proposed a responsible alternative which should be seriously considered and adopted as the best way of achieving the goals and objectives of both the President and Congress, without sacrificing tens of thousands of jobs across the country and here in Indiana: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Hamilton County Council, meeting in regular session, as follows:

Section 1. That the Congress of the United States is hereby encouraged to adopt a student loan reform proposal that makes college more affordable and achieves significant taxpayer savings while also protecting Hoosier jobs and our families and communities.

Section 2. That a copy of this Resolution be provided to all members of the Indiana Congressional delegation forthwith as an expression of the concern and desires of the entire County of Hamilton, Indiana.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and upon its adoption.

All of which is resolved this 4th day of November, 2009.

Hamilton County Council.

I support the FFEL program and believe that H.R. 3221 will lead to its extinction, which is why I voted against the bill. Additionally, on two separate occasions during this Congress I have proposed amendments to help preserve the FFEL program, and the jobs associated with the program. Disappointedly, the Majority has used their control of the House Rules Committee to kill those amendments and prevent the full House of Representatives from debating and voting to protect these jobs.

I have not given up the fight to preserve the FFEL program or the jobs associated with it though. Could improvements be made to the program? Sure, but there is more to lose than gain by eliminating the program in its entirety. Since 1965, the FFEL program has provided access to higher education for tens of millions of Americans, and it has done so with private capital and private labor. I believe we have a responsibility to the American people to preserve the FFEL program and the good-paying jobs associated with the program.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM R.
GIFFORD

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I stand today before the House to recognize an important member of New Jersey's 3rd District, Mr. William R. Gifford who is celebrating his 90th birthday on December 20, 2009.

Mr. Gifford is a graduate of the Ohio State University. During World War II, he served with distinction with the rank of captain, as a bombardier in the 15th Army Air Force's 484th

Bombardment Group. After the war, Mr. Gifford became employed at Pricewaterhouse in New York City where he was made partner.

Now retired, he enjoys spending time with his sons, William R. Gifford, Jr., Russell M. Gifford and Gregory Gifford and their families.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you please join me in wishing Mr. Gifford a happy 90th birthday.

JO ANN RZEPPA

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 Sergeant Jo Ann Rzeppa for her outstanding service to our community.

Sergeant Rzeppa's career in the field of law enforcement began over 30 years ago, in what was then a male-dominated profession. She earned respect among her co-workers while serving as a patrol officer, in under-cover narcotics, and as a detective. She is a symbol of the Arvada Police Department's desire to maintain a strong relationship with area schools by serving as the sergeant in charge of School Resource Officers for Arvada schools.

Sergeant Rzeppa's participation in the after school club "Police Pals" allows her to provide an excellent example for young women interested in pursuing careers in law-enforcement.

The dedication demonstrated by Sergeant Jo Ann Rzeppa directly benefits her community, and is exemplary of her high personal and professional standards. Those who know Sergeant Jo Ann Rzeppa personally comment on her passion for living, enthusiasm for her work, and confident, friendly manner.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Sergeant Jo Ann Rzeppa 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.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, consistent with the House Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, to the best of my knowledge the request I have detailed below is (1) not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; and (2) not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark. As required by earmark standards adopted by the House Republican Conference, I submit the following information on a project I requested and was included in the Conference Report for H.R. 2996, the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Account: EPA—STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Project Name: Umatilla County for Milton-Freewater Stormwater System Improvements

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Umatilla County, 216 SE 4th Street, Pendleton, OR 97801

Project Location: The City of Milton-Freewater, Oregon

Description of Project: The Conference Report for H.R. 2996 appropriates \$300,000 for the Milton-Freewater Stormwater System project. According to the requesting entity, this funding will be used by Umatilla County to assist in the development of a stormwater treatment system for the city of Milton-Freewater, Oregon. This is a beneficial use of taxpayer funding because it will enable the community to construct a holding pond to catch silt-laden storm and winter water runoff which currently clogs the drainage system and deposits silt into drinking water wells.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOCIETY HILL PLAYHOUSE IN PHILADELPHIA, PA

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Society Hill Playhouse in Philadelphia. Under the leadership of Deen and Jay Kogan, who founded the theater in 1959, the Society Hill Playhouse has become a home for important works by contemporary American and European playwrights.

The Kogans met while students at Temple University and married soon after graduation. Deen carried a lifelong passion for the theater, and Jay, a former World War II prisoner of war, was soon bitten by the theater bug. After a year working in theaters in Milan and Zurich, the Kogans set out to create their vision of a theater community in Philadelphia.

Over the last 50 years, the Society Hill Playhouse has delighted Philadelphia audiences with productions including Nonsense, Lafferty's Wake, and Menopause: The Musical. In addition to its contributions to the Philadelphia theater community, the Society Hill Playhouse created the Philadelphia Youth Theater, which for 25 years opened its doors to allow Philadelphia youth to have access to the arts and develop their skills.

The Society Hill Playhouse prides itself on its appeal to "people who don't like theater . . . or who think they don't." As Philadelphia's original public theater, the Society Hill Playhouse has made a lasting contribution to the design of new theaters throughout the Delaware Valley. Rarely does a theater extend beyond a location and become an integral member of the arts community, but the Playhouse has done exactly that. The Society Hill Playhouse brought a new generation into the theater, while producing hits and entertaining crowds for 50 years.

Madam Speaker, the Society Hill Playhouse has made immeasurable cultural contributions to the Philadelphia area. I congratulate Deen Kogan and her late husband Jay on accomplishing their vision of a premiere arts institution in Philadelphia, and wish the Society Hill Playhouse many more years of success.