

threats to our homelands. The Oneida have persevered in the face of adversity for centuries, and we proudly and passionately continue to protect and preserve our homelands.

The Oneidas, along with the Mohawk, Seneca, Cayuga and Onondaga comprised the original Five Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy that dates back to the 1500s, which later became the Six Nations when the Tuscarora joined in the 1700s. The Iroquois held millions of acres of land in what is now the State of New York, which entered statehood in 1776.

During the Revolutionary War, the Oneida and the Tuscarora supported the colonies and served in General George Washington's army. For this service, our lands were to be protected forever, a promise reflected in the 1794 Treaty of Canandaigua between the Oneida and United States.

The 1784 Treaty of Fort Stanwix was the first treaty between the Oneida and United States that established peace between the Iroquois Confederacy and the colonial states, which operated under the Articles of Confederation at the time. This treaty of peace established the government-to-government relationship between the Oneida Tribe and the United States that continues to exist today.

Through the 1785 Treaty of Fort Herkimer and the 1788 Treaty of Fort Schuyler with the State of New York, the Oneida lost more than 5 million acres of their ancestral homelands to the State of New York.

In 1789, the States ratified the United States Constitution, which declared treaties of the United States to be the law of the land. The United States adopted the Non-Intercourse Act of 1793, which prohibited the purchase of any Indian land by any person or entity without the Federal Government's approval.

In spite of the Non-Intercourse Act, the State of New York continued to enter into a series of land transactions between 1795 and 1846 with the Oneida in direct violation of Federal law. These land transactions continued to deplete the Oneida land holdings in New York until only 32 acres remained in Oneida possession by the 1820s.

During the 1820s, Oneidas relocated to what would become the State of Wisconsin to establish new homelands. The Oneidas purchased 5 million acres of land from the Winnebago and Menominee Tribes for the purpose of preserving sovereignty as a self-governing sovereign nation. This band of Oneidas became recognized as the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, who entered their final treaty with the United States in 1838, 10 years before Wisconsin entered statehood.

The Treaty of 1838 between the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin and the United States established the present day Oneida Reservation boundaries located in northeast Wisconsin and comprised of 65,430 acres. To the present day, the Oneida Reservation has not been diminished or disestablished by an Act of Congress and our reservation boundaries as established by treaty continue to exist under the full force and effect of Federal law and the United States Constitution.

The Dawes Allotment Act of 1887 enacted by Congress was the next challenge of maintaining our homelands. Our lands were divided into individual parcels that resulted in a significant loss of tribal land ownership because our members did not understand the English language and did not understand land taxation.

Consequently, tribal land ownership was reduced to a few thousand acres within the Oneida Reservation boundaries.

The Dawes Allotment Act and the loss of tribal land ownership were ended when Congress passed the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, IRA. The Federal policy of the IRA was to recognize and strengthen the authority and autonomy of tribal governments, and implicit in the recognition of tribal authority is a tribe's right of self-government. The IRA provided the foundation for adopting a tribal constitution that would govern tribal members.

In 1936, the Oneida membership adopted the Oneida Constitution that established an elected governing body for the Oneida membership. Upon adoption of the Oneida Constitution, the United States Federal Government purchased 1,270 acres of land within the Oneida Reservation and placed that land into trust for the benefit of the Oneida Tribe.

Since passage of the IRA, the Oneida Tribe has taken the initiative to actively acquire ownership of land within the Oneida Reservation boundaries, and to provide for its membership through governmental programs and services that meet the needs of the people. More importantly, the Oneida Tribe has strengthened its authority by the adoption, implementation and enforcement of tribal laws. The Oneida Tribe preserves its sovereignty by exercising the inherent right of self-government over our lands and members within the Oneida Reservation boundaries.

Among the most significant of our continuing initiatives is the Oneida Land Claim and the resolution of that claim. The Oneida Land Claim is the oldest and largest land claim in the United States. Oneida has twice prevailed before the Federal courts, most recently in 1985 when the United States Supreme Court recognized the Oneida's rightful claim against the State of New York for its violations of Federal law more than 200 years ago.

The Oneida Tribe entered into treaties with the United States that are recognized as the law of the land under the United States Constitution. Federal law, United States Supreme Court decisions and Federal Indian policy recognize the treaty obligations of the Federal Government to the federally-recognized tribes of the United States. The Oneida treaties also established the government-to-government relationship between the Oneida Tribe and the United States, and form the basis for the Federal trust responsibility that is also recognized by Federal law, United States Supreme Court decisions and Federal Indian policy.

The Oneida Land Claim is deeply intertwined with the history of the United States. We have strived to resolve this claim through continued negotiation and mediation and will continue to do so as a means to protect and preserve our Tribal homelands. The Oneida will continue to act in an honorable manner to resolve the land claim that allows the United States, under the Federal trust responsibility owed to the Oneida Tribe by virtue of our treaties with the United States, to right the wrongs of the past that continue to exist today.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 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. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman GREGG HARPER

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Project Name: Regional Counter-Drug Training Academy—Meridian

Project Amount: \$2,800,000

Account: Operating Forces Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities, Defense

Recipient and Address: MS National Guard, Naval Air Station, 219 Fuller Road, Meridian, Mississippi

Description of Request: The National Guard Bureau identified a Fiscal Year 2009 unfunded requirement of \$24.2M for Counterdrug (CD) Schools. With appropriate funding, CD schools will be better positioned to provide counter narcotics-based training programs critical to domestic law enforcement against narcoterrorism. The RCTA Meridian budget has shown little growth since FY2000, yet the costs associated with training law enforcement officers have increased by approximately 20 percent.

Requesting Member: Congressman GREGG HARPER

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Project Name: On-Board Hybrid Power Unit (OBHPU)

Project Amount: \$1,040,000

Account: Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army

Recipient and Address: Diversified Technology, 476 Highland Colony Parkway, Ridgeland, MS 39157

Description of Request: 2010 funding will ensure the completion of, field-testing, development, integration plan and a training program for the production version of the OBHPU 10 KW system. The Space and Missile Defense Command (SMDC) supports the OBHPU program to provide on-board electric power to deployed radar and missile systems, and is applicable in many other fields.

Requesting Member: Congressman GREGG HARPER

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Project Name: Simulation Based Reliability and Safety (SimBRS) Program

Project Amount: \$4,900,000

Account: Army, Combat Vehicle and Automotive Advanced Technology

Recipient and Address: Mississippi State University, P.O. Box 6301, Mississippi State, MS 39762.

Description of Request: SimBRS engages in synergized research and development experimentally validated cradle-to-grave modeling and simulation capabilities to optimize reliability in vehicular components and systems with consideration of uncertainties in input loads, manufacturing, operations and maintenance, and material properties to decrease weight and cost, and yet increase the performance, durability, and safety of the warfighter. This initiative is a follow-on effort to ongoing Mississippi State University simulation based reliability systems research.

Requesting Member: Congressman GREGG HARPER

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Project Name: VePro—Health Usage Monitoring and Vehicle Prognostics

Project Amount: \$2,880,000

Account: Army, Combat Vehicle and Automotive Advanced Technology

Recipient and Address: nCode International, 200 Research Blvd., Starkville, MS 39759

Description of Request: Better understanding of operational usage severity is critical for vehicle designs to reliably meet needs at minimum cost and weight. VePro will save billions of dollars spent annually on maintaining U.S. Army equipment, improve readiness and reduce danger to soldiers from unexpected vehicle failures. The next stage is to evolve these into scalable, robust cost effective pre-production Vehicle Health Management Systems (VHMS)—technology configuration, manufacturing, assembly and testing for pre-production systems.

Requesting Member: Congressman GREGG HARPER

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Project Name: F-15C AESA Classified Demo

Project Amount: \$8,000,000

Account: Air Force, F-15E Squadrons

Recipient and Address: Raytheon, Forest Consolidated Manufacturing Center, 19859 Highway 80, Forest, MS 39074

Description of Request: Funding will be used for the final year of a 3-year development effort to demonstrate APG-63(V)3 Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) classified capability with a Radar Common Data Link (RCDL). ANG and USAF F-15s are the backbone of forces assigned to perform a significant portion of the Nation's Homeland Defense mission, protecting the United States from attack by an airborne threat. FY10 funding will complete the third and final phase of the 3-year RCDL demonstration program.

Requesting Member: Congressman GREGG HARPER

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Project Name: Silicon Carbide Electronics Material Producibility Initiative

Project Amount: \$2,400,000

Account: Air Force, Advanced Materials for Weapon Systems

Recipient and Address: II-VI Wide Band Gap Materials Group, 201 Research Blvd., Starkville, MS 39759

Description of Request: Funding will be used to develop technology, and establish production capability, along with evaluation and testing of SiC materials and integrated circuits for use in high power, high frequency DoD weapons systems and platforms. Future mission requirements dictate a range of current and next-generation U.S. Military systems requiring critical high frequency and high power components with dramatically enhanced capabilities which are unattainable with current technology.

Requesting Member: Congressman GREGG HARPER

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Project Name: Advanced, Long Endurance Unattended Ground Sensor Technologies

Project Amount: \$3,920,000

Account: Defense-Wide, Special Operations Intelligence Systems Development

Recipient and Address: Mississippi State University, P.O. Box 6301, Mississippi State, MS 39762

Description of Request: A significant challenge in modern military operations is the ability to achieve and maintain real-time battlefield situational awareness. Achieving battlefield situational awareness requires the ability to robustly and persistently monitor the movements of the adversary in near real-time across a wide range of operational environments including foliage, mountainous, and urban terrain. This initiative is a follow-on effort to ongoing Mississippi State University Unattended Ground Sensor (UGS) research and development in support of the U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM).

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY 10 Department of Defense Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Representative CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Project name: Re-establishing Ties: The Road from Warrior to the Community

Account: OM, ARNG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Eggert Crossing Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Description of Request: This funding would be used to help successfully transition returning soldiers back in civilian life through the NJ National Guard's multi-tiered, reintegration program to address the needs of the returning combat veteran. This program includes: PTSD and TBI Screening; Suicide Prevention Efforts; Small Business Restart Assistance; and Counseling Services, among other benefits.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GARFIELD RIDGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Garfield Ridge Chamber of Commerce as it celebrates 50 years of service to the community.

Founded in 1959, the Garfield Ridge Chamber has grown to 100 members who work tirelessly to fully embody its motto, "The Neighborhood that Cares and Shares."

The chamber takes great pride in being an active member of the community, participating each year in the Patriot Day Parade and Annual Pumpkin Parade, providing Christmas decorations along a major thoroughfare in the neighborhood, delivering a business directory to 17,500 homes in the area, and recognizing a police officer, firefighter, and teacher of the year at its annual dinner dance.

The chamber's largest event, in which it takes special pride, is the "Snack with Santa,"

at which children are provided with a gift from Santa, snacks, and a puppet show. This year marks the 26th anniversary of the event, which is extremely popular, attracting over 1,300 attendees.

Throughout the year, chamber members show their commitment to the organization and its role in the community at monthly gatherings featuring speakers who keep business owners informed of new developments and innovations.

Through its dedication to service, the Garfield Ridge Chamber of Commerce has contributed immensely to the larger community. As a proud native of Garfield Ridge, I sincerely offer the chamber's many dedicated members my heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING SHERRI LAWRENCE FOR HER CERTIFICATION BY THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, Sherri Lawrence has been granted certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

Whereas, Sherri Lawrence has sufficiently demonstrated adherence and dedication to the five core propositions of teaching set by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

Whereas, due to her hard work and dedication to her profession, Sherri Lawrence was able to achieve this esteemed honor; and

Whereas, we recognize the values and lessons teachers impart to our children; and

Whereas, the creative ingenuity that Sherri Lawrence has demonstrated while educating her students; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with Ohio's 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Sherri Lawrence for her certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

FIRST RESPONDER ANTI-TERRORISM TRAINING RESOURCES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3978, legislation that would permit the Center for Domestic Preparedness to accept gifts and donations in order to better train our Nation's first responders. As Chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security, I am pleased that the House is considering this legislation today, and I urge my colleagues to support its passage.

Mr. Speaker, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Center for Domestic Preparedness, Center, is the Nation's leading all-hazards first-responder training center. Located in Anniston, Alabama, the Center has