

improve traffic flow through the city of Jacksonville. Funding would be spent in two phases: 1) on design and 2) actual construction of the overpass system.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Transportation, HUD Appropriations bill, Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pike Road, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: 4902 Old Pike Road, Pike Road, AL 36064

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding will be used for the Town of Pike Road to conduct economic, community, transportation, and infrastructure planning, including a study on light rail using existing rail lines between Pike Road and Gunter and Maxwell Air Force bases. The Town of Pike Road has developed a four-part strategic outline that its citizens endorsed at a town hall meeting. The plan calls for: (a) visionary community and economic planning; (b) excellence in public education; (c) recreation that fits the natural resources of the area; and (d) public safety and services that maintain a high quality of life.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Transportation, HUD Appropriations bill, Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Valley, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. 186 Valley, Alabama 36854

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used for installation of elevator to increase access of the Sportsplex to the elderly and disabled population.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Transportation, HUD Appropriations bill, Federal Highway Administration, Interstate Maintenance Discretionary account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Auburn, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: 144 Tichenor Avenue, Suite 1, Auburn AL 36803

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used for the development of a 430-acre Auburn Technology Park West, including land acquisition and infrastructure construction, both on-site and off-site. Specifically, federal funding is requested for the construction of an extension of West Veterans Boulevard and part of the Outer Loop road to connect with the Technology Park. This road connection would provide a western connection between the City, the Technology Park and a new 1-85 interchange currently being designed. To this end, the City has provided \$11,300,000 to fund the development of the West Technology Park, but we still need additional resources to provide the road connectivity needed for access between the Technology Park, the City, and the interstate.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Transportation, HUD Appropriations bill, Federal Highway Administration,

Transportation & Community & System Preservation account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Opelika, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 390, Opelika, AL 36803

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used to plan and design a perimeter or northern transportation corridor in Opelika. A northern perimeter is needed due to tremendous population growth primarily in the northern sector of Opelika resulting from strong economic growth in every sector-residential, commercial, and industrial. The corridor would ultimately connect US Highway 280 in northeast Opelika with Interstate 85 in northwest Opelika improving highway safety, reducing congestion on inner city streets, and connect new population centers with the growth of employment opportunities in the Northeast Industrial Park.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Transportation, HUD Appropriations bill, Federal Aviation Administration, Facilities and Equipment account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Montgomery Airport Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 4445 Selma Highway, Montgomery, AL 36108

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used to preserve valuable airport infrastructure. It consists of rehabilitation of the pavement structure of the airport's primary runway, Runway 10/28, whose condition is beginning to deteriorate. This runway is showing signs of advanced deterioration at this time and will not last beyond another year or two without major rehabilitation. Since airport runways do not receive the level of activity that keeps roadways fresh by constantly flexing the asphalt, they tend to oxidize and crack over a period of 10-12 years. This runway has not been rehabilitated since 1996.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF JORDI REYES-MONTBLANC

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise with great sadness as I pay tribute to my dear friend Jordi Reyes-Montblanc who recently passed away. As I speak with profound sorrow, I ascend to celebrate a life well lived and to remember with fondness the accomplishments of a remarkable man who, over his many years as an outstanding advocate for the West Harlem community, fought strongly and passionately for his ideals regardless of how popular the issue.

Jordi was a larger-than-life figure in the West Harlem community. For decades he was one of the area's most energetic activists, fighting for safe streets and cleaner parks, and especially championing the cause of affordable housing and homeownership for New Yorkers of modest means. Jordi delighted in his many contradictions. He was staunchly proud of his Cuban heritage. He was a fierce opponent of Communism who nonetheless fought for not-so-Capitalistic affordable housing policies.

Jordi's story was the stuff of novels. He fled his native Cuba as a young adult in 1958, escaping the winds of communism that eventually swept the island. He joined the U.S. Marines, where he engaged in covert operations in Southeast Asia. Though, he never spoke much about his past to those outside of his closest circle of friends. He was an avid hunter who often demonstrating his trademark frankness.

Jordi was a pioneer in the movement to allow low- and middle-income families to purchase their own apartments through the city's Housing Development Fund Corporation program, and in 1993 he led the conversion of his own building to a limited-equity co-op.

This activism on housing issues secured his appointment to Community Board 9 in the mid-1990s. It was during that period when he developed a close bond to Councilman Stan Michels, another significant local leader who passed away late last year. As Chair of Community Board 9, Jordi was fearless in speaking his mind on local issues, regardless of who he might offend. That quality could have earned him nothing but detractors on the Board, but instead the reverse happened: he was almost universally respected for his even-handedness and devotion to the community.

Columbia University's plan to expand to a new campus in Manhattanville defined Jordi's tenure as Chair of the local community board. While maintaining that he wasn't opposed to the expansion per se, he became a vocal critic of the displacement of local residents and businesses which would result from the specific plan Columbia was advancing. Jordi thrust his community board into the center of the fight on this issue, and he became a fixture in the city's media as an outspoken critic of the expansion.

In his blog you can still find his thoughts on what he felt he was about. He states, "I don't lead, I don't follow and I do the things my heart and conscience tells me are right for me to do, any one is welcome to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with me freely."

Jordi Reyes-Montblanc will be long remembered for his extraordinary commitment, energy, wisdom, discipline, principle, and clear purpose which won the admiration of all who were privileged to come to know and work with him. I consider myself fortunate to have had the opportunity to observe and experience his example as a personal inspiration.

Madam Speaker, rather than mourn his passing, I hope that my colleagues will join me in celebrating the life of Jordi by remembering that he exemplified greatness in every way.

JUDGE TOM ELLINGTON AND "WE THE PEOPLE"

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Municipal Court Judge Thomas Ellington in Washington State who received the annual William Nevins Award from the Washington Judges' Foundation for working tirelessly to educate youth about the judicial branch of government. Judge Ellington has spent the entirety of his judicial career working on behalf of "We the People," a high

school program that competes on the knowledge of the U.S. Constitution and what role students play as citizens.

For more than two decades, dating back to his law school days, Judge Ellington has worked to help students understand how to properly engage in democracy and recognize the Constitution as an incredibly influential historic document.

Not only has Judge Ellington played a 'facilitator' role for the "We the People" program, but he improved it with innovative ideas: instead of heading into individual classrooms, Judge Ellington brought teachers and students in Washington State to him in the form of voluntary workshops. Whether serving as "We the People" advisory board president or simply volunteering his time and knowledge, Judge Ellington employs the heart of a servant.

Such a high and prestigious honor such as the Williams Nevins Award must be awarded to someone in the legal profession who goes above and beyond the call of duty; Judge Thomas Ellington is that person. I want to congratulate for the recognition, thank him for his service to the State of Washington and the Nation and encourage him to continue on his path of leadership and selfless service.

CONGRATULATIONS TO REP- RESENTATIVE DOUG BEREUTER

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my warmest congratulations to former Representative Doug Bereuter for receiving the 2009 Trailblazer Award from the NEBRASKAland Foundation.

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.

I can think of no one who sums up the spirit of this award better than Representative Bereuter. His 26 years in Congress is a testament to his long-standing dedication to all Nebraskans. When I look at everything he accomplished during his tenure here in Congress, I am both humbled and inspired. He has truly set a tremendous example for others.

Once again, I offer my congratulations to Representative Bereuter and I thank him for his public service, his leadership, and his friendship.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on congressionally-directed funding, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding funding included in H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs—Byrne Discretionary Grants
Legal Name of Recipient: Operation UNITE
Address of Recipient: 2292 South Highway 27, Somerset, KY 42501

Description of Request: Provide \$4,450,000 in directed funding to Operation UNITE, a comprehensive program to combat the scourge of drug abuse in southern and eastern Kentucky by coordinating federal, state and local efforts in law enforcement, treatment and education. Operation UNITE has arrested 2,939 drug dealers and removed over \$8.4 million worth of drugs off the street, including 83,426 prescription pills, 450 pounds of marijuana, 14 pounds of meth and 20 pounds of cocaine. Over 1,890 non-violent offenders have participated in UNITE-funded drug courts, and more than 1,360 individuals grappling with addiction have received vouchers for treatment. Funding in FY09 will be used to continue vital enforcement activities, effective treatment programs partnered with local governments, community organizations and faith-based groups, as well as expand an intensive education program to warn school children of the dangers of drug abuse.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: NOAA—Operations, Research and Facilities

Legal Name of Recipient: Eastern Kentucky PRIDE, Inc.

Address of Recipient: 2292 South Highway 27, Somerset, KY 42501

Description of Request: Provide \$1,000,000 in directed funding for Eastern Kentucky PRIDE, Inc., the first initiative specifically created to solve severe environmental degradation problems in southern and eastern Kentucky. PRIDE, a non-profit organization, unites citizens with the resources of federal, state and local governments in order to improve water quality in the region, clean up illegal trash dumps and other solid waste, and promote environmental awareness and education to break the cycle of pollution. To date, PRIDE has recruited more than 262,000 volunteers, provided 28,089 homes with access to sanitary wastewater treatment, and cleaned up 131,408 tons of trash.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Justice—COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Recipient: Pulaski County Sheriff's Department

Address of Recipient: P.O. Box 752, Somerset, KY 42502

Description of Request: Provide \$50,000 in directed funding for the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department, which currently owns a 1972 OH58 Bell 4-seater helicopter for law enforcement and other emergency service requests within a 100-mile radius in southern and eastern Kentucky. The coverage area requires sound communications operating equipment with a service area that includes mountainous terrain, expansive Lake Cumberland and the Daniel Boone National Forest. The helicopter's land-based on-board communications equipment is outdated and often fails to function properly, creating problems during search and rescue, law enforcement activities and surveillance. This funding will support equipment up-

grades that will eliminate existing communications barriers between the helicopter and local/emergency service organizations and ensure timely and effective response to law enforcement and medical emergencies in the region.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs—Byrne Discretionary Grants
Legal Name of Recipient: National Crime Prevention Council

Address of Recipient: 2345 Crystal Drive, Suite 500, Arlington, VA 22202

Description of Request: Provide directed funding of \$500,000 for the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) to continue valuable crime prevention activities which directly benefit the Kentucky Crime Prevention Coalition based in Erlanger, Ky. Authorized under Section 626 of P.L. 109–248, NCPC's Crime Prevention Campaign aims to respond to traditional crime, emerging crime trends and changing crime prevention needs in communities around the country, including southeastern Kentucky. NCPC works to help people keep themselves, their families and their communities safe from crime by producing tools that communities can use to learn crime prevention strategies, engage community members, and coordinate with local law enforcement agencies. FY09 funding will be utilized to continue these important activities.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs—Byrne Discretionary Grants
Legal Name of Recipient: SEARCH, National Consortium for Justice Information Statistics

Address of Recipient: 7311 Greenhaven Drive, Suite 145, Sacramento, CA 95831

Description of Request: Provide directed funding of \$500,000 for the National Consortium for Justice Information Statistics, which is authorized through P.L. 109–162. SEARCH's National Training and Technical Assistance Program is the only no-cost service for small- and medium-sized criminal justice agencies, providing assistance with: 1) enhancing and upgrading information systems; 2) building integrated information systems; and 3) ensuring compatibility between local systems with state, regional and national systems. In Kentucky, public safety agencies have participated in a specialized SEARCH training course that provides practical, hands-on instruction in cybercrime investigation techniques, as well as utilized SEARCH's technical, computer forensics and criminal history improvement assistance.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Construction, General (Section 202)

Legal Name of Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Huntington & Nashville Districts

Address of Recipient: 502 Eighth Street, Huntington, WV 25701 P.O. Box 1070, Nashville, TN 37202

Description of Request: As authorized in Section 202 of P.L. 96–367, as amended, provide directed funding of \$9,000,000 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to continue structural and non-structural flood damage reduction efforts in several flood-prone communities in southern and eastern Kentucky.