

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE UNION CITY TORNADOES

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Union City High School football team on its first-ever state championship in the 2009 Class 1A Blue Cross Blue Shield Bowl held in December. The Tornadoes beat the four-time state champions, the South Pittsburg Pirates, by a score of 31–29.

The Purple and Gold were down the entire game, until Keylon Hyde intercepted the ball in the third quarter, which started a 67-yard drive that put the Tornadoes ahead 28–21.

Following a touchdown by South Pittsburg in the fourth quarter, Union City was down 28–29 with 3:25 left to play. Union City struck back with a 68 yard 12-play drive which set up a field goal opportunity for the Tornadoes' kicker, Jorge Guerris. Guerris scored a 22-yard field goal with only two seconds left in the game and clinched the championship title for the team.

The Tornadoes have done exceptionally well with a final record of 12–2. The state championship win marked the team's ninth straight victory of the season. This win was also the first time a rural West Tennessee public school had won the Class 1A championship in 20 years.

I would like to specifically applaud Coach Darren Bowling for leading this exceptional team and fullback Josh Nicks for setting a state championship game record of 47 carries and for being the offensive MVP of the game.

As an alumnus of Union City High School, I am proud of the accomplishments the Tornadoes have made this year, and I look forward to rooting on the Purple and Gold next season.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF ARTHUR WILLIAMS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Arthur Williams, a World War II veteran, a Tuskegee Airman, and a true American hero. Arthur spent a lifetime dedicated to his country, his community, and a loving father, and I am proud to honor his life of service.

Born in 1918 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Arthur grew up and lived in Pensacola, Florida. He joined the Army Air Corps at the height of World War II in 1942, hoping to become a pilot. A color blindness kept Arthur out of the sky, but would not keep him from serving his country. He entered the Army Air Corps Mechanic Training School in Lincoln, Nebraska, and graduated number one in his class in 1943. Arthur became a mechanic for the revered Tuskegee Airmen out of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where he served honorably until 1946. These Airmen flew 1,500 combat mis-

sions during World War II and received 95 Distinguished Flying Cross awards among them. For his service as part of the Tuskegee Airmen, Arthur was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, our nation's highest civilian honor, in 2007.

After his military duty, Arthur continued to serve his country. In 1963, he became the first African-American supervisor at the Pensacola Naval Air Station Reworks facility. He went back to school to earn his Associate in Arts degree from Pensacola Junior College and became a licensed real estate broker. An active member of the community, Arthur enjoyed singing in the Mount Zion Baptist Church choir and being a part of the American Legion Post 193. In April of 2008, Arthur was one of the veterans who participated in the inaugural Emerald Coast Honor Flight Program to bring WWII veterans from Northwest Florida to Washington, D.C. to see their memorial.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am humbled to recognize Arthur Williams as a World War II hero and a community leader. Our nation is proud and grateful for his courage, service, and patriotism. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers for his entire family, including his son, Charles, his six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and entire extended family and friends as we remember and honor the life of Arthur Williams. He will be truly missed.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I secured as part of H.R. 3326 (Conference Report).

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: American Freedom Fuels and Chemicals, LLC

Address of Requesting Entity: 2704 Old Rosebud Drive, Suite 160; Lexington, KY 40509

Description of Request: Appropriate \$3,920,000 for development of a single clean fuel for the Department of Defense (DOD). Seventy-four percent of DOD's energy consumption is for mobility. From sixty to seventy-six percent of total DOD petroleum product purchases are for jet fuel. JP–8, primarily used for air operations, makes up about fifty percent of the total fuel product purchased by DOD. A \$10 per barrel increase in the price of oil adds \$600 million/year to the cost of Air Force operations.

The benefit to DOD and the taxpayer is reduced fuel costs, particularly for aviation. Additionally, development of a viable synthetic fuel has the potential to eliminate DOD's historic reliance on costly petroleum from foreign sources.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Nanophotonic Biosensor Detection of Bioagents and Pathogens

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Bill, FY 2010

Account: Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation for the Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The University of Georgia

Address of Requesting Entity: 111 Carlton St.—AHRC, Athens, GA 30602

Description of Request: The funding would be used to develop a rapid and sensitive means of detecting bioagents and pathogens that cause disease and rising mortality rates, particularly those that pose threats as agents for bioterrorism and military personnel. I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

A TRIBUTE TO CLOVERPORT, KENTUCKY

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a historic and beautiful place in the Commonwealth of Kentucky—Cloverport. On Wednesday, February 11, 2010, Cloverport will celebrate the 150th anniversary of its incorporation.

Cloverport, originally a pioneer community called Joe's Landing, was established by Joe Huston in 1798 and renamed Cloverport in 1828.

Like many other places in the Commonwealth, Cloverport is rich in history, especially Civil War history. Joseph Holt, a major figure in the Civil War, was born and is buried six miles north of Cloverport. Holt was Postmaster General and briefly served President James Buchanan as Secretary of War. He also served Abraham Lincoln as his Judge Advocate General.

I always enjoy visiting Cloverport. Cloverport Days is one of my favorite fall events, giving the town an opportunity to come together and showcase its incredible hospitality and all it has to offer.

I am proud to represent the citizens of Cloverport and they should be celebrated for their contributions for making Kentucky such a wonderful place to live and visit. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Cloverport and congratulating them on 150 amazing years.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
SPECIALIST DAVID OLIVER

HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, today I honor the service of one of our nation's brave soldiers, Specialist David Oliver. Spc. Oliver was severely injured in Afghanistan during operation Enduring Freedom and is currently undergoing a lengthy rehabilitation at Walter Reed Medical Center here in D.C.

A graduate of Casa Roble High School, Specialist Oliver enlisted in the Army immediately upon graduation eager to serve his country and continue his family's tradition of service—David's father was a firefighter in Sacramento County, his brother serves in the Marines and his sister in the Air Force. After enlisting, Specialist Oliver was deployed to Iraq and upon completion of his assignment there he volunteered to serve in Afghanistan where he suffered his wounds.

I am extremely humbled to know there are men and women of his caliber who are so willing to risk their lives in order to protect our great country. I consider it a great honor and privilege to represent Specialist David Oliver and I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing his great service and sacrifice.

CYBERSECURITY ENHANCEMENT
ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4061) to advance cybersecurity research, development, and technical standards, and for other purposes:

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 4061, the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2009. First, my thanks to Chairman GORDON and Representative LIPINSKI for their work on this bill. The Cybersecurity Enhancement Act coordinates federal research and development in cybersecurity, focuses on developing a skilled cybersecurity workforce, and prominently positions the U.S. in the development of international cybersecurity technical standards. These areas should be priorities for all agencies in the federal government.

While these investments and initiatives will move us toward the goal of protecting our nation's information infrastructure and assets, there is more we must do to protect these essential resources.

There's been an alarming increase in the number of cyberattacks launched on the U.S. information technology industry, their employees, customers, and the U.S. citizens that leverage these innovative tools. In addition, many countries are beginning to implement specific regulations that discriminate against the U.S. by requiring our innovators to reveal the blueprints of their success as a condition of market entry. This is essentially the "hijacking" of intellectual property and is widespread around the world.

As a result, the attacks on these uniquely American assets not only jeopardize U.S. economic security, but our national security is also at risk. This is a threat to the continued economic growth and job creation by the information technology industry, much of which comes from my district. It also undermines the integrity of the networks across the globe which the U.S. depends on to secure sensitive information.

The cybersecurity initiatives in this legislation are a worthwhile effort which I support. It also is imperative that the growth engine of our innovation economy—our information technology that is delivered seamlessly and securely around the globe—is defended and protected by the U.S. government when a foreign entity attempts to compromise it.

Congress must move aggressively to ensure that any attempt at cyberattacks or "high-tech robbery" on any U.S. enterprise here and abroad is dealt with strongly and swiftly by the United States Government.

Madam Speaker, I urge the adoption of the bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on February 3, 2010, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall No. 34. Had I been present, I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 34: Yes—Hastings of Florida Amendment.

TRIBUTE TO RECREATIONAL
EQUIPMENT, INC. (REI)

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a company headquartered in the Eighth Congressional District that has been recognized this month by Fortune magazine as one of the "100 Best Companies to Work For." Recreational Equipment, Inc., REI, was ranked 14th on Fortune's 2010 list. With this year's acknowledgment, REI is now one of only five companies nationwide to appear on Fortune's list every year since it was first unveiled in 1998.

Headquartered in Kent, Washington, REI employs 9,137 people across the country and takes care of them through a variety of health care options, store discounts, paid sabbaticals for veteran employees, and generous retirement plan contributions. REI produces state-of-the-art outdoor equipment and clothing for people to enjoy everything our country's landscape has to offer. Additionally, the company promotes a culture of sustainability and is committed to protecting our precious natural resources and lush, open spaces.

In selecting companies for this list, Fortune collects random employee interviews and written surveys to determine an organization's willingness and ability to care for its employees. REI's consistent recognition is a testa-

ment not only to its sound business model but also its dedication to providing for the well-being of its people. Businesses like REI are the heart and soul of the American economy. We should do everything possible to promote the innovation and sound practices of our job creators, and I believe Fortune's "100 Best" list is a valuable tool to do that. I offer my heartfelt congratulations and thanks to President and CEO Sally Jewell and her many employees for setting the gold standard that other companies would be wise to follow.

HONORING ERIC DAVID BROOKS,
INTEL SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH
FINALIST

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent Eric David Brooks and congratulate him as a finalist in the Intel Science Talent Search 2010. The Intel Science Talent Search is America's most prestigious science competition for high school seniors. Eric is one of only 40 Finalists nationwide.

Eric's project, "Transition from Indolent to Metastatic Prostate Cancer Characterized through the Health Disparity between African American and Caucasian American Men," studied the racial and genetic factors affecting the metastatic potential of prostate cancer.

As a student at George W. Hewlett High School, Eric participates in numerous activities and clubs. He is a member of the Math Olympiads and Mock Trial Team. Eric is also the news editor of the school newspaper. In addition, he is a cellist with the Long Island Youth Orchestra and part of the chamber and pit orchestras at George W. Hewlett High School. As a senior member of the Education and Labor Committee, I am truly impressed by Eric's accomplishments.

Madam Speaker, it is with pride and admiration I offer my congratulations to Eric David Brooks and commend his dedication to education and science.

IN MEMORY OF MS. PAULA SMITH

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ms. Paula Smith, a trail-blazing business woman and beloved member of the St. Louis community, who recently passed, on January 28, 2010, at 76. Ms. Smith devoted over 30 years of her life to public service and worked tirelessly to better the lives of those around her.

At the age of 16, Ms. Smith dropped out of high school, but she later earned a high school equivalency diploma and then went on to receive a degree in economics from Washington University. Ms. Smith's education did not end here; she earned a master's in business administration from St. Louis University and did graduate work at Harvard. Ms. Smith's dedication to her education was a testament