

teacher and in 1980, Marvin started his administrative career at Westside Elementary School. In 1999, Marvin Williams became Interim Superintendent for the Polk County School District and officially became the county's first African-American Superintendent in 2007. Marvin has also been a valuable addition to my 11th District Education Advisory Board, helping to advise me in improving our nation's education policies.

In addition to Marvin's commitment to the education system of Polk County, he also gives back to his community through his service as the Minister of Music at Thankful Baptist Church in Rome, Georgia.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Superintendent Marvin Williams for his leadership and service to the people of Polk County and his commitment to the students in his district.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 26, 2009*

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act:

Requesting Member: Congressman TED POE

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Houston Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 1200 Travis Street, Houston, TX 77002

Description of Request: I have secured \$350,000 for the Houston Police Department to purchase more LiveScan equipment, enabling them to capture electronic fingerprints and be part of the IAFIS (Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System) program which enables them to determine in seconds as opposed to days the alienage and criminal history of those they apprehend through the federal Law Enforcement Support Center. Previously, Houston has gone through the Texas Department of Public Safety which has received approximately \$26 million in grants from the National Criminal History Improvement Program (through the Bureau of Justice Statistics) since 1995; however, the Texas Department of Public Safety and the National Criminal History Improvement Program services the entire state and they are limited in the amount of funding it can provide to Houston. Houston has 6 Livescan machines working. Funds obtained last fiscal year helped them buy 7 additional machines. Houston still needs 9 more machines to be fully electronic under IAFIS city wide.

Requesting Member: Congressman TED POE

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Houston Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 1200 Travis Street, Houston, TX 77002

Description of Request: I have secured \$150,000 for the Houston Police Department to purchase 50 additional mobile AFIS (automated fingerprint identification system) handheld devices that would be given to police officers away from their desks to quickly capture biometric information of suspects and quickly determine their criminal histories, outstanding warrants, whether they have an order of removal or bench warrant for a failure to appear for an immigration proceeding from Immigration and Customs Enforcement, etc. from ICE's Office of Detention and Removal's deportable felon database.

Requesting Member: Congressman TED POE

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act

Account: Corps of Engineers, Investigations  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sabine-Neches Navigation District

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 778, 2348 Hwy. 69 North, Nederland, TX 77627

Description of Request: I have secured \$478,000 to complete the feasibility study phase of deepening and widening the Sabine-Neches Waterway which will include beginning the Planning, Engineering, and Design (PED) phase of the General Investigation of deepening and widening the waterway.

Requesting Member: Congressman TED POE

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act

Account: Department of Energy, EERE  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Houston Center for Clean Fuels and Power Generation (CFPG)

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

Description of Request: I have helped secure \$475,750 to focus on the synthesis and development of clean and sustainable fuels, their combustion for efficient generation of portable power, and their exhaust after-treatment for minimal impact to the environment. CFPG is one component of a diverse portfolio of programs focused on energy at UH, which is strategically located in a vast regional petrochemical complex and port system, as well as the center of the international energy industry. CFPG program activities include: cross-cutting multi-scale research in the sciences and engineering, technology transfer and integration, and educating a diverse scientific workforce in fields key to the success of the U.S. economy.

Requesting Member: Congressman TED POE

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act

Account: Corps of Engineers, O&M  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Chambers-Liberty Counties Navigation District

Address of Requesting Entity: 1801 Trinity Street, Liberty, TX 77575

Description of Request: I have secured \$994,000 to maintain navigation along the lower Trinity River in Texas. The Trinity River Project is a 47 mile shallow draft waterway beginning with the Anahuac Channel which extends for 5.6 miles from the 6 foot depth in upper Trinity Bay to the Mouth of the Trinity River at Anahuac Texas. From the mouth of Trinity River, the channel to Liberty proceeds for 41.4 miles along the meanders of the Trinity River to the Port of Liberty. Also included

is a 9-foot depth channel extending from the Houston Ship channel along the east shore of the Trinity Bay, to a point 1 mile below Anahuac, Texas. Maintenance is needed to allow shallow draft barge access to support the current industrial residents at the Port of Liberty and to attract new ones. The combination of rail and barge traffic at the Port of Liberty creates a powerful synergy to propel the economic development of our primary rural community.

Requesting Member: Congressman TED POE

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act

Account: Corps of Engineers, O&M  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association

Address of Requesting Entity: 2010 Butler Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546

Description of Request: I have helped secure \$29,586,000 to maintain navigation of selected Gulf Intracoastal Waterway reaches in Texas such as the Victoria, Cedar Bayou, and Harlingen channels. Funding also could include installing mooring buoys at selected locations along the waterway and repairs to the Colorado Lock near Matagorda, Texas.

Requesting Member: Congressman TED POE

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lamar University

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 10001, Beaumont, TX 77710

Description of Request: I have secured \$238,000 to Lamar University's Community and University Partnerships Service (CUPS) to help coordinate, plan and promote quality healthcare for underserved populations in Southeast Texas. CUPS will provide critical access to resources and expertise for quality healthcare coupled with traditional community-based delivery systems through efficient utilization of University resources and partnerships.

Requesting Member: Congressman TED POE

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Memorial Hermann Baptist Beaumont Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 1591, Beaumont, TX 77704

Description of Request: I have secured \$190,000 for the Hospital's Behavioral Health Center to renovate the Center's appearance.

Requesting Member: Congressman TED POE

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act

Account: Economic Development Initiatives  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Beaumont, TX

Address of Requesting Entity: 801 Main Street, Beaumont TX 77701

Description of Request: I have secured \$190,000 for improvements to a 20 block area in downtown Beaumont, including Neches Street from Laurel to College Streets and Park Street from North to College Streets. Since the

downtown improvements are an ongoing project, the design and construction of the project would take approximately a year and could begin immediately.

Requesting Member: Congressman TED POE

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act

Account: Airport Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Houston Airport System, George Bush Intercontinental Airport

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 60106, Houston, TX 77205-0106

Description of Request: I have secured \$712,500 for noise mitigation to include the continued residential acquisition and sound insulation program. The August 2000 Record of Decision for the Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport Runway 8L-26R and Associated Near-Term Master Plan Projects and Federal Actions identified a series of actions necessary to mitigate the environment impacts associated with the new runway and the related airport improvements. In terms of discernible community impacts, aircraft noise is the primary activity requiring mitigation. As noted in the Record of Decision (page 53), "The primary responsibility for implementation of the mitigation measures lies with the Houston Airport System and the FAA will take appropriate steps through federal funding grant assurances and grant conditions, airport layout plan approvals, and contract plans and specifications to ensure that the following mitigation actions are implemented during project developments. The approvals contained in this Record of Decision are specifically conditioned upon full implementation of these mitigation measures." The measures identified in the Final Environmental Impact Statement and the Record of Decision are acquisition and soundproofing of residential properties exposed to significant noise impacts. Property acquisition and soundproofing have been underway for several years. To date, over \$35 million has been invested in this program.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 26, 2009*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on project funding, I am submitting the following information regarding project funding I requested as part of Fiscal Year 2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill that was included in H.R.1105:

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2009 Agriculture Appropriations bill included in H.R.1105

Account: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Illinois

Address of Requesting Entity: College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, 1301 West Gregory Drive, Urbana, IL 61801

Description of Request: \$176,000 for the University of Illinois Extension to extend its MarketMaker information technology platform to a national level that will enable food pro-

ducers, processors, wholesalers and retailers electronic access to geographically referenced data, thus enhancing the opportunity for food and agricultural entrepreneurs to identify and develop new and profitable markets and improve the efficiency and profitability of food systems in the United States and globally. Of this amount \$91,277 is for personnel; \$28,752 for Supplies; \$17,204 for Publications; \$13,198 for Services; \$13,679 for travel; and \$11,890 for USDA administrative costs.

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2009 Agriculture Appropriations bill included in H.R.1105

Account: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Illinois

Address of Requesting Entity: College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, 1301 West Gregory Drive, Urbana, IL 61801

Description of Request: \$461,000 for the University of Illinois to conduct collaborative, multidisciplinary research to promote optimal human health by studying novel attributes of food. Of this amount \$322,300 is for Personnel; \$14,000 is for Participant/Trainee Support; \$60,600 for Supplies; \$3,300 for Publications; \$29,800 for Travel; and \$31,000 for USDA administrative costs.

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2009 Agriculture Appropriations bill included in H.R.1105

Account: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Illinois

Address of Requesting Entity: College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, 1301 West Gregory Drive, Urbana, IL 61801

Description of Request: \$745,000 for the Soybean Disease Biotechnology Center, located within the National Soybean Research Laboratory (NSRL) at the University of Illinois, which provides cutting edge research and a first line of defense against major soybean diseases. Of this amount \$595,000 is for Personnel; \$80,000 for Supplies; \$20,000 for Travel; and \$50,000 for USDA administrative costs.

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2009 Agriculture Appropriations bill included in H.R.1105

Account: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Illinois

Address of Requesting Entity: College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, 1301 West Gregory Drive, Urbana, IL 61801

Description of Request: \$564,000 for the Livestock Genome Sequencing Initiative at the University of Illinois and international partners in two consortia who are creating maps of the complete cattle and swine genomes. Of this amount \$253,800 is for Personnel; \$140,000 for Supplies; \$115,400 for Services (sequencing); \$17,000 for Travel; and \$37,800 for USDA administrative costs.

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2009 Agriculture Appropriations bill included in H.R.1105

Account: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Illinois

Address of Requesting Entity: College of Veterinary Medicine, 1008 Hazelwood Dr., Urbana, IL 61802

Description of Request: \$235,000 for the Illinois Center for One Medicine, One Health at the University of Illinois which will focus on research, training and outreach efforts designed to improve our society's preparedness and response to natural and intentional exposures of biological, chemical and physical agents. Of this amount \$117,500 is for research; \$47,000 is for the instruction of courses various academic programs; and \$70,500 for training programs and exercises to serve state departments of agriculture and public health.

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2009 Agriculture Appropriations bill included in H.R.1105

Account: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: International Arid Lands Consortium

Address of Requesting Entity: 1955 East 6th Street, Tucson, AZ 85719

Description of Request: \$401,000 for the International Arid Lands Consortium to use research and technical assistance expertise at the University of Illinois, University of Arizona, University of Nevada's DRI, New Mexico State University, Texas A&M University and South Dakota State University in the critical fields of sustainable agriculture, land management and water use. It cooperates with researchers in Israel, Jordan and Egypt to enhance its effectiveness. Of this amount \$301,000 will go to peer reviewed research projects at the member institutions and \$100,000 will go to administrative costs.

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2009 CJS Appropriations bill included in H.R.1105

Account: Office of Justice Programs—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Project Success of Decatur and Macon County

Address of Requesting Entity: 310A West William Street, Decatur, IL 62522

Description of Request: \$180,000 to implement the "Truancy Prevention and School Success" project to provide truancy prevention/intervention programming for public school children in grades K-8. Of this funding \$64,920 is for Personnel; \$3,000 for equipment; \$4,000 for Travel; \$7,650 for supplies; and \$100,430 for consultants and tutors.

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2009 CJS Appropriations bill included in H.R.1105

Account: NOAA—Operations, Research, and Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Illinois State Geological Survey

Address of Requesting Entity: 615 E. Peabody Drive, Champaign, IL 61820

Description of Request: \$725,000 for the Illinois Height Modernization project to update the benchmarks in the state (approximately half can no longer be located), unify the database of benchmarks, and provide a digital elevation (LiDAR) model for the state. Of this amount \$64,708 is for salaries and benefits; \$11,000 is for travel; \$16,500 is for Computing Hardware and Services; \$200,000 is for Level lines for new benchmarks in Northern Illinois; \$190,000 is for LiDAR data collection; \$2,000 for outreach forums; \$377 for commodities; \$400 for telecommunications; \$119,665 for facilities and administration; and \$120,350 for NOAA/NGS overhead.