

and receive critique in a safe environment where repetition and reinforcement do not jeopardize patient safety. The initiative has support throughout the region, where this will be a one-of-a-kind facility.

Requesting Member: Rep. ELTON GALLEGLY
Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Thousand Oaks

Address of Requesting Entity: 2100 Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

Description of Request: This request of \$5 million is for the widening of the US-101 and SR-23 Interchange from the Los Angeles/Ventura County line to Moorpark Road (US-101) and Hillcrest Drive (SR-23). The proposed improvements include the extension of existing auxiliary lanes in both directions, conversion of auxiliary lanes to mixed-flow lanes, addition of a northbound lane, realignment and widening of ramps at the interchange, and the construction of soundwalls and retaining walls. The improvements are necessary to relieve congestion along the 101 and 23 Freeways in the City of Thousand Oaks. CalTrans recently began the three-year project to widen the Route 23 Freeway connecting to the 101/23 Interchange. Completion of the improvements is crucial to achieve the congestion benefits of the project. The Ventura County Transportation Commission considers both improvements as integral parts of a single congestion relief project. Since the widening of the freeway is now underway, the interchange improvement needs to move forward without delay.

Requesting Member: Rep. ELTON GALLEGLY
Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of Santa Barbara

Address of Requesting Entity: 105 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Description of Request: The Lompoc Veterans Memorial Building is owned by the County of Santa Barbara and serves as a community resource for the area's veterans, non-profit groups and other residents. Constructed in 1936, the building is home to several veterans groups. It is comprised of multiple offices, a large commercial kitchen, and two large halls that are able to accommodate hundreds of people. This request of \$865,000 is for a number of upgrades that would help bring the building up to code. They include improvements to make the building more accessible for people with disabilities, enhance safety features such as installation of fire rated doors and a fire alarm and sprinkler system, heating and plumbing improvements, asbestos and lead paint abatement, and the replacement of electric circuitry and the re-wiring of the building.

Requesting Member: Rep. ELTON GALLEGLY
Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Santa Paula

Address of Requesting Entity: 970 Ventura Street, Santa Paula, CA 93060

Description of Request: This request for \$1.5 million is for the City of Santa Paula to assist with its plan to repair and expand public athletic facilities and gathering areas at Teague Park. The park, initially constructed in 1976, has served as the primary recreation area for the City of Santa Paula. Teague Park is the primary recreation and gathering site for the majority of Santa Paula residents. Santa Paula's rapid population growth has resulted in a significant strain on the park's resources and facilities. This heavy use has left the park dilapidated and unsafe. The improvements will provide safer sports facilities, along with safer, more accessible park amenities for non-sport uses.

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF MERCED ASSEMBLY CENTER

SPEECH OF

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, on February 19th, this nation will recognize the 67th Anniversary of the "Day of Remembrance." This was the day in 1942 that President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which led to the internment of over 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry.

The President's decision to intern Americans was an avoidable consequence of racial prejudice and wartime hysteria. The government at all levels was blinded by war, and made decisions that were contrary to our Constitution. The failure of each branch of government to uphold the rights of individuals must be taught so that future generations resist succumbing to the politics of fear.

Because of one of the darkest periods of our Nation's history, we learned of the damage that can be done when we let the politics of fear cloud our judgment. Congress has not only recognized a Day of Remembrance, but it also supports and funds assembly center and internment site preservation as a physical reminder of past inequality.

Today, we recognize the historical significance of the Merced Assembly Center, located in Merced, California, where 4,669 Japanese-Americans were detained prior to being transferred to internment sites. My dear friend and colleague, Congressman MIKE HONDA, was held at the Merced Assembly Center prior to being interned.

It is important to preserve these sites to ensure that future generations can learn from past events in order to prevent anything like this from ever occurring again. The unveiling of the Merced Assembly Center on February 21, will allow the site to serve as a place for remembering the hardships endured by Japanese-Americans.

As we look back on a time in our Nation's history, and how our country has responded since, we should have hope for the future. Around the world, human rights violations continue unabated. Yet, we can combat this by working with a single purpose towards a future wherein every person, regardless of race, gender, nationality or creed enjoys equal treatment in this world.

And today, 67 years after the signing of Executive Order 9066, we must renew our commitment to bringing these rights to all people.

Though the internment remains one of the darkest periods in our Nation's history, preservation like the Merced Assembly Center help to remind us of the distinctly American power of redemption. Our collective commitment to fairness and justice is the only way to prevent such a blatant form of injustice from ever becoming a reality again.

STOP CHILD ABUSE IN RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS FOR TEENS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to support the Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act, which would require standards and enforcement provisions to prevent child abuse and neglect in residential programs for teens with behavioral, emotional, mental health, or substance abuse problems.

When families struggle with a troubled teen, many eventually look to private or public residential programs for help. Parents deserve to know that their child will be safe and in good hands. However, in some states residential facilities are subject to state law or regulation, but in other states they are not. Because of the resulting loose patchwork of state oversight and lack of accountability, at some programs, young people have been subject to abuse and neglect. In a small number of cases, this abuse and neglect has led to the death of a child.

The Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act sets new national standards to prohibit abuse and neglect and increases transparency to help parents make safer choices for their children. The bill also holds teen residential programs accountable for violating the law and asks states to step in to protect teens in these programs.

We have an obligation to keep teens safe, especially when they and their families are battling behavioral, emotional, mental health, or substance abuse problems. I hope that this legislation will support families in their pursuit of the health and well-being of their children.

TRIBUTE TO JACK POLLOCK

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember a fellow Nebraskan who made our state proud in so many ways. Jack Pollock, from the town of Ogallala, Nebraska, was long a fixture in the Nebraska newspaper industry and an inductee to the Nebraska Journalism Hall of Fame.

Unfortunately, Jack passed away earlier this week. My heart goes out to his wife, Beverly, and his family.

Each year, the NEBRASKAland Foundation celebrates Nebraska's entrance into the union.

During this event, the Foundation honors distinguished Nebraskans for the impressive contributions to the State of Nebraska.

This year, Jack was selected to receive the WagonMaster Award, which recognizes citizens for their leadership in causes which benefit our state or nation, and who have set a tremendous example to others. This was an honor which was richly deserved, and I can think of no one better.

Jack's dedication to his craft, his profession, and his community truly sets the bar high for the rest of us. He will be missed, but he will continue to set an example for others to follow.

NATIONAL PEACE CORPS WEEK

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a minute to recognize an enduring legacy of John F. Kennedy—the Peace Corps—in recognition of its 48th anniversary this year and to commend 48 constituents from Northern Virginia currently serving in 35 countries around the world. It is an honor to represent these young people, as well as to serve with colleagues in both the House and Senate who have served our country in the enhancement of citizen diplomacy. I hope all Americans will join us in supporting and expanding this enduring commitment to convey our values as a nation.

A year ago, Fareed Zakaria wrote that after last November's election, "America will have to move on and restore its place in the world. To do this we must first tackle the consequences of our foreign policy of fear. Having spooked ourselves into believing that we have no option but to act fast, alone, unilaterally and preemptively, we have managed in six years to destroy decades of international good will, alienate allies, embolden enemies and yet solve few of the major international problems we face."

The London Financial Times last year reported that the U.S. has suffered a significant loss of power and prestige around the world in the years since the beginning of this century, limiting our ability to influence international crises, according to an annual survey from a well regarded British security think-tank. The 2007 Strategic Survey of the non-partisan International Institute for Strategic Studies picked the decline of U.S. authority as one of the most important security developments of the past year—but suggested the fading of American prestige began earlier, largely due to our failings in Iraq.

One of our most special and effective citizen agencies of public diplomacy is the Peace Corps. Think of this—more than 195,000 volunteers have served this venerable legacy of former President Kennedy, serving in 139 countries—where they bring our values to other peoples, and bring understanding and appreciation of other cultures back home.

The greatest gift of the Peace Corps and other civilian programs is not just that ordinary Americans share their values and our culture with other peoples, but also that when volunteers return, they bring greater understanding and appreciation of other cultures.

Foreign policy is not just what we do, but also who we are. America as a place has often been the great antidote to U.S. foreign policy—and it should be again. Again, as Mr. Zakaria wrote: "When American actions across the world have seemed harsh, misguided or unfair, America itself has always been open, welcoming and tolerant . . ."

At the end of the day, our openness is our greatest foreign policy. We have succeeded not because of the ingenuity of our government, but rather because of efforts like this unique program to keep ourselves open to the world—to sending our people out across the countries of the world to share our unique culture, our goods and services, our ideas and inventions, our people and cultures. This openness, this civilian diplomacy, has allowed us to make friends across boundaries. It will be central to our place as a nation in the future.

This week, as we celebrate National Peace Corps Week, we honor volunteers old and young who have served in developing countries since President Kennedy's call to service in 1961 in places as diverse as China, Mali, Azerbaijan, Macedonia, El Salvador, and Namibia. This can be lonely and demanding service, but service that can create enduring friendships and values that transcend boundaries and cultures.

Today, more than 8,000 Peace Corps volunteers around the world are currently providing training and education in 76 countries. These volunteers each donate their time and skills for over two years, in order to make a difference in the world and to promote understanding between cultures. By offering their valuable skills and showing a passion for helping others, they show the world that Americans value learning and cross-cultural exchange.

Volunteers work in areas of education, health and HIV/AIDS, business development, environment, agriculture and youth, and must often be creative and flexible when living and working in new cultures and learning new languages. The resulting experience is rewarding for all involved, and it highlights the importance of cooperation and involvement between cultures around the globe.

When volunteers return home and share their overseas experiences with their communities, the Peace Corps helps Americans as much as the people in developing countries. From recent college graduates to doctors with decades of experience, volunteers choose to use their valuable skills and education to help people all over the world, but their work affects their lives and our place in the hearts of friends around the globe long after returning home.

This week we remember the dedication and passion of Peace Corps volunteers, young and old, current and returned. We thank them for their service, and encourage more Americans to volunteer with the Peace Corps.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following infor-

mation for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009:

Requesting Member: Congressman TIM MURPHY

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Greensburg Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 416 South Main Street, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, 15601
Description of Request: Appropriation in the amount of \$435,000 for the City of Greensburg Police Department Emergency Communications Interoperability System and Upgrades will allow for the purchase and installation of a dual 800 MHz Interoperable Radio System for the police department. This system will permit an upgrade of the Department's communications system and provide interoperability communications with other departments and first responders within Westmoreland County. The City of Greensburg Police Department provides dispatching service to the City of Greensburg, Southwest Greensburg, South Greensburg and Seton Hill University; therefore, this communications system is essential to allowing uninterrupted communications with all Westmoreland County Police and Fire Departments.

Requesting Member: Congressman TIM MURPHY

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Heidelberg Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 1631 East Railroad Street, Carnegie, Pennsylvania, 15106

Description of Request: Appropriation in the amount of \$10,000 for Technology Upgrades and Navigational Systems. Heidelberg Borough Police Department Technology Upgrades are necessary for the purchase of shared technology, police mobile data terminals and navigational systems. These technology upgrades will allow for faster and safer response during police stops and investigation detentions. These upgrades will assist with officer safety and information sharing and bring the Department into the 21st century.

Requesting Member: Congressman TIM MURPHY

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Department of Justice, OJP, Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Washington County District Attorney

Address of Requesting Entity: Washington County Courthouse, Washington, Pennsylvania, 15301

Description of Request: Appropriation in the amount of \$220,000 for the Washington County District Attorney's Drug Task Force Equipment and Technology Improvement Initiative. The Drug Task Force Equipment and Technology Improvement Initiative aims to benefit the Washington County District Attorney's Drug Task Force (WCDA-DTF) in their combined goal to fight the drug problems in the area. The WCDA-DTF is comprised of 45 officers, a majority of whom work for the 14 municipal police departments in the 18th Congressional District. Funding will provide the