

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 30, 2009*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the U.S. House of Representatives Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the Congressional Record regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009:

(1.) Denton Regional Public Safety Training Facility, Denton, TX—\$500,000—Byrne Discretionary/COPS Technology—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

The purpose of this project is to provide the new Denton Public Safety Training Facility with equipment and technology. The requested funding will help equip the facility, including fire simulation equipment, computerized firearm targeting systems, classroom-based virtual reality simulation equipment and administrative/classroom multimedia equipment. The total project cost is \$19,260,000—\$4,452,000 federal and \$14,808,000 City of Denton. The City of Denton has paid \$2.03 million for the 88-acre site of the facility, \$205,000 on the master plan for the facility and the City Council has approved \$12,600,000 to construct the facility.

City of Denton is located at 215 East McKinney, Denton, TX 76201

(2.) Central City, Trinity River Water District—\$6 million—MRT Construction—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is currently sponsoring a flood control project in the Central City area of Fort Worth, TX. The aging levee system in the Central City area is no longer adequate to provide protection to an 800 acre area adjacent to downtown Fort Worth. The infrastructure required for the flood control project is a 1.5 mile bypass channel (used to divert waters during a flood event) and related roads and bridges to span the channel. By providing flood control via a bypass channel, the aging industrial area adjacent to downtown can be revitalized into a vibrant waterfront community. The USACE recommended course of action, as set forth in the Final Environmental Impact Statement, combines solutions to flood control, transportation, environmental restoration and community redevelopment in an integrated, comprehensive plan with multiple partners (state, local and federal) collaborating on implementation and funding.

Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, located at 819 Taylor Street Fort Worth, Texas 76102

(3.) Upper Trinity River Basin, (USACE)—\$382,000—Investigations—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

The FY 2009 request would be used to complete the Big Fossil Creek Watershed Interim Feasibility Study and Regional Resource Inventory and initiate two new interim feasibility studies on the Irving Northwest Levee and Elm Fork of the Trinity River by developing existing conditions for ecologic, engineering, real estate, cultural, and hydrologic and hydraulic modeling.

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(4.) Grapevine Lake, USACE, Fort Worth District—\$2.692 million—O&M—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

Grapevine Lake is located in Denton and Tarrant Counties, at river mile 11.7 on Denton Creek, Trinity River Basin, near the city of Grapevine. The funds in this project request would be used for scheduled operations and maintenance, including Murrell Park and Rockledge modernization, habitat restoration, repair erosion in downstream outlet channel and removal of vegetation.

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(5.) Lewisville Dam, USACE, Fort Worth District—\$3.81 million—O&M—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

This project request and Congressional add is for infrastructure repairs. Non-routine maintenance includes repair and expand seepage collector system and repair gates, frames and liners. This project would also fund scheduled operations and maintenance activities.

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(6.) Ray Roberts Lake, USACE, Fort Worth District—\$1.35 million—O&M—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

Ray Roberts is located in Denton, Cook and Grayson Counties, near the city of Denton, Texas. The project consists of an earth fill dam, a 100 foot uncontrolled spillway, and a 13 foot diameter gated conduit through the dam with two sluice gates. The proposed use of this funding would be for schedule operations and maintenance activities including repair service on gate, frames, and liners, repair and expand seepage collector system and maintenance of shoreline erosion control.

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(7.) Center for Advanced Science and Computer Assisted Modeling (CASCAM), University of North Texas—\$700,304—Science—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

CASCAM uses computing and modeling to conduct and predict advanced scientific laboratory outcomes at reduced cost (chemicals, time) and increased safety (reduces need to expose workers to toxic chemicals, radioactive materials). Scientific computing allows determination of the probability of whether or not two chemicals will explode, become a viable pharmaceutical, the next new nanomaterial, or tomorrow's new alternate fuel source.

University of North Texas, located at 1500 Chestnut Street, Denton, TX 76203

(8.) Lewisville Lake, Frisco, Texas, USACE, Fort Worth District—Section 1135—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

FY 2009 funds would be used to execute the Project Cooperation Agreement and fully fund project design and implementation. The recommended plan consists of the reforestation of approximately 57 acres providing linkage among existing riparian and bottomland hardwood habitat and the construction of a series of wetland cells comprising a total of approximately 39 acres. The total project cost would be shared between the Federal Government and the city of Frisco.

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(9.) Alliance Airport Runway Extension—\$1.75 million—Airport Improvement Program—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

The Runway Extension Project at Alliance Airport in Denton County will lengthen the runway to 11,000 feet and will allow for greater utilization of the airfield and provide greater capacity as a reliever for DFW International Airport. It will also allow for the cargo carriers to safely maximize their loads and not have to compromise fuel, cargo or both. The increased growth of the airfield will provide many jobs and economic activity. The runway extension project has local, regional and national significance and impacts the infrastructure around the airport. In addition to the runway extension the project will open up the west side of the airport for more airside development and improve access to the Alliance Intermodal facility, which has already proven economic growth benefits to the entire North Texas area. With the advantages of a longer runway at Alliance the nation benefits from this premier intermodal industrial facility that can serve the world. Total Estimated Project Cost (2007 dollars) \$216,161,603. Funding for the project has come from a variety of sources, primarily from FAA, AIP discretionary grants. City of Fort Worth matching funds have come from land credits valued at over \$15 million. Other funding has been obtained for FM 156, specifically, a \$6.5 million priority project in the 2005 Transportation Authorization (TEA-LU) bill and \$5.1 in the 2006 Tarrant County Bond Fund. Alliance Airport, 2221 Alliance Boulevard, Suite 100, Fort Worth, TX 76177-4300

(10.) City of Denton, Denton Municipal Airport Improvements—\$570,000—Airport Improvement Program—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

The Denton Municipal Airport plays an important role in the regional economy, serving as a general aviation hub for North Texas. The City of Denton and the Texas Department of Transportation, Aviation, have made substantial capital improvements in the Denton Airport in the past five years and as a result considerable private development is being realized at this field. The City is requesting discretionary funding for security enhancements at the Denton Airport. These improvements include security fencing and controlled access points to increase airport security and wildlife control. This project is recognized in the current Airport Master Plan. FAA personnel have identified the lack of security fencing as a weakness that needs to be addressed. The installation of the security fencing will further facilitate the current growth trend on the facility as more and more corporate aircraft operators will only utilize secured facilities. The total project cost is \$1.1 million; the City of Denton will provide a local match of \$110,000.

City of Denton is located at 215 East McKinney, Denton, TX 76201

(11.) Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA)—\$475,000—Buses and Bus Facilities—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

The DCTA is a county transportation authority, and their mission is to provide safe, customer-focused, and efficient mobility solutions for Denton County, which is a rapidly growing metropolitan area of North Texas. The funds will be used to purchase 16 low-emission replacement buses, as well as to purchase transit system security and resource protection technology and operations and maintenance facility equipment. All of these improvements are needed to enhance DCTA's bus transit service to meet current and future demands. This project is vitally important to meeting their

goals to improve mobility and air quality, reduce congestion and enhance the safety, security, reliability and cost-effectiveness of public transportation in Denton County. The finance plan is to match all federal dollars with DCTA local funds on an 80–20 basis and to complete all purchases in FY 2009.

Denton County Transportation Authority is located at 1660 S. Stemmons, Suite 250, Lewisville, TX 75067

(12.) Fort Worth Transportation Authority, Fleet Replacement and Expansions—\$1.425 million—Buses and Bus Facilities—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

The Fort Worth Transportation Authority (“The T”) is seeking federal funding to purchase 20 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) coaches to replace the oldest vehicles in The T’s fleet. Approximately 20,000 passengers travel on The T’s bus system each weekday and they ride a fleet of vehicles that accumulate over 1 million revenue miles per year. Wear and tear on each bus is substantial which leads to the need for timely replacement to avoid service interruptions and increasing maintenance and repair costs. This bus replacement purchase is consistent with The T’s plan for fleet upgrades. The buses purchased will be wheel chair accessible and fueled with clean-burning CNG. The buses will also be installed with cameras for improved passenger and driver security.

The Fort Worth Transportation Authority is located at 1600 E Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76102

(13.) City of Fort Worth, Interstate 35 Improvement Act—\$1.8 million—Interstate Maintenance Discretionary—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

This funding will provide for the design and environmental work of the initial phase of the improvement of this section of I–35W to provide congestion and air quality relief. I–35 impacts the transportation needs, both personal and commercial, of the entire central United States. The improvement and expansion of I–35W from downtown Fort Worth to its intersection with I–35E in Denton will serve to significantly enhance private and commercial access to the important central city renewal work of the Trinity River Vision project.

The City of Fort Worth is located at 1000 Throckmorton Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102

(14.) Texas Wesleyan University, Fort Worth, TX—\$142,000—Economic Development Initiatives—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

This request is the second phase of the Rosedale Plan which calls for renovation and reconstruction of the historic Dillow House, long a part of Texas Wesleyan life through its history as classrooms, housing, offices, and an alumni center. The University will use this facility as the permanent house for its Business Incubation Center sponsored and supported by its School of Business, and also as a meeting place for alumni and community. Additional funding will be used for student housing to be built along Rosedale, which will provide much needed housing for students and their families. Funding will also be used to create green spaces that will provide parks for the community and the University. The University will create attractive fencing to help define the neighborhood borders and will provide security for this designated area through its on-campus security force.

TEXAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY ROSEDALE AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE 2009–2010

PROJECT BUDGET

A. Historic Dillow House Renovation	
Asbestos abatement ....	\$75,000
Renovation and code compliance .....	800,000
Technology and access/parking .....	125,000
	1,000,000
B. Additional Student Housing—Family Housing (20 units)	
Architecture, fees, permits .....	150,000
Construction .....	2,400,000
Amenities and site work .....	350,000
	\$2,900,000
C. Park Creation, Fencing, Outdoor Meeting Spaces	
Construction .....	300,000
	4,200,000

Complete Project ..... 4,200,000  
Texas Wesleyan University (TWU) is located at 1201 Wesleyan St., Fort Worth, TX 76105

(15.) Stop Six Community Go Center, Fort Worth ISD and Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce—\$95,000—Elementary and Secondary Education (FIE)—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

The Stop Six Community Go Center provides a safe environment in which students can explore higher education and career options, financial aid resources, apply for scholarships and receive counseling services to assist in facilitating a seamless transition from high school to college. This funding will help the Go Center hire another academic advisor and a security guard.

Total project costs equate to \$134,600. That will be monetary or in-kind contributions.

Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce .....	\$5,000
Fort Worth Independent School District (FWISD) .....	5,000
University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC) .....	18,000
Department of Defense, (donated computers) .....	5,000
AB Christian Learning Center, Cash on hand .....	5,000
	38,000

AB Christian Learning Center, (Stop Six Community Go Center) is located at 5009 Brentwood Stair Rd., Suite #101, Fort Worth, TX 76112; mailing address: P.O. Box 54456, Hurst, TX 76054

(16.) City of Fort Worth, Early Childhood Development Program—\$285,000—Administration for Children and Families (ACF)—Social Services—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

The City of Fort Worth, Texas seeks \$900,000 to support key projects that will significantly advance the Early Childhood Matters Initiative. Early Childhood Matters, a community initiative led by the City that impacts the entire region, will help coordinate resources and programs to benefit children up to 5 years of age. Training and materials from Early Childhood Resource Centers will be used by parents and child care providers. The funds will be used to continue two existing early childhood resource centers and start up two new locations in facilities in high-need neighborhoods.

Each neighborhood resource center provides training, support, educational materials and leadership development for parents, children, and child care staff. Together, the 4 resource centers will reach 500 parents, 280 child care staff, and 1,200 children under five years old. Each \$1 expended for early childhood training will result in savings of \$7 per child due to children not being retained a year at school, taking special education classes, or dropping out of school. A multi-goal Community Action Plan for Early Childhood was approved by City Council in October 2004 and has been endorsed by more than 30 community partners, including the Fort Worth Independent School District (FWISD). Initially, a Health and Human Services Early Learning Opportunities Act grant for \$687,000 along with the additional sum of \$125,000 in local matching funds and in-kind contributions enabled this program to establish base of operation. Upon receipt of the funding, 1,100 neighborhood families and 80 child care center employees would participate within the first 12 months.

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(17.) Texas Wesleyan University (TWU) Doctorate in Nurse Anesthesia Practice Initiative—\$247,000—Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

This project will support TWU’s new doctorate program of nurse anesthesia practice—the second doctoral program of its kind in the United States, and the only program to be offered 100 percent online—originating from the main campus of Texas Wesleyan University. The objective is to develop a distance learning program that will provide extended education to full-time employed Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists who are located in rural or metropolitan areas of the United States. This project provides education via new technologies, including distance learning methodologies, and addresses the Health People 2010 goal set by HHS to eliminate health disparities. The total project cost is \$1.86 million; \$1.5 federal/\$360,000 private.

Texas Wesleyan University (TWU) is located at 1201 Wesleyan St., Fort Worth, TX 76105

HONORING NIS NISSEN

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Nis Nissen upon being named as a “Distinguished Life Member” by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896. Mr. Nissen was honored on Saturday, January 31, 2009.

Mr. Nissen was born in Santa Monica, California in October 1948. He graduated from Mira Costa High School and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in July 1968. He completed Navy boot camp in San Diego. After a brief training period, he was designated as an engineer and was sent to join thousands of American service members fighting the North Vietnamese. He was assigned to the USS *Tutuila*, a 442-foot length, Luzon Internal Combustion