

with surrounding counties; an increase in range covering parts of Blount County that is currently deficient; portable radio coverage within buildings; and, reduced maintenance costs by operating one instead of many independent systems.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF OLD MILL CREEK

**HON. MELISSA L. BEAN**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 14, 2009*

Ms. BEAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Old Mill Creek, a town in my district that is celebrating a milestone anniversary this year. This community has made a unique contribution to district I represent, and to the State of Illinois.

The town of Old Mill Creek is celebrating its 50-year anniversary. Located five miles south of the Wisconsin border, Old Mill Creek was first settled by Scottish immigrants as a small agricultural community in the 1830s. One immigrant, Jacob Miller, built a sawmill along the Des Plaines River naming it Millburn, "burn" being the Scottish word for creek. The village of Old Mill Creek was incorporated in 1959. Old Mill Creek remains a rural community with a population of 251.

Madam Speaker, Old Mill Creek is unique in its history and adds greatly to the vibrant community of the Eighth District of Illinois. I thank all the past leaders of the town of Old Mill Creek for their dedication to public service; their community would not have reached this milestone without their hard work and commitment. I congratulate Old Mill Creek for reaching their 50th anniversary and I wish them continued success in the future.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3288, CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 10, 2009*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 3288, the Consolidated Appropriations for FY 2010. Our commitment to a strategy of aggression rather than a strategy of dialogue is evident in the State and Foreign Operations portion of this legislation that includes billions of dollars in military aid, sanctions and funds for policies in the Middle East that undermine the Administration's call for a commitment to diplomacy. There are many laudable provisions in this bill but I cannot support legislation that includes funding for programs and support for the failed policies of aggression and disregard for international human rights.

I oppose the inclusion of the Export-Import Bank provision regarding Iran. This section calls on the President to implement the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 and encourages all foreign governments to require state-owned and private entities to cease all investment in Iran's energy sector. In June of this year, I joined the House of Representatives in voting

to express support for the people of Iran who embrace the values of freedom, civil liberties and human rights. Sanctions are meant to destabilize economies and have disastrous effects on the citizens at the receiving end. This provision will not harm the leadership in Iran; it will harm the people of Iran we claim to support.

I oppose the inclusion of \$239 million in foreign military financing for Pakistan. More unmanned drone attacks have been authorized in the first few months of this Administration than in the last year of the Bush Administration. Hundreds of innocent civilians have been killed by these predator drones that contravene international law and cement anti-American sentiment. Military operations in the region will only serve to further destabilize a faltering Pakistan and undermine our national security.

This legislation includes provisions that further undermine the image of the United States in the Middle East as an honest broker. It includes language that places conditions on aid to the West Bank and Gaza that cannot be satisfied in the immediate future. At the same time, the bill provides military aid to Israel without investigating credible accusations that Israel is using weapons provided by the U.S. in an offensive posture in contravention of U.S. law and international law. The perception of the U.S. as an honest broker is necessary for good-faith negotiations.

I support many provisions in this bill, such as the \$4.8 billion investment in transportation infrastructure and \$1.4 billion allocated for dislocated worker programs. I fully support the \$2.2 billion authorized for Community Health Centers that provide primary health care to almost 17 million patients, forty-percent of whom are uninsured. The \$14.5 billion appropriated for Title 1 grants for 20 million disadvantaged children in school districts across the country and high-quality early learning programs are to be supported.

Regrettably, these essential services were folded into a continuing resolution with programs that I cannot support. We cannot claim to travel the path toward peace when funding for a strengthened diplomatic core is paralleled by funding for policies of isolation and aggression.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 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. 3288, the "Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY2010."

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSAA)—Health Facilities and Services

Project Amount: \$1,350,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: UT Medical Center, 1924 Alcoa Highway, Knoxville, TN 37920

Description of Request: The funding would be used for renovation and expansion of the

Family Medicine Building and Clinic at the UT Medical Center.

RECOGNIZING THE VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. MELISSA L. BEAN**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 14, 2009*

Ms. BEAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Round Lake, a village in my district celebrating a milestone anniversary this year. This community has made a unique contribution to district I represent, and to the State of Illinois.

The Village of Round Lake is celebrating its 100th anniversary. In the 1890s, when officials of the Chicago, Milwaukee, & St. Paul Railroad announced an extension of the Milwaukee-Chicago line, landowners near Hainesville, IL knew a railroad station would increase property values. One such resident, Amarias White, offered the railroad free land in exchange for a station. White succeeded and Round Lake, named after the nearby lake, became the area station. In 1909, the village incorporated with White as the first village president. Through the beginning of the 20th Century, Round Lake's population remained predominately agricultural and the lake acted as a summer retreat for Chicago residents. Today, Round Lake continues to develop as a suburban community.

Madam Speaker, the Village of Round Lake is unique in its history and adds to the vibrant community of the Eighth District of Illinois. I thank all the past leaders of the Village of Round Lake for their dedication to public service; their community would not have reached this milestone without their hard work and commitment. I congratulate Round Lake for reaching their 100th anniversary and I wish them continued success in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 14, 2009*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, on December 11, 2009, I was not able to be present for votes on four amendments to H.R. 4173, the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2009. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" rollcall vote 963 and rollcall vote 964, and I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote 965 and rollcall vote 966.

HONORING TONY PINI

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 14, 2009*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with sadness today to honor Tony Pini, a popular leader and a family man, who served as Fire Chief in Santa Rosa, California, for 18 years. Tony passed away December 8, 2009, at the age of 62.

Born in San Francisco and raised in that city and in South San Francisco, Tony joined the Navy after high school. He served aboard the destroyer USS *Radford* off Vietnam, and while still in the service, met his future wife Elaine in Honolulu where she was vacationing.

He returned to the Bay Area and, in 1970, became a firefighter in South San Francisco. He was soon promoted to captain, moved on to a division chief position in Campbell, CA, and became fire chief in Santa Cruz in 1981 at the age of 34.

During this time, Tony married Elaine; they had 2 daughters; and Tony earned degrees at the College of San Mateo, the University of San Francisco, and San Jose State University (Masters of Public Administration). Despite his hectic schedule, he made sure he had time for traveling and camping with his family.

In 1985, Tony was hired as Santa Rosa Fire Chief, a job he loved. He worked hard to develop solid relationships with union firefighters, upgrade the engines and equipment, and promote diversity in the department. His friendly, outgoing style suited the city, and he stayed till he retired at the age of 55.

After retirement, Tony continued to enjoy time with family, which grew to include 5 grandchildren. He was a man of wide ranging interests and active disposition who learned languages, played guitar, and studied art through both books and visits to museums.

He is survived by his mother Florene and his brother Rick, as well as his wife, 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, Tony Pini's passing has left an empty space in the Santa Rosa community, and for his wide circle of friends and his family. We thank Tony for his years of inspirational leadership and appreciate all he has given.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH BARRINGTON

**HON. MELISSA L. BEAN**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 14, 2009*

Ms. BEAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Village of South Barrington, a town in my district celebrating a milestone anniversary this year. This community has made a unique contribution to the district I represent, and to the State of Illinois.

The Village of South Barrington is celebrating its 50-year anniversary. Into the late 1950s, the area was still largely agricultural. In 1959, a group of property owners saw the need for a local government and came together to form a village. Following incorporation, South Barrington continued to build and develop. A parcel of land was donated to the Audubon Society of Chicago by Alex Stillman in 1976, creating the 80-acre Stillman Nature Center.

Madam Speaker, the Village of South Barrington is unique in its history and adds greatly to the vibrant community of the Eighth District of Illinois. I thank all the past leaders of the Village of South Barrington for their dedication to public service; their community would not have reached this milestone without their hard work and commitment. I congratulate South Barrington for reaching their 50th anniversary

and I wish them continued success in the future.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 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. 3288, the "Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY2010."

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: Buses & Bus Facilities

Project Amount: \$500,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee, Post Office Box 51650, Knoxville, TN 37950

Description of Request: The funding would be used to purchase transit vehicles in order to provide reliable transportation to the residents of Knox County.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. TOM COLE**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 14, 2009*

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, as per the requirements of the Republican Conference Rules on earmarks, I secured the following earmark in H.R. 3288.

Requesting Member: Rep. TOM COLE (OK-4)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Air Force, Military Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Vance AFB

Address of Requesting Entity: Vance, AFB, OK

Description of Request: Construct an air traffic control tower for \$10.4 million. The current control tower at Vance AFB was constructed in 1972. The tower is in need of critical upgrades to remain effectively operational and to comply with base architectural standards. New upgrades will allow Vance AFB to continue safe and efficient aerial military operations. The current control tower at Vance AFB was constructed in 1972. The tower is in need of critical upgrades to remain effectively operational and to comply with base architectural standards. New upgrades will allow Vance AFB to continue safe and efficient aerial military operations.

#### RECOGNIZING THE VILLAGE OF THIRD LAKE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. MELISSA L. BEAN**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 14, 2009*

Ms. BEAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Village of Third Lake, a town in my district celebrating a milestone anniversary this

year. This community has made a unique contribution to the district I represent, and to the State of Illinois.

The Village of Third Lake is celebrating its 50-year anniversary. The area of Third Lake first saw growth with the development of Sunshine Subdivision in the late 1920s. In 1959, residents of the subdivision incorporated to control the pollution of the lake. Development emerged once again in the 1980s and continues today as Third Lake has grown into a suburban community. Uniquely, Third Lake is also home to the North American headquarters for the Free Serbian Orthodox Church.

Madam Speaker, the Village of Third Lake is unique in its history and adds greatly to the vibrant community of the Eighth District of Illinois. I thank all the past leaders of the Village of Third Lake for their dedication to public service; their community would not have reached this milestone without their hard work and commitment. I congratulate Third Lake for reaching their 50th anniversary and I wish them continued success in the future.

#### TRIBUTE TO MS. LYNDA DIXON

**HON. MARION BERRY**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 14, 2009*

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to Lynda Dixon. Her successes are many, but it is her outstanding service to our beloved state that truly sets her apart. I am proud to honor Lynda Dixon for her lifetime of service to her community, our state and our country.

Lynda Dixon was born in Tulare, California and her family moved to Atkins, Arkansas when she was two years old. She is the youngest of four children. She attended Atkins Public Schools and graduated in 1961.

Dixon is retiring from her current position as the Director of Special Services at the Clinton Presidential Library Foundation. Throughout her career, Lynda has been involved in politics. She began her political career in 1976 in Russellville, Arkansas, working for a Prosecuting Attorney. In 1983, she left to serve as personal secretary to Governor Bill Clinton. In 1992 when Governor Clinton was elected President of the United States, she managed his Arkansas office and served as travel companion to his mother, the late Virginia Kelley. Lynda began working for the Clinton Presidential Foundation in 2001.

Dixon remains active with the Arkansas Democratic Party and is a lifetime member of the Arkansas Democratic Women and Senior Democrats of Arkansas. She is also a past-member of the Board of Directors of United Cerebral Palsy; volunteers with the Arkansas Foodbank Network; is a member of Volunteers in Public Schools; served on the Partners in Education Committee sponsored by the Little Rock Chamber of Commerce; mentors at Clinton Elementary Magnet School and is often fundraising for political and charitable organizations she supports. She is a member of Second Baptist Church and McKinney/Maloch Sunday School Class.

Lynda Dixon embodies the values of service, leadership and commitment to community that has made our state and our nation the