

as Morris 2000 in 1984, the organization has managed to successfully bridge environment and business interests, working to further both causes to the mutual benefit of both.

Morris Tomorrow has established several high-profile programs that have helped define issues facing Morris County and the surrounding area. Among the programs is Midday Morris, a quarterly lecture series targeted toward business, government, civic and education leaders; Building Cross-Cultural Communities, works to address issues faced by our immigrant communities; Morris Summit, brings together local leaders from our business, government, education and nonprofit communities to explore quality of life issues. Additionally, three organizations that have proved essential to the watershed management issues that are vital to the area are offshoots of Morris Tomorrow—the Ten Towns Great Swamp Watershed Management Committee, the Rockaway River Watershed Cabinet, and the Raritan Highlands Compact.

We are privileged to have such a dynamic and dedicated non-profit organization in Morris County.

Madam Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Morris tomorrow on the celebration of its 25 years serving Morris County.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

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

Name of the Requesting Member: LEE TERRY.

The bill number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Project Name: Special Olympics Educational Programs.

Amount Requested: \$6,000,000.

The legal name and address of requesting entity: 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games 8801 F Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68127.

Description of earmark: The request I made was for the 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games to assist in funding the Special Olympics' Second USA National Games. This money would be spent on logistics, security, transportation, housing and meals for athletes during the 2010 games in Nebraska. It is my understanding that this project, which included my name as a requestor, is for Special Olympics educational programs that can be integrated into classroom instruction and for activities to increase the participation of individuals with intellectual disabilities, as authorized under the Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD'S 48TH INFANTRY BRIGADE BRAVO COMPANY SECOND BATTALION

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Georgia National Guard's 48th Infantry Brigade Bravo Company Second Battalion, which will soon deploy for a yearlong mission to train and mentor members of the Afghan National Army.

The Bravo Company Second Battalion, based out of Newnan in Georgia's 3rd Congressional District, has trained intensely at Fort Gordon in Augusta, Fort Polk in Louisiana and Fort Stewart in southeast Georgia leading up to its deployment.

These 130 U.S. soldiers will do a great job serving their nation and assisting the Afghans in building their own proud military. They bring with them to Afghanistan a wealth of expertise and battle-tested experience.

Half of the soldiers deployed to Iraq in 2005–2006, a time of intense fighting with insurgents, and the unit suffered heavy losses. As today's unit carries on the fight, they remember and honor their fallen comrades.

On April 13, the unit will ship off to Camp Shelby, MS, before heading to their overseas destination. I look forward to taking part in community events to see them off and give them the honor and gratitude they and their families so richly deserve.

Georgians in the 3rd District are proud to have these patriots as neighbors. The soldiers of the 48th Infantry Brigade put themselves on the front lines to defend our nation and protect our freedom. The families they leave behind sacrifice just as much. We pray that God blesses their mission and watches over them until their safe return to Georgia and their loving families.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO GIVE DC CITIZENS A PLACE IN STATUARY HALL

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce a bill today to permit two statues honoring citizens of the District of Columbia in Statuary Hall in the Capitol, just as statues honoring citizens of States are placed in the historic hall. This legislation would allow the city to offer two statues to the Congress on behalf of D.C. residents. This bill is important to ensure equal treatment for the residents of the District of Columbia with the residents of the 50 States, who already have statues representing them in Statuary Hall.

The D.C. statues would likely be of Frederick Douglass and Pierre L'Enfant, known for their contributions to the city and to the Nation, who were selected by the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities through a

public process. The D.C. statues could help cure the diversity embarrassment of statues in the Capitol. When the Capitol Visitors Center (CVC) opened in December, many were surprised and embarrassed that even in the part of the CVC Congress named Emancipation Hall, to honor the slaves and free blacks who helped build the Capitol, there were no statues of African Americans. It also is an embarrassment, and an indefensible one at that, that the 600,000 American citizens who live in the nation's capital have no statues of their own, while all 50 States have statues.

On August 10, 2006, the D.C. Commission on Arts and Humanities began the process of creating the two statues to be placed in Statuary Hall, when the Commission chose Frederick Douglass and Pierre L'Enfant as the two prominent residents whose statues would represent the District of Columbia. The Commission also hired two Washington area sculptors, Steven Weitzman and Gordon Kay, to work on the sculptures of Frederick Douglass and Pierre L'Enfant. Both statues were placed in the lobby of One Judiciary Square, a District government building.

Douglass (1818–1895) was born a slave in Maryland and became a District resident in the 1870s. He held diplomatic and District appointments and is considered to be the Father of the Civil Rights Movement. Douglass also displayed his talents as an orator and journalist throughout his life here. His home in southeast Washington is a national monument that attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors annually.

L'Enfant (1754–1825), an architect, engineer and soldier, left France to serve in the American Revolution. George Washington chose L'Enfant to design the new federal city of Washington, D.C. He became a U.S. citizen and spent the remainder of his life in D.C., implementing the plan that made the Nation's capital the beautiful city it is today.

The District of Columbia was born with the Nation itself over 200 years ago. Throughout these two centuries, the city has created its very own rich and uniquely American history. In the Congress, we undermine the Nation's efforts to spread full democracy around the world. While D.C. residents have not yet obtained the same political equality and voting rights as the citizens of the States, they have all the responsibilities of the citizens of the States, including paying all Federal taxes and serving in all the Nation's wars. Today, when our residents are serving in Iraq, the least we should do is to give this city its rightful and equal place in the Capitol.

The statues would offer District residents the opportunity to enjoy the same pride that all other citizens experience when they come to their Capitol—the opportunity to view memorials that commemorate the efforts of residents who have made significant contributions to their jurisdiction and to American history.

The statue bill I introduce today is part of our "Free and Equal D.C." series, which includes the D.C. House Voting Rights Act, bills for budget autonomy and legislative autonomy, an elected district attorney position, and other bills designed to ensure that District residents, who pay Federal taxes and fight in wars like other Americans, are granted the same privileges as other Americans.

TRIBUTE TO ROBIN TORELLO

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Robin Torello, a resident of San Leandro, California. Ms. Torello has been selected as the 2009 Woman of the Year for the 10th Senatorial District, represented by California State Senator Ellen Corbett.

Since 1987, in conjunction with Women's History Month, California Senators and Assembly Members invite one woman from their respective districts to the Capitol in Sacramento to be recognized as Woman of the Year in a formal ceremony on the floors of the Senate and Assembly. I am proud to share with my colleagues in the House of Representatives that Robin Torello was so chosen.

Robin Torello continues to serve as a role model for women in her community and generations to come. She has distinguished herself professionally in the area of employee benefits. She has vast knowledge and experience in this area and currently serves as a Senior Associate Consultant in the San Francisco office of Mercer. Ms. Torello identifies client-employee benefit program needs and works with clients for appropriate solutions. Ms. Torello utilizes her exemplary skills, expertise and experience in such specific areas as plan design development and implementation, renewal negotiations, financial analysis, legislative compliance, project management, and strategic planning.

In addition to her professional responsibilities, Ms. Torello is active in the community and serves as an executive board member and chair of several organizations. She has given much of her time and effort in fostering participation in the political process, engaging the public on important issues, developing candidate recruitment and training programs, and increasing voter education.

Ms. Torello earned a Bachelor of Science degree in history and political science from Central Connecticut State College in 1974 and received a Master of Public Administration degree from California State University, Hayward in 1986. She also holds a life agent license issued by the California Department of Insurance.

I am pleased to recognize the achievements of Robin Torello as she receives the California Woman of the Year award. I join California State Senator Ellen Corbett in commending Ms. Torello on her outstanding record of professional and civic leadership.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to state for the record that I intended to vote "nay" on rollcall vote 140 to H.R. 1388 taken on March 18, 2009. The CONGRESSIONAL RECORD currently lists me as an "aye" vote on this measure. As a conservative, I cannot support the federal government paying individuals

to volunteer their time, especially in a period of record federal deficits and budget constraints facing American families.

CLAIRTON BEARS WPIAL
CHAMPIONS**HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Mr. DOYLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Clairton Bears on a stellar high school football season.

For the first time in their school's history, the Bears reached the State championship game. This accomplishment topped an undefeated regular season and a WPIAL title.

These great accomplishments were the result of fantastic coaching and consistently outstanding performances by the team's staff and players.

The staff consisted of head coach Tom Nola and assistant coaches Mike LeDonne, Demonje Rosser, Remondo Williams, Tim Borkowski, John DeMarco, Tony St. Angelo, Tony Ferrare, and Wayne Wade.

The players consisted of 9 seniors—Malcolm Ford, Troy Webb, Andrew Currington, CJ Hammonds, Kailon Lyons, Eyan Johnson, Lance Meade, David Spence, and Taylor Wright as well as underclassmen Kevin Weatherspoon, Deontae Howard, Josh Page, Brandon Small, Eddie Ball, Remondo Williams, Desimon Green, Trenton Coles, Julian McLean, Bishop Neal, Geron Johnson, Devante Dockery, Kevin Poindexter, Devante Gardlock, Marcus Nash, Antwon Thompson, Brian Boyd, Carvan Thompson, Donzel Daniels, Chanze James, Keith Craven, Devonte Doss, Marquis Norris, Shawn Thomas, Ezekial Williams, and Wesley Sutton. The hard work, dedication, and teamwork these young men displayed throughout the season produced a once in a lifetime opportunity for the graduating seniors to play in the big game before leaving their high school.

Pittsburgh once again has lived up to its name as the "City of Champions" producing a great team like the Clairton Bears. I wish the Bears and their program success in the seasons to follow and congratulate them once again on a fantastic season.

TRIBUTE TO THE BELL COUNTY
HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM
2008–2009**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the 2008–2009 Bell County High School Football Team, who captured the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Class 4–A State Championship Title. The tremendous athletes should be proud of their talent and ability, and know that I am honored to recognize their athletic achievement.

Bell County has a long history of great football teams. The Bobcats have defeated formi-

dable opponents in years past and gone on to win multiple championships, along with district and regional titles. This year's State Championship should come as no surprise given the drive and dedication in each of the team's players.

The Bell County Bobcats defeated a tough team from Bullitt East, winning 15–13 in the State final. More than six thousand fans filled the Cardinal Stadium to witness these focused young men put their athletic ability and knowledge of the game to the highest test. The Bobcats dominated the second half of the football game, scoring 15 unanswered points and stopping a two-point conversion attempt by the young men of Bullitt East with a mere ten seconds left.

This Championship Title reflects the wisdom of their coach, Dudley Hilton. Coach Hilton led the Bobcats to their first undefeated season with 15 straight wins and the team's second State Title. The team's unwavering determination was demonstrated in the last three games of this season's playoffs when each time they came back from behind to claim victory. These experiences and life lessons learned on the field will be carried on after the game and continue to shape these athletes into young men of promise and outstanding character.

It is my hope that this Championship will inspire not only young men on this team, but younger generations, to have the same determination when they face obstacles later in life. Commitment, courage and character was demonstrated by each and every one of these teammates and these qualities will bring continued success both on and off the field.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring coach Dudley Hilton and the Bell County High School 2008–2009 Football Team as the KHSAA Class 4A State Champions. Bell County's continued success has helped to shape the lives of so many students and members of the community, and I congratulate them and wish them all the best in the years to come.

INTRODUCING THE FAMILY LEAVE
INSURANCE ACT OF 2009**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today with Representatives GEORGE MILLER, LYNN WOOLSEY, and CAROLYN MALONEY to introduce the Family Leave Insurance Act of 2009. This legislation will support our nation's working families by providing 12 weeks of paid leave for all workers to care for a sick family member, bond with a new child, deal with the military deployment of a family member, or recover from their own serious illness.

Sixteen years ago, Congress passed the landmark Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) to provide job-protected leave for new parents and individuals caring for ill family members. Since then, more than 100 million families have benefited from this law. While the FMLA has proved vitally important for many families, it remains incomplete because it requires only unpaid leave and applies only to companies with 50 or more employees—less than half the workforce.

Millions of men and women are not protected by the FMLA or simply cannot afford to