

great place it is today. She has dedicated her life to serving people and we are grateful for the impact she has made. On behalf of the United States Congress I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating and honoring the lifetime and career achievements of Lynda Dixon.

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: \$750,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Blount County, 341 Court Street, Maryville, TN 37804

Description of Request: The project seeks to improve 2.23 miles of Morganton Road by widening the road to 12 foot wide travel lanes with 3 feet wide improved shoulders on either side, to make intersection improvements at certain roads to enhance sight distance and to facilitate turning movements, to add acceleration and turn lanes at specific intersections, to make needed drainage improvements, and to improve rideability and safety by restructuring.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 14, 2009

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 963 on H.R. 4173, I mistakenly recorded my vote as "nay" when I should have voted "aye." I ask unanimous consent that my statement appear in the record immediately following rollcall vote No. 963.

RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF WAUKEGAN'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MELISSA L. BEAN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 14, 2009

Ms. BEAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Waukegan, a city in my district that is 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 City of Waukegan is celebrating its 150 year anniversary. Located 36 miles north of Chicago, Waukegan was first established in 1725 as a trading post known as Little Fort. In 1849, residents approved the name of Waukegan, the Potawatomi equivalent of Little Fort and incorporated in 1859. Waukegan continued to grow through the 19th century as a

center of industry—Waukegan harbor was one of the busiest on the Great Lakes and several major railroads traveled through the city. These railroads became indispensable to the larger industries which appeared in Waukegan in the later part of the century. Today, Waukegan is largely a residential community, though has continued its tradition of industry with companies such as Abbott Laboratories, Baxter International, and National Gypsum.

Madam Speaker, this city 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 City of Waukegan for their dedication to public service; their community would not have reached this milestone without their hard work and commitment. I congratulate Waukegan for reaching their 150th anniversary and I wish them continued success in the future.

RECOGNIZING A. PHILIP RANDOLPH, A LEADER IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 14, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize A. Philip Randolph for his great life's work, demonstrating an unyielding struggle for human rights that impacted all marginalized groups in society during his time. He was an influential leader who had a hand in the civil rights and labor movements.

A. Philip Randolph firmly believed that workers' rights and civil rights went hand in hand. He was influential in speaking out for African American rights during the 1930s and 1940s, focused particularly on labor and employment issues, and he was the leading force behind the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

Not only did he lead a 10-year campaign to organize the Pullman Porters and served as the organization's first president, but Randolph directed the March on Washington movement to end employment discrimination. He was also elected a vice president of the newly merged AFL-CIO in 1955. Mr. Randolph was instrumental in changing the way Black Americans were treated in the workplace, and workers today are still benefiting from his efforts. A. Philip Randolph realized the importance of organizing Black workers and used this position to advocate for desegregation and respect for civil rights inside the labor movement.

It is only fitting that we recognize Randolph for his contributions as a founding father of the early civil rights movement. A. Philip Randolph struggled for social, political, and economic justice for all working Americans, and recognizing him in Congress is a long overdue honor that Randolph's legacy deserves.

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Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: Higher Education (includes FIPSE)

Project Amount: \$300,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Maryville College, 502 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway, Maryville, TN 37804

Description of Request: Maryville College proposes to develop an innovative, experiential-based program in science education that will benefit undergraduate students, faculty, pre-secondary/secondary students and their teachers throughout the Southern Appalachian region. Through initiatives that range from tightly focused out-reach programming to summer research-based opportunities for students and teachers, the college will significantly expand involvement in basic research, the education of undergraduate scientists, and the education of younger students and their teachers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 14, 2009

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, last week I was unavoidably absent due to the health condition of a family member in California. Had I been present I would have voted:

Thursday, December 10, 2009: rollcall No. 952 "yea"; rollcall No. 953 "yea"; rollcall No. 954 "no"; rollcall No. 955 "yea"; rollcall No. 956 "no"; rollcall No. 957 "yea"; rollcall No. 958 "yea"; rollcall No. 959 "yea."

Friday, December 11, 2009: rollcall No. 960 "yea"; rollcall No. 961 "no"; rollcall No. 962 "yea"; rollcall No. 963 "yea"; rollcall No. 964 "yea"; rollcall No. 965 "no"; rollcall No. 966 "no"; rollcall No. 967 "no"; rollcall No. 968 "yea."

CAMP ASHRAF DISPLACEMENT

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 14, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, on December 10, 2009 the Iraqi government announced that it is going to forcibly displace thousands of Iranian dissidents living in Camp Ashraf to a remote prison in the Iraqi desert. The Iraqi government knows the world recognizes Camp Ashraf as a refuge for those who stand tall for freedom and democracy, so it is demolishing their homes they have lived in for over 20 years and moving them to southern Iraq, where the Iraqi government thinks it can do whatever it wants to them and the world won't notice.

The families in Camp Ashraf's biggest crime is that they love freedom and oppose the oppressive Iranian regime. Tehran has for months now pressured the Iraqi government to hand over Camp Ashraf residents so it can imprison and torture them just like they do to all

who dare speak out against the regime. This is no secret: Iranian Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani explicitly asked Iraqi lawmakers in early November to expel these dissidents from Iraqi soil.

Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri Al-Maliki, wanting to better relations with Iran, sent Iraqi government forces to brutally attack Camp Ashraf residents in July. It was a humanitarian catastrophe leaving 11 unarmed residents dead, 500 wounded, and 36 abducted.

We cannot ignore any perpetrator, whether friend or foe, who seeks to violently and brutally oppress innocent people. America cannot forget the people of Camp Ashraf.

Prime Minister Al-Maliki should stand by repeated and written assurances he has given to the United States and the United Nations to respect the fundamental rights of the residents of Ashraf. These are "protected persons" under the Fourth Geneva Convention. President Obama should honor the U.S. government's repeated promises to protect these people.

The President and Secretary Clinton should undertake whatever steps necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of the residents of Camp Ashraf. The increasingly vulnerable regime in Tehran must not be allowed to extend its repressive tentacles beyond Iran's border and crack down on its principal opposition. Someone must stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.

It's bad enough that Iran brutalizes Iranian dissidents in Iran; the world cannot ignore Iran's intent to brutalize its own people in Camp Ashraf in the foreign country of Iraq as well.

And that's just the way it is.

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Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

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

Project Amount: \$200,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Clinics of Hope, USA, 1064 Hayslope Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919

Description of Request: The funding would be used to develop three free medical clinics in the Knoxville, Tennessee area. The clinics would serve those who are under two-times the federal poverty level. The requested funds will be used for initial start-up of the three clinics and for the first year of operation.