

Cynthia Powers is the owner of Century 21 Powers Realty, Inc. Well-respected and well-known for her success as a businesswoman in Northwest Indiana, she may be even more recognizable for her immeasurable contributions to her church and her community. As a cancer survivor, Cynthia truly understands the importance of faith, and her commitment to her church, First African Methodist Episcopal Church in Gary, can be seen in the more than twenty years she has led the youth choir. In the Northwest Indiana community, a more giving person could not be found. To name a few of her contributions, Cynthia has served as chairman and on the board of directors for the Lake Area United Way, and she has served on the board of directors for The Discovery Alliance, Tradewinds, and the Friends of Hospice of the Calumet Area.

Burton "Bud" Ruby, chairman of Jamar-Ruby, has spent over seventy years with the company founded by his father over ninety-three years ago. After learning the trade from the shop floor, Bud advanced in the ranks, eventually becoming president and chief executive officer in 1957. Today, at age 89, Bud remains chairman of the company, which now conducts business under the name Trans-Apparel Group. In addition to his success as a businessman, Bud knows a thing or two about serving his community; he is a World War II veteran. Locally, Bud has served the community through his service with several councils and foundations, including: the Duneland Health Council, where he serves as its chairman, and the Purdue University North Central Chancellor's Advisory Board and the Unity Foundation of LaPorte County, where he serves on each of their boards of directors. Additionally, he has been a member of Rotary International since 1939.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my distinguished colleagues to join me in commending these outstanding leaders on their induction into the Indiana Business and Industry Hall of Fame. These individuals are most deserving of being named the class of 2009, and for their leadership and commitment to the Northwest Indiana community, each of the recipients is worthy of our respect and admiration.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I would like to submit the following earmark request:

1.) Requesting Member: Rep. CHRIS SMITH
Bill Number: H.R. 1105
Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Operations and Maintenance
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Description of Request: The New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway navigation project provides a safe, reliable, and efficient navigation channel for the East Coast's largest and the 5th most valuable commercial fishing fleet in the U.S. and nine U.S. Coast Guard Stations, including the only U.S. Coast Guard enlistee training base in the U.S. Funding in the amount of \$888,000 will be used to repair a critically damaged bulkhead in Point Pleasant,

NJ by performing channel exams, maintenance dredging of the ferry area, Cape May Canal bank stabilization & maintenance, rehabilitation of the steel bulkhead, repairing Point Pleasant Canal Old Bridge Abutments, and maintenance dredging segment 2.

2.) Requesting Member: Rep. CHRIS SMITH
Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Description of Request: This Manasquan River, NJ project provides safe, reliable, and efficient navigation channel for the busiest inlet in NJ. Funding in the amount of \$337,000 will be used to monitor the jetty, perform maintenance dredging of the entrance channel and repair retaining wall curb.

3.) Requesting Member: Rep. CHRIS SMITH
Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Description of Request: Funding in the amount of \$957,000 will be used for the Sandy Hook to Barnegat Inlet, NJ project to continue the construction of the sand renourishment phase of Section II of this critical shore protection project, an area that extends from Belmar to Manasquan, NJ and incorporates the beaches of several coastal towns in Monmouth County, NJ. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is the non-Federal sponsor of this project and will pay a third of the costs.

4.) Requesting Member: Rep. CHRIS SMITH
Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Investigations—Feasibility Study

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Description of Request: Funding for the NJ Shoreline Alternative Long-Term Nourishment in the amount of \$96,000 will be used to continue the Feasibility phase of this study. Work will continue to evaluate all of New Jersey's coastal projects, including the different reaches of beach replenishment projects, as a system to ensure maximum benefits are achieved from the Federal investment and reduce long-term periodic nourishment costs. This includes developing a regional sediment budget and an improved understanding of regional coastal processes, implementation of an efficient regional monitoring program, and development of a comprehensive beach, inlet, and borrow area management strategy. New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is the non-Federal sponsor and will provide a 50/50 cost share.

5.) Requesting Member: Rep. CHRIS SMITH
Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Investigations—Feasibility Study

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Description of Request: Funding in the amount of \$277,000 will be used to continue the plan formulation effort for the Feasibility study to evaluate the alternative solutions to the region's problems regarding flooding along the Delaware River and tributaries will begin. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is the non-Federal sponsor and will provide a 50/50 cost share.

6.) Requesting Member: Rep. CHRIS SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Construction—Continuing Authorities Program Section 1135

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Description of Request: Funding for the Assunpink Creek Basin, NJ will be used to implement the Project Partnership Agreement and initiate and complete the design. Funding can also be used to award the construction contract.

7.) Requesting Member: Rep. CHRIS SMITH
Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Continuing Authorities Program—Section 205

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Description of Request: The Assunpink Creek study area is located between the flood control dam at Mercer County Park in West Windsor and the City of Trenton. Benefits from flood damage reduction projects include saving structures and contents from flood damage, the savings from alleviation of cleanup costs, and reduction of the costs of flood fighting and evacuation. The ACE will use the funding for flood plain reconnection, stream restoration, wetland creation, impervious cover removal, flood proofing and flood plain management to be the most likely alternative given the highly urbanized setting of the area.

8.) Requesting Member: Rep. CHRIS SMITH
Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Energy EERE—Solar Energy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Isles, Inc.
Address of Requesting Agency: 10 Wood Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08618

Description of Request: The "Solar and Green Retrofit" project will house an environmental center and be a showcase for green buildings, with renovations incorporating cutting-edge, high performance environmental technology, including solar photovoltaic panels on the roof, expansive interior day lighting, and energy efficient heating and cooling systems.

Financial Plan:

Green Roof Installation \$100,000
Solar Array Installation \$100,000
Associated Design Fees \$37,875
TOTAL \$237,875

9.) Requesting Member: Rep. CHRIS SMITH
Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Energy EERE—Other

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Trenton

Address of Requesting Agency: 319 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08608

Description of Request: The city of Trenton's Green Renewable Energy Feasibility Study will use the funding in the amount of \$475,000 to examine the utility of windpower and solar panel demonstration projects in Trenton, which have the potential to save the City significant fiscal resources while simultaneously realizing a positive outcome for the environment.

Financial Plan:

City Personnel \$100,000
Energy Consultant \$328,250
Indirect Costs \$47,500
TOTAL \$475,750

HONORING RICHARD M. SCHECK,
MAYOR OF NORTH RIVERSIDE,
ILLINOIS

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Richard M. Scheck of North Riverside, Illinois. Richard Scheck will be retiring in April after having given 20 years of dedicated public service as the mayor of North Riverside.

Richard Scheck was first elected to his post as mayor in 1989. He has garnered statewide recognition for his excellent record of financial management and achievement, effective communication with residents and businesses, and earnest work for the health and well-being of the North Riverside community. I have been honored to work with Mayor Scheck on numerous issues to help our constituents. Richard Scheck has been a true public servant, selflessly giving his time and energy to his community while also running a successful engineering company. Through his 20 years as mayor, he has made North Riverside an even better place to live.

Richard Scheck has also been very successful in his philanthropic work to raise money to fight breast cancer. Through the "Betty Scheck Walk for Cancer," the "Betty Scheck Shuffle," and other fundraisers, he has helped raise over \$1.2 million for the American Cancer Society. And in 2007, Seguin Services—which helps children and adults with disabilities—awarded Richard Scheck the President's Award for "his support as a community leader, a donor, an employer, a connector and as an inspiration to others."

I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the many achievements of Mayor Richard M. Scheck. It is my honor to acknowledge him for his outstanding leadership and commitment to public service in the Village of North Riverside and the Third Congressional District of Illinois.

HELP BORDER HEALTHCARE

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce H.R. 1386, the Pay for All Your Undocumented Procedures (PAY UPI) Act of 2009. This bill will provide payments for emergency services provided to undocumented aliens.

The costs of uncompensated emergency care for undocumented immigrants are sky high and border area hospitals, physicians, and ambulance providers are choking on the costs that they have to eat. My bill, the Pay for All Your Undocumented Procedures (PAY UPI) Act of 2009, is the first step to solving this problem which is well known in border communities.

Undocumented aliens receive emergency services in a hospital and yet that hospital is not reimbursed for these services. My bill will ensure that the healthcare providers are reimbursed for the emergency services they provide.

My bill makes permanent a provision of the Medicare Modernization Act that provided payments to eligible providers for procedures for undocumented aliens. The bill authorizes \$250 million a year to reimburse eligible providers for this care. Two-thirds of the funds are divided among the 50 states and the District of Columbia based on their relative percentages of undocumented aliens, the last third is divided among the 6 states with the largest number of undocumented aliens.

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE
10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AP-
PALACHIAN LEADERSHIP ACADE-
MY**

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, the Appalachian Leadership Academy was formed in 1998 out of a partnership between the Institute for Local Government Administration and Rural Development at Ohio University's Voinovich Center for Leadership and Public Affairs and the Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development; and

Whereas, the Academy is designed to help prepare middle management employees for leadership roles within their agencies and communities; and

Whereas, the Academy has graduated 170 leaders into Ohio Appalachian communities; and

Whereas, the goal of the Academy is to enhance the knowledge of the participants not only in leadership but about the Appalachian Region as a whole in order to better prepare them to use their skills in the Appalachian communities of Ohio; therefore, be it

Resolved that along with the friends, alumni of the Academy, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend the Appalachian Leadership Academy for their steadfast efforts to offer educational leadership opportunities, and congratulate them on their 10th anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on rollcall numbers 110 through 112. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on each.

**IN HONOR OF TONY AND FERMIN
CAMPOS; 2009 NISEI FARMERS
LEAGUE AGRICULTURALISTS OF
THE YEAR AWARD**

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to two brothers whose lives

and pursuits have exemplified the spirit of raw determination, fortitude, entrepreneurship and virtues of citizenship demonstrated by so many of those immigrating to this great country of ours. On Thursday, March 12th 2009, Campos Brothers Farms will receive the Nisei Farmers League's 2009 Agriculturalist of the Year Award, an award given to an outstanding member of the Nisei Farmers League who has shown exceptional leadership skills, devotion, and who truly makes a valuable contribution to agriculture. Many things contribute to California's bountiful crops and the economic well-being of the state, but one significant underlying factor in California's agricultural success has been the presence of men such as Fermin and Tony Campos.

Fermin and Antonio Campos were born in Olondriz, Spain in the Province of Navarra, where they were two of nine children. Tony came to the United States in 1952 at the age of 17 as a sheepherder with Fermin arriving three years later. After five years of hard work they were proud to become U.S. Citizens beginning their American Dream. In 1957, the brothers formed their partnership known as Campos Brothers Farms. Over the years they have been active in many capacities and industries. Early they worked with sheep, later raising crops such as alfalfa, cotton, black-eye beans, raisins and grapes before beginning their endeavors with almonds. The brothers were also proud to be associated with the start of the Caruthers Raisin Packing Company where Tony served as President for five years. Both brothers were actively involved in the raisin industry serving on the Raisin Administrative Committee as well as the Raisin Bargaining Association.

In 1980, the Campos Brothers built their first almond huller. Along with their wives and children they watched the company blossom under their mutual hard labor becoming one of the most respected producers, processors, and sellers of quality almonds in the world today. Tony and Fermin have been active on the California Almond Board and its various committees. Both Tony and Fermin have been active supporters of their local FFA organization, Fresno State Agricultural Program and the California Agricultural Leadership Program. They are proud members of the Nisei Farmers League continually advocating for California Agricultural interests.

We recently lost Fermin. His passing has left a large hole in not only the family and the family business, but in agriculture in general. Agriculture indeed misses Fermin's contributions and passion. Tony continues to carry on the family tradition of pride, passion, excellence and advocacy. So I believe it very fitting today to rise before you my colleagues, to honor Fermin and Tony Campos, Nisei Farmers League's 2009 "Agriculturalists of the Year."

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