

Description of Request: I received an earmark of \$381,000 for the Brain Health and Repair Project at the University of Texas at Dallas which involves a unique multi-disciplinary collaboration among a talented team of scientists with expertise ranging from cognitive neuroscience, neurology, biomedical engineering, brain imaging, to those advancing brain repair treatments. The Brain Health and Repair Project takes a comprehensive approach to address some of the most pressing public health issues related to brain health. New evidence from brain science reveals that more can be done to prevent and detect injuries, as well as to repair the brain than modern medicine thought possible only a few years ago. UT Dallas has the largest number of cognitive brain scientists in Texas with specific expertise focused on advancing sensitive measurements of lasting impact of Traumatic Brain Injury on cognition, social, and brain function and developing effective methods to repair the brain given appropriate type, levels and intensity of stimulation.

MRS. IRENE DAY-COMER

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 25, 2009*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take this time to remember one of Northwest Indiana's most talented and most admired citizens, Irene Day-Comer. An extraordinary soloist, Irene's serene vocals touched the hearts and lifted the spirits of countless residents of Northwest Indiana and beyond, and through her remarkable gift, she served her community in a way that very few people can. Unfortunately, Mrs. Day-Comer passed away on Monday, February 2, 2009, at the age of 86, but her music will forever remain in the hearts and spirits of those fortunate enough to have heard her sing.

Born in the rural farming community of Marks, Mississippi, Irene's family, like many African American families at the time, fled the South in search of better opportunities in more industrialized areas of the country. After arriving in Northwest Indiana, Irene's family made their home in East Chicago, Indiana. Born into a family of deep spiritual faith and religious conviction, it was at Antioch Baptist Church in East Chicago where Mrs. Day-Comer's extraordinary gift and love for sacred music would emerge. At Antioch, she was a member of the Junior Red Circle and Baptist Training Circle and was active in various choirs and ensembles. During her younger years, Irene attended Columbus Elementary School and Washington High School, where she was a member of the highly esteemed Paul Robeson Glee Club. Encouraged by her mentor and pastor, the late Dr. Vincent McCutcheon, Mrs. Day-Comer went on to study at the Moody Bible Institute and the American Baptist Theological Seminary Extension in Chicago.

By the age of eight years old, Irene's passion for music and unquestionable talent was already clear to those who heard her pristine voice. This passion would carry on to her adult life, where she would continue to serve her community through her songs of faith, hope, and inspiration. She gained acclaim from the likes of Oprah Winfrey, who heard her sing

after speaking at Antioch in 1981. After this, Reverend McCutcheon and a group of local churches were able to raise enough funds for Irene and pianist, Marilyn Hairston, to record her historic debut album, *Irene Day—He's Everywhere*, in 1982. This outstanding compilation of sacred songs allowed even more people the joyous opportunity to hear her exceptional voice, and after being re-released in 2002 in the wake of the tragedy of September 11, an entirely new generation was introduced to her uplifting spirit.

A woman whose life and talent spread far beyond the borders of Northwest Indiana, Mrs. Day-Comer received many accolades for her artistry and her service to the community. In 1982, Irene was honored by the City of East Chicago for her contributions to the community, and July 8 was proclaimed Irene Day Day. In 1985, she was recipient of the prestigious Monroe-Master Dedication Commission Award bestowed by the African Methodist Episcopal Church for her efforts to aid and inspire others. Irene was also honored nationally in 1982 following the release of her album with commendations from the Congressional Black Caucus, the late Congressman Adam Benjamin, Jr., Senator Richard Lugar, and former Vice President Dan Quayle.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring a great American artist and citizen, Mrs. Irene Day-Comer, for sharing her outstanding talents with the people of Indiana's First Congressional District and beyond. Irene Day-Comer's remarkable gift brought joy and hope to all who listened to her songs, and I ask that you join me in remembering her today.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BOB INGLIS

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 25, 2009*

Mr. INGLIS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of HR 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009. Requesting Member: Congressman BOB INGLIS

Bill Number: HR 1105 FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act—Energy and Water—Department of Energy

Account: Biomass and Biorefinery Systems R&D

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Clemson University

Address of Requesting Entity: 209 Sikes Hall, Clemson, South Carolina 29634

Description of Request: The purpose of the request is to provide an earmark of \$951,500 to the Clemson University Cellulosic Biofuel Plant project. Cellulosic ethanol comes from breaking down the lignin and hemicellulose shell in order to access plant sugars for fermentation into renewable fuel. It is estimated that cellulose conversion to ethanol can produce 800–1000 gallons of ethanol per acre (compared to 416/acre for corn). Capturing 20% of the state's gasoline fuel market through bio-ethanol would build a \$1Bn industry. In order to accomplish that goal, South Carolina must have the capacity to produce

700M gallons of ethanol/year. Based on recent studies of the economic impact of corn ethanol plans in the Midwest, 700M gal/year of bio-ethanol capacity could lead to \$1.5Bn in capital investments, create 10,000 new jobs, add \$2Bn to the local economy and increase local and state taxes by \$20M. Approximately \$50,000 (5%) will go towards site utilities/grading; \$680,000 (71%) will go towards building structure; and the remaining \$228,000 (24%) will go towards process equipment, support utility systems and construction fees; with multiple funding sources in subsequent years completing the project.

Requesting Member: Congressman BOB INGLIS

Bill Number: HR 1105 FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act—Energy and Water—Department of Energy

Account: Science

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Clemson University

Address of Requesting Entity: 209 Sikes Hall, Clemson, South Carolina 29634

Description of Request: The purpose of the request is to provide an earmark of \$1,427,250 to The Clemson University Cyberinstitute (CUCI) project which will assist research universities around the State of South Carolina to perform scientific research in nanotechnology, bioinformatics/computational biology, environment/ecology and global climate change. The project links South Carolina to a nation-wide backbone of world-class university research, industry partners and cutting-edge technology entrepreneurs. CUCI will serve as a conduit for a virtual research campus that brings together cyber resources and strengths from each of South Carolina's research institutions, including Clemson University, the Medical University of South Carolina, and the University of South Carolina. Approximately \$250,000 (18%) will go towards network connectivity; \$200,000 (14%) will go towards network redundancy, \$250,000 (18%) will go towards high performance computing, \$250,000 (18%) will go towards data storage, \$200,000 (14%) will go towards visualization resources and \$250,000 (18%) for personnel management support, with multiple funding sources in subsequent years completing the project.

Requesting Member: Congressman BOB INGLIS

Bill Number: HR 1105 FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act—Financial Services and General Government—Small Business Administration

Account: Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Union, Mayor Bruce Morgan

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Sharpe Avenue, Union, South Carolina 29379

Description of Request: The purpose of the request is to provide an earmark of \$100,000 to build a facility for world-class robotics training that would serve manufacturing facilities in the surrounding counties. The project will provide significant technical training in a state, local and private partnership to meet the needs of an existing and growing robotics industry. It is a critical focus in an economically distressed area to diversify from a shrinking textile employment toward higher paying, higher skilled technical jobs. The facility would offer specific training (hydraulics, pneumatics, electronics, robotic software and diagnostics) for the automotive, aerospace, rail, and super

precision industries. The building will be divided between Union County, the University of South Carolina-Union, and Spartanburg Community College for the specific programs. The entire amount will go towards laboratory equipment for training purposes.

Requesting Member: Congressman BOB INGLIS

Bill Number: HR 1105 FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act—Interior and Environment—U.S. Forest Service

Account: Capital Improvement and Maintenance (construction)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Forest Service, Sumter National Forest

Address of Requesting Entity: 3557 Whitmire Highway, Union, South Carolina 29379

Description of Request: The purpose of the request is to provide an earmark of \$250,000 to improve multi-use access to Sumter National Forest resources according to the Forest Service adaptive management plan. The U.S. Forest Service will repair and upgrade facilities along the Broad, Tyger and Enoree Rivers in Union County, SC and improve signage and mapping to allow better access for visitors. Approximately \$20,000 (8%) will go towards finalizing the adaptive waterways/river management strategy; \$100,000 (40%) will go towards a river feasibility study; \$10,000 (4%) will go towards Enoree & Tyger River trail maintenance; \$20,000 (8%) will go towards stabilizing erosion problems occurring at access points; \$40,000 (16%) will go towards river maps and signage; \$10,000 (4%) will go towards closing off illegal river access areas; and \$50,000 (20%) will go towards constructing a jetty to prevent silt deposits.

Requesting Member: Congressman BOB INGLIS

Bill Number: HR 1105 FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act—State, Foreign Operations

Account: Global Health and Child Survival  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Christian Blind Mission International

Address of Requesting Entity: 450 E Park Avenue, Greenville, South Carolina 29601

Description of Request: Of the funding provided for vulnerable children, \$2,000,000 is provided for child blindness programs. USAID should consider the work of Christian Blind Mission (CBM) which acts upon the needs and rights of people with disabilities; 18 million people worldwide benefit from CBM's support. 1.5 million children are currently blind, and another 7 million suffer from poor vision. CBM's eye care programs focus on four preventable and reversible sources of blindness: cataract, river blindness, vitamin A deficiency and trachoma.

Requesting Member: Congressman BOB INGLIS

Bill Number: HR 1105 FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act—Transportation, HUD

Account: Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: South Carolina Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 955 Park Street Suite 341, Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Description of Request: The purpose of the request is to provide an earmark of \$475,000 to the statewide Interstate Rehabilitation Program which is in need of funding for the main thoroughfares across the state. Funding would allow interstates to be preserved, recon-

structed, or rehabilitated. These routes are ranked in priority order based on daily traffic (ADT) volumes, length of the project, and the condition of the road (PQI rating). Approximately \$190,000 (40%) will go towards interstate maintenance projects located in Greenville county, \$285,000 (60%) will go towards interstate maintenance projects located in Spartanburg county.

Requesting Member: Congressman BOB INGLIS

Bill Number: HR 1105 FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act—Transportation, HUD

Account: Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: South Carolina Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 955 Park Street Suite 341, Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Description of Request: The purpose of the request is to provide an earmark of \$285,000 to the SC 9 Interchange Improvements in Spartanburg, SC project which will include the widening of 4.3 miles of SC 9 from the existing two to three lane ditch section to a five lane curb and gutter sections. This also includes pedestrian and bicycle facilities and enhancements. The entire amount will go towards Right of Way acquisition.

Requesting Member: Congressman BOB INGLIS

Bill Number: HR 1105 FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act—Transportation, HUD

Account: Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: South Carolina Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 955 Park Street Suite 341, Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Description of Request: The purpose of the request is to provide an earmark of \$95,000 to the Salter's Road expansion project which will widen Salter's Road from Verdae Boulevard over I-85 to Millennium Drive, and provide the necessary infrastructure support for the ICAR/Millennium Park and Verdae developments. This area is becoming a growing business and commercial nucleus for the Upstate of South Carolina, requiring more adequate transportation and infrastructure. This project is listed as a top priority on the approved Greenville-Pickens Area Transportation Study Long Range Transportation Improvement Plan. The entire amount will go towards the development of final construction plans, and environmental requirements.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. COLE. 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, FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act:

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Higher Education (Includes FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: East Central University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1100 East 14th Street; Ada Oklahoma 74820

Description of Request: Provide an addition of \$476,000 for curriculum development at the Economic Development Training and Education Center, including purchase of equipment. Of the \$476,000, 15% will be used for curriculum development supplies, 20% will be used for personnel, and 65% for equipment and classroom needs.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Higher Education (Includes FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mid-America Christian University

Address of Requesting Entity: 3500 West 119th Street; Oklahoma City, OK 73170

Description of Request: Provide an addition of \$285,000 for a teacher training initiative at Mid-America Christian University. Of the \$285,000, 9.5% will be used for program coordination, 43% will be used for personnel (faculty), 28% will be used for student support services, 10.5% will be used for curriculum development/accelerated, and 9% for alternative certification development.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Health, Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Norman Regional Health System

Address of Requesting Entity: 901 North Porter Street; Norman, OK 73071

Description of Request: Provide an addition of \$381,000 for an electronic medical records initiative. Of the \$381,000, \$181,000 will be used for data set expansion and labor and data mining conversion, \$66,000 for physician connection (hardware, software and training), \$135,000 hospital interfaces.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Museums and Libraries

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Native American Cultural & Educational Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 900 North Stiles Avenue; Oklahoma City, OK 73104

Description of Request: Provide an addition of \$285,000 to develop educational and cultural exhibits. Of the \$285,000, 20% will be used for wayfinding, identity and graphics, 60% will be used for content development and exhibition design development, and 20% will be used for educational program development.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "Oklahoma Department of Safety"

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 11415 Oklahoma City, OK USA

Description of Request: Provide an addition of \$200,000 to replace the state's aging communication system and to provide comprehensive radio and data communications capabilities for all emergency response agency units in Oklahoma. Out of this \$200,000, the amount of \$150,000 [75% of the total] will be used for the replacement of a 800 MHz base station and associated repeater equipment at a major transmission site in Chickasha, OK