

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus
 Account: Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives Account
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Shelby County Arts Council
 Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 624, Columbiana, AL 35051

Description of Request: Provide \$95,000 to develop architectural plans for the construction of a performing arts facility in Columbiana, AL. The proposed 25,000-square-foot Arts Center will be a community arts education and performance facility. It will be located on approximately one acre of a seven-acre site on the corner of West College Street and Mill Street just one block from the revitalized downtown main street of Columbiana. This Center will provide multiple spaces for performance, education and exhibits and both indoor and outdoor gathering and event venues. These spaces will be open to the public as well as available for private income earning events for the Arts Center. The funding will be used to pay architectural fees associated with drawings for a new performing arts and education center located in Columbiana, Alabama. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives Account. The Shelby County Arts Council will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus
 Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology Grants
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Calera

Address of Requesting Entity: 10947 Highway 25, Calera, Alabama 35040

Description of Request: Provide \$200,000 for technology upgrades, improvements and add-ons for the Calera Police Department. As the population of Calera continues to grow, these technological advances will aid in providing more effective police protection. The department will be able to better utilize its officers in the field, reduce error in reporting, verify information in a more timely fashion, identify misbehavior by officers and citizens, and become as well equipped as other police forces around the nation who cover similar sized jurisdictions. The project's total budget is \$499,600. Specifically within the budget, \$162,000 will go toward Tough Book in-car MDTs, \$16,200 toward in-car computer mounts, \$13,500 toward e-ticket stripe readers, \$10,800 toward thermal mobile printers, \$4,500 toward printer mounts, \$30,000 toward radio comm voter towers, \$30,000 toward wireless radio voter transmitters, \$162,000 toward in-car digital video cameras, \$21,600 officer safety mini cams, \$4,000 toward dispatch wireless head sets, \$6,000 toward investigator surveillance cameras, \$10,000 toward a jail camera system, \$14,000 toward desk top computers, and \$15,000 toward mobile radios. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purposed of the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology Grants. The City of Calera will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus
 Account: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Cross Agency Support Account
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: McWane Science Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 19th Street, North, Birmingham, AL 35203

Description of Request: Provide \$400,000 to advance science, technology, engineering and math education initiatives for McWane Science Center. The main objectives are to expand educational opportunities for students in these areas and to serve as a quality teacher training facility that will focus on inquiry-based education in the classroom. The center's desire is to specifically target schools that do not have the resources to provide these programs on their own. The project's total budget is \$500,000. Specifically within the budget, \$80,000 will go toward staff salaries/benefits, \$100,000 toward teacher trainings/workshops—2,000 teachers, \$150,000 toward Access—free educational field trips—15,000 students, \$50,000 toward Outreach—200 classroom education programs, \$75,000 toward Celebrate Science—statewide science fair, and \$45,000 toward equipment and supplies. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Cross Agency Support Account. The McWane Science Center will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. CULBERSON. Madam Speaker, as a Member of the Appropriations Committee, my highest priority is cutting wasteful government spending and balancing the budget. That is why I rejected over \$338 million in project requests that were brought to my office. My answer for spending requests is always "no" unless the project is cost effective and serves a legitimate government purpose. I wholly support medical and scientific research, reducing congestion and travel time, and critical flood control projects. Those priorities are reflected in the projects that I support.

Each Member should be held accountable for the project requests they submit. Since becoming a Member of the Appropriations Committee, I have held myself accountable by posting my project request letters on my congressional website at www.culberson.house.gov. Additionally, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding projects I secured as part of H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill: Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill

Account: Department of Justice; Byrne Public Safety and Protection Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition

Address of Requesting Entity: 4141 Pinnacle Street #213, El Paso, Texas

Description of Request: Provides \$4,500,000 to the Texas Border Sheriff Coalition to pay for overtime, hire additional deputies, and purchase equipment. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, Byrne Public Safety and Protection Program account. This project supports Operation Linebacker, an initiative by the Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition to stop drug and human trafficking along the U.S.-Mexico border. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill

Account: Department of Justice; Byrne Public Safety and Protection Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Memorial Hermann Healthcare System

Address of Requesting Entity: 9401 Southwest Freeway, Houston, Texas

Description of Request: Provides \$300,000 to the Memorial Hermann Healthcare System to purchase interoperable communications equipment for the Life Flight Operations Center, the premier air ambulance service in the country serving a 150 mile radius around Houston, TX. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, Byrne Public Safety and Protection Program account. This projects will enable state-of-the art dispatching, flight and weather monitoring, and data collection to enhance patient care and save lives. Memorial Hermann has already allocated \$39.25 million in nonfederal money for this project. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill

Account: Department of Justice; Byrne Public Safety and Protection Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texas Medical Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 2450 Holcombe Boulevard Suite 1, Houston, Texas

Description of Request: Provides \$400,000 to purchase emergency communications equipment for the Emergency Communications and Mobility Center which serves as a coordinator for police and security information, emergency preparedness, emergency communications, emergency logistical support, and traffic mobility for the 46 member institutions of the Texas Medical Center. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, Byrne Public Safety and Protection Program account. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill

Account: Department of Justice; COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Houston

Address of Requesting Entity: 900 Bagby, 2nd Floor, Houston, Texas

Description of Request: Provides \$1,000,000 for the Houston interoperability initiative, to purchase communications equipment so the City's first responders, bomb

squad, and SWAT team can communicate with other regional law enforcement agencies. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology account. This project has received funding from the COPS account in the past and the State of Texas has also contributed funding for this program. The City of Houston will provide the required match. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill

Account: Department of Transportation; Airport Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: West Houston Airport

Address of Requesting Entity: 1800 Groeschke Road, Houston, Texas

Description of Request: Provides \$142,500 to the West Houston Airport to purchase an Automatic Weather Observation Station to provide critical weather information to aircraft. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Transportation, Airport Improvement Program account. This improvement project fits in line with the FAA's mission to enhance airport safety. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill

Account: Department of Transportation; Buses and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Houston METRO

Address of Requesting Entity: 1900 Main Street, PO Box 61429, Houston, Texas

Description of Request: Provides \$475,000 for Houston METRO to purchase hybrid buses to replace the aging fleet and to continue expansion of the Park and Ride commuter bus system. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Transportation, Buses and Bus Facilities account. Houston METRO will provide the required match. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill

Account: Department of Transportation, Capital Investment Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Houston METRO

Address of Requesting Entity: 1900 Main Street, PO Box 61429, Houston, Texas

Description of Request: Provides \$15,000,000 for the Advanced Transit Program/METRO Solutions Phase 2 for light rail projects along the North and Southeast corridors only and to study commuter rail lines along the US 90A, US 290 and Westpark corridors. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Transportation, Capital Investment Grants account. Houston METRO will provide the required match. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill

Account: Department of Transportation, Buses and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Houston Galveston Area Council

Address of Requesting Entity: 3555 Timmons, Houston, Texas

Description of Request: Provides \$950,000 for the Houston Galveston Area Council to purchase buses to improve mobility in the Texas Medical Center. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Transportation, Buses and Bus Facilities account. This funding will purchase two buses and a limited number of vans for an internal transportation system to cut down on congestion and pollution in the Texas Medical Center. The Houston Galveston Area Council will provide the required match. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Harris County Hospital District

Address of Requesting Entity: 2525 Holly Hall, Houston, Texas, 77054

Description of Request: Provides \$143,000 for new video endoscopic equipment, which is needed to provide diagnostic and treatment services to its indigent patient base and to handle the needs of a level one Trauma Center at Ben Taub Hospital. This funding will ensure continued access to the latest technology and treatment techniques for patients of this level one Trauma Hospital. It will also contribute to the health of the community, state and nation by contributing to the training of the next generation of health professionals. The Harris County Hospital District will contribute \$2,000,000 to this project. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: M.D. Anderson Cancer Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 1515 Holcombe Blvd., Unit 422, Houston, TX, 77030

Description of Request: Provides \$533,000 to support research involving the clinical study of new forms of cancer treatment. The study will bring together the research activities of all clinical divisions, departments, care centers, clinical trial programs and translational research centers at the requesting institution. M.D. Anderson Cancer Center will provide additional project funding. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Houston

Address of Requesting Entity: 4800 Calhoun Road, Houston, TX, 77004

Description of Request: Provides \$143,000 for research to develop new methods to control proliferating catastrophic diseases like cancer, stroke, and diabetes, as well as non-proliferating circumstances such as trauma. Funding will be used specifically for outfitting labs in the newly constructed University of Houston Science and Engineering Research Building; gene sequencing equipment; additional wet and dry clean room fabrication facilities; cell culture facilities and purification equipment; genetic synthesis equipment; tissue culture facilities; and high performance computing and data storage facilities for computational biology. An additional \$5.4 million worth of grants will be provided: \$900,000 from the Cullen Foundation; \$500,000 from the M.D. Anderson Foundation; \$2,000,000 from the Keck Foundation; and \$2,000,000 from the Greater Houston Partnership. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Houston Baptist University

Address of Requesting Entity: 7502 Fondren Road, Houston, TX, 77074

Description of Request: Provides \$95,000 to renovate Houston Baptist University's Skilled Nursing Lab to increase the number of students trained in nursing each year. Funds will be used to purchase equipment to provide "real life patient care scenarios" for students while several computer workstations with interactive CD programs will help students gain skills with clinical situations they will face in actual health care settings. Houston Baptist University will contribute \$105,648 to this project. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texas Children's Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 6621 Fannin Street, Houston, TX, 77030

Description of Request: Provides \$190,000 for the Texas Children's Hospital (TCH) Neurological Research Institute for the purpose of treating diseases in very definitive ways so that the children can live normal lives. Scheduled for completion in 2010, the Neurological Research Institute will be a new model of excellence as the first dedicated facility in the United States to use a multidisciplinary research approach to understand the unique issues of a child's brain structure, development patterns and related diseases. The

370,000 square foot building will be home to more than 170 researchers who will bring new promise to those afflicted with neurological diseases as they look for new treatments for common pediatric neurological disorders like autism, epilepsy, Rhett syndrome, cerebral palsy and learning disorders. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

Address of Requesting Entity: 7000 Fannin, Suite 600, Houston, TX, 77030

Description of Request: Provides \$238,000 for equipment and faculty recruitment, which will advance breakthroughs in the understanding, prevention and treatment of developmental and neurodegenerative diseases including autism, Alzheimer's and brain injury; accelerated exploration and clinical testing of new pharmacological agents and new neurological and behavioral interventions with a reduced need for animal and human testing; and investment opportunities as technologies are developed and tested. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Harris County Flood Control District

Address of Requesting Entity: 9900 Northwest Freeway, Suite 220, Houston, Texas

Description of Request: Provides \$5,011,000 to continue critical detention excavation and channel construction along Brays Bayou, Houston, Texas. Harris County Flood Control District will provide the required match. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Harris County Flood Control District

Address of Requesting Entity: 9900 Northwest Freeway, Suite 220, Houston, Texas

Description of Request: Provides an earmark of \$96,000 to continue the feasibility study for flood mitigation of Buffalo Bayou and Tributaries, White Oak Bayou, Texas. Harris County Flood Control District will provide the required match. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Harris County Flood Control District

Address of Requesting Entity: 9900 Northwest Freeway, Suite 220, Houston, Texas

Description of Request: Provides \$96,000 to continue a general reevaluation study to obtain an endorsement from the Army Corps of a recommended project for flood control along Buffalo Bayou and Tributaries, Main Stem. Harris County Flood Control District will provide the required match. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Port Authority of Houston

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 2562, Houston, Texas

Description of Request: Provides \$20,766,000 for construction of the Houston portion of the Houston-Galveston Navigation Channels, near Beltway 8. The dredged material produced by the project is being used to create 4,250 acres of marshland over the 50-year economic life of the project and to rebuild historical islands that have been eroded over the years by storms and subsidence. The blended local cost share is 26%. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Port Authority of Houston

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 2562, Houston, Texas

Description of Request: Provides \$478,000 for construction of the Houston portion of the Houston-Galveston Navigation Channels, near Beltway 8. These funds were needed following Hurricane Ike damage to the port. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Port Authority of Houston

Address of Requesting Entity: Port Authority of Houston, PO Box 2562, Houston, Texas

Description of Request: Provides \$13,788,000 for operations and maintenance of the following areas in the Houston Ship Channel: Bayport Channel; Greens Bayou Channel; Houston Ship Channel from Sims Bayou to the Turning Basin; Houston Ship Channel from Morgan's Point to Exxon; Houston Ship Channel from Carpenter's Bayou; East/West Clinton Placement Area Levee Work and work in the Barbours Cut Channel. The Port of Houston Authority, as the local sponsor will contribute the required match. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill

Account: Agriculture Research Service, Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Baylor College of Medicine

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 Baylor Plaza, Houston, Texas

Description of Request: Provides \$254,000 for the design and implementation of a human study to identify the facilitators and barriers that affect adherence of children to the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, a research question that was specifically highlighted by the 2005 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee. The local and state agency will provide a match of \$250,000. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

A TRIBUTE TO LEO V. STIMMLER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Leo V. Stimmler, who after 34 years of service to the NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation has decided to retire.

A native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Mr. Stimmler graduated from Fordham University's School of Social Work. Shortly thereafter he joined the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation. Hired by Earl Deane, chief psychiatric social worker at the Kings County Hospital's Bedford-Stuyvesant Addiction Treatment Center, Mr. Stimmler began a long career working with those dealing with addiction. In 1976, Mr. Stimmler was promoted to social work supervisor and, eventually, the head of the social work department.

In 1985, Mr. Stimmler was hired by Wayne C. Wiltshire and Arthur Wright to administer the HHC drug and alcohol treatment program at a sister HHC facility, the Cumberland Diagnostic and Treatment Center. With Phil Garrett, CASAC, they wrote successful grant applications for adolescent treatment, homeless families, acupuncture, women services, parolees and homeless veterans. In 1988, some of the homeless patients complained to Mr. Stimmler that it was difficult attending treatment at Cumberland during the day to then return to the shelter at night, to a drill floor with 700 beds in an armory facility pervaded by drugs and alcohol. Mr. Stimmler asked Holly Argent-Tariq, Cumberland's senior administrator, to help him convince Frank Gonzalez, the director of the Atlantic Mens Shelter, to set aside a separate room for 10 patients living in the shelter who were simultaneously attending alcohol and drug treatment programs. Mr. Gonzalez agreed, on the condition that the shelter resident supply proof of enrollment in a treatment program and make a pledge of abstinence. On April 22, 1989, Sara Rimer's article in the New York Times described the history and success of the first drug free dorm in a city shelter.

Within six years the outpatient clinic census at Cumberland went from 12,000 annual outpatient visits to 48,000. According to the New York City Bureau of Health Statistics, between January 1, 1988 and December 31, 1991, the number of deaths from drug abuse in Fort Greene, Brooklyn dropped from 30 percent to 10 percent.