

parking and to help renovate their facilities. The mission of Historic Yellow Springs is to share, preserve, and celebrate the unique living village of Yellow Springs by focusing on history, arts, education and the environment.

Montgomery County Community College, 340 Dekalb Pike, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania—\$237,500 for continued expansion of their West Campus in the borough of Pottstown. This funding will allow for Montgomery County Community College's further expansion of workforce development and transfer programming to help residents in Pottstown Borough and greater tri-county area of Montgomery, Chester, and Berks counties.

AGRICULTURE

The Rodale Institute, 611 Siegfriedale Rd., Kutztown, Pennsylvania—\$42,000 for continued Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Fungi research. The funding will help further Rodale's research which they believe has helped to determine that using biological farming methods instead of chemical methods will produce cleaner air and safer drinking water.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE AND SCIENCE

Berks County Community Foundation, PO Box 212, Reading, Pennsylvania—\$200,000 for the Reading Police K9 Unit. The funding will be used to further develop the Reading Police K9 Unit and help meet its future financial needs for the purpose of crime reduction in the City of Reading.

Exeter Police Department, 4975 Demoss Road, Exeter, Pennsylvania—\$250,000 for the Berks County Emergency Response Team (BCERT). Funding will be used to purchase equipment necessary for the formation of a Berks County emergency response team. The team and equipment that will be bought with this funding will help protect the lives of police officers and other first responders during the resolution of high-risk incidents and serving arrest and search warrants.

Alvernia College, 540 Upland Avenue, Reading, Pennsylvania—\$600,000 for the South Reading Youth Initiative. The funding will be used to assist at-risk youth by promoting programs that teach them to expand their ability to think logically and critically, to comprehend accurately, and to communicate effectively.

American Library Association, 1615 New Hampshire Ave. NW, First Floor, Washington, DC—\$258,000 for the All Kids Count program. The funding will be used to develop a series of four films dedicated to educating parents how to keep their children safe and informing children how to protect themselves against abduction, internet predators and targeted school violence.

Police Athletic League of Norristown, PO Box 685, Norristown, Pennsylvania—\$92,000 for PAL youth programs in Norristown. The funding will be used to continue the high-quality, low-cost programs that are offered to the youth (ages 5–18) of the Norristown Area. Programs and activities are offered that cover educational, artistic and recreational interests.

ENERGY AND WATER

Alvernia College, 540 Upland Avenue, Reading, Pennsylvania—\$570,900 for scientific instrumentation initiatives. The funding will be used for essential investigative equipment for an interdisciplinary forensic science and criminalistics training laboratory, an environmental research laboratory, a fuels and energy research laboratory, a human anatomy

and physiology laboratory, and a mathematics laboratory, that will help Alvernia in broadening its scientific offerings.

Albright College, 13th & Bern Sts, P.O. Box 15234, Reading, Pennsylvania—\$380,600 for science instrumentation and construction of three student independent research labs dedicated to biology, chemistry and biochemistry and physics.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Delaware County Community College, 901 South Media Line Road, Media, Pennsylvania—\$300,000 for a small business solutions center. The funding will be used to continue the Center's operations as well as expand its programs. Specifically, the Center will develop and deliver a series of entrepreneurial programs for students enrolled in DCCC's trade programs (i.e., plumbing, electrical, carpentry, HVAC, automotive technology, and welding) since these students have consistently asked for more training in starting their own small businesses.

INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT

City of Reading, 815 Washington Street, Reading, Pennsylvania—\$500,000 for the Reading Waste Water Treatment Plant. The funding will be used to consolidate screening and grit removal operations, the impact of future environmental regulations, the need for security improvements, and the potential for improved efficiencies associated with new control systems.

LABOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND EDUCATION

Phoenixville Community Education Foundation, PO Box 809, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania—\$147,000 for remedial after school math and reading education. Funding will be used to provide remedial summer and after-school programming for students in grades K–12 who are not proficient in math and reading on the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA), the states standardized test.

I-LEAD, Inc., 525 Penn St., Reading, Pennsylvania—\$143,000 for the College Without Walls program. The College Without Walls program delivers I-LEAD's leadership curriculum via an accelerated Associates Degree in Leadership Studies in students' neighborhoods of residence through partnerships with local nonprofit organizations. The program includes Vocational training opportunities in healthcare, including a cutting-edge vocational ESL program, leverages workforce development dollars to build long-term careers in high-demand industries for low-income workers. For those who do not have a high school diploma, I-LEAD offers GED classes and support to equip local residents to take the next step toward economic independence and family and community stability by furthering their education.

Chester County Hospital, 701 East Marshall Street, West Chester, Pennsylvania—\$428,000 for facilities and equipment. The funding will be used to add 72 inpatient beds and will allow the hospital to centralize and update all of its surgical facilities and services.

Central Pennsylvania African American Museum, 119 N. 10th Street, Reading, Pennsylvania—\$238,000 for exhibits relating to the Underground Railroad. Funding will be used to educate the public regarding African American History including inventions, contributions to society and the world, with special emphasis on telling the Underground Railroad story and record the history of local African Americans.

Chester County Historical Society (CCHS), 225 North High Street, West Chester, Pennsylvania—\$190,000 for a community historical education initiative in the County. Funding will be used to modernize and broaden education and other outreach services to better address the changing needs, expectations, and demographics of the community.

Pocopson Township Historical Committee, PO Box 1, Pocopson, Pennsylvania—\$214,000 for exhibits and curriculum development at the Locust Grove Schoolhouse. The Pocopson Township Historical Committee works to identify and encourage the preservation of historical resources within the Township through education and community involvement.

TRIBUTE TO BERNARD C. BARRMAN, SR.

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 26, 2009

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a longtime community leader and friend, Bernard "Bernie" Barmann Sr., from Bakersfield, California, on his retirement after more than 30 years of service to Kern County. Bernie has served in the Kern County Counsel's Office since 1974, first as the Deputy County Counsel and then as County Counsel since 1985.

Bernie graduated from Immaculate Conception College in 1955 and later earned his M.A. and Ph.D. from Stanford University in 1966. As a Fulbright Scholar and Kent Fellow, Bernie studied in France in 1963 to 1965. A dedicated scholar, Bernie taught at the Ohio State University and the University of Toronto from 1966 to 1971. In 1974, he earned a J.D. from the University of San Diego. Locally, he was an adjunct professor at California State University, Bakersfield's School of Business and Public Administration from 1986 to 2000.

A skilled lawyer, Bernie was admitted to the California State Bar in 1974 and for 33 years has practiced law in California at both the state and federal level. He has also been admitted to argue in front of several federal courts as well as the United States Supreme Court. Bernie has also been active in the California State Bar and the Kern County Bar—he was an editor for the Law Practice Management Newsletter for the State Bar from 1991 to 1993 and served as President of the Kern County Bar Association in 2001. He served from 1997 to 2000 on the State Bar Judicial Nominees Evaluation Commission and was President of the California County Counsels Association in 1993–1994. Bernie was awarded the Kern County Bench & Bar Award in 2006 for his outstanding contributions to the legal profession and justice system, and was recognized in Who's Who in American Law each year from 1992 to 2004. He lectures frequently on local government issues, especially on the topics of the California Open Meeting law and the Public Records Act.

An active member in the Kern County community, Bernie has been a Rotarian for 23 years and has served in leadership positions with various community organizations, including the Kern County Academic Decathlon, the Boy Scouts of American Southern Sierra

Council, the Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra Board, and the Community Concerts Association, to name a few. Bernie's victories for Kern County made funding available for new administration buildings including many fire stations and the Juvenile Justice Center.

As Bernie retires from the position of Kern County Counsel, his selfless contributions to Kern County will not be forgotten. However, I know he is looking forward to spending more time with his wife, Bee, their two children, Bernie Jr., an attorney in Los Angeles, and Brigit, a psychologist in Asheville, North Carolina, and his three grandchildren. I wish him well in retirement.

A TRIBUTE IN REMEMBRANCE OF
LOUVINIA G. POINTER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 26, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Louvinia G. Pointer. Ms. Pointer, a 92-year-old Brooklyn resident, was a musicologist and celebrated arts educator.

Born in Holly Hill, South Carolina in 1926, Mrs. Pointer and her family migrated to Harlem in 1926 in search of progressive opportunities for African Americans in the North.

Trained as a pianist from a young age, organist and lyric soprano, Louvinia White was prompted by friends to audition for Apollo Theater's Amateur Night competition at age 18. With a recommendation from Countee Cullen, Louvinia was accepted to New York University (NYU) in 1935, where she studied music education and later enrolled in the Music Masters program.

In 1939, a member of Louvinia's church informed her that renowned British playwright Noel Coward sought three African American women to open his new production scheduled to open on Broadway. Louvinia and two singing partners auditioned for Coward singing "Lift Thine Eyes" from Felix Mendelssohn's Elijah. Returning home from classes at NYU one evening she found a telegram in her mailbox from Mr. Coward asking her to report to the theater. When she arrived, Coward approached her with hands outstretched and thanked her for coming, exclaiming that he needed her voice in his show, *Set to Music*, starring Beatrice Lillie. Soon thereafter, Coward composed an obligato for Louvinia to open the production.

In 1943, Louvinia became a choral director in the National Youth Administration (NYA) Radio Workshop, a unit of President Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration. Louvinia directed one of the two NYA Radio Choirs, which performed weekly concerts on WNYC-FM until the conclusion of the program in 1943. Through the success of her choir, Louvinia married World War II veteran William Davis Pointer Sr. (1918–2001) and the two birthed three children, Olive Elise Pointer (1950), William Davis Pointer Jr. (1952), and internationally acclaimed, Grammy nominated jazz violinist and political activist Noel Whitaker Pointer (1954–1994).

Louvinia's final Broadway role was in the 1951 revival of Marc Connelly's 1936 film classic *The Green Pastures*, a musical setting of the Biblical "Creation". Louvinia then com-

menced her tenure as a music educator in the New York City public school system in 1958. She educated thousands of youth at Girls High School, Tilden High School, P.S. 21 and Lefferts Junior High School.

In 1987, Louvinia founded the Great Day Chorale, a 50-member a capella singing ensemble. Under Louvinia's leadership the four-part ensemble performed nationally and internationally in New Orleans and Barbados.

Louvinia is survived by daughter Olive Pointer Harney, son, Rev. William D. Pointer Jr., Associate Pastor of Christian Cultural Center Brooklyn, N.Y., daughter-in-laws Elder Lillie Pointer of Long Island, NY and Chinita Pointer of Orange, N.J., fourteen grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 26, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding constituent projects of interest I received as part of the FY 2009 Omnibus.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Dept of Education, Elementary and Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Galena City School District

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 299, Galena, AK 99741

Description of Request: I have secured \$485,000 for the Galena School District. Funding will be used for Galena's boarding school operations and provide a safe and educationally enriching environment for 120 students, many of whom are Native Alaskans from outlying villages where, in some cases, they may be exposed to a physically and emotionally challenging village environment. Due to a 2001 Department of Education formula change, Galena loses \$1 million annually in Federal Impact Aid Funding. It is my understanding that these funds will be used along with state funding to provide educational services and operate the boarding school. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Dept of Education, Elementary and Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Literacy Council of Alaska, Fairbanks

Address of Requesting Entity: 517 Gaffney Road, Fairbanks, AK 99701

Description of Request: I have secured \$81,000 for the Literacy Council of Alaska, Fairbanks. The funding will be used for a school-age tutoring program focusing on reading, writing and math. It is my understanding that the funds will be used for salaries, supplies and tutor trainings. There is an in-kind volunteer tutor contribution of \$30,600 annually. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: AK Addictions Rehabilitation Services, Inc./Nugen's Ranch

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 871545, Wasilla, AK 99687

Description of Request: I have secured \$490,000 for Addictions Rehabilitation Services, Inc./Nugen's Ranch. The funds will be used for the construction of a new residential substance abuse treatment facility. This will allow the recipient to increase the number of individuals treated which will decrease the number of people being sent out of state for treatment. It is my understanding that the funds will be spent for engineering and architecture fees, site preparation and actual construction of the facility. Other funds being used for this project are coming from the Denali Commission, Foundation Grants, AK Mental Health Trust Authority, the State of AK, and funds from the organization itself. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Providence Health System

Address of Requesting Entity: 3200 Providence Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508

Description of Request: I have secured \$951,000 for Providence Health Services in Anchorage, AK. These funds will be used for the Alaska Family Medicine Residency Program which recruits and trains doctors to address the critical physician recruitment and retention problem in Alaska. It is my understanding that the funds will be used to pay for faculty salaries (\$835,000) and resident recruitment (\$116,000) and that Providence Health Services will provide supplemental funds to this program. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Education, School Improvement

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Department of Education

Address of Requesting Entity: 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202

Description of Request: I have secured \$33,315,000 for the AK Native Education Equity Program. It is my understanding that these funds will be used to meet the unique education needs and to support supplemental education programs to benefit Alaska Natives. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Dept of Education, Elementary and Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alaska PTA

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 210496, Anchorage, AK 99503