

Youth Advisory Board and to improve city infrastructure. He worked on reforming the city's police department, in particular pushing for the hiring of minorities and encouraging black and white police officers to learn from each other. He also played a key role in opening the Von D. Mizell Community Center in Fort Lauderdale's Dorsey-Riverbend neighborhood. The significance of his work was recognized when, in 2002, the Fort Lauderdale City Commission named the recreation center at Bass Park in his honor and passed a resolution naming Andrew as an Honored Founder of the city.

Madam Speaker, I will treasure Andrew's memory, and although his life has come to an end, his legacy will live on for generations to come. He will be remembered for his generosity and poise, characteristics which enabled him to improve the lives, and earn the respect, of all those who knew him. I am proud and fortunate to call Andrew my friend, and will miss him dearly.

IN RESPONSE TO H.R. 1105

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, the Democrats in Congress have a spending problem. House Democrats spent \$410 billion to fund earmarks such as: \$6.3 billion for AIDS prevention and research and \$1.4 million for energy efficient street lighting in Detroit. The Democrat leadership of this body believes that we can spend our way out of a recession. They believe that a Washington bureaucrat can tell you what is best for you and your family.

But House Republicans know this isn't so. We know that Americans are the hardest working people in the world. We know that Americans are innovative, inspiring, and resilient. Americans are the life-force of the world economy. What the American people need are tax breaks and sales tax credits so they can continue to run their small businesses, create jobs, and rejuvenate our economy. What the American people do not need is more spending for liberal special interest groups. They need opportunities for innovation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I was not able to reach the House floor to cast my vote on Rollcall 415 on June 17, 2008, prior to the vote closing. Had I been able to reach the floor before the vote was closed, I would have voted "no."

TRIBUTE TO FIREFIGHTER
LIEUTENANT JIMMY McCASKEY

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today to honor and recognize

the bravery of Bartlett Firefighter Lieutenant Jimmy McCaskey.

While vacationing in Florida Lt. McCaskey showed the highest form of human compassion and bravery when he risked his own life to save a father and son caught in the grasp of a powerful rip current generated by a hurricane while hundreds of beachgoers stood on the shore and watched. When Lt. McCaskey reached the two swimmers he lifted the father who was already blue in the face out of the water, onto his boogie board and kept him alert for 20 agonizing minutes while being relentlessly battered down upon from all directions by a surging sea until help finally arrived. Thankfully, this fisher of men narrowly escaped his own death.

In honor of this extraordinary act of selflessness, Lt. Jimmy McCaskey was awarded the Medal of Valor which is one of the highest honors for bravery a firefighter can receive. This award is administered by the 100 Club of Memphis and was presented to Lt. McCaskey due to his outstanding performance without regard for personal safety which should stand as an inspiration to all men and women across Tennessee and our Nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in both thanking and congratulating Lt. Jimmy McCaskey for his heroism; he is, indeed, a worthy recipient of this outstanding honor. And may God bless all of the Jimmy McCaskeys of America.

DONNA DENT

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I am proud to say that one of my constituents, Donna Dent, was part of the heroic emergency landing of US Airways flight 1549 that recently made headlines as a "miracle on the Hudson." Donna and her husband Bill live in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Donna is known by family, friends, and neighbors as an unshakably calm, responsible, and warm person. As one of the flight attendants on duty, Donna was an integral part of ensuring all 150 passengers aboard the flight made it to safety while the plane quickly filled with water.

With two decades of experience, Donna is known to have a knack for keeping passengers calm on flights, especially children. There is no doubt that she was an asset in preparing passengers for a crash and keeping passengers composed enough to exit the aircraft safely once it hit the river.

When people go out of their way to do service for others in such a kind and selfless manner it renews our faith in humanity. We are lucky to have had such a wonderful person from the Fifth District of North Carolina on duty and working to make the "miracle on the Hudson" truly a miracle.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of HR 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009:

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Megan Nicole Kanka Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 9956, Trenton, New Jersey 08650

Description of Request: I have secured a \$56,000 designated grant for the Megan Nicole Kanka Foundation, Check 'Em Out program in Division B of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009. This funding is to be used to purchase equipment to assist in background checks on volunteers at community recreation departments and athletic leagues. The Kanka Foundation is fundraising to share in the cost of this program.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: OJP—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: DARE New Jersey

Address of Requesting Entity: 292 Prospect Plains Road, Cranberry, New Jersey 08512

Description of Request: DARE New Jersey, Inc. is listed as receiving a \$200,000 grant for the High School Drug and Safety Prevention Project in Division B of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009. This funding will be used to teach students proper decision making skills and how to resist peer pressure in order to live drug and violence free lives. DARE's current budget includes additional funding for this program.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: OJP—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Police Athletic League of New Jersey

Address of Requesting Entity: 180 South Street, Freehold, NJ 07728

Description of Request: The Police Athletic League of New Jersey, PAL of NJ After School Initiative, is listed as receiving \$1,500,000 in Division B of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009. This funding will be used to provide after school athletic activities for students 8–16 years old in order to deter juvenile crime. PAL is committed to raising additional funding through local business and individual donations.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Greater Trenton Area YMCA

Address of Requesting Entity: 431 Pennington Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08075

Description of Request: I have secured a \$450,000 federal grant for the Greater Trenton Area YMCA in Division B of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009. This funding will be allocated for the completion of the new YMCA

building. The Greater Trenton Area YMCA has secured additional monies through loans and contributions.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: OJP—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: KidsBridge

Address of Requesting Entity: 4556 South Broad Street, 2nd Floor, Trenton, New Jersey 08620

Description of Request: I have secured a grant of \$94,000 for KidsBridge Life Skills, Gang Resistance and Violence Prevention in Division B of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009. This funding will be used for weekly crime prevention programs for middle school students. KidsBridge is a non-profit organization which hosts fundraisers and has permanent sponsors to facilitate the needs of the organization.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Trenton

Address of Requesting Entity: 319 E State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08608

Description of Request: The City of Trenton is listed as receiving a \$600,000 grant in Division B of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, for YouthStat Violence and Gang Prevention. The funding will be used to provide participants with customized community based programming including mentoring, work experience, life skills development and recreation for juveniles that are at the highest risk for gang and criminal involvement. The City of Trenton will also provide financial support as necessary.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mercer County

Address of Requesting Entity: 640 South Broad Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08650

Description of Request: The Mercer County Ex-Offender Re-Entry Initiative of Mercer County, New Jersey is listed as receiving a \$215,000 grant in Division B of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009. The funding will be used to provide a comprehensive case management program for prisoners returning to the community from the Mercer County Correctional facility after a term of incarceration. The County will provide additional funding for this program.

A TRIBUTE TO MS. PEGGY
NEWTON

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Peggy Newton for her service to the students at Hodgenville Elementary School in Hodgenville, Kentucky. She has taught for more than 30 years and was recently recognized as the 2008–2009 ExCEL Award recipient for her school district.

Ms. Newton's teaching philosophy is simple—everyone can learn. She is an outstanding educator who shows tireless devotion to her students. Ms. Newton shows her students how to believe in themselves and in their accomplishments by quietly and efficiently guiding them.

Ms. Newton's compassion for students is her first priority. She treats her students as her own as she works to encourage, inspire, and educate. She never forgets to set high expectations in her classroom.

When asked why Ms. Newton deserved this award, one of her colleagues wrote, "Because Peggy has a passion for teaching, her students have a passion for learning. She exemplifies the essential fruits of teaching that have enabled her to be such a successful teacher."

Ms. Newton's passion for making a difference in the lives of her students is an example for all Kentuckians to follow. I thank Ms. Newton for her commitment to the students in Hodgenville.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act 2009.

Request as named in the report: Widening of County Road 222, Cullman, AL

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account or Provision: Division H—Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009; Title I—Department of Transportation; Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), TCSP—Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Cullman, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 278, Cullman, AL 35056

Description of Request: \$285,000 in funding would be used to widen a County Road which provides access to trucks exiting the industrial park and accessing Interstate 65, thus allowing recently established companies, and future companies, the safe and efficient highway access needed.

Request as named in the report: 4-Laning of Airport Road, Gadsden, AL

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account or Provision: Division H—Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009; Title I—Department of Transportation; Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), TCSP—Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Gadsden, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: 90 Broad Street P.O. Box 267, Gadsden, AL 35902–0267

Description of Request: \$475,000 to fund the widening of Airport Road from two to four lanes from the existing Delphi plant (near Highway 77) extending south approximately 1.5 miles to Steele Station Road.

Request as named in the report: Roadway improvements to Winston County Industrial Park Road, Winston County, AL

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account or Provision: Division H—Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009; Title I—Department of Transportation; Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), TCSP—Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Winston County Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 147, Double Springs, AL 35553

Description of Request: \$95,000 in funding would be used to provide roadway improvements (base and pave) for the industrial park.

Request as named in the report: Technical Correction for U.S. Forest Highway 9, Winston County, AL

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account or Provision: Division H—Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009; Title I—Department of Transportation; Department of Transportation (DOT), Office of the Secretary (OST), Technical Corrections

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alabama Department of Transportation, on behalf of Bankhead National Forest

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 278, Double Springs, AL 35553

Description of Request: \$980,000 to resurface U.S. Forest Highway 9, Winston County, AL (which is also designated County Road 41). This language corrects an incorrect highway number in the original bill text.

Request as named in the report: Rountree Field Airport, Perimeter Wildlife and Security Fencing, Hartselle, AL

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account or Provision: Division H—Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009; Title I—Department of Transportation; Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), AIP—Airport Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Hartselle, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Sparkman St. N.W., Hartselle, AL 35640

Description of Request: \$47,500 to fund the construction and installation of perimeter security fencing at Rountree Field Airport in Hartselle, Alabama.

Request as named in the report: Economic Development Initiative for Downtown Redevelopment Authority, City of Decatur, AL for a Streetscape Project throughout the Downtown Decatur Redevelopment Authority corridor

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT, CRAMER, Sen. SESSIONS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account or Provision: Division H—Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and