

Requesting Entity: RE Water at 320 Northwest St. West Salem, IL 62476.

Funding would be used to expand service to rural water customers in Richland County.

The Account: Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, Higher Education.

Requesting Entity: Southeastern Illinois College, 3575 College Road in Harrisburg, IL 62946.

Funding to purchase materials to set up a new training program for students in mining and mining safety measures.

The Account: Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, Higher Education.

Requesting Entity: Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, University Park Drive in Edwardsville, IL 62046.

The funding would be used to purchase advanced fabrication, analytical, and processing equipment to enhance SIAM capabilities.

The Account: Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, Federal Highway Administration.

Requesting Entity: Illinois Department of Transportation, 2300 S. Dirksen Parkway in Springfield, IL.

The funding would be used for the design, engineering, land acquisition and planning of the Godfrey Crosstown Connector project in conjunction with US67.

The Account: Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, Federal Highway Administration.

Requesting Entity: Illinois Department of Transportation, 2300 S. Dirksen Parkway in Springfield, IL.

The funding would be used for the design, engineering, land acquisition, and planning for expansion of Rt 162 from Maryville toward Troy, IL.

The Account: Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, Federal Highway Administration.

Requesting Entity: Illinois Department of Transportation, 2300 S. Dirksen Parkway in Springfield, IL.

The funding would be used for the resurfacing and the expansion of Mt. Erie-Golden Gate Road in Wayne County.

The Account: Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, EDI.

Requesting Entity: Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, IL.

The funding would be used in the renovation of the Tinsley Project for upcoming Lincoln Bicentennial. The Tinsley project needs to be overhauled to be historically accurate.

The Account: Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, EDI.

Requesting Entity: Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission at 200 S. 9th St in Springfield, Illinois.

The funding would be used to institute a redevelopment plan for Macarthur Blvd between 172 and S. Grand.

LEONARD ABESS, JR.

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Leonard Abess, Jr. a

Miami, Florida banker who openhandedly and unselfishly took \$60 million out of his own pocket to give bonuses to former employees and the current staff on the payroll at City National Bank of Florida to thank them for their years of service.

Current chairman and CEO of City National Bank of Florida, Mr. Abess made the decision after selling a majority stake in Miami-based City National Bancshares in November 2008. He took \$60 million of the proceeds and gave it to his tellers, bookkeepers and clerks. All 399 workers on the staff received bonuses. Additionally, Mr. Abess tracked down 72 former employees so they could share in the windfall. Some longtime employees received bonuses based on years of service which amounted to tens of thousands of dollars, in some cases more than \$100,000.

In April 2008, Mr. Abess announced that Caja Madrid, the second-largest bank in Spain, was buying City National for \$1 billion. With more than \$2.75 billion in assets, City National ranked among the largest community banks in the country and was one of the few remaining independent banks in Florida.

When Abess said, "We want to be the biggest bank in Florida . . . I'm not walking away from my customers or employees,"—he kept his word. The deal would allow Mr. Abess to continue to run the bank and retain his title, as well as a 17 percent stake. Most importantly, local City National offices did not close and were not sold off.

Mr. Abess' selfless generosity proved that although we are currently in an era of economic downfalls, unethical behavior and corporate conspiracy, one can still stand strong on their own charitable, altruistic morality. Now, Mr. Abess will receive a prized bonus of his own when he will have the opportunity to watch President Barack Obama's speech to a joint session of Congress from First Lady Michelle Obama's box on February 23, 2009. Ms. Geneva Lawson, a 51 year employee at City National Bank of Florida, will also accompany Mr. Abess to see history in the making.

It is an honor to have the privilege to recognize this valued leader before the United States House of Representatives. I salute Mr. Leonard Abess, Jr. on behalf of his selfless deed and great acts of gratitude, and believe that all Americans can learn from his benevolence, commitment and passion. I wish him every happiness and success.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF KOREAN AMBASSADOR TAE-SIK LEE

HON. ENI F. H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and bid farewell to my friend, Ambassador Tae-Sik Lee, who since 2005 has represented his country, the Republic of Korea, in Washington.

Ambassador Lee first served as a diplomat in Washington in the early 1980s and later earned a degree from the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University. After serving in numerous posts in Seoul and other world capitals, his return to Washington nearly four years ago was in many ways a homecoming.

While I would like to dwell on Ambassador Lee's series of distinguished positions in service to his country—Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ambassador to the Court of St. James in London, Ambassador to Israel, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Director-General of the International Trade Bureau and Deputy Executive Director of Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization—the limited time I have will not do justice to his distinguished service. However, I wish to point that during his tenure as Ambassador to the United States, the alliance of our two countries has grown stronger and deeper.

For instance, in 2007, the United States and South Korea signed a Free Trade Agreement that will result in significant, measurable benefits to businesses, workers, and consumers in both of our countries.

Last November, Korea successfully joined the Visa Waiver Program, which makes travel between Korea and the United States much easier for tourists, business leaders, family members, students, and others.

Additionally, by an act of Congress, Korea's Foreign Military Sales status was elevated to the equivalent of NATO+3. This change in status will have a positive impact both in terms of military readiness and enhanced interoperability of our two countries' armed forces.

Throughout Ambassador Lee's time in Washington, South Korea and the United States have remained steadfast in efforts to solve the North Korean nuclear problem and to ensure continued peace, stability, and prosperity in the Northeast Asia region. Ambassador Lee also skillfully managed often vexing and sensitive historical issues ranging from "Comfort Women" to the Dokdo Islands.

Also during Ambassador Lee's tenure, the Congress passed resolutions that included celebrating the U.S.-Korea alliance, welcoming President Myung-Bak Lee to Washington in April 2007 and calling for justice on the "Comfort Women" issue. All these important accomplishments underscore Ambassador Lee's thoughtful diplomacy and willingness to engage Members of Congress, no matter how challenging the issue at hand.

Ambassador Lee did not limit his work to our nation's capital. He often traveled throughout the United States and, on many occasions, spoke to groups of American veterans of the Korean War, offering the gratitude of his people and thanking them personally for their service and sacrifice.

The strong friendship between the United States and the Republic of Korea has been immeasurably enhanced by the professionalism, cordiality, intelligence and friendship of Ambassador Lee.

Madam Speaker, while Ambassador Lee goes on to new responsibilities and new experiences, I ask that my colleagues join with me to offer our thanks and congratulations as we bid the Ambassador a fond farewell. We wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information in regards to H.R. 1105, the Consolidated Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009.

Project Name: Route 67 Poplar Bluff Industrial Park Bypass.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Transportation & Community & System Preservation.

Requesting Entity: Missouri Department of Transportation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 105 West Capitol, P.O. Box 270 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0270.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$665,000 to construct of a new bypass and acquire right of way access to improve the roadway safety conditions and congestion at the Poplar Bluff Industrial Park on Route 67. The State of Missouri will provide a 20% match. All federal funds received will be spent on the Poplar Bluff Industrial Bypass and will not be transferred to another project.

Project Name: Route 160 in Taney County, Missouri Safety Improvements.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Transportation & Community & System Preservation.

Requesting Entity: Missouri Department of Transportation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 105 West Capitol, P.O. Box 270 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0270.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$665,000 for improvements to the design of Route 160 in Taney County, Missouri. The earmark will also address safety conditions along this dangerous stretch of roadway. The State of Missouri will provide 20% to match the federal contribution. All federal funds received will be spent on safety and roadway improvements on Route 160 in Taney County, Missouri and will not be transferred to another project.

Project Name: Chester Bridge in Perry County, Missouri Bridge Repair.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Transportation & Community & System Preservation.

Requesting Entity: Missouri Department of Transportation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 105 West Capitol, P.O. Box 270 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0270.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$475,000 to rehabilitate the Chester Bridge which traverses the Mississippi River from Perry County, Missouri to Randolph County, Illinois. The bridge is vital to the region's transportation needs. The State of Missouri will provide 20% to match the federal contribution. All federal funds received will be spent on rehabilitation of the Chester Bridge and will not be transferred to another project.

Project Name: Farmington Airport Parallel Taxi-way.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Airport Improvement Program.

Requesting Entity: Missouri Department of Transportation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 105 West Capitol, P.O. Box 270 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0270.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$855,000 for the construction of a taxi-way parallel to the main runway. The funds would also be used towards the reconstruction of the

airport terminal to address the needs of general and corporate aviation. The State of Missouri will provide 10% to match the federal contribution. All federal funds received will be spent on the construction of a taxi-way and rebuilding a terminal. These funds will not be transferred to another project.

Project Name: Route 63 Phelps, Maries, Osage Counties.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: Transportation, Community, and System Preservation.

Requesting Entity: Missouri Department of Transportation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 105 West Capitol, P.O. Box 270 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0270.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$332,500 for right of way improvements and an environmental study to the narrow portion of Route 63 in Phelps, Maries, and Osage Counties. This project with improve the overall safety of the roadway. The State of Missouri will provide 20% to match the federal contribution. All federal funds received will be spent on right of way improvements and an environmental study. None of these funds will be transferred to another project.

Project Name: BJC Mental Health for Youth Offenders.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: OJP—Juvenile Justice.

Requesting Entity: BJC Behavioral Health.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1085 Maple Street, Farmington, Missouri 63450.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$900,000 for a program that will target offenders under the age of 18 that are in need of mental health services. The program will serve the Missouri counties of St. Francois and Washington. The \$900,000 will be used for operations cost to start up the program, including nurses, social workers, psychiatrists, and other mental health professionals. BJC will provide support to state and local governments, therefore no match is required.

Project Name: Mineral Area Drug Task Force.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: COPS-Meth.

Requesting Entity: City of Leadington, Missouri.

Address of Requesting Entity: 12 Weir Street, Leadington, Missouri 63601.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$205,000 to assist with funding Mineral Area Drug Task Force's enforcement efforts in locating, dismantling, and reducing the number of methamphetamine laboratories within the area of their operation. Approximately \$93,800 is for the purchase of equipment to assist officers in their investigations, \$60,600 is for overtime for officers assigned to methamphetamine investigations, \$36,100 is for office and field supplies to assist officers in the preparation of reports and to provide supplies to facilitate the processing of clandestine labs, and \$14,500 is for travel and training to equip officers with the knowledge to efficiently perform their duties.

Project Name: Visual Intelligence Tool for Southern Missouri.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: COPS-Law Enforcement Technology.

Requesting Entity: Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Council.

Address of Requesting Entity: 3019 Fair Street, Poplar Bluff, Missouri 63901.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark for the Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Council for \$1,030,000 project for the following counties of the 8th Congressional District to acquire and greatly benefit from availability of a Law Enforcement Visual Tool: Ripley, Wayne, Carter, Wright, and Texas. Federal, state, and local agencies will have a common tool to jointly manage emergencies. The project enhances public safety and officer safety by placing sophisticated geospatial intelligence information in the hands of emergency responders. The funding would be used as follows: \$50,000 for project administration, \$800,875 for image libraries, and \$180,000 for installation, training and customer support.

Project Name: South Central Drug Task Force.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: COPS-Meth.

Requesting Entity: Howell County, Missouri.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1106 Missouri Avenue, West Plains, Missouri 65775.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$250,000 for the South Central Drug Task Force to enhance drug enforcement in project area. South Central Drug Task Force is a multi-jurisdictional drug enforcement task force comprised of federal, state, and local law enforcement officers. Funds will be spend as follows: approximately \$50,000 in overtime funding for existing narcotics officers; \$122,500 for technical surveillance and reporting equipment; \$65,000 for civilian personnel/Intel analyst; and \$12,500 for supplies.

Project Name: City of East Prairie, Missouri Stormwater and Sewer Infrastructure.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project.

Requesting Entity: City of East Prairie, Missouri.

Address of Requesting Entity: 219 N. Washington St., East Prairie, Missouri, 63845-1141.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark in the amount of \$200,000 to rebuild East Prairie, Missouri's wastewater and storm water infrastructure. The existing 83-year-old water infrastructure is crumbling under the streets due to sinkholes which have plagued the community. The sinkholes are destroying box culverts, which is posing a threat to streets and houses in East Prairie. The money procured will pay for engineering design and engineering inspection for new storm water sewers. A minimum of 45% of the total project cost will come directly from the City of East Prairie, Missouri.

Project Name: City of Hartville Water and Wastewater repairs.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project.

Requesting Entity: City of Hartville, Missouri.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 37, Hartville, Missouri, 65667.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$138,000 to make public health related improvements to the city's wastewater collection system. The existing water infrastructure in Hartville is aging and too small to address the needs of the community. The funds will pay for a new force main and bore, new gravity sewer piping, and a new duplex lift station with redundant power. A minimum of 45% of the total project cost will come directly from the City of Hartville.

Project Name: Mark Twain National Forest Meth Prevention.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: National Forest System.

Requesting Entity: Howell County, Missouri.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1106 Missouri Avenue, West Plains, Missouri 65775.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$492,000 to enhance methamphetamine prevention and enforcement efforts on Mark Twain National Forest. Approximately \$300,000 directed toward cooperative law enforcement (CLE) agreements; \$125,000 for assigned Forest Service salary/fringe; and \$67,000 for vehicle, travel, supply, and support of assigned Forest Service personnel. Cooperative law enforcement agreements allow for needed funding and resources required of rural Missouri law enforcement agencies for improved communication, intelligence sharing, and interagency coordination regarding drug prevention and enforcement efforts within the proclamation boundaries of the Mark Twain National Forest. Cooperative efforts with the following counties agencies have proven successful in the past and remain a high priority for drug enforcement efforts in the Mark Twain National Forest: Barry, Carter, Christian, Douglas, Iron, Madison, Oregon, Ozark, Phelps, Reynolds, Ripley, Shannon, Stone, Taney, Texas, Washington, and Wayne Counties; and South Central Drug Task Force, a multi-jurisdictional drug task force covering roughly the same area.

Project Name: Missouri Bootheel Regional Consortium, Portageville, MO for the Fatherhood First program.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Missouri Bootheel Regional Consortium.

Address of Requesting Entity: 46 State Hwy. 162 East, Portageville, MO 63873.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$476,000 for the expansion of The Fatherhood First Program to allow additional families in the Missouri Bootheel region access to important services for fathers and families. Education and Intervention activities will focus on many areas of skill development, job readiness, communication, conflict management, child abuse and neglect, and substance abuse.

Project Name: SEMO University Entrepreneurship Training and Workforce Development.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southeast Missouri State University.

Address of Requesting Entity: One University Plaza, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for Entrepreneurship Training Workforce Development and to expand programs that will finance training exercises and conferences coordinated and executed by new economic and workforce development specialists.

Project Name: Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, MO for technology upgrades.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southeast Missouri State University.

Address of Requesting Entity: One University Plaza, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$333,000 to expand the services of Kent Library into a modern Information Commons concept and to link the same technical and support services that this renovation will provide to the students, faculty, and staff on the main campus to the students and faculty on the River Campus, four regional campuses

and the community within the University's service region.

Project Name: Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, MO for a mobile health unit initiative.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southeast Missouri State University.

Address of Requesting Entity: One University Plaza, MS 1900: Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$381,000 for the Southeast Health on Wheels (SHOW) Mobile Program. The SHOW Mobile initiative is a health literacy, health promotional and disease prevention, and primary health and dental care program designed to serve Southeast Missouri. The program is administered by the College of Health and Human Services of Southeast Missouri State University.

Project Name: Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center, East Prairie, MO for programs to assist at-risk youth and their families.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 207 N. Washington St., Box 249, East Prairie, MO 63845.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$238,000 for the Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center's Positive Alternative System Strategies to Work, or "Pass to Work," program will provide families with activities designed to emphasize good academic and healthy physical performance for at-risk children. In addition, this program will offer employment training, career counseling, and health behavior advice.