

DIVISION F—FURTHER CONTINUING
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

TITLE I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 1101. Provides continuing appropriations for the remainder of fiscal year under the authority and conditions provided in applicable appropriations Acts for fiscal year 2012, for projects, programs, and activities in the following bills: Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act; Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act; Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act; Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act; Legislative Branch Appropriations Act; Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act; and Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Sec. 1102. Specifies that funds in section 1101 shall be available to the extent and in the manner that would be provided in the pertinent appropriations Act.

Sec. 1103. Provides that funds in this division will have comparable terms of availability, for multi-year and no year funds, as would be provided in the pertinent appropriations Act.

Sec. 1104. Provides for no new starts in this division.

Sec. 1105. Continues all authorities requirements and limitations through September 30, 2013.

Sec. 1106. Set the expiration of the division as September 30, 2013.

Sec. 1107. Provides that expenditures pursuant to the previous continuing resolution for activities funded in this division be charged to the relevant account funded in this division.

Sec. 1108. Provides waiver authority routinely carried in appropriations Acts for the expenditure of funds in the absence of certain authorizations.

Sec. 1109. Provides funding for entitlements and other mandatory spending, and makes advance appropriations for those entitlements that received advances in last year's bill.

Sec. 1110. Provides for the designation as Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) for those funds made available by reference that previously had an OCO designation.

Sec. 1111. Provides for advance appropriations at current levels.

Sec. 1112. Continues the prohibition of automatic statutory pay increases for the remainder of calendar year 2013.

Sec. 1113. Requires submission within 30 days of a spending or operating plan from the agencies funded in this division.

Sec. 1114. Requires submission of a monthly obligation reports by the agencies funded in this division.

DIVISION G—OTHER MATTERS

Sec. 3001. Provides for across-the-board reductions to the five bills contained in divisions A through E, to assure compliance with the statutory caps under Congressional Budget Office scoring.

Sec. 3002. Provides language affirming that nothing in the bill changes current law with respect to sequestration.

Sec. 3003. Provides government-wide restriction on conferences.

Sec. 3004. Provides for across-the-board reductions to the fiscal year 2013 discretionary appropriations to assure compliance with the statutory caps under Office of Management and Budget scoring.

TRIBUTE TO DOUG WHITLOCK

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to a good

friend of mine and a friend to the Commonwealth of Kentucky who has served his State and his community for decades. I was saddened to hear that Doug Whitlock, the president of Eastern Kentucky University since 2007, will retire from that position this summer. In his 6 years at the helm, he has led Eastern Kentucky University to new growth and success, including the establishment of the ECU Center for the Arts, the New Science Building, the Noel Studio for Academic Creativity, the Center for Renewable and Alternative Fuel Technologies, and much more.

Doug is ECU's 11th president. Like his predecessors, his mission has been to uphold the rich tradition of ECU while guiding the school to even greater excellence. Of course, this came naturally to Doug, as ECU is his own alma mater. Doug earned two degrees from ECU as a first-generation graduate—his bachelor's degree in history and social science in 1965, followed by a master's degree in history in 1966. Doug also earned a doctoral degree in higher education from the University of Kentucky in 1981.

Doug's been with ECU since 1968, when he became the school's director of publications. From 1971 to 1976, he served as director of public information; then as executive assistant to the president from 1976 to 1998, and vice president for administrative affairs from 1998 to 2003. From 2003 to 2006, he returned to the classroom, teaching computer science.

Perhaps Doug's greatest strength is that he understands the power of collaboration. He knows how to lead others to see great goals accomplished. Aside from the progress he has brought to ECU, he has served with the Madison County Schools Board of Education, the Richmond Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Commerce Lexington's Central Kentucky Public Policy Council, the Bluegrass Tomorrow Board of Directors, the International Town and Gown Association, the Southern Growth Policies Board, and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

Under Doug's tenure, ECU produced its first Truman, Goldwater, and Fulbright Scholars and added several new Ph.D. programs. The 16,000-student school also gained several national distinctions, including recognition by both *Forbes* and *U.S. News & World Report* as ranking among America's best colleges; recognition by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as a community-engaged university; and recognition by the *Chronicle of Higher Education* as one of America's "Great Colleges to Work For."

Thanks to Doug's leadership, ECU also was honored as a veterans-friendly campus by *G.I. Jobs* magazine and earned the No. 1 ranking in the Nation for 2 of the last 3 years from *Military Times* *EDGE* magazine for being the university that is "Best for Vets."

As much as Doug will be missed by ECU's students, staff, and faculty, I am sure his family will appreciate seeing more of him in his retirement—including his wife, Joanne, and his granddaughters. I also understand Doug intends to spend a little more time on his hobbies, photography and electronics.

Whatever endeavors are next for ECU President Doug Whitlock, I know my colleagues in the U.S. Senate join me in wishing him all the best and congratulating him for his decades of service to Eastern Kentucky University and to the Commonwealth. He has advanced the cause of higher education in his tenure, and he will be missed by the many who have had the pleasure of working with him, including this Senator.

RECOGNIZING SOUTH LAUREL
MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE TEAM

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I would like to recognize the South Laurel Middle School Dance Team, a group of young ladies from Laurel County in eastern Kentucky who have recently achieved national success. South Laurel Middle's dance team won a Universal Dance Association national title, marking the first time any dance team from South Laurel has won such an accolade.

Head coach Bettina Rogers recounts that "they danced with all their hearts" and gratefully recognized the support of the school and the friends, family, and community that surrounds these exceptional young ladies. The girls embody the Kentucky spirit of hard work and dedication, practicing up to 4 hours a day, 5 days a week, in preparation for their competition. The team, which formed in March, won a plethora of other titles this year, and it is clear that their hours of practice have paid off.

At this time, I would like to applaud and recognize the South Laurel Middle School Dance Team for their national title win and all their recent accomplishments, and I ask unanimous consent that an article extolling the team's achievements from a Laurel County-area newspaper, the *Sentinel Echo*, be printed in the *RECORD*.

There being no objection, the article was ordered to be printed in the *RECORD*, as follows:

[From the *Sentinel Echo*, February 6, 2013]

CHAMPS! SLMS DANCE TEAM WINS
NATIONAL TITLE

(By Magen McCrayer)

LAUREL COUNTY, KY.—South Laurel Middle's Dance Team broke a Laurel County record last week and won a Universal Dance Association (UDA) national title. The girls rode into school on Tuesday morning on a City of London fire truck as the entire school cheered them on as the Junior High Kick National Champions.

"This is the first time in Laurel County that any dance team has won UDA nationals," said Bettina Rogers, head coach for the team.

Rogers has been coaching the team for eight years and said she couldn't be more

proud of her girls. South Laurel Middle's Dance Team has not only won nationals this year, but also gained the title of Kentucky Dance Coaches Organization Overall Middle School Grand Champions, took first place in the Pom Division as well as first place in the Open Division, JAMfest Dance Grand Champions, and were the 2013 Big Blue Cheer and Dance Challenge Grand Champions.

"I believe that they danced with all their hearts and souls on that stage, and I'm thankful for the support from our school, administration and their parents," Rogers said.

"Their dance was perfection, it was just incredible . . . it was flawless," added Assistant Coach Jo Anna Sizemore.

The team of six eighth-graders, seven seventh-graders and one sixth-grader took form in March following try-outs. The girls practiced for the national competition five days a week for approximately three hours, and sometimes four, Sizemore said.

"It means the world to me to get to spend five days a week with my dance sisters, not only my sisters in dance, but my sisters in Christ," said Megan Ford, an eighth-grade dance team member.

"I feel that our win was deserved, for all the hard work we've done. But I also have to give all the glory to God for keeping us safe as we go. I'm so thankful for all of these girls for how we've been spending our time together and how we've stuck together as a team—and not just as a team, but as a family," said Hannah Sears, an eighth-grade dance team member.

Six eighth-graders will be moving on to high school next year, vacating their spots on the award-winning dance team. Coach Rogers says try-outs will begin this March.

FREEDOM FOR BOB LEVINSON

Mr. NELSON. Madam President, I rise today to remind this body of the plight of a missing person and the suffering of his family.

On March 8, 2007, retired FBI agent Bob Levinson traveled to the Iranian island of Kish on a business trip. From what we know, he checked into his hotel, checked out on March 9, got into a taxi, and then disappeared.

This week marks the sixth year of his disappearance, making Bob one of the longest held or missing Americans in history.

And for Bob's wife Christine and their seven children, it's been 6 years of excruciating suffering. Bob's safe return remains their highest priority—as it must for the U.S. Government as well.

With the assistance of the U.S. Department of State, we continue to receive word that Bob is alive and remains in captivity somewhere in Southwest Asia.

Yet the Government of Iran continues to provide next to nothing in terms of real assistance. Given Iran's resources and capabilities in the region, they could be doing so much more to help reunite Bob with his family.

I remain convinced that our two countries share the same goal: finally putting to rest all the speculation behind Bob's disappearance by safely getting him back to Florida where he belongs.

Today I rise to implore all parties to view this as a humanitarian case that

transcends the differences between the United States and Iran. We must all redouble our efforts to bring Bob home.

LEAD EXPOSURE REDUCTION AMENDMENTS ACT

Mr. INHOFE. Madam President, I want to thank Senator WICKER for being an original supporter of S. 484, a bill aiming to improve EPA's lead paint rule. He has been a tremendous help throughout the long effort we have had to address this onerous and frustrating regulation. He and I firmly believe that this rule can be implemented in a way that both protects the health of children and pregnant women without unnecessarily raising the cost of construction projects when there exists only a negligible risk of harm. That is what our bill aims to do, and I want to thank him for being in lockstep with us from the beginning.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF MOUNT VERNON AND KNOX COUNTY

Mr. PORTMAN. Madam President, today I wish to honor the 125th anniversary of The Public Library of Mount Vernon and Knox County and its service to the community.

The library opened on February 16, 1888, to serve residents of Mount Vernon. In 1924, services were expanded throughout the Mount Vernon school district and in 1985, the library was officially renamed, The Public Library of Mount Vernon and Knox County.

Promoting education and cultural awareness, the public library is a valuable resource to the Knox County community. Volunteers have been delivering books to hospital patients and residents of nursing facilities since in 1948. The library delivers books today through its outreach service department, serving hospitals, nursing homes, the local jail, Amish schools, and daycare facilities. More than 35,000 citizens of Knox County benefit from the public library system.

I extend my sincere congratulations to The Public Library of Mount Vernon and Knox County on 125 years of dedicated service to the community.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO DAVE HOFFMAN

• Mr. BEGICH. Madam President, today I would like to recognize retired LTC Dave Hoffman for his outstanding service to the United States Air Force as a search and rescue helicopter pilot. Mr. Hoffman journeyed to Alaska in the 1970s to fly helicopters in the 71st Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, ARRS, an Air Force Unit that performed search and rescue for both civilians and military members in remote Alaska.

At that time, a United States Air Force air rescue unit was considered

top notch if they logged two or more "saves" in a year. The 71st ARRS that Dave Hoffman flew for logged over 90 saves in 1978. With temperatures dipping to 30 degrees below zero, the pilots of the 71st were often on their own in the Alaskan wilderness for days, putting their own lives at risk to save the lives of others.

After his service in the USAF, Dave joined the Alaska Army National Guard, assisting his unit in countless saves. When the Air Force decided to deactivate the 71st ARRS, legislation was introduced that created the 210th Rescue Squadron, RQS, in the Alaska Air National Guard at Kulis Air National Guard Base in Anchorage, AK. Initially, as a cadre instructor pilot and later as first commander of Detachment 1, Dave Hoffman continued the tradition of greatness. By 1996, the 210th RQS had saved a record 310 lives and held the record for both the highest altitude rescue, 14,400 ft., and the furthest rescue, 2037 miles, in an HH-60G helicopter.

In the fall of 1991, then Major Hoffman participated in a rescue effort less than 400 nautical miles from the North Pole where a Canadian C-130 crashed. Flying night and day for over 3 days, Dave Hoffman's ability to persevere under the worst conditions resulted in saving 13 lives while managing to return all rescuers and assets unharmed. This mission earned him the Air Medal.

In 1993, he was involved in the first military exercise teaming Russian and American forces on Russian soil. Lieutenant Colonel Hoffman flew with such precision during an aerial refueling that Russian General Kalugin was convinced an automated mechanism had performed the feat. When it was proven that Dave Hoffman had, in fact, piloted the helicopter, the Russian general presented him with a medal for "superior airmanship."

Although Dave Hoffman is one of the best rescue and recovery pilots, his personality outshines his technical ability. After a rough landing, Dave is known to flash his famous smile and say, "You know, my dashing young lieutenant, if you aren't so hard on the equipment it'll last longer." His loyalty to the guard and to the men and women he served with has touched all who know him.

Many recall a man who is always calm, sincere, honest, and has a great joy for life. Those who had the pleasure of flying with Dave, affectionately called "Hoff-person" and "King Biscuit," are not shy about the respect, admiration and love that they have for the man. Whether he was saving lives or sharing in them, he left a lasting glow within the recipients. On this day, I would like to honor Mr. Dave Hoffman and thank him for his service to this country, to Alaska, and to so many who are lucky enough to know him.●