

TRIBUTE TO MR. IRA C. CLARK

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the late Mr. Ira C. Clark, a beloved community leader, public servant and champion of health care in my district, who recently passed away after a long and arduous battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Mr. Clark, a native of New Jersey raised by his mother a teacher and his father a taxi cab driver, served as the president and CEO of Public Health/Jackson Memorial Hospital for 15 years. As Jackson Memorial Hospital's first black president and as a result of his extraordinary accomplishments, he became one of the most powerful minority executives in South Florida.

Having dedicated his tenure at Jackson Memorial Hospital to the development of innovative healthcare programs, Mr. Clark constantly strove to provide accessibility to the highest quality medical care for the disenfranchised and destitute families of South Florida.

Mr. Clark's efforts led to the introduction of The Jackson Health System, which provides a corporate identity for the official framework governing a system now composed of 12 primary care centers, two medical long-term facilities, four school based clinics, a maternity hospital, and a community hospital all dedicated to providing exceptional standards of medical care. Moreover, Mr. Clark spearheaded the creation of the Ryder Trauma Center, as well as the Taylor Breast Health Center and the Diagnostic Treatment Center.

Among Mr. Clark's remarkable achievements, his greatest was securing a half-penny sales tax approved by Miami-Dade County residents to raise funds for Jackson Memorial Hospital. In his 1991 Miami Herald op-ed piece, Mr. Clark stated, "Jackson Memorial Hospital is starving. It desperately needs resources in its battle against children's diseases, trauma, AIDS, and the health problems of Dade County's neediest people. Jackson needs a dependable, non political source of funding. The half-penny sales tax is a step in the right direction." Mr. Clark's dedication to the betterment of Florida's Medicaid system and quality services to both rich and poor, AIDS patients and trauma victims remained strong throughout the tenure of his professional career.

Following his retirement, Mr. Clark offered a self-assessment to the Miami Times: "There's no question that Jackson Memorial Hospital today has come a long way under my leadership. I arrived in 1987 focused on issues related to funding and overcrowding. I sought out to secure a steady source funding to fix the hospital's financial problems and decompress the main hospital. I brought with me an unquestionable passion and commitment to single high standard of care that has remained the trademark of my leadership."

Madam Speaker, I ask you and all the members of this esteemed legislative body to join me in recognizing the extraordinary life and accomplishments of Mr. Ira C. Clark. I commend him for his service to the South Florida community and the healthcare system, and I appreciate this opportunity to pay tribute to him before the United States House of Representatives.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, The FY 09 Omnibus Appropriation Act:

1. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Agriculture, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Western Center for Food Safety: The FDA Western Center for Food Safety is a proposed cooperative partnership between FDA, the Western Institute for Food Safety and Security (WIFSS), and the University of California at Davis that will enhance FDA's critical food safety and food defense mission by building collaborative links between FDA scientists and WIFSS/UC Davis' established programs in food safety research, higher education, food defense, and on-farm training of safe food production practices. Funding the FDA Western Center for Food Safety at UC Davis is an excellent opportunity to strengthen all aspects of food safety and defense for United States consumers.

Grantee Legal Name: University of California at Davis.

Grantee Address: One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616.

Local Contact Name/Title: Marjorie M. Dickenson, Assistant Vice Chancellor.

Federal Nexus of Project: Currently, the FDA Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition has three well-established Centers of Excellence addressing other components of food safety: the Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (www.jifsan.umd.edu), at the University of Maryland; the National Center for Food Safety and Technology (www.foodsafety.iit.edu/food_safety.htm) near Chicago; and the National Center for Natural Products Research, at the University of Mississippi (<http://www.olemiss.edu/idepts/ncnpr>). Our proposed FDA Western Center for Food Safety will complement these affiliated organizations by providing FDA with strong technical and scientific support for pre- and post-harvest food safety, microbial and chemical detection and food defense research, technology transfer to the agricultural sector, and on-farm training and outreach to plant and animal agricultural producers that comprise our expansive food production systems of California and the Western United States.

(\$1,399,000).

2. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Commerce, Folsom Emergency Operations Center: This project will expand the crucial capabilities of the Folsom EOC to function for both the City of Folsom and as the Alternative County Site. Best practices highlight the importance of having redundant emergency management capacity to ensure a balanced strategy for handling emergencies.

Grantee Legal Name: City of Folsom, CA.

Grantee Address: 50 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630.

Federal Nexus of Project: Homeland security is a stated top priority for the Administration and Congress. The Folsom EOC is a vital local, regional, and national link in our country's homeland security strategy and efforts.

Folsom is uniquely situated in Northern California and the western United States in terms of needs and capabilities to provide top level EOC facilities. The Folsom Lake Dam is the primary flood control facility for the Sacramento region as well as a primary electricity producer. The City of Folsom is uniquely situated as a gatekeeper to the security of the state capital in Sacramento, the greater western United States for management of the two major power grid control centers (ISO and WAPA) and the home of one of Intel's major facilities, employing over 6500 citizens. The City of Folsom is the first responder to the Dam, WAPA, ISO and important regional and national employers.

(\$500,000).

3. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Energy & Water, New Bridge Below Folsom Dam—Additional Authorization: This additional authorization will permit funding that would be used to cover engineering, design, and construction of the new bridge below Folsom Dam as authorized in the Fiscal Year 2004 Energy & Water Appropriations Bill. Due to changes in the engineering on the part of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, this additional authorization would be commensurate with the funding necessary for project completion.

Language: "The bill includes language increasing the cost ceiling for the Folsom, California Bridge."

Grantee Legal Name: City of Folsom, CA.

Grantee Address: 50 Natoma Street; Folsom, CA 95630.

Federal Nexus of Project: United States Army Corps of Engineers.

4. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Energy & Water, New Bridge Below Folsom Dam. The funding would be used to cover engineering, design, and construction of the new bridge below Folsom Dam as authorized in the Fiscal Year 2004 Energy & Water Appropriations Bill. Due to changes in the engineering on the part of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, additional authorization commensurate with this funding request is necessary.

Grantee Legal Name: City of Folsom, CA.

Grantee Address: 50 Natoma Street; Folsom, CA 95630.

Federal Nexus of Project: Army Corps of Engineers.

(\$1,000,000).

5. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Energy & Water, Folsom Dam Outlet Modifications: The funding would be used to develop and evaluate feasible alternatives to the Corps outlet modifications design. The partners have selected an integrated design which would include a gated auxiliary spillway in place of the river outlet gate enlargement.

Grantee Legal Name: City of Folsom, CA.

Grantee Address: 50 Natoma Street; Folsom, CA 95630.

Federal Nexus of Project: Army Corps of Engineers.

(\$9,000,000).

6. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Energy & Water, Folsom Dam Raise (American River Plan): The funding would be used to continue coordinated design of the Folsom Dam Raise Project as part of the integrated Joint Federal Project.

Grantee Legal Name: City of Folsom, CA.

Grantee Address: 50 Natoma Street; Folsom, CA 95630.

Federal Nexus of Project: Army Corps of Engineers.

(\$1,000,000).

7. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Energy & Water, Calaveras—Cosgrove Creek Flood Control Project. This project will target one of the most flood-prone areas of Calaveras County, and is needed to protect lives and property in the communities of Valley Springs, La Contenta, and Rancho Calaveras.

Grantee Legal Name: County of Calaveras.
Grantee Address: 891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA 95249.

Federal Nexus of Project: Army Corps of Engineers. Cosgrove Creek is a tributary to the Calaveras River, a navigable water. Calaveras County is designated by FEMA as eligible for Federal assistance for severe storms and flooding.

Priority U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Project Under Section 205: Emergency Streambank and Shoreline Protection.

8. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Energy & Water, American River Common Features: The funding would be used for design and construction of the remaining improvements identified in WRDA 96 and WRDA 99 which includes levee widening near Jacobs Lane, levee raising between Howe Avenue and Watt Avenue, levee strengthening near the confluence of the Natomas East Main Drainage Canal/American River, addressing seepage around utilities, and for continued work on the American River Common Features General Re-evaluation Report.

Grantee Legal Name: Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency.

Grantee Address: 1007 7th St., 7th Floor, Sacramento, CA 98514.

Local Contact Name/Title/Phone: Stein Buer, Executive Director, 916-874-7606.

Federal Nexus of Project: Authorization—Section 101(a) WRDA 1996 (P.L. 104-303), as modified by Section 366 of WRDA 1999 (P.L. 106-53), as further modified by Section 129 of P.L. 108-137, the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill of 2004.

(\$13,000,000).

9. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Energy & Water, South Sacramento Streams Group: The funding would be used to extend the project upstream along Elder Creek, Unionhouse Creek and construct levee improvements to 3300-feet of railroad embankment protecting several hundred homes. In addition, design efforts will continue so that construction can occur in 2010 further reducing flood risk to residences along the various streams.

Grantee Legal Name: Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency.

Grantee Address: 1007 7th St., 7th Floor, Sacramento, CA 98514.

Local Contact Name/Title/Phone: Stein Buer, Executive Director, 916-874-7606.

Federal Nexus of Project: Authorization—Section 101(a)(8) WRDA 1999, P.L. 106-53. (\$12,000,000).

10. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Energy & Water, Sacramento River Bank Protection Project: The funding would be used to allow 5,000-7,000 feet of bank to be protected along the Sacramento River reducing flood risk to the area. Unless continued corrective measures are taken, levee failures may occur with resultant catastrophic damage and possible loss of many lives.

Grantee Legal Name: Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency.

Grantee Address: 1007 7th St., 7th Floor; Sacramento, CA 98514.

Local Contact Name/Title/Phone: Stein Buer, Executive Director, 916-874-7606.

Federal Nexus of Project: Authorization—Flood Control Act of 1960 (P.L. 86-645), The River Basin Monetary Authorization Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-251), and Joint Resolution of Congress in 1983 (P.L. 97-377).

(\$22,967,000).

11. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Interior & Environment, City of Galt Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Upgrade: The City of Galt is required to upgrade treatment levels (no expansion of capacity) for five constituents and to meet new limits for an additional 14 constituents to comply with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the WWTP. The existing WWTP was not designed to meet most of the new standards, and therefore must be upgraded. The City must comply with the new requirements in the NPDES permit by May 2010 or face significant monthly fines.

Grantee Legal Name: City of Galt.

Grantee Address: 495 Industrial Drive Galt, CA 95632.

Local Contact Name/Title/Phone: Gregg L. Halladay, P.E./Director of Public Works / (209) 366-7260.

Federal Nexus of Project: The City of Galt is being forced to upgrade their existing wastewater treatment facility as a result of increased Federal water quality mandates. Therefore, the City is requesting Federal funds to help offset the high costs of design and construction of the improvements required to upgrade the existing wastewater treatment facility to comply with these Federal water quality mandates.

(\$275,000).

12. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Transportation & HUD, Amador County State Route 88 Pine Grove Corridor Improvement Project: The purpose of this project is to construct highway widening or a bypass through or around the community of Pine Grove. State Route 88 is the major corridor providing access through Amador County to the Eldorado National Forest, Mokelumne Wilderness areas and the Toiyabe National Forest.

Grantee Legal Name: Amador County Transportation Commission.

Grantee Address: 11400 American Legion Drive, Jackson, CA 95642.

Local Contact Name/Title/Phone: Charles Field, Executive Director (209) 267-2282.

Federal Nexus of Project: Funding under the Public Lands Highways Program is available "for transportation planning, research, engineering, and construction of the highways . . . within, adjacent to, or provides access to" Federal lands or facilities." State Route 88 is the major corridor providing access through Amador County to the Eldorado National Forest, Mokelumne Wilderness areas and the Toiyabe National Forest. In addition, an increasing amount of traffic is accessing Kirkwood Ski Resort, which operates in conjunction with the USFS.

(\$180,500).

13. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Transportation & HUD, Citrus Heights—Infrastructure Reinvestment for Federal ADA Compliance: Disability access is limited in several identified locations throughout the City, and the City has been and continues to be the subject of lawsuits from advocates in the disability rights community. This funding will cover the cost of new ADA-compliant infrastructure.

Grantee Legal Name: City of Citrus Heights.
Grantee Address: 6237 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621.

Federal Nexus of Project: Federal ADA Compliance.

(\$142,500).

14. Daniel E. Lungren, H.R. 1105, Transportation & HUD, Rancho Cordova—International Drive Extension/Folsom South Canal Bridge: The International Drive Extension and Folsom South Canal Bridge project will construct a new six-lane extension of International Drive from Kilgore Road to Sunrise Boulevard. The waterway creates a barrier that cuts the City in half from north to south.

Grantee Legal Name: City of Rancho Cordova.

Grantee Address: 2729 Prospect Park Drive; Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

Federal Nexus of Project: There is a strong federal nexus for this appropriations request. A major obstacle for the road extension is the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Folsom South Canal. The waterway creates a barrier that cuts the City in half from north to south. Federal funds are requested as mitigation to this federally-owned obstruction that restricts access to job centers, education, shopping, and public transit. This project will allow all members of the community—regardless of what portion of Rancho Cordova they live in—the opportunity to cross the Folsom South Canal barrier at International Drive and gain access to opportunities on both sides of the canal.

(\$237,500).¹

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN BRADY, Texas 8th Congressional District
Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Project: Sam Rayburn Lake Twin Dikes Operations & Maintenance

Account: U.S. Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance

Requesting Entity: U.S. Corps of Engineers, Ft. Worth District

Address of Requesting Entity: 819 Taylor Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102

This is the second year I've requested funding to repair the Twin Dikes Park marine launching complex since its collapse due to Hurricane Rita, erosion, and excessive wave action. Unfortunately, the Corps has a backlog of maintenance on some of the most widely used recreational facilities at Lake Sam Rayburn. In addition to this project, I continue to support the U.S. Corps of Engineers annual request for funding to operate and maintain the lakes, and other water resources of East and Southeast Texas.

The \$6,138,000 included in this bill for this project will be allocated to perform annual operations and maintenance of the Sam Rayburn