

BAYOU TECHE & VERMILION RIVER, LA

Member requesting funds: CHARLES BOUSTANY Jr., MD (LA-07)

Entity receiving funds: US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance

Purpose: Provide an earmark of \$13,000 for the authorized Bayou Teche & Vermilion River, LA project. The funding will be used for ongoing repairs, debris removal, and operations and maintenance for the Bayou Teche & Vermilion River.

BAYOU TECHE, LA

Member requesting funds: CHARLES BOUSTANY Jr., MD (LA-07)

Entity receiving funds: US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance

Purpose: Provide an earmark of \$194,000 for the authorized Bayou Teche, LA project. Funding will be used for dredging and ongoing operations and maintenance for the Bayou Teche. Activities include surveys of the channel, environmental studies, real estate management, and operate and maintain Keystone Lock.

CALCASIEU RIVER, MILE 5.0-14.0, CAMERON PARISH

Member requesting funds: CHARLES BOUSTANY Jr., MD (LA-07)

Entity receiving funds: US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, CAP 204

Purpose: To provide an earmark prioritizing the Calcasieu River, Mile 5.0-14.0, Cameron Parish project within the Corps CAP 204 program. Funds will be used to complete the design and implementation phase for the beneficial use of dredged materials project along the Calcasieu River. The project provides for the placement of shoal material from the Calcasieu River, Mile 5 to Mile 14, into the Cameron Creole Prairie National Wildlife Refuge. Additional beneficiaries include the Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District and the users of the Calcasieu River Ship Channel.

TOWN OF CARENCRO, LAFAYETTE PARISH, LA

Member requesting funds: CHARLES BOUSTANY Jr., MD (LA-07)

Entity receiving funds: US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, CAP 205

Purpose: To provide an earmark prioritizing the Town of Carencro, Lafayette Parish, LA project within the Corps CAP 205 program. The funds will be used to continue the design and implementation phase for the small flood control project in the Town of Carencro. Additional beneficiaries include the residents of the Town of Carencro.

BAYOU QUEUE DE TORTUE, VERMILION PARISH, LA

Member requesting funds: CHARLES BOUSTANY Jr., MD (LA-07)

Entity receiving funds: US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, CAP 205

Purpose: To provide an earmark prioritizing the Bayou Queue de Tortue, Vermilion Parish,

LA project within the Corps CAP 205 program. The funds will be used to complete the feasibility for a small flood control project in Bayou Queue de Tortue. Additional beneficiaries include the residents of the Town of Gueydan.

HONORING HALL-OF-FAME UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH LUTE OLSON

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Robert Luther "Lute" Olson, the former men's basketball head coach at the University of Arizona.

In his long and illustrious collegiate career Lute Olson amassed a record of 780-280 in 34 seasons, including a 589-187 mark in his time at Arizona. He holds the all-time record for Pac-10 victories with 327. He is also one of only 17 coaches with over 1,000 victories, spanning a career as a high school, junior college, and college head coach.

On March 29, 1983, Coach Olson became the head coach at Arizona after successful runs at Long Beach State and the University of Iowa, the latter of which he guided to the 1979 Big Ten title and the 1980 Final Four. Few could have predicted the meteoric rise of the program he turned around from a 4-24 record in 1983. Just 2 years later, he guided the team to the NCAA tournament and began the Nation's longest active streak for NCAA tournament appearances, currently at 24 consecutive seasons.

Lute Olson transformed the University of Arizona and the Tucson desert into a college basketball oasis. In his 24 seasons he won one national championship, reached 4 Final Fours, and won 11 Pac-10 titles, solidifying the program as a perennial title contender and bringing national prestige to both city and school.

At the top of his game, Coach Olson took the Wildcats on an improbable run to the 1997 national title, including victories over three No. 1 seeds, a feat not achieved before or since. For these accomplishments, he was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame on Sept. 27, 2002.

Lute Olson's successes were not limited to the hardwood. As a high school teacher in Mahanomen, Minnesota, he taught six classes, was head coach of the basketball and football team, and assistant coach on the baseball team. He went to become a junior high counselor in Colorado, high school coach in Southern California and entered the collegiate ranks in 1972.

Along the way, as a teacher and coach, Lute Olson has encouraged students to live healthy, work hard and pursue their dreams. He has inspired and encouraged students across the country, in Tucson, and at the University of Arizona. Many young people have benefited from his guidance and are proud to call him their mentor.

I am pleased to acknowledge and thank Coach Olson for his great leadership and outstanding contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING ALCALDESSA ELIZABETH KEMP

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague, Mike THOMPSON, to recognize Elizabeth Kemp, who has been named the City of Sonoma's 2009 Alcaldessa, or Honorary Mayor.

The title, "Alcalde" or "Alcaldessa" when referring to a woman, is the Spanish word for "Mayor." During the Spanish colonial period in California, the Alcalde was the primary civil authority. In modern times in the City of Sonoma, it is an honorary title and the contemporary Alcalde or Alcaldessa presides over ceremonial events for the city.

Alcaldes and Alcaldessas are nominated by the community and are representative of individuals with a long record of volunteer work. Ms. Kemp is no exception to this rule.

Ms. Kemp attributes her community activism to her early years in London during WW II. That experience led her to be aware of the needs of others and to an understanding that anyone's circumstances can change in a matter of minutes. She emigrated from England when she was 21 and has lived in Sonoma since 1969.

In 2000, Ms. Kemp recognized that many migrant workers had no place to live and were sleeping under bridges. She helped to organize one temporary camp, then joined with Vineyard Workers Services to create two more camps that are open during harvest. She currently serves as President of the Board of Directors of Vineyard Workers Services.

Ms. Kemp initiated the Brown Bagger program in 2004. The program prepares and distributes more than 180 nutritious lunches each week to the homeless and others who are unable to purchase food. This past summer, Ms. Kemp organized a group of volunteers to provide bag lunches to students who normally receive free lunches at school when school is in session and to their younger siblings. As a member of the Board of Directors of Sonoma Overnight Support, Ms. Kemp has also been involved in the development of the first permanent homeless shelter in Sonoma.

And, lest we think her interests are only parochial, Ms. Kemp is an active member of Friends of Turkana, a local group that raises funds for two medical missions in East Africa.

Madam Speaker, Elizabeth Kemp is a beloved and vitally important member of the community and it is appropriate that we acknowledge her today as Sonoma's Alcaldessa for 2009.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL K. CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding Member requested funding that was included as part of H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009.

In the Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources—Rural Water account, \$109,000 for improvements to an irrigation canal in Tom Green County, Texas was included on my behalf. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Tom Green County Water Control Improvement District No. 1, which operates and maintains the canal and can be reached at P.O. Box 488, Veribest, Texas, 76886. The canal is 16 miles long and runs northeast from the city of San Angelo, Texas. The funding will be used to complete repairs and upgrade the canals water control systems to help better distribute and conserve water, as recommended in a 2007 report by the Bureau of Reclamation.

In the Army Corps of Engineers, Investigations account, \$406,000 for a study in the Lower Colorado River Basin of Texas was included on my behalf. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Lower Colorado River Authority which can be reached at P.O. Box 220, Austin, Texas, 78767. The study area is bounded by the Guadalupe, Lavaca, and Colorado-Lavaca river basins on the west, and the Brazos and Brazos-Colorado basins on the east. This study is investigating water resource problems, needs, and opportunities, to determine whether improvements for flood risk management, ecosystem restoration and protection, water quality, water supply and allied purposes have a Federal interest. The funding will be used to complete the Williamson Creek study and continue other interim feasibility studies within the basin.

In the Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance account, \$842,000 for the O. C. Fisher Dam and Lake, Texas was included on my behalf. The entity to receive funding for this project is Army Corps of Engineers Fort Worth District. The project is located in Tom Green County, on the North Concho River, near the City of San Angelo, Texas. The funding will be used to for operations and routine maintenance.

In the Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance account, \$2,000,000 for Proctor Lake, Texas was included on my behalf. The entity to receive funding for this project is Army Corps of Engineers Fort Worth District. The project is located in Comanche County on the Leon River, about eight miles northeast of the city of Comanche, Texas. The funding will be used to for operations, routine maintenance, and to replace and repair piezometers.

In the Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance account, \$1,373,000 for Hords Creek Lake, Texas was included on my behalf. The entity to receive funding for this project is Army Corps of Engineers Fort Worth District. The project is located in Coleman County about 13 miles west of the city of Coleman, Texas. The funding will be used to for operations, routine maintenance, and to upgrade hydraulic pumps and controls for flood gates.

In the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) account funding in the amount of \$206,000 for Animal Fiber Research. The entity to receive funding for this project is Texas A&M University. The project is located at 7887, U.S. Highway 87N, San Angelo, Texas, 76901. The funding will be used to increase profitability of the sheep and goat industries in the United States and Texas while providing U.S. consumers and the military with high-quality ani-

mal fibers and meat at internationally competitive prices. Emphasis will be placed on improving wool quality and increasing wool production and also on multi-state collaborations in which sheep and goats will be used to improve rangeland environments through prescribed grazing of invasive species.

In the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES), Special Research Grants account funding in the amount of \$946,000 for the Center for Food Industry Excellence. The entity to receive funding for this project is Texas Tech University, located in Lubbock, Texas. The funding will be used to conduct systematic development and evaluation of production, processing, and preparation methods of food products (from farm to table) to achieve a safer and more nutritious food supply.

In the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) account, to provide partial funding in the amount of \$693,000 for Center for North American Studies. Funding for this project will go directly to Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. This funding will assist in the continued development of the center. The focus is to further expand activities in education and training, research policy analysis, and cooperative study as related to trade issues.

In the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES), Special Research Grants account, funding in the amount of \$1,730,000 for the International Cotton Center. The entity to receive funding for this project is Texas Tech University, located in Lubbock, Texas. The funding will be used to support several research projects investigating means of increasing the profitability and sustainability of cotton and other natural fiber production through the development of new uses for cotton fiber among others.

In the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) account, funding in the amount of \$3,220,000 for the Efficient Irrigation program (both research and extension arms). The entity to receive funding for this project is Texas A&M University. The funding will be used to provide resources for research, training, education, and technical assistance to agricultural and municipal water system operators, teaching them about irrigation system efficiency and about reducing biological and chemical hazards through alternative treatment of water and wastewater.

In the Agriculture Research Service (ARS) account, to provide partial funding in the amount of \$515,000 for the Great Plains Sorghum Improvement and Utilization Center. Funding for this project will go directly to Kansas State in Manhattan, Kansas. This funding will be used to continue to integrate the efforts among the three institutions to develop a series of multi-institutional and multidisciplinary teams that bring together new technologies and knowledge that focus on improvement of profitability in each stage of sorghum production, processing and marketing.

In the Department of Education, Higher Education account, to provide funding in the amount of \$285,000 for Midland College in Midland, TX for technology upgrades, including purchase of equipment. The funding would be used to for the purchase of new computers, specialized software and multi-media projector equipment as part of the ongoing technology upgrade program. The Advanced

Technology Center (ATC), operated by Midland College, offers a wide range of programs that are used by students from elementary schools, high schools and colleges seeking to learn computer and other technical skills, by workers upgrading their skills to retain their jobs or get new ones, by businesses who are training employees, and by individuals.

In the Department of Education, Higher Education account, to provide funding in the amount of \$95,000 for the Midland Independent School District, located at 615 W. Missouri Ave., Midland, TX for a teacher training initiative in conjunction with Texas Mathworks. Texas Mathworks is a center for mathematics education formed by Texas State University System to develop model programs and self-sustaining learning communities that engage Texas K–12 students in doing mathematics at a high level. Texas Mathworks proves to be an effective model for engaging and retaining students' interest in math and science, enabling teachers to effectively teach it at the highest levels.

In the Department of Education, Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE) account, to provide funding in the amount of \$143,000 for the Wallace Accelerated High School, located at 149 S. Hwy 208, Colorado City, TX, for a charter campus for at-risk students in grades 8–12, including purchase of equipment. The funding will be to support a charter campus for at-risk students in grades 8–12. The campus not only assists students with their educational needs but also in realizing the importance in being a productive citizen within the community and country.

In the Department of Justice, DJP-Byrne Discretionary Grants account, to provide funding in the amount of \$1,200,000 for the Texas State University Train-the-Trainer (ALERTT) program. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERTT) Program at Texas State University-San Marcos, located at 601 University Drive, San Marcos, Texas. Funding will be used to support the ALERTT program, which was established by Texas State University, to provide first responders with the tactics they will need to effectively respond to active shooter situations.

Project funding for the construction of on/off ramps of I–20 for Garfield and Cotton Flat Road in Midland, TX in the amount of \$380,000. The funding will be appropriated from the Interstate Maintenance Discretionary account to the Texas Department of Transportation, 125 East 11th St., Austin, TX 78701. The project is included in the I–20 Corridor Master plan and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Project funding in the amount of \$475,000 to widen the 45 mile section of SH–349 in Martin and Dawson County by two additional lanes as a portion of Trade Corridor 56 designated and funded (1.6 mil) by SAFETEA–LU as a high priority trade corridor. The funding will be appropriated from the Transportation, Community and System Preservation account to the Texas Department of Transportation, 125 East 11th St., Austin, TX 78701. This section of SH–349 is a part of the Ports to Plains Corridor, two National High Priority Corridors and the Texas Trunk System.

Project funding in the amount of \$190,000 for the Economic Development Initiative that will include streetscaping, environmental remediation, infrastructure improvements and demolition of dilapidated buildings of downtown

Midland, TX. The funding will be appropriated from the Economic Development Initiatives account to the City of Midland, City Hall, 300 N. Lorraine, Midland, TX 79701.

Project funding in the amount of \$142,500 for an Economic Development Initiative that will include enhancing an economically depressed area along the North Concho River through downtown San Angelo. The funding will be appropriated from the Economic Development Initiatives account to the City of San Angelo, City Hall, 72 W. College Ave, San Angelo, TX 76903. The City has contributed over \$6 million for the project and continues to contribute through a ½ cent sales tax. The initiative includes improving accessibility multi-use pathways, connecting commercial and residential areas and improving river access, lighting, landscaping and other public spaces along the Concho River and downtown San Angelo.

Project funding in the amount of \$237,500 for construction of a multi-modal terminal that will house customer service centers, administrative offices and development space for the Concho Valley Transit District. The funding will be appropriated from the Buses and Bus Facilities account to The Texas Department of Transportation, 125 East 11th St., Austin, TX 78701. The Texas Department of Transportation has awarded a multi-year \$1.5 million grant to support future development and the project received \$250,000 in FY08. This project has been authorized by SAFETEA-LU.

Project funding in the amount of \$190,000 for preliminary engineering, and construction of a transit authority administration facility to manage 8,500 square miles of regional public transit system. The funding will be appropriated from the Buses and Bus Facilities account to The Texas Department of Transportation, 125 East 11th St., Austin, TX 78701.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congresswoman CANDICE S. MILLER.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Huron County, Michigan Sheriffs Office.

Address of Requesting Entity: 120 S. Heisterman St. Bad Axe, MI 48413.

Description of Request: Funds would be used for law enforcement technologies.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sanilac County, Michigan Sheriffs Office.

Address of Requesting Entity: 65 N. Elk Street, Sandusky, MI 48471.

Description of Request: Funds would be used to replace their current computer system which lacks storage capabilities and is antiquated. The goal is to convert the current system to a Windows platform which would allow for more interoperable connectivity with agencies at the local, state and federal level.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lapeer County Sheriffs Office.

Address of Requesting Entity: 3231 John Conley Dr. Lapeer, MI 48446.

Description of Request: Funds would be used to add Mobile Data Terminals to eight patrol cars.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Small Business Administration—Business Loan Programs.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Macomb County.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 S. Main St. 7th floor, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043.

Description of Request: The funds would be used to provide a variety of much needed programs and services including training such as business plan and marketing writing and assistance. Additionally it would serve businesses and entrepreneurs in Macomb County who currently does not have access to vital services.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Thumb Rural Health Network.

Address of Requesting Entity: 210 S. First St. Harbor Beach, MI 48441.

Description of Request: Funds will be utilized to establish and enhance integrated communications systems for a small network of small, rural critical access hospitals. Funds will be used to purchase equipment, establish a system wide communications and triage network thus cutting down movement between these 5 hospitals located all over Michigan's thumb area.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Higher Education (FIPSE).

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Saint Clair County Community College.

Address of Requesting Entity: 323 Erie St., Port Huron, MI 48061.

Description of Request: This funding would be used to develop a 2 year alternative energy degree.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Higher Education (FIPSE).

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Macomb County Community College.

Address of Requesting Entity: 14500 E. Twelve Mile Road, Warren, MI 48088.

Description of Request: The funding would be used to develop a comprehensive 2 year alternative energy degree.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Investigations.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: South-eastern Michigan Council of Governments.

Address of Requesting Entity: 535 Griswold St. Ste. 300 Detroit, MI 48226.

Description of Request: The funding would be used to establish a partnership of federal, State of Michigan and local agencies to guide the implementation of the Lake St. Clair Management Plan. Funds would also be used to develop a strategic implementation plan that will guide the Army Corps in its implementation of the Management plan. Both activities are a requirement of Section 3089 of the 2007 Water Resources Development Act.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: O&M.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers.

Address of Requesting Entity: 477 Michigan Ave. Detroit, MI 48226.

Description of Request: The funding would be used for dredging channels in Lake St. Clair.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: O&M.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers.

Address of Requesting Entity: 477 Michigan Ave. Detroit, MI 48226.

Description of Request: The funding would be used for dredging Caseville harbor.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: O&M.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers.

Address of Requesting Entity: 477 Michigan Ave. Detroit, MI 48226.

Description of Request: The funding would be used for dredging the Clinton River.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 477 Michigan Ave. Detroit, MI 48226

Description of Request: The funding would be used for dredging Lexington Harbor

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 477 Michigan Ave. Detroit, MI 48226

Description of Request: The funding would be used for dredging Port Austin Harbor

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 477 Michigan Ave. Detroit, MI 48226

Description of Request: The funding would be used for dredging Port Sanilac Harbor

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 477 Michigan Ave. Detroit, MI 48226

Description of Request: The funding would be used for dredging the St. Clair River

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: EERE-Building Technologies

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. Clair County Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 323 Erie St. Port Huron, MI 48061

Description of Request: This funding would be used for infrastructure to match and accommodate a developing curriculum regarding alternative energies.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: TCSP Transportation and Community and System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of Sanilac

Address of Requesting Entity: 60 W. Sanilac Rd. Sanilac County Courthouse, Room 214, Sandusky, MI 48471

Description of Request: The funding would be used for a bike path between Lexington and Port Sanilac

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: AIP—Airport Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Sandusky