

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service—SRG

Project Amount: \$700,000.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Tennessee, 114 Morgan Hall, 2621 Morgan Circle, Knoxville, TN 37996.

Description of Request: This funding will be used for producing crops that can be used directly as early-warning sentinels for the detection of plant diseases.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Agricultural Research Service—Salaries and expenses

Project Amount: \$254,000.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Tennessee, 114 Morgan Hall, 2621 Morgan Circle, Knoxville, TN 37996.

Description of Request: This funding will be used to support developing new varieties and cropping systems that will improve disease resistance, enhance value of the crop and protect the regional soil and water resources.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: OJP—Juvenile Justice

Project Amount: \$400,000.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Childhelp of East Tennessee, 2505 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919.

Description of Request: This funding will be used to assist Childhelp in expanding its important services to more children in Knox County and the surrounding region who have suffered abuse. Specifically, the Children's Center of East Tennessee will expand its forensic interview capacity and related services to East Tennessee children who have, in the past, been turned away, as well as its community based forensic interview and medical examination services.

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Account: Corps of Engineers—Investigations

Project Amount: \$96,000.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Maryville College, Fayerweather Hall 309, 502 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway, Maryville, TN 37804.

Description of Request: This funding will be used to conduct a watershed study on the Little Tennessee River in East Tennessee.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: SBA

Project Amount: \$670,000.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Alcoa, 223 Associates Boulevard, Alcoa, Tennessee 37701.

Description of Request: The funding will be used to develop infrastructure servicing the new Pellissippi Research Centre on the Oak Ridge Corridor.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: EPA—STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Project Amount: \$300,000.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: West Knox Utility District, 2328 Lovell Road, Knoxville, TN 37932.

Description of Request: The funding would be used to provide sanitary sewer service to the Ball Camp Community to remove existing health and environmental issues resulting from failed septic systems.

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Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: EPA—Environmental Programs and Management

Project Amount: \$2,500,000.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Rural Community Assistance Partnership, 1522 K St, NW Suite 400, Washington, DC 20005.

Description of Request: The funding would be used to assist small communities with drinking water and waste water concerns.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: HRSA Health Facilities and Services

Project Amount: \$476,000.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Blount Memorial Hospital, 907 East Lamar Alexander Parkway, Maryville, TN 37804.

Description of Request: The funding would be used to help implement an Electronic Medical Record System, which would help improving the accuracy of documentation, as well as improving the communication among the interdisciplinary caregivers.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: HRSA—Health Facilities and Services

Project Amount: \$285,000.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sertoma Center, 1400 East Fifth Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917.

Description of Request: The funding would be used to provide improvement and technology upgrades at facilities which administer day and residential programs for adults with cognitive disabilities.

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Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA)—Mental Health

Project Amount: \$238,000.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: ChildNet of East Tennessee, 201 West Springdale Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917.

Description of Request: The funding would be used to expand ChildNet services in the Second Congressional District of Tennessee. Services offered by ChildNet include psychiatric assessment, medication evaluation, individual and family counseling, case management, classroom observation, and consultation from trained mental health professional(s).

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Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Buses and Bus Facilities

Project Amount: \$1,425,000.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: East Tennessee Human Resources Agency, 9111 Cross Park Drive, Suite D—100, Knoxville, TN 37923.

Description of Request: The funding would be used to replace high mileage, handicapped accessible vehicles used to daily transport citizens to life sustaining activities such as trips to medical appointments.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Transportation, Community, and System Preservation Project Amount: \$570,000.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Knoxville, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902.

Description of Request: The funding would be used to construct a new pedestrian bridge with a free span of 800 feet, providing a safe pedestrian passageway between the South Knoxville Waterfront and the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Buses and Bus Facilities

Project Amount: \$237,500.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Alcoa, 223 Associates Boulevard, Alcoa, Tennessee 37701.

Description of Request: The funding will be used to develop infrastructure servicing the new Pellissippi Research Centre on the Oak Ridge Corridor.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Transportation, Community, and System Preservation

Project Amount: \$142,500.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Knoxville, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902.

Description of Request: The funding will be used to purchase an Automated Vehicle Locator system and passenger variable message signs in an effort to prevent idling times at the transfer center which will help improve air quality.

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HONORING BILL AND FAITH COLLINS

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 26, 2009

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, in celebration of Black History Month, I want to continue recognizing African Americans from throughout Georgia's 11th Congressional District who have a major impact on their community.

Today, I rise to honor a family who has dedicated their lives to public service and the improvement of the community they call home. Bill and Faith Collins of Rome, Georgia are the perfect example of how one family can have a positive impact on the lives of countless others around them.

Bill Collins has served his community on the Rome City Commission for the past 11 years. As a Commissioner, Bill currently chairs the Public Works Committee and serves on the Transportation and Downtown Development Authority—working to improve his community's infrastructure.

Bill's wife, Faith, has committed much of her life to ensuring that the children of Rome receive the best education possible. As a longtime member of the Rome City School Board, Faith has made improving the quality of education for Georgia students her mission.

I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Bill and Faith Collins—a true public service family—for their commitment to improving their community.

COMMEMORATION OF TAIWAN'S 2-28 MASSACRE

**HON. SCOTT GARRETT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 26, 2009*

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 62nd commemoration of Taiwan's "2-28 Massacre."

On February 28, 1947, the brutal arrest of a female civilian in Taipei led to large-scale protests by the native Taiwanese against the repression of Chiang Kai-shek's Chinese Nationalists, who occupied Taiwan on behalf of the Allied Forces after Japan's defeat in 1945.

During the following days, Chiang's government sent troops from mainland China to the island. The Chinese soldiers began capturing and executing leading Taiwanese lawyers, doctors, students, and other citizens.

It is estimated that at least 18,000 people lost their lives during the turmoil. During the following four decades, the Chinese Nationalists continued to rule Taiwan under a martial law system that lasted until 1987.

The 2-28 event had far-reaching implications. Over the next half-century, the Taiwanese democracy movement that grew out of the incident helped pave the way for Taiwan's momentous transformation from a dictatorship under the Chinese Nationalists to a thriving and pluralistic democracy.

In some ways, the 2-28 incident was similar to the "Boston Massacre" that occurred in the Massachusetts colony in 1770. Both events launched a movement toward full democracy and helped galvanize a struggle for independence.

I urge other Members to join me in commemorating this important historical event.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN BRAD CONNORS, USN

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 26, 2009*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to Captain Brad Connors, USN, who will be retiring after turning over command of Naval Base Ventura County on Friday.

I have worked closely on a number of endeavors with Captain Connors over the past three years. He is the consummate professional military officer and gentleman.

Since he graduated the United States Naval Academy in 1982 and earned his wings in 1984, Captain Connors has logged more than 4,500 flight hours and 900 carrier landings in several different aircraft. He has served as squadron executive officer and commander and flew missions over Iraq in support of Operation Southern Watch. During this tour, his squadron was awarded the Navy's "Battle E" in recognition of superior squadron readiness and mission performance.

Following a Korean Peninsula deployment onboard USS Kittyhawk, Captain Connors led

a multi-squadron maintenance detachment in support of TopGun's transition to F/A18s and the very first Strike Fighter Instructor Course.

In December 1995, Captain Connors became an instructor at the Naval Strike Warfare Center in Nevada. His first official duty was to serve on the integration team that facilitated the merger of "TopGun," "Strike," and "TopDome" into the newly formed Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center (NSAWC). Following NSAWC's commissioning, Captain Connors became its first Air Wing Training Officer. Under his direction, integrated air warfare training and standardization went through a complete renaissance, including development of the Air Interdiction Mission Commander's Course the very first Strike Leader flying syllabus.

Captain Connors also served as Cruiser Destroyer Group ONE's Air Operations and Operations Officer onboard the *USS Constellation* following graduation from the Naval War College. During this tour, Captain Connors contributed to Iraqi Freedom operational planning, flew combat missions, and oversaw the integration of more than 140 coalition combatants in support of the operation's maritime objectives.

At Naval Base Ventura County, Captain Connors commands its more than 90 tenants, 6,000 military personnel, 9,000 civilian employees and 3,000 contractors at Point Mugu, the Naval Construction Battalion Center at Port Hueneme, the Channel Islands Air National Guard, 146th Airlift Wing, and the base's 36,000-square-mile sea test range—the largest in the world. He has done an exemplary job.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in thanking Captain Brad Connors for his decades of service to his country and the U.S. Navy and in wishing him great success in his retirement.

'MR. AMIGO 2008' JOSÉ SULAIMÁN

**HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 26, 2009*

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the 2008 "Mr. Amigo," José Sulaimán, chosen recently by the Mr. Amigo Association of Brownsville, TX, and Matamoros, Tamaulipas, in Mexico. Sulaimán has spent his life in the sport of boxing, best known as the president of the World Boxing Council for more than three decades.

The Mr. Amigo Award began in 1964 as an annual tribute to an outstanding Mexican citizen who has made a lasting contribution during the previous year to international solidarity and goodwill. "Mr. Amigo" acts as an ambassador between our two countries and presides over the annual Charro Days festival.

The Charro Days festival, held in Brownsville and Matamoros, is an opportunity to enjoy the unique border culture of the Rio Grande Valley area. A Lenten event, much like Mardi Gras in New Orleans, the festival was organized in 1937 by the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce to recognize Mexican culture and was named in honor of the charros, "dashing Mexican gentlemen cowboys." The festival includes parades complete with floats, as well as street dances, a carnival, mariachi and ma-

rimba concerts, and ballet folklorico performances by school students.

In 1968, Sulaimán joined the World Boxing Council (WBC) and quickly moved through the ranks. In 1975, Sulaimán was unanimously elected president of the WBC and has served in that capacity ever since. Under his leadership, the WBC has instituted many new rules and regulations regarding boxers' safety and welfare, and has funded brain injury research programs at UCLA. Outside of boxing, Sulaimán, who speaks Spanish, English, Arabic, Italian, Portuguese and French, successfully operates a medical supply company in Mexico.

The United States-Mexico border has a unique, blended history of cowboys, bandits, lawmen, farmers, fishermen, oil riggers, soldiers, scientists, entrepreneurs, and teachers. The Charro Days festival reflects that deep sense of shared history and experiences, which is needed now more than ever. It is a time for all of us to not only remember our past, but to celebrate our future.

The Charro Days festival and the Mr. Amigo Award unite sister cities on both sides of the border and send a message that we are neighbors, and friends that trust, understand, and respect each other. We share a language, customs, and experiences unique to our communities, and during Charro Days we take time to celebrate our distinctive culture.

I urge my colleagues to join me in commending José Sulaimán, the 2008 Mr. Amigo, as well as the cities of Brownsville and Matamoros, for their dedication to international goodwill between the United States and Mexico.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 26, 2009*

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Monday, February 23, 2009, I incorrectly recorded two votes. Please let the record show that I intended to vote the following way: roll No. 72—"nay," roll No. 73—"nay."

SAFE DRUG DISPOSAL ACT OF 2009

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 26, 2009*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join my colleague, Congressman INSLEE, to support the "Safe Drug Disposal Act of 2009," legislation that will address the risks to our families, our communities, and the environment from unwanted or unused drugs that are left in the home or that are disposed of improperly.

Drug waste is a problem at every juncture of the health care system. Medications can accumulate in numerous settings—in nursing homes, hospitals, and hospice care facilities, and in home-based care settings and private residences. To encourage safe disposal of these drugs, many communities have developed take-back programs or sponsored collection events that allow consumers to properly