

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DOUG WARNER

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2009

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today to honor and recognize an outstanding citizen of Germantown, Tennessee, Mr. Doug Warner.

For the past 22 years, Doug has volunteered for the Mountain Tennessee Outreach Project (T.O.P) which attends to the spiritual, physical, emotional or social needs of rural Tennessee residents. Doug has led more than 50 trips to the counties in Tennessee this organization aids and brought much comfort to those families in distress. Doug has also been there in times of tragedy by collecting and distributing supplies to aid in the recovery efforts after natural disasters such as the Ivan, Katrina and Rita hurricanes.

Besides his work with Mountain T.O.P., Doug has organized numerous other volunteer projects in order to help the lives of his fellow citizens and make his community better. Through his service on the Habitat for Humanity Board, Doug has sponsored and built more than 29 Habitat houses as well as collecting donated furniture and accessories to help these families to a new beginning. Doug and his family continue to be an active part of the Germantown United Methodist Church.

Through this service and countless other accomplishments, the quality of life of many Tennesseans has been greatly improved because of Doug's leadership, experience and willingness to give. Congratulations to Mr. Doug Warner on being named Citizen of the Year 2008 by the Germantown, Tennessee Lions Club.

MARY KELLIGREW KASSLER: 25 YEARS OF HER BEST

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, after 25 years of extraordinary service in the WIC Program, Mary Kelligrew Kassler is retiring. I know literally no one who has worked harder to make this the kind of country that we all want to live in. Her dedication to providing needed assistance at the critical time in their lives to lower-income women and their children is unsurpassed.

I will personally miss her as a source of absolutely reliable advice in this area. She combined a zeal for the important work she was doing with a balanced outlook and a realistic understanding of how to get things done that made her an advisor on whom I could always rely without any question.

For 25 years Mary Kelligrew Kassler has exemplified public service in a critical area.

Madam Speaker, I hope that young people contemplating careers will learn about the extraordinary work she did and that she will be, at least for some, a role model.

HONORING CENTRAL CALIFORNIA HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce upon the celebration of their 25th anniversary. The anniversary will be celebrated on Friday March 13, 2009 in Fresno, California.

In 1983 a small, influential group of Hispanic business owners in the Fresno area came together and identified a need for a business organization that was aimed toward growing and developing Hispanic owned businesses. The leaders began to develop strong ties to the California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Together they built the foundation and began to gather support from local businesses and leaders to form the Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (CCHCC). Under the leadership of Hugo Morales, Carmen Navarro, Jo Ann Orijel, the late Albert Ramirez, Jorge Acuna, David Mendoza, Rose Molina, and others, the CCHCC was formed.

The focus for the first couple of years was to become incorporated, obtain non-profit status, to expand and cover the Central Valley and to create by-laws and establish a board of directors. This was accomplished by 1985. The CCHCC further gained momentum when State Center Community College District, California State University, Fresno, Pepsi-Cola and other corporations pledged their support. These early supporters help catapult CCHCC into becoming a viable business organization.

Today, CCHCC is involved in addressing the quality of life for the Hispanic community. The CCHCC has hosted several events to promote and revitalize local Hispanic businesses and boost the economy for the entire Central Valley.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce on 25 years of business. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing CCHCC many years of continued success.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. DAN BOREN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2009

Mr. BOREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a significant milestone for a pres-

tigious institution of higher learning in my state of Oklahoma. Northeastern State University, located in Tahlequah, is turning 100 years old this month.

Founded in 1909, Northeastern State University has been a center of learning and excellence for thousands of Oklahomans.

One hundred years ago this month, Governor Charles Haskell signed the document creating Northeastern State Normal School on the site of the former Cherokee National Female Seminary. Since that day, NSU has become a highly regarded academic institution and the fourth largest university in the state of Oklahoma.

With a student body of more than 9,000, NSU brings a broad swath of diversity to the learning environment. 29% of the students who attend Northeastern State are self-identified Native Americans.

NSU offers degree programs in four academic colleges and is home to Oklahoma's only College of Optometry.

On the athletic field, things look just as promising for Northeastern. NSU is a member of the NCAA Division II LoneStar Conference and fields teams in basketball, baseball, football, golf, soccer, softball and tennis.

In these times of limited educational dollars, it is important for the United States Congress to remember the local and regional universities that educate so many of our citizens. Northeastern State University is an enormous asset to eastern Oklahoma and I come to the floor today to honor all they do.

Happy Birthday Northeastern State University!

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2009

Mr. STEARNS. 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.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service, SGR

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Florida Citrus Mutual

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 89, Lakeland, FL 33802

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,217,000 for Florida Citrus Mutual. The funding will be used to improve technologies for treatment and detection, methods of movement and containment, and means to control and eliminate these devastating citrus diseases. After two unprecedented, devastating hurricane seasons in 2004 and 2005, APHIS determined in January 2006 that eradicating citrus canker from Florida is no longer feasible. As a result, the scientific community

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work is working to find disease resistance and/or a cure for these diseases. In addition, in 2005, USDA-Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) detected citrus greening in Florida. Greening is another severe citrus disease that must be addressed to ensure the sustainability of the industry. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Department of Justice, OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alachua County, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 12 SE 1st Street, Gainesville, FL 32602

Description of Request: I have secured \$550,000 for Alachua County, FL. The funding will be used by Alachua County to manage offenders with co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse disorders. Alachua County proposes an integrated, coordinated continuum of care using evidence-based practices where there will be “no wrong door” to enter treatment. Persons will be assessed and provided with a level of treatment consistent with individual need. This innovative approach could prove to be an effective keystone to alleviate jail overcrowding by reducing the recidivism rate that is prevalent with offenders suffering from a mental illness compounded by drug abuse. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lake County, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 315 W. Main St., Tavares, FL 32778–3813

Description of Request: I have secured \$150,000 for Lake County, FL. The funding will be used by Lake County for a 800 MHz Radio System to serve the public safety needs and Emergency Operations Center of the County. An 800 MHz radio system will allow for the coordination of Lake County's emergency response services. The project would allow for the first time portable radio communications across the county. After the recent tornados that struck the County February 2, 2007, and in previous years Hurricanes, having an 800 MHz radio system will better equip the County's public safety personnel to respond and offer assistance. The project is supported by both the Sheriff's office and the municipalities in Lake County. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Corps of Engineers, Construction
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Jacksonville Port Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 2831 Talleyrand Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32206–0005

Description of Request: I have secured \$3,349,000 for the Jacksonville Port Authority. The funding will be used to increase the Corps of Engineers' capability for completing Phase II dredging of the federal ship channel to the

Talleyrand Terminal. Prompt completion of this deepening project, which began seven years ago, is critically important to meet the needs of fully loaded cargo ships and for the continued commercial viability and operational safety of the Jacksonville Port. Navigation safety issues will be addressed in the vicinity of the Chaseville Turn where docked oil tankers are in close proximity to vessels attempting to navigate the restricted turning area. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Small Business Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Central Florida Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 3001 SW College Rd, Ocala, FL 34474–4415

Description of Request: I have secured \$100,000 for Central Florida Community College. The funding will be used to support an initiative to identify growth industries compatible with the research strengths of the University of Florida and the workforce training strengths of Central Florida Community College and Santa Fe Community College. The educational institutions, in cooperation with regional economic development entities, would develop a strategic plan to recruit and/or expand identified industry groups, such as those related to the bio-medical industry at the University of Florida. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Department of Education, Higher Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Central Florida Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 3001 SW College Rd, Ocala, FL 34474–4415

Description of Request: I have secured \$238,000 for Central Florida Community College. The funding will be used by Central Florida Community College for expansion of the Public Policy Institute. The Public Policy Institute (PPI) of Marion County was established in 1999 as a non-profit, non-partisan citizen-based organization to provide a careful analysis of the issues and trends that shape and affect public policy. Its mission is to give the community a sense of hope and optimism by creating a broad base of community involvement in identifying, researching, and establishing dialogue on community issues, and then in recommending and helping to implement timely solutions. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Department of Transportation, Airport Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Jacksonville Aviation Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 18018, Jacksonville, FL 32229

Description of Request: I have secured \$722,000 for the Jacksonville Aviation Authority. The funding will be used to make taxiway improvements at Cecil Field. The project consists of the 2,000 foot parallel Taxiway Echo east of existing Runway 18L/36R and the 500

foot Taxiway A–1 connector, along with the 120,000 square foot apron. These improvements will open new areas of the airport east of the existing runway for new economic development and job creation. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Department of Transportation, Transportation, Community, and System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Marion County, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 601 SE 25th Ave., Ocala, FL 34471

Description of Request: I have secured \$475,000 for Marion County, FL. The funding will be used for construction of 9.2 miles of a new 4-lane, rural, divided roadway (Bellevue Bypass) and improvements to State Road 35 (Baseline Road) in the Bellevue area. The new managed access 4-lane roadway begins south of the City of Bellevue at US 441 and loops around the city on the east to tie into Baseline Road north of the city at 92nd Place. Improvements to Baseline Road begin south of this intersection and include reconstruction of this 2-lane road to a 4-lane divided arterial up to CR 464. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2009

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, on March 6, 2009, I was absent for one rollcall vote. If I had been here, I would like the RECORD to reflect that I would have voted “yes” on rollcall vote No. 109.

RECOGNITION OF MEADOW BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL'S 100% SENIOR CLASS REGISTRATION

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2009

Mr. RAHALL. I rise today in recognition of Meadow Bridge High School in Meadow Bridge, West Virginia. With encouragement from their principal, Al Martine, 100% of the senior class has submitted voter registration forms to the County Clerk in Fayetteville, West Virginia.

Meadow Bridge High School has an eight-year history of registering their entire senior class, and they are the only known school in West Virginia with such an accomplishment to call their own. Not only that, but Meadow Bridge High School was recently honored as a bronze level school in US News and World Report. They were singled out because every student, even the most disadvantaged, has standardized test scores that are above the state average. If that doesn't take hard work or doesn't deserve recognition here, I don't know what does.