

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

Description of Request: I have secured \$238,000 for the Alaska PTA. These funds will be used to train parents in their roles and responsibilities under the No Child Left Behind Act. It is my understanding that the funds will be used in conjunction with Alaska PTA funds totaling \$160,000. 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: Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 528, Bethel, AK 99559

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,475,000 for the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation. These funds will be used for capital equipment upgrades that will improve productivity, improve health care delivery and reduce the number of patients that are now required to be transferred out of the region. It is my understanding that no additional funds will be used for this project. 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 Commerce, NOAA—Operations, Research and Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Gulf of Alaska Coastal Communities Coalition

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 201236, Anchorage, AK 99520

Description of Request: I have secured \$150,000 for the Gulf of Alaska Coastal Communities Coalition (GOAC3) which is an incorporated 501(c)6 non-profit membership driven organization primarily serving as an advocate for small boat community based fisheries in the protection and creation of fair and sustainable fisheries related economic opportunities. The GOAC3 has representation from over 45 fisheries communities in the Gulf of Alaska. The GOAC3 allows these communities to participate and be effective in North Pacific Fishery Management Council meetings, allowing them to help mitigate negative impacts and increase opportunities to create economically viable and sustainable marine related communities. It is my understanding that these funds will be spent as on Personnel: \$45,000, Travel: \$22,000, Supplies: \$12,000 and Support Contracts: \$62,000.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Commerce, NOAA—Operations, Research and Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cook Inlet Beluga Whale Research/Kenai Peninsula Borough

Address of Requesting Entity: 144 N. Binkley St., Soldotna, AK 99669

Description of Request: I have secured \$700,000 for the Kenai Peninsula Borough. This project will study the population of the Cook Inlet Beluga Whale so that it is fully understood and counted. The listing of the Cook Inlet Beluga Whale on the Endangered Species List affects over 70% of Alaska's population and knowledge of the Cook Inlet Beluga Whale's population size and migration habits

is sorely lacking. This project fulfills the mandates of the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act. It is my understanding that the funds will be used for tagging devices and equipment and to support tagging expeditions to place the tracking devices on the Cook Inlet Beluga Whale. Funds will also be used for data collecting and analyzing.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Justice, OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Northwest Arctic Borough

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 1110, Kotzebue, AK 99752

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 for the Northwest Arctic Borough's Public Safety Planning and Village Public Safety Officer Hiring and Training. This project provides for the creation of a comprehensive planning process for law enforcement in the Borough and to implement immediate improvements to the Village Public Safety Officer program by recruiting and training new officers. This will help to bring up the level of law enforcement and public safety in the Borough, which is currently completely inadequate and provide Borough citizens with the same protections afforded those Americans throughout the country. The State of Alaska provides contract funds for the Village Public Safety Officer program. It is my understanding that \$250,000 will be used for public safety planning process and \$250,000 for Village Public Safety Officer Hiring and Training.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Commerce, NOAA—Operations, Research and Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Alaska Sea Otter and Steller Sea Lion Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 6239 B Street, Suite 204, Anchorage, AK 99518

Description of Request: I have secured \$300,000 for a Steller Sea Lion Comanagement, Biosampling and Outreach/Education program. This project will feature two approaches to bio-sampling. The first will be to work with two high harvest communities to fund local monitors (residents that help facilitate sea lion bio-sampling and monitor and document the local environment). The second approach will consist of training approximately 25 coastal Alaskans on proper sample collection and technique and protocols from those sea lions harvested for subsistence. This will help fulfill the mandates created by the Marine Mammal Protection Act and help promote responsible and sustainable subsistence harvesting. It is my understanding that the money will be spent on: Personnel: \$130,000, Travel: \$64,000, Supplies: \$15,000, Community Monitoring Contracts: \$50,000, Biosamplers: \$10,000 and Administrative Support: \$31,000.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: State of Alaska / Victims for Justice

Address of Requesting Entity: 1057 Fireweed Lane, Suite 101, Anchorage, AK 99503

Description of Request: I have secured \$400,000 to be used for sexual assault/domestic violence education, victim assistance and prosecution. This project will support victims of violent crimes. It is my understanding that funding will be split between programs on Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Education, programs to provide Victim Assistance and prosecution of those who commit the violence.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: USDA, NRCS

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alaska Association of Conservation Districts

Address of Requesting Entity: 1700 E. Bogard Road, Suite 203A, Wasilla, AK, 99654

Description of Request: I have secured \$864,000 to support the work of 12 Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Alaska. Specifically, this program would allow the Alaska Association of Conservation Districts to manage statewide natural resource concerns such as invasive plants, water quality and soil erosion due to global climate change. Assuming percentages remain the same, funding would include 53.5% for salaries and personnel, 9.3% for fringe funding, 6.7% for travel funding, 4.3% for equipment, 4% for supply funding, and 16.7% for contractual funding. The matching funds for this project, which will be augmented from local and private contributors, are unknown at this time. Additionally, this project will be enhanced by projects that are funded by USDA, State and Private Forestry, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other federal agencies. A funding request to the State of Alaska is pending.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: EPA, STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Craig

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 725, Craig, AK 99921

Description of Request: I have secured \$250,000 for Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Projects in the City of Craig. The City has previously received funds from the State of Alaska's Village Safe Water Program, but because of delays in funding distribution and escalating project costs the funding received has not been able to fulfill the requirements for the approved projects. All funds appropriated will be used for the construction or replacement of waterlines, wastewater lines, lift stations, and other utilities. The total project will cost \$1.2 million. However, the grantee has received \$973,000 from the State of Alaska's Village Safe Water Program. The \$250,000 included in this appropriation will complete the project. Additionally, the City has provided additional in-kind contributions in the form of labor and equipment.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Federal Transit Administration, Bus and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fairbanks North Star Borough

Address of Requesting Entity: 809 Pioneer Road, Fairbanks, AK 99707-1267

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$798,000 for bus acquisition to add a route from Eielson AFB to Ft. Wainwright. The local

share of the project will be provided by the Borough.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: FHWA, Federal Lands Highways

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fairbanks North Star Borough

Address of Requesting Entity: 809 Pioneer Road, Fairbanks, AK 99707-1267

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$950,000 for rural and road service area transportation upgrades. Funds will be used to upgrade roads to federal lands, military installations, university research farms, and evacuation. Funds will be matched 50 percent by the Borough.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Federal Transit Administration, Bus and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mat Su Community Transit

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 8971590, Wasilla, AK 99687

Description of Request: Funding will be used for bus facility and property enhancements, 20 percent local match will be provided by Mat-Su Borough.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers,

Address of Requesting Entity: Elmendorf Air Force Base, AK

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$263,000 for Alaska District to continue the feasibility study of the Alaska Regional Ports and Harbors Comprehensive Plan.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers,

Address of Requesting Entity: Elmendorf Air Force Base, AK

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$3,328,000 to be used for Alaska coastal erosion. Native Villages on the coast of Alaska are eroding and this funding will help the Corps address the most pressing needs.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City and Borough of Sitka

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Lincoln St., Sitka, AK 99835

Description of Request: Provide \$478,000 for upgrades to the harbor breakwater due to design deficiency. Upgrades are needed to protect fishing boats within harbor of Sitka Channel. Local match will be met by the state or borough.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Port of Anchorage

Address of Requesting Entity: 2000 Anchorage Port Rd, Anchorage, AK 99501

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$16 million will be used for transitional dredging for the Port of Anchorage Expansion Project.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: EERE, Biomass and Biorefinery Systems R&D

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Municipality of Anchorage

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 19660, Anchorage, AK 99519

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$713,625 to be used for converting methane gas to electrical power generation. Municipality will match all federal funds.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: EERE, Geothermal Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Unalaska

Address of Requesting Entity: 43 Ravens Way, Unalaska, AK 99685

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$951,500 for the development of a potential geothermal well in Unalaska. This could be a crucial source of energy for people on the Aleutian Chain.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: Elmendorf AFB, AK

Description of Request: Provide an earmark for \$740,000 for City of Dillingham in support of President's Budget for dredging Dillingham Harbor.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: Elmendorf AFB, AK

Description of Request: Provide an earmark for \$575,000 for City of Homer in support of President's budget for dredging Homer Harbor.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Nome

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 281, Nome, AK 99762

Description of Request: Provide an earmark for \$724,000 for City of Nome in support of President's budget for dredging the Nome Port.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 26, 2009

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, on February 25, 2009, I missed two votes regarding H. Res. 184, a resolution setting forth the rule for consideration of H.R. 1105 to consider making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" for both H. Res. 184, Ordering the previous question (Roll call vote 84), and H. Res. 184, On Agreeing to the Resolution (Roll call vote 85).

A COMMEMORATION OF HOUSE SPEAKER TERRANCE CARROLL AND SENATE PRESIDENT PETER GROFF

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 26, 2009

Ms. DeGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor two distinguished gentlemen and mark a historic occasion for the State of Colorado and our legislature. For the first time in United States history, two African-Americans will hold the top leadership position in both chambers of a State legislature.

The election of Colorado State Representative Terrance Carroll as Speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives and Colorado State Senator Peter Groff as President of the Colorado Senate puts our State's past injustices into perspective. It opens our eyes once again to a time only eighty years ago when a majority of the State House members were associated with the Ku Klux Klan members. It reminds us when the 1924 election ushered in numerous KKK-endorsed candidates, including the Governor of Colorado, Clarence Morley. These were the days when legislation was introduced without shame by people who sought to use the law to restrict the rights of African Americans and to remove them from boards and commissions. The struggle for harmony and freedom from inequity continues for all of us, but today Colorado makes progress toward that end.

The story of House Speaker Terrance Carroll began several blocks away from this chamber, where Carroll grew up in the Anacostia neighborhood of Washington, D.C. He was the only child of a single mother who was the daughter of a sharecropper. He attended Morehouse College in Atlanta. He eventually earned a master's degree from the University of Colorado and a law degree from the University of Denver, and he graduated from seminary to become an ordained minister. During his career, he has served as a police officer and a practicing lawyer. In his seven years in the Colorado state legislature, Speaker Carroll has championed issues ranging from educational reform, housing, homeland security, and civil and criminal justice issues.

Senate President Peter Groff, the son of former Colorado lawmaker Regis Groff, is a graduate of Denver's East High School. He started his political career working for former