

Training and Medical Programs. She has also served as executive officer to the Air Force Surgeon General and Director of Medical Operations for Headquarters Air Force Inspection Agency. Her commands include the 1st Medical Support Squadron at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, and 366th Medical Group at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. Prior to her current assignment, General Lewis was Commander of the Air Force Medical Support Agency, a field operating agency which reports to the Air Force Surgeon General.

In her career, General Lewis has been awarded a Legion of Merit, a Defense Meritorious Service Medal, a Meritorious Service Medal with silver oak leaf cluster, an Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, and an Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. She was also recognized in 1994 by an Air Force Commitment to Service Award for her tireless work with the Medical Service Corps.

General Lewis has served her career with dedication and honor in the service of her country. Her direct support of medical planning and programming efforts for the United States Air Force Medical Service has greatly enhanced the medical capability needed to ensure success in the war on terrorism. In addition, as the Chief of the Medical Service Corps, she has directly impacted the careers of hundreds of health care executives in the Corps and will influence several generations beyond the tenure of her career.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending Brigadier General Patricia C. Lewis for her lifetime of hard work in the service of our country.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the House passed version of H.R. 1105.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. GRESHAM BARRETT

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Provision: Division I, Title I Department of Transportation, Account: Transportation, Community, and System Preservation Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Clemson University

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 Brackett Hall Box 5702 Clemson University Clemson, SC 29634

Description of Request: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide \$285,000 in funding for roadway improvements aimed at addressing current safety concerns for the Clemson University Advanced Materials Center in Anderson County, SC. Funds will be used principally for signage and road visibility, particularly at night and during inclement weather. These improvements are important to the continued development of the Center, which is dedicated to the research and development of advanced materials, technology transfer thru IP migration from the laboratory to the boardroom for everything from commercial to military applications, and also to support existing

industry. This request is consistent with the intended purpose of ensuring efficient access to jobs, services, and centers of trade for the Federal Highway Administration's Transportation, Community, and System Preservation (TCSP) Program as authorized under Section 1117 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU, Public Law 109-203). The State of South Carolina has committed \$4 million to this project and private industry has committed an additional \$5.3 million.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Mr. WHITFIELD. 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 ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Section 205

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Nashville Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: Nashville, TN

Description of Request: The funds will be used for engineering and design of a dry-dam on the South Fork of the Little River, which would reduce 100 year flood levels in the City by 2.6–4.9 feet. This will protect the safety and security of the citizens in the vicinity of the flood zone. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Clinton County, KY

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 South Cross Street, Albany, KY 42602

Description of Request: The funds (\$142,500) will be used to establish a Clinton County Community Senior Wellness Center to serve the needs of the elderly community to further enhance the quality of life in the rural community at the Senior Center. The center will serve as a facility to enable seniors to receive health and educational services in the community. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act:

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture, 2404 North University Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72207; Arkansas State University College of Agriculture, PO Box 1080, State University, AR 72647; College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, University of Georgia, 101 Conner Hall, Athens, GA 30602

Address of Requesting Entity: see above

Description of Request: The funding of \$1,900,300 will be used to help industry expand to commercial production of cellulosic ethanol and to develop viable feedstock production and alternative uses for by-products.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Arkansas

Address of Requesting Entity: 119 Ozark Hall, Fayetteville, AR 72701

Description of Request: The funding of \$475,750 will be used to purchase additional testing instrumentation, materials and alternate energy storage and transmission prototype development for the University of Arkansas's electric test facility.

#### COMMENDING THE OUTSTANDING WOMEN OF SOMERSET COUNTY

#### HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Mr. LANCE. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of National Women's History Month, and I would like to congratulate a number of outstanding women who will be recognized at the Somerset County's Commission on the Status of Women awards in New Jersey's Seventh Congressional District.

The Commission presents awards annually in celebration of National Women's History Month in March. This year there are 17 women being honored, including entrepreneurs, educators and hometown heroes whose community service is considered extraordinary.

This year's Education Award winner is Elizabeth Stitley of Somerville. She currently serves as a supervisor of Allied Health Programs at Somerset County Technology Institute since 2003.

In this capacity, Elizabeth has spearheaded the growth of the program, which now offers two full-time, day practical nursing programs and an evening program. She was instrumental in adding a new skills laboratory with a task-training center that will soon be equipped with cameras.

Elizabeth has served as president of the Practical Nurse Educators Council and of the New Jersey League for Nursing, and received the league's 2004 President's Award. She also is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, the international nursing honor society.

I am pleased to congratulate Elizabeth Stitley for her outstanding efforts and share her good work with my colleagues in the United States Congress and the American people.

AUTHORIZING USE OF CAPITOL  
GROUNDS FOR NATIONAL PEACE  
OFFICERS' MEMORIAL SERVICE

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 10, 2009*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 38, "Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service", introduced by Delegate ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, of the District of Columbia. I would also like to thank Delegate ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON for her leadership on this.

Everyday, men and women from all over the nation put their lives on the line to protect the freedoms that we all enjoy. They have taken an oath to serve and protect us from dangers both seen and unseen, and do so with distinction and great diligence. This very brave group of people put aside all fears and inhibitions, risking their health, well-being, and comfort of their families to serve in a capacity that few desire. I believe it to be a worthy honor to have the Capitol grounds used for the memorial services.

Many believe that police officers have the most stress filled jobs. There's no question that police officers experience stressful situations with more frequency than most people. While municipalities hire and pay individual policemen, they seldom consider that the entire family endures the pains of the job, many of which have a deleterious affect on the family. The job and family simultaneously creates an environment that can be managed by few. Given the many sacrifices officers make during their lives for our rights and privileges, the burdens on the family should be few and minimized. Using the Capitol grounds for memorial services offers appreciation to not only the officer, but to the entire family, which they so graciously deserve.

Washington, DC, our nation's capital, is filled with memorials and museums that help us to remember the countless sacrifices that men and women have made for the freedoms of our great nation. We are a nation who knows the importance of erecting these symbols to help us remember those who fought and died for the greater good.

The World War II Memorial honors the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S., the more than 400,000 who died, and all who supported the war effort from home. Symbolic of the defining event of the 20th Century, the memorial is a monument to the spirit, sacrifice, and commitment of the American people.

The Veteran's Memorial, which is a gleaming black granite wall etched with the names of the 60,000 soldiers who died in Vietnam or remain missing in action. While it does nothing to diminish the tears of families who visit year after year; however, it permanently helps them recognize that their dying was not in vain and that the government of the United States remembers their sacrifice.

There are veterans and other exceptional individuals buried at Arlington National Cemetery from the Revolutionary War to the present military action in Iraq and Afghanistan. Since May of 1864, Arlington has been a fully operational National Cemetery. Today, the ceme-

tary performs services for military casualties from the Iraqi and Afghanistan war fronts, as well as the aging World War II veterans.

This country has a long history of recognizing soldiers who have fallen fighting foreign threats. This country must also recognize those who fall fighting domestic threats. Therefore, I stand in support of H. Con. Res. 38, "Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service."

RECOGNIZING BEVERLY ECKERT  
FOR 9/11 VICTIMS WORK

SPEECH OF

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 4, 2009*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 201, which recognizes the life of Beverly Eckert, a co-founder of "Voices of September 11th" and the widow of Sean Rooney, who was killed in the Twin Towers on September 11th.

Ms. Eckert worked tirelessly for "Voices of September 11th," an advocacy and support group of widows, mothers, and children of the victims of 9/11, which served as a driving force for intelligence and homeland security in the wake of the attacks of September 11, 2001. After the attacks, Beverly Eckert focused all of her emotions into organized advocacy for government accountability and future transparency to make our Nation more secure. Ms. Eckert was faced with opposition and indifference, but she continued to press forward in her fact-finding and preventative efforts.

Her strong, constant voice led to the creation of the National Commission on Terrorists Attack Upon the United States—or the 9/11 Commission. After the Commission's formation, Eckert continued her mission by participating in hearings and demanding implementation of the Commission's recommendations. During testimony as a member of the 9/11 Commission's Family Steering Committee, Eckert praised the Commission for their efforts to completely inform the public as to the failures on September 11th through public hearings and reports. She also warned Congressional members and the White House in regards to the Commission's recommendations that, unlike other commission recommendations, implementation of 9/11 Commission recommendations would be necessary because "there is no shelf on which they can be hidden." To that end she successfully pushed for the passage of the "Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007."

In conclusion, Beverly Eckert was a tenacious citizen who nudged and prodded the leaders of this Nation to look at their mistakes and implement the steps to correct them. Ms. Eckert was not interested in partisanship, fear-mongering, or saber-rattling. She was a woman who made sure that the death of her husband and those who died on September 11th would not be in vain. In that process, she reinforced the message that you can make a difference and that we, as a nation, should not give into the fear of terrorism.

I urge my colleagues to support the resolution and formally recognize Ms. Beverly Eckert

for her continued work to ensure that the victims and families of the September 11th attacks are never forgotten and to ensure that our country is protected from such attacks in the future.

SENSE OF HOUSE REGARDING NA-  
TIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST  
PROGRAM

SPEECH OF

**HON. MAXINE WATERS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 9, 2009*

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Resolution 210, Recognizing the importance of the National School Lunch Program and commend my colleague, Rep. GWEN MOORE for bringing this measure before the House.

This important program provides breakfast to over 8 million children through either free or reduced-price meals in approximately 16,000 schools. With the current economic crisis, working families are facing challenges they never expected. Last week, the Department of Labor announced the U.S. economy lost 651,000 jobs in February, and the unemployment rate hit 8.1 percent, its highest point in since 1983. These job losses make it even harder for some families to feed their children—so they turn to schools for help. We know that children who live in families that experience hunger have been shown to be more likely to have lower math scores, face an increased likelihood of repeating a grade, and receive more special education services.

We've learned over the years that making breakfast widely available through different venues, such as in the classroom, or as students exit their school bus, or outside the classroom, has been shown to diminish the stigma of receiving free or reduced-price breakfast, which often prevents eligible students from getting a traditional breakfast in school cafeterias.

Providing breakfast in the classroom can improve attentiveness and academic performance, while reducing tardiness and disciplinary referrals. Students who eat a complete breakfast have been shown to make fewer mistakes and work faster in math exercises than those who eat a partial breakfast. Students who skip breakfast are more likely to have difficulty distinguishing among similar images, show increased errors, and have slower memory recall. Studies have shown that access to nutritious programs such as the National School Lunch Program and National School Breakfast Program helps to create a strong learning environment for children and helps to improve children's concentration in the classroom.

Mr. Speaker, this is an incredibly important program with a well-documented track record of success. I'm pleased to add my voice of support for the National School Breakfast Program and I will be working with my colleagues to make sure that we provide the resources necessary to provide the benefits of this program to every hungry child who needs breakfast at school.