

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. PETER HOEKSTRA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding that will benefit the Second Congressional District of Michigan as part of H.R. 2997.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETE HOEKSTRA

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: United States Department of Agriculture/Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Services (USDA/CSREES) Special Research Grants Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 484 Administration Building, East Lansing, MI 48824

Description of Request: Provide funding of \$346,000 for fire blight research to be shared by Michigan State University in East Lansing Michigan and Cornell University in New York. Approximately \$184,000 is for the salaries of laboratory and \$162,000 for field research personnel and for materials and supplies at Michigan State University. The remaining funds will be allocated to Cornell University in New York. Researchers at both universities will collaborate on findings. Michigan State University has obtained funding from the State of Michigan. Michigan Apple Committee and industry sources and will continue to fund the fire blight research at MSU at a level of \$112,0000 in FY10.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETE HOEKSTRA

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: USDA/Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Services Special Research Grants Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 109 Agriculture Hall, East Lansing, Michigan 48824

Description of Request: Provide \$346,000 in funding for Phytophthora research at Michigan State University. Approximately 85 percent of the funding will go to researchers, technicians and students. Approximately 15 percent will be used for materials, supplies and administration. Michigan State University has received outside sources of funding for Phytophthora research as well. This funding is consistent with the authorized purpose of the Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service.

### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on

earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Bill:

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 2997, Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: CREES

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Auburn University

Address of Requesting Entity: Auburn University, 102 Samford Hall, Auburn, AL 36849

Description of Request: "Precision Agriculture, AL, \$419,000"

The funding would be used for the development and implementation of new geospatial tools to allow site-specific management of forestry and agriculture land along with alternative crops for bioenergy production.

Taxpayer Justification: The project has allowed the investigation of new technology and management practices to increase the efficiency of production. Results have led to establishing the best approach to implement precision agriculture/forestry technology and strategy while improving environmental stewardship. Differences in soil conditions, for example, can allow a reduced, and targeted, amount of fertilizer to be used. The requested level of funding is \$650,000 budgeted in the following manner: \$435,000 for personnel; \$65,000 for equipment; \$75,000 for supplies; \$75,000 for travel.

### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. 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. 2996, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (MI-08)

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: Environmental Protection Agency, STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The City of Lansing

Address of Requesting Entity: Lansing Board of Water & Light located at 1232 Haco Drive, Lansing, Michigan, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for a more energy efficient drinking water system in Lansing, Michigan. The purpose of this funding would be to construct a more energy efficient drinking water system. This project would reduce energy use and costs through the deployment of energy efficient technologies on the drinking water sys-

tem. Since the drinking water system is one of the largest electric users in Lansing, these changes are expected to cut energy use for water pumping by 20% and as a result, bring down utility costs. 20% of the federal funding will be used for project engineering, 40% for equipment purchases, and the remaining funds will be used for the installation of energy efficiency technology and improvements in the drinking water system.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (MI-08)

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: United States Environmental Protection Agency's Science and Technology Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University

Address of Requesting Entity: Consortium for Plant Biotechnology Research, Inc., Georgia at P.O. Box 20634, St. Simons Island, Georgia, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,000,000 for clean energy research for the Consortium for Plant Biotechnology Research. This funding would be used for research at Michigan State University and commercialization for clean energy, national energy security, and a cleaner environment. The purpose of this project is to fund research and technology transfers that have applications to energy security and the reduction of greenhouse gases through developing technologies in renewable energy, biofuels, "green" chemicals, and industrial manufacturing processes. Approximately 8% of the federal funds will be used for peer reviewed competitions and 92% is for research projects.

### PROVIDING FOR DESIGN OF SLAVE LABOR MARKER IN CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

SPEECH OF

#### HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Con. Res. 135, a resolution which pays tribute to the contributions of African American slave laborers in the building of the United States Capitol.

We owe a great debt to the enslaved African Americans who played an instrumental role in the construction of the United States Capitol. Their labor was responsible for erecting this massive building, a place where the hopes and dreams of this nation are represented, voiced, and debated each and every day.

Thank you to my colleague, Congressman JOHN LEWIS, for introducing this resolution which directs the Architect of the Capitol to place a historical marker in the Capitol Visitors Center to acknowledge the toils of slaves who helped construct the U.S. Capitol.

The history of this country and her most enduring symbol of democracy, the United

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States Capitol, cannot be told without fully and accurately reflecting the contributions of enslaved African-Americans. According to the History of Slave Laborers in the Construction of the United States Capitol report, there is documentation that slave labor was employed from 1795 to 1801 for the construction of this building. African American slaves participated in almost every aspect of construction of the U.S. Capitol, completing such tasks as removing tress, quarrying stone, painting, and roofing. Evidence of their work can be seen in the columns of Statuary Hall and the Old Senate Chamber. Their story is a story that must be told for it is our collective story, the great American story.

After nearly 200 years, it is time for America to acknowledge these individuals who contributed to one of our nation's symbols of freedom while never having the opportunity to experience it themselves. Constructing a historical marker that includes the original stone used to build the Capitol is an outstanding tribute to African American slaves that will teach all who visit the Capitol of our nation's past as well as her future.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and recognizing the work of enslaved African Americans in the building of the U.S. Capitol by voting in support of this important resolution.

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#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on member requests, I am submitting the following information regarding congressionally directed appropriation projects I sponsored as part of H.R. 2997, FY 2010 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Agency/Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture RE/FA  
Amount: \$1,730,000

Requesting Entity: Texas Tech University, 2500 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79409

The Cotton Production and Research Center is a multidisciplinary cotton research program for the Southwest cotton production region that serves as a market and policy analysis program for natural fibers. The research focuses on maximizing efficiency for regional and U.S. cotton production, marketing and trade. Overall, the project goals are to: develop new information and technologies, increase cotton and textile production, reduce costs, improve market efficiency, increase exports, and improve the U.S. textile industry's global competitiveness.

Agency/Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture RE/FA  
Amount: \$946,000

Requesting Entity: Texas Tech University, 2500 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79409

The International Center for Food Industry Excellence proposes to build upon the expertise available at Texas Tech University and its collaborating institutions. Center-affiliated researchers will develop and evaluate food innovations that improve the security, safety, functional properties, nutritional quality, eating

quality, and consumer acceptance and production characteristics of food available to U.S. consumers. Center scientists engage in innovative research across the farm-to-table continuum to improve food safety, expand uses for existing commodities and identify consumer behaviors and attributes that influence food acceptability and marketability.

Agency/Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture SRG

Amount: \$515,000

Requesting Entity: Texas Tech University, 2500 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79409

The Great Plains Sorghum Improvement and Utilization Center will build on the Kansas Sorghum Improvement Center, initiated in 2001, by pooling and integrating the research and extension resources for sorghum improvement, utilization, production and marketing located at Kansas State University, Texas Tech University, and Texas A&M University (including USDA-ARS scientists located on those campuses with assigned sorghum responsibilities). Efforts among the three institutions will be integrated to bring new technologies and knowledge together and focus on improvement of profitability in each stage of sorghum production, processing, and marketing.

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#### CONGRATULATING VEVAY, INDIANA

### HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, on April 15th, CBS's Early Show announced Budget Travel Magazine's Top 10 "America's Coolest Small Towns", ranking Vevay, Indiana, Number 4. I would like to give my heartfelt congratulations to the Vevay community and all of Switzerland County.

Vevay was selected based on the "quality of life, arts and restaurant scenes and proximity to nature" of the town. The Swiss Wine Festival, events such as First Fridays and Second Saturdays, art galleries, and local restaurants all contributed to receiving this honor. Close to 8,000 people voted for Vevay.

As Vevay's representative in Congress, I can certainly attest to its merit in winning this award. I always enjoy visiting Vevay, and while biased, think it should have been ranked Number 1!

Again, congratulations to the residents of Vevay. This distinction is much deserved, and I am proud to represent you in the Ninth District.

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#### REMEMBERING MICHAEL JACKSON

### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a consummate performer, Michael Jackson, a man whose music bridged racial and generational divides, whose generous charity combated global poverty, whose kind and gentle spirit endeared him to millions. Thousands of people gathered outside the historic Apollo Theatre in my district last week,

standing for hours to enter an at-times raucous, at-times somber memorial to the late singer. Along with Rev. Al Sharpton, film director Spike Lee, and Apollo President and CEO Jonelle Procope, I joined a packed crowd of Jackson fans on the very stage he began his career in 1967, winning the Apollo's Amateur Night contest with his four brothers, the Jackson Five. We were there because his singing and dancing remain unmatched. We were there because he was as much an institution in our community as the legendary theatre we sat in. We were there because, all over this world, his love and warmth should and will be maintained.

As a young boy who dreamt big and often, Michael Jackson sustained a decades-long career he began as a child in Gary, Indiana. He is a testament to young people everywhere that dreams are worth pursuing—regardless of their size or scope. In this America, all great things are possible. He grew up before us all, adapting his style to match each passing decade and leaving a series of catchy, easily recognizable hits along the way. Jackson's music captured our imagination and never let go. His records are gifts he has left us and our posterity as remnants of a time that will live on in American history.

As a person of color, who came to be highly regarded by Americans of all colors, he opened the door for other minorities to dare to achieve big. His music and dance moves were welcomed into living rooms across the country, without regard to his race. It was a harbinger of great things to come—Tiger Woods remains the best athlete in a sport not known for its diversity, the Top 40 Billboard charts feature a mix of Black and White musicians alike, and last January, we inaugurated this country's first African American President. His legacy eclipses its impact on the recording industry, the entertainment business, or even Hollywood—his life taught us an important lesson about race, about hard work, and about ourselves.

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#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2847 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requested by Rep. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN  
Bill number: H.R. 2487  
Account: Department of Justice, Byrne Discretionary Grants  
Amount: \$500,000  
Project: Human Trafficking Initiative  
Requested by: St. Thomas University, 16401 NW 37th Avenue Miami Gardens, FL 33054

St. Thomas University seeks support for an initiative that will provide essential educational and training services to law enforcement, immigration services, government employees directly involved with service providing to trafficking victims, as well as to private organizations and individuals as well as to generate

awareness of this growing problem in the general public. The School of Law is committed to human rights dedicated to training the next generation of human rights leaders and advocates through its LL.M. and J.S.D. Programs in Intercultural Human Rights, and through the direct services of the Human Rights Institute.

A three-week winter academy is proposed to be held annually on the STU campus. It will include lectures and training on practical issues (such as how to identify victims of human trafficking, how to collect data on human trafficking, how to diversify treatment of victims for different cultures, laws and relief services available, etc.) simulating different agency work governmental and non-governmental, with potential visits to pertinent agencies to gain hands on experience. The participants interested in receiving a certificate on human trafficking will sit for a final exam. In order to increase the community outreach goal of the program, a free lecture open to the public at large, will be offered that will focus on the local human trafficking problem. The last segment of the academy will be a mini-conference where local and/or national voices, and the best experts in the field will be featured.

Requested by Rep. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN  
Bill number: H.R. 2487

Account: Department of Justice, Byrne Discretionary Grants

Amount: \$500,000

Project: City of Miami Beach Afterschool Gang and Drug Prevention Program

Requested by: City of Miami Beach. 1700 Convention Center Drive Miami Beach, FL 33139

The primary goal of the Teen Club is to prevent and reduce delinquent behavior and keep the community's at-risk youth in a positive environment to foster personal growth and encourage teens to become well-rounded individuals through the accumulation of new skills, awareness, and knowledge. Moreover, the program's aim is to promote health relationships that facilitate social skill development, decrease teen substance and alcohol abuse, and increase quality programming offerings that appeal to teenage youth. As a result, the participants involved in the Teen Club are less likely to entertain outside and detrimental participation in other unsupervised activities, including involvement in gangs and/or drugs. Current enrollment figures demonstrate more participants return for subsequent years in the program.

Requested by Rep. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN  
Bill number: H.R. 2487

Account: Department of Justice, Juvenile Justice

Amount: \$500,000

Project: ARISE Life-Management Skills Intervention/Re-entry Program for High Risk Youth

Requested by: The ARISE Foundation. 824 US Hwy 1 North Palm Beach, FL 33408

ARISE serves approximately facilities in all 23 Florida congressional districts, including the Miami Dade Juvenile Detention Center in Miami. Over 156,618 hours of Life-Skills lessons have been taught at this facility. A recent study by Professor Mark A. Cohen, Vanderbilt University, December 2007, demonstrates why it is so important to target high-risk youth. Year by Year Costs Imposed by High Risk Offenders Cohen shows that the cost of one offender with at least six police contacts from

childhood to age 32 totals \$3,172,998 in 2007 dollars. In other words, saving one child saves taxpayers more than 3 million. By comparison, the ARISE program costs \$1.70 per hour per youth. Stopping the cycle of crime and gang violence by helping this population learn the skills necessary to succeed in life is an investment in our children and in our communities, with the potential to save millions of dollars tomorrow.

Requested by Rep. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN  
Bill number: H.R. 2487

Account: Department of Justice, Juvenile Justice

Amount: \$200,000

Project: At-Risk Youth and Child Abuse Prevention Program

Requested by: Ohel Children's Home and Family Services. 4233 Sheridan Road Miami Beach, FL 33140.

This program engages at-risk youth in elementary and high schools to enhance their social and emotional functioning, as well as prevent and treat risky behaviors, including those that often lead to addictions and violence. The program includes school-based services, community education, and teacher training. The programs interact with student and include the use of role playing, small discussion groups, videos and modeling exercises that use current topics of discussion. Training is provided for teachers, guidance counselors and principals, and workshops for parents emphasize communication with children. Through community seminars, Ohel offers public forums for parents, educators, and community leaders on topics including self esteem, conflict resolution (bullying, anger management, etc.), relationship building (social skills training, peer pressure, etc.), and prevention of at-risk behaviors such as addictions, eating disorders, gambling and abuse. This program is a valuable use of taxpayer funds in that it prevents at-risk behaviors from spiraling into juvenile delinquency. In addition, the program assists children who are the victims of abuse or who are confronted with challenging circumstances in their lives so that these experiences do not lead to ongoing, destructive behavior. Further, the program benefits the federal government by putting at-risk kids back on a successful track and thus saving significant federal expenditures by keeping them out of the juvenile justice system.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT STEPHENSON,  
MICHIGAN TEACHER OF  
THE YEAR

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Robert Stephenson on his selection as Michigan's 2009–2010 Teacher of the Year.

Over his 15-year teaching career, Robert Stephenson has helped to inspire and enlighten students across Mid-Michigan. Stephenson, a third grade teacher at Wardcliff Elementary School in East Lansing, was selected from 20 regional finalists statewide. The award recognizes excellence in teaching and aims to provide teachers with the opportunity to interact with policymakers, provide a public

voice for educators, and focus public attention on the importance of teachers.

Using a hands-on approach, Stephenson's classroom activities engage students at a higher intellectual level. He is a role model to all his students and colleagues as he uses new and innovative teaching techniques to provide students a better learning experience.

Stephenson joins a unique class of teachers from Mid-Michigan. He is the fifth teacher from Mid-Michigan to receive this award in the last 29 years, and the fourth from Michigan's Eighth district in the last 10 years.

Madam Speaker, education is the cornerstone of our future and great teachers lay the foundation for our communities. I wish to extend my gratitude to Robert Stephenson for his many years of service to the students in Michigan. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Stephenson for his years of dedication to teaching and his recent selection as Michigan's Teacher of the Year.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JOHN SULLIVAN**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure and certification information for one project authorization request that I made and which was included within the text of H.R. 2647—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Project: High Density Power Conversion and Distribution Equipment

Project Amount: \$5 million

Account: Research and Development—Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: L-3 Westwood Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: 12402 East 60th Street Tulsa, OK 74146.

Description of Request: Navy power switchboard technology has remained essentially the same for nearly 50 years. This technology is passed largely on past Navy applications (with lower power needs) and commercial practices (which are less volume and weight sensitive). The Navy's power needs (e.g., sensors, weapons, house loads) have escalated and the newest power architecture designs have added additional concerns (e.g., higher frequencies), but the size and weight of the power distribution equipment are still limited. The inline switchboard technology simplifies the switchboard arrangement to greatly decrease size, weight, and lifecycle cost. In summary, this will provide the Navy with technology that will result in \$0.25M/per year per destroyer/cruiser in maintenance savings plus an additional \$1 million per ship in overhaul savings. Additional savings are estimated in size and weight at 50 tons per ship and a space savings of 1000 sq.ft. Fuel savings due to the decreased weight are anticipated to be significant given the cost of fuel.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. DENNY REHBERG**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG  
Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Rural cooperative development Grants

Name and Address: National Center for Appropriate Technology, 3040 Continental Dr., Butte, MT 59701

Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas (ATTRA) provides information, educational resources and technical assistance to farmers, ranchers, and agricultural information providers across the U.S., with a special focus on sustainable ag technologies, farm energy, and information on marketing and adding value to farm products.

Amount: \$2,582,000

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG  
Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Buildings and facilities

Name and Address: Montana State University—Bozeman, 202 Linfield Hall, Bozeman, MT 59717

The progressive evolution of animal and range sciences has generated increasingly complex opportunities for research, teaching and outreach. The Animal Biosciences Research Facility will use the bovine genome sequence to identify ways to improve economic and environmental sustainability in the production of safe, high quality and consistent beef products by: identifying genes and their function; developing tools to control disease; improving nutrient utilization, management and production efficiency; and enhancing the nutrient composition of a safe supply of beef for the consumers in the United States and abroad.

Amount: \$3,654,000

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG  
Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Science and Research Grant

Name and Address: Montana State University & National Barley Improvement Committee, 209 Plant Biosciences Building, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT 59717

This project addresses the critical need of growers in production agriculture to increase economic yield and on-farm income, enhance domestic and international market access, improve production technologies, and better compete with Canadian and European barley and barley value-added imports, and with Australia, Canada, and Europe in world export markets.

Amount: \$514,000

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG  
Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Science and Research Grants

Name and Address: Montana State University—Bozeman, 202 Linfield Hall, Bozeman, MT 59717

B. abortus is a communicable disease that has already affected Montana's livestock industry and will continue to pose future threats

until improved vaccines are developed. Montana must regain its Brucella-free status in order for the livestock industry to prosper. Furthermore, the presence of Brucella abortus in YNP poses a biosafety hazard to tourists that could impact the state's tourism industry, particularly, for southwestern Montana. Thus, efforts spearheaded by MSU are warranted, and the development of novel vaccines and study of livestock and bison immune responses will have a tremendously positive impact for Montana agriculture.

Amount: \$305,000

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG  
Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Science and Research Grants

Name and Address: Montana State University—Bozeman, 202 Linfield Hall, Bozeman, MT 59717

Improving beef quality depends upon: (1) assisting producers with selection and management techniques to produce cattle that fit customer expectations for marbling, red meat yield and weight, (2) developing a cattle ID system that facilitates data collection and information feedback and reduces reliance on hot-iron branding and (3) continuing to develop and apply technology to enhance the safety of beef. The Montana Beef Network addresses each of these areas. Montana's beef cattle industry generates approximately \$900M dollars in yearly income and accounts for approximately one-half of the state's total agricultural income. The stockgrowers of the state own approximately 1.6 million beef cows. It has been suggested that in the future, producer ability to market calves may require process verification of calves from birth until slaughter, so that vaccination history, breed, age and weight can be factored into subsequent management programs to guarantee food safety and ensure product quality and consistency.

Amount: \$682,000

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG  
Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: EPA—Salaries and expenses

Name and Address: The Montana Department of Livestock, PO Box 202001, Helena, MT 59620—2001

To conduct brucellosis prevention, surveillance, control and eradication activities in Montana and the Greater Yellowstone Area (GYA), and to develop and implement brucellosis herd unit management plans.

Amount: \$650,000

CONGRATULATING THE SOCORRO  
BULLDOGS BASEBALL TEAM

**HON. SILVESTRE REYES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Socorro High School baseball team for winning the 2009 Texas 5A State Baseball Championship. The Socorro High Bulldogs ended their championship season with an impressive record, becoming the second team in El Paso history to bring home the coveted state title.

The team was tested by fierce competitors from across the great State of Texas, one of the most competitive states in the entire nation for high school baseball. As the post-season

progressed, the Bulldogs fended off tough challengers and finished with an impressive 35–4 record.

On Saturday, June 13th, the Bulldogs had their toughest test this year when they faced the Lufkin Panthers in the state championship game at the Dell Diamond in Round Rock, Texas, and were down 2–0 in the game's early innings. The talented young men on the Socorro Bulldog team never wavered and forged an impressive come-from-behind victory.

I am extremely proud of the dedication, determination, sportsmanship, and discipline of this talented baseball team and their Coach Chris Forbes. The members of this championship team are to be commended for their drive and perseverance. The 2009 team members include: Tavi Amparan, Chuy Diaz, Cory Falvey, Roger Favela, Chris Guzman, Eric Herrera, Bobby Mares, Sergio Mendoza, Marcus Molina, Armando Muniz, Jessirey Navarrete, Aaron Olivas, Josh Rodriguez, Rene Rodriguez, Oscar Sandate, Ivan Sigala, Angel Soria, George Stoltz, and Luis Yanez.

Head Coach Chris Forbes and his great team of assistant coaches, Joe Alvarez, Adrian Garcia, Federico Contreras, and Herbert Reyes, were the masterminds behind the team's success. Coach Forbes, in particular, instilled a sense of hard work and discipline that kept the players motivated throughout the regular season and post-season. As part of his 25-year career in coaching, the former Austin High School baseball player has taken Socorro to 20 playoff appearances. Coach Forbes also boasts the most wins (576) of any varsity baseball coach in El Paso.

The Bulldogs' championship title energized El Paso sports fans, as over a thousand parents and members of the community made the long journey to Round Rock to cheer the team to victory. This team will forever be remembered for its historic victory that brought the State Championship Trophy to El Paso, 60 years after the storied Bowie Bears baseball team achieved the same feat in 1949. I am proud to join my constituents from the 16th District of Texas in commending the Socorro Bulldogs baseball team for a job well done.

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**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 302 Administration Building, East Lansing, MI 48824

Description of Request: Provide funding of \$384,000 for the detailed investigation of the

most promising technologies to determine the value proposition that is needed to interest commercial partners in the further development of bio based production of fuels, chemicals, and materials. Approximately, \$150,000 is for salaries; \$150,000 is for materials and supplies; and \$84,000 is for equipment purchases and travel costs.

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Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 484 Administration Building, East Lansing, MI 48824

Description of Request: Provide funding for \$104,000 for research of Armillaria Root Rot. Approximately, \$70,000 is for the salaries of laboratory researchers; \$13,000 is for operating costs; \$1000 is for travel to field sites; and \$20,000 is for equipment necessary.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS

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Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 484 Administration Building, East Lansing, MI 48824

Description of Request: Provide funding of \$246,000 for research of Bovine Tuberculosis. Approximately, \$174,000 is for Salaries and support for 3 graduate students; \$60,000 is for Laboratory supplies; and \$12,000 for research related travel. Michigan State University will provide \$127,500 in-kind funding.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: United States Department of Agriculture/Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Services (USDA/CSREES) Special Grants Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 484 Administration Building, East Lansing, MI 48824

Description of Request: Provide funding of \$147,000 to improve fruit practices for sugar beets and dry beans. Approximately, \$100,000 is for salaries and expenses and \$47,000 is for lab maintenance and equipment. In addition to the federal funds provided by this grant, this research is supported by personnel, equipment, and facilities funded by the Michigan agricultural Experiment Station and Michigan State University Extension.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: United States Department of Agriculture/Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Services (USDA/CSREES) Special Grants Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 484 Administration Building, East Lansing, MI 48824

Description of Request: Provide funding of \$266,000 to enhance the environmental sustainability of food and agricultural systems under research at Michigan State University. Michigan State University expects to leverage at least \$150,000 in state, local, and private funds to expand the impacts of the special grant. Approximately, \$285,000 is for salaries of 11 researchers; \$15,000 is for travel expenses; \$10,000 is for farmer stipends; \$25,000 is for materials and supplies; and \$81,000 is for communication and outreach.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: United States Department of Agriculture/Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Services (USDA/CSREES) Special Grants Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 484 Administration Building, East Lansing, MI 48824

Description of Request: Provide funding of \$4,545,000 for wood utilization research with Michigan's share being \$728,545. The requested funds will be used for salaries of key personal and graduate students. Grant funds will also be used to purchase equipment, materials and supplies needed. Michigan State University provides in excess of \$500,000 in support of this project annually through use of lab space, equipment, and personnel assigned to the project.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: United States Department of Agriculture/Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Services (USDA/CSREES) Special Grants Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 484 Administration Building, East Lansing, MI 48824

Description of Request: Provide funding of \$346,000 for Phytophthora Capsici Research to reduce the loss experienced by Michigan vegetable growers from this disease. Approximately \$100,000 will be to fund graduate and undergraduate students and technical staff. \$246,000 will be for research, travel and equipment purchases.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Rural cooperative development grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas (ATTRA)

Address of Requesting Entity: 207 W. Center St., P.O. Box 3657, Fayetteville, AR 72702

Description of Request: The funding would be used for the national sustainable agriculture information service, to offer technical information and assistance to farmers, ranchers and agricultural information providers

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Rural-Business Cooperative Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture

Address of Requesting Entity: 207 E212 AFLS Building, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701

Description of Request: The funding would be used for the continuation of University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Endophyte Research programs

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Salaries and expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Agricultural Law Center, University of Arkansas School of Law

Address of Requesting Entity: 107 Waterman Hall, Fayetteville, AR 72701

Description of Request: The funding would be used to provide a leading source of objective, scholarly, and authoritative agricultural and food law research and information

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Animal Science Food Safety Consortium, University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture

Address of Requesting Entity: E212 AFLS Building, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701

Description of Request: the funding would be used for the continuation of Animal Science and Food Safety Consortium programs

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: SRG Legal

Name of Requesting Entity: National Consortium for Rural Geospatial Innovations in America, RGIS—Mid-South Center for Advanced Spatial Technologies

Address of Requesting Entity: JBHT 304, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701

Description of Request: The funding would be used for the continuation of University of Arkansas participation in the National Consortium for Rural Geospatial Innovations in America (RGIS)

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Institute of Food Science and Engineering, University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture

Address of Requesting Entity: E212 AFLS Building, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701

Description of Request: the funding would be used to provide multidisciplinary research on value-added processing, safety, nutritional value, packaging, storage, and distribution of food products

HONORING THE LIFETIME  
ACHIEVEMENTS OF SISTER  
ALINE ANTIL

### HON. BILL DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today so that my colleagues in the House of Representatives can join me in recognizing the distinguished and selflessly dedicated contributions of Sister Aline Antil, a native daughter of New Bedford, Massachusetts.

In February of 1959, Ms. Antil first entered the Congregation of the Holy Cross, a spiritual decision that would shape not only her life but those of the countless women, children, and families whom she has touched through her missionary work. Across New England—in North Grosvenordale, Connecticut; in West Franklin, New Hampshire; and in Springfield, Massachusetts—Sister Aline used her infectious positive attitude and love of learning to instill her elementary- and middle-school-aged pupils with wisdom, knowledge, and the highest moral values.

For the past 37 years, Sister Aline has served in various parts of Haiti, a country whose population depends upon the humanitarian efforts of those compassionate enough to answer the calling. Most recently, she served as principal of Ecole Presbyterale de Fleurenceau, St. Marc, a position she has held in other locations. In a country where most Americans would find conditions appalling, Sister Aline Antil has never looked down on her students with pity. Rather, she has treated them as equals and taken great pride in the opportunity to help them learn, grow, and understand their valuable role in the world.

Sister Aline speaks fluent French, English, and of course, Creole, the native tongue of the people with whom she lives and works. Those who know her well—her family and peers—will tell you that no matter where she is in a room, you'll know her by her laughter. Her optimism and enthusiastic love of life know no bounds, a trait that has allowed her to thrive and brought her comfort under trying circumstances that most of us can only imagine.

As she celebrates her 50th Jubilee this week, Sister Aline Antil deserves the highest

praise and recognition for the difference she has made in lives both young and old. Her charitable example is a story of hope, love, and inspiration at a time when we all need it. Thank you, Sister Aline Antil, for your exemplary work. I wish you health, happiness, and all good things in the years to come.

### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE KING

Bill Number H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations

Amount: \$288,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa Soybean Assn.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4554 114th St., Urbandale, IA 50322

Description of Request: The public now demands from crop producers both increased production of food, fiber, fuel, and other biobased product feedstocks and increased, documented environmental performance to conserve soils, sequester carbon, improve water quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve energy efficiency and increase wildlife habitat. As independent business persons, farmers in the Upper Mississippi River Basin and across the country need management systems to help them incorporate the best tools of science and business to measure and improve both agronomic and environmental performance while sustaining profitability.

The Iowa Soybean Association's Certified Environmental Management Systems for Agriculture (CEMSA) program has developed and piloted the basic management system and the technical assistance model producers in Iowa, the UMR Basin, and other agricultural regions need to meet these 21st Century demands. Expanding the scale of CEMSA in FY10, integrating individual planning with watershed planning, linking performance reporting to NRCS's system, and documenting and providing aggregated performance data to the soy biodiesel and corn ethanol industry on advances in agriculture's environmental performance and energy efficiency have significant implications in transferability of CEMSA throughout the UMR Basin and in the future of the farm-belt biofuels industry. It benefits farmers by preparing them for participation in USDA conservation programs, helping them improve profitability through better management, helps them effectively implement and evaluate the impact on their business of conservation strategies they hold as top priorities, and verifies their success in achieving environmental and energy efficiency performance gains.

CEMSA is also providing national leadership for advancing production agriculture's environmental performance. It is one of the ISA programs recognized by the National Academy of Sciences National Research Council's study on "Mississippi River Water Quality and the Clean Water Act" as exemplary of the performance-based, public-private partnership projects that should be expanded throughout the UMR Basin.

CEMSA's private sector partnership with a public agency (USDA NRCS) has a positive impact on the agency's ability to fulfill its mission. This multi-year cooperative agreement has facilitated a strong working relationship which helps diffuse private sector innovation in the local, state, and federal offices and expands agency outreach through ISA's multi-level outreach to farmers. This public-private partnership designed specifically for ISA's programs enables flexibility the agency would not have on its own to create resource-centric planning and implementation, rather than program-centric approaches to resources. It has created an effective way to deal with institutional barriers that often hinder effective program implementation, which can best be done by the private sector working with agencies, but is not otherwise supported by the market or by program funding.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE KING

Bill Number H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations

Amount: \$282,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hungry Canyons Alliance

Address of Requesting Entity: 712 S. Hwy 6 & 59, Oakland, IA 51560

Description of Request: The goals of Hungry Canyons Alliance are: 1) To provide financial and technical assistance for streambed stabilization projects to the 23 counties of the deep loess region in western Iowa, 2) To conduct research in effective methods of streambed stabilization, and 3) To provide demonstration of streambed stabilization projects for members and for the public. With an estimated construction budget of \$1,243,900 for FY10, the HCA will build approximately 18 grade control structures to prevent streambed degradation in western Iowa, protecting \$5.27 million in infrastructure and property value and preventing 1.2 million tons of sediment from erosion.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE KING

Bill Number H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations

Amount: \$134,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa Soybean Assn.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4554 114th St., Urbandale, IA 50322

Description of Request: The Iowa Soybean Association's Watershed Management and Demonstration Program is a continuing project that links public and private resources and expertise to provide technical assistance to individual farmers, groups of farmers, and other

stakeholders in Iowa watersheds for the purpose of improving agriculture's environmental performance and watershed health. The project design employs science-based applied evaluation tools at field, farm, and watershed level (such as water monitoring, soil sampling, and guided stalk sampling) to collect performance data that can be applied in a feedback loop to the planning process. The project supports expert staff to assist watershed organizations and groups of farmers in developing and maintaining these adaptive management plans and in measuring and reporting performance in optimizing fertilizer use efficiency, mediating agricultural pollutants, decreasing soil erosion, building soil carbon, improving on-farm energy efficiency, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, enhancing wildlife habitat, and maintaining or increasing yield and profitability. Private-public partnerships among agencies, private industry, producers, environmental groups, all levels of government, water utilities, and the university are fundamental to the design of this project, and those functioning partnerships to achieve the above project objectives are a measure of the project's success. This project also enables farmers to engage in watershed leadership and planning, employing their expertise and motivating more effective environmental management practices.

Federal funding will be used to support integration of watershed planning and privately funded conservation practices with planning and performance reporting conducted by USDA NRCS in Iowa; integration of watershed planning with individual producers' conservation planning in targeted watersheds in 4–6 additional targeted watersheds; development and evaluation of solutions to agricultural non-point source pollution targeted to prioritized Iowa watersheds; and integration of data collection and reporting focused on soil, atmosphere, and energy conservation as indirect attributes of water quality improvement efforts in agricultural watersheds. One of the greatest challenges to achieving and documenting actual improvements in water quality and watershed health where Rapid Watershed Assessment and Watershed Planning has taken place and where significant farmer participation in conservation planning and implementation is taking place is the lack of sustained funding for planning, technical assistance to farmers and watersheds, and water monitoring implementations. Previous appropriations for this project are helping meet that challenge in at least three major agricultural watersheds in Iowa—Raccoon, Boone, and Iowa River-Upper. FY10 funding will help continue to meet that challenge for the period of time required to achieve and document results and to demonstrate a performance-based model for achieving agronomic, environmental, and economic goals in farm-belt watersheds. The planning and monitoring infrastructure and watershed partnerships developed under previous federal funding are in place, and these appropriations help ensure the necessary scope and scale of implementation and the integration of otherwise discreet programs. The work being done in these watersheds, linked to sophisticated water monitoring and analysis and other resource monitoring tools, can have a significant impact on the ability of farmers and other agricultural watershed stakeholders to achieve and document real advances in watershed health and water quality, if given time

to work. This can have significant impacts on the ability of agencies to tailor their program incentives, cost share, and delivery systems to be more effective in helping groups of producers in watershed achieve success in meeting natural resource conservation goals and improving water quality. It will also demonstrate effective models for the private sector's role in working with agencies to more efficiently and effectively meet environmental performance goals.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE KING

Bill Number H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Watershed/Flood Prevention Operations

Amount: \$1,146,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: USDA—Natural Resources Conservation Services

Address of Requesting Entity: 210 Walnut Street, 693 Federal Building, Des Moines, IA 50309

Description of Request: The requested funding will be used to reduce flood damage, gully erosion damage, stream channel degradation, and to improve water quality within the Little Sioux River Watershed of western Iowa. The Little Sioux watershed in western Iowa is an area that is intensively farmed due to productive but easily erodible soils. This funding will help to provide landowners and communities much-needed assistance in installing soil and water conservation practices to slow water runoff and reduce erosion damage to agricultural land, public infrastructure including roads and bridges, and to reduce sediment and associated agricultural nutrients and pesticides being delivered to streams and rivers.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on project funding, I am submitting the following information regarding project funding I requested as part of Fiscal Year 2010 Agriculture Appropriations bill—H.R. 2997:

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON  
Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Fiscal Year 2010 Agriculture Appropriations bill

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Illinois

Address of Requesting Entity: College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, 1301 West Gregory Drive, Urbana, IL 61801

Description of Request: \$176,000 for the University of Illinois Extension to extend its MarketMaker information technology platform to a national level that will enable food producers, processors, wholesalers and retailers electronic access to geographically-referenced data, thus enhancing the opportunity for food and agricultural entrepreneurs to identify and develop new and profitable markets and improve the efficiency and profitability of food

systems in the United States and globally. Of this amount \$91,277 is for personnel; \$28,752 for Supplies; \$17,204 for Publications; \$13,198 for Services; \$13,679 for travel; and \$11,890 for USDA administrative costs.

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON  
Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Fiscal Year 2010 Agriculture Appropriations bill

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Illinois

Address of Requesting Entity: College of Veterinary Medicine, 1008 Hazelwood Dr., Urbana, IL 61802

Description of Request: \$235,000 for the Illinois Center for One Medicine, One Health at the University of Illinois which will focus on research, training and outreach efforts designed to improve our society's preparedness and response to natural and intentional exposures of biological, chemical and physical agents. Of this amount \$117,500 is for research; \$47,000 is for the instruction of courses various academic programs; and \$70,500 for training programs and exercises to serve state departments of agriculture and public health.

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON  
Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Fiscal Year 2010 Agriculture Appropriations bill

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Illinois

Address of Requesting Entity: College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, 1301 West Gregory Drive, Urbana, IL 61801

Description of Request: \$461,000 for the University of Illinois to conduct collaborative, multidisciplinary research to promote optimal human health by studying novel attributes of food. Of this amount \$322,300 is for Personnel; \$14,000 is for Participant/Trainee Support; \$60,600 for Supplies; \$3,300 for Publications; \$29,800 for Travel; and \$31,000 for USDA administrative costs.

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON  
Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Fiscal Year 2010 Agriculture Appropriations bill

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Illinois

Address of Requesting Entity: College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, 1301 West Gregory Drive, Urbana, IL 61801

Description of Request: \$745,000 for the Soybean Disease Biotechnology Center, located within the National Soybean Research Laboratory (NSRL) at the University of Illinois, which provides cutting edge research and a first line of defense against major soybean diseases. Of this amount \$595,000 is for Personnel; \$80,000 for Supplies; \$20,000 for Travel; and \$50,000 for USDA administrative costs.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. HARPER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of

H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman GREGG HARPER

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service

Project Name: Genomics for Southern Crop Stress and Disease

Recipient and Address: Mississippi State University, P.O. Box 9800, Mississippi State, MS 39762

Amount: \$797,000

Description: Mississippi State will provide innovative genomics research solutions to address disease and climatic stressors in Mississippi's most valuable commodity crops. Forestry, Poultry, Catfish, and many more Mississippi industries will benefit from this research. Advances in understanding genomic responses to stress and disease are anticipated to have a beneficial impact on yields, costs, and environmental sustainability.

Requesting Member: Congressman GREGG HARPER

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service

Project Name: Biomass-based Energy Research Program

Recipient and Address: Mississippi State University, P.O. Box 9800, Mississippi State, MS 39762

Amount: \$839,000

Description: The Consortium is developing a unique gasification-catalytic process that utilizes all of the plant biomass, including the lignin, to produce liquid fuel. Mississippi State University and Oklahoma State University will cooperate in conducting technical and economic evaluation for the gasification-catalytic conversion process. Currently, MSU is conducting research to develop new catalysts to improve the conversion of syngas into liquid hydrocarbons.

Requesting Member: Congressman GREGG HARPER

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service

Project Name: Wood Utilization Project

Recipient and Address: Mississippi State University, P.O. Box 9680, Mississippi State, MS 39672

Amount: \$4,545,000

Description: Mississippi State University will conduct vital research and education on wood use to support the competitiveness of small and medium wood product manufacturers and the needs of the public through the Wood Utilization Research (WUR) Program. 12 Wood Utilization Research Centers at state universities across the U.S. will participate in this program. Mississippi has the potential to economically grow much larger volumes of wood. Focused research is essential to enhance the development of the current industry and to create new wood-based industries such as that of energy and chemicals.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican

Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2647—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

I requested one project in H.R. 2647.

In coordination with thirteen other Members of Congress, I sent a letter to the Chairman and Ranking Member requesting support for additional funding for the Army National Guard's H60 Black Hawk Helicopter modernization program. As a result of this letter, \$20.4 million was included in the Defense Authorization Act for this purpose. Army National Guard operational tempos are the highest they have ever been supporting the full spectrum of state missions including search and rescue, utility/lift, disaster relief, firefighting, medical evacuation, all while sustaining deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan and the Balkans. This high operational tempo is wearing out the National Guard H60 fleet much faster than planned and as a result of this request, we can ensure the National Guard has the tools and equipment they need to do their job.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Act, 2010. The entity to receive funding is the Pennsylvania State University, 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802, in the amount of \$133,000. Funding will be used to increase field research/demonstration in order to increase farmer and farm advisor exposure to sustainable cropping system practices.

#### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

SPEECH OF

### HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2647) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of language in the manager's amendment to the Defense Authorization Bill (H.R. 2647) requiring the Government Accountability Office to study the costs to states and localities that choose to cover the difference between a first responder's military salary and their city salary.

After the tragic events of September 11th, many New Yorkers heard the call to service and joined the Army, Marines, Navy, and Air Force in defense of their country. More than

11,000 New Yorkers went to Iraq and Afghanistan and 59 tragically lost their lives in defense of our country. Among these New Yorkers were the brave first responders who had already performed so admirably on that day, the police officers, fire fighters, and paramedics who put their lives at risk to help their fellow New Yorkers. In recognition of this further sacrifice, New York City revised its personnel code to maintain first responders' municipal salaries even during active duty military service.

Five hundred ten New York City municipal employees, including 76 firefighters and 293 police officers, are currently serving overseas, putting the total number of City first responders who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan since 9/11 at over 2,000, with New York Police Department Officers comprising close to half of these. The combined salaries of these employees is over \$ 148 million dollars, and it is estimated that the city has recouped only \$59 million, costing the City over \$89 million. These financial costs are further compounded by lost man hours, over 800,000 in all. This lost manpower has disproportionately affected the New York City Police Department to the tune of over 472,000 days.

To explain this program better, let's take the hypothetical case of NYPD and Army Reserve Sergeant Smith. Sergeant Smith makes \$55,000 annually as an NYPD officer and his active duty salary is \$35,000. Being called to Iraq for a year-long tour of duty costs Sergeant Smith \$20,000. New York City's program continues Sergeant Smith's \$55,000 annual salary and Sergeant Smith would pay his military salary back to the City. Through New York City's policy, Sergeant Smith is made whole while still patriotically serving his country.

New York City is not alone in honoring its first responders who choose to serve overseas in this way. Boston, Chicago, Indianapolis, Phoenix, and San Jose have similar programs, and many states, including Ohio, Texas, North Carolina, Wisconsin, and Washington have laws that provide full pay for all state and municipal employees serving on active duty. At this time, it is not known how many millions of dollars these programs are costing cities and states around the country. Through my amendment the GAO will study the costs incurred by local governments for picking up the costs for their employees serving on active duty. I would like to thank Chairman IKE SKELTON and Ranking Member BUCK MCKEON for accepting this amendment.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. PAUL C. BROUN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, July 7, 2009, I missed the following votes: rollcall Nos. 478 and 479. If I had been able to make these votes, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 478. I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote 479.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LARRY KISSELL**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. KISSELL. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, July 7, 2009, I missed two rollcall votes as I was attending a meeting in North Carolina concerning my state's higher educational system. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall numbers 478 and 479.

HONORING T. MICHAEL NICHOLSON

**HON. ERIC J.J. MASSA**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. MASSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor T. Michael Nicholson, a man who has suffered tremendous personal loss but has used it as inspiration to help others.

Michael at a young age, in a desire to help his community became a volunteer firefighter. He was only a junior in high school. He joined the Bushnell's Basin Volunteer Fire Department in the town of Perinton. Six months after joining he was struck by a car while directing traffic to a fire scene. Michael was severely injured and was given a 50% chance of living.

His legs were broken, his back was broken, and his skull was fractured. Michael was in a coma for three weeks which he was not expected to come out of.

The State of New York agreed to compensate Michael with eighty dollars a week for what they deemed partial disability.

However, the long term effects Michael suffered from prevented him from living a normal life and \$80 a week was insufficient to live on. He pled his case to an administration law judge with hopes of being allowed a total permanent disability status.

His request being denied, Michael was told, "If you want to do anything about this, then change the workers' compensation law."

So he did.

Using this as inspiration Michael has led a crusade to overhaul the way the workers compensation system treats firefighters. Against all odds he has scored victories in the State Senate and Assembly where a law was created to bring the weekly benefit rate up to \$400. This was a significant increase especially since some firefighters were trying to live off of \$25 a week.

On November 29th 1992 the United States Department of Justice created the Public Safety Officer Disability Benefit which awards federal benefits to any Public Safety Officer in the United States who is permanently disabled from an "in the line-of-injury" suffered in their community.

Disabled firefighters have Michael Nicholson to thank for this. With his hard work and drive he was able to fix what was unfair and it is for this reason I honor him

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. GLENN THOMPSON**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Act, 2010. The entity to receive funding is the Pennsylvania State University, 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802, in the amount of \$349,000. Funding will be used for a project at Penn State that has a goal of improving dairy farm profitability throughout the Commonwealth.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman ADAM H. PUTNAM

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Project Funding Amount: \$300,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hillsborough County/University of Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: University of Florida, Institute for Food and Agriculture Sciences, Post Office Box 110180, Gainesville, FL 32611-0180

Description of Request: The Hillsborough County—Ruskin Tropical Aquaculture Laboratory is a cooperative venture of Hillsborough County and the University of Florida. Research from the laboratory provides much needed science-based technologies in nutrition, reproduction, health, and water quality management issues for the tropical ornamental aquaculture industry, based primarily in the county.

Requesting Member: Congressman ADAM H. PUTNAM

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Project Funding Amount: \$1,217,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: University of Florida, Institute for Food and Agriculture Sciences, Post Office Box 110180, Gainesville, FL 32611-0180

Description of Request: For critical continuation and expansion of vital Citrus Greening and Citrus Canker research to improve technologies for treatment and detection, methods of movement and containment, and means to control and eliminate these devastating diseases.

Requesting Member: Congressman ADAM H. PUTNAM

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Project Funding Amount: \$6,677,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: University of Florida, Institute for Food and Agriculture Sciences, Post Office Box 110180, Gainesville, FL 32611-0180

Description of Request: The Tropical/Subtropical Agricultural Research (T-STAR) program conducts research and education for interdiction, eradication, and suppression of invasive plants, animals, insects and disease. The objective of this critical initiative is to develop strategies and tactics to stem the influx of invasive species into the United States to protect American agriculture.

Requesting Member: Congressman ADAM H. PUTNAM

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)

Project Funding Amount: \$43.6 million

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Address of Requesting Entity: U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250

Description of Request: Due to the rapidly spreading nature of citrus pests and disease and their enormous potential economic impact, it is important that the Federal government actively support a coordinated plan to control, suppress and prevent further spread of the Citrus Greening and Citrus Canker through the Citrus Health Response Plan.

U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK  
OFFICE FUNDING

SPEECH OF

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 3114, and commend the Chairman for his leadership in acting so swiftly to rectify this situation.

The U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, located in my District, is funded entirely by the user fees it collects; it does not draw any taxpayer funds from the general Treasury.

Like many other businesses and industries, the PTO has seen significant reductions in its revenues as a result of economic belt-tightening by its customers. In response, PTO has already enacted over \$140 million in budget cuts and cost-savings measures. PTO has instituted a hiring freeze, curtailed non-bargaining unit performance awards, stopped overtime for many workers and significantly reduced contracts, travel, supplies and other non-essential overhead expenses.

In the meantime, we must ensure that the USPTO can continue to maintain its personnel level and perform its critical mission of examining and granting patents that promote innovation and create jobs. As a result, a serious budget situation has developed. Absent adoption of this legislation approximately 9,000 patent office employees would be subject to furloughs during the last pay period of FY09 (last two weeks of September).

The Department of Commerce is monitoring the situation on a daily basis, and out of an abundance of caution, and to prevent a possible violation of federal law, the Department of Commerce is asking for a one-time funding fix from Congress to avoid the furlough of Patent Office employees.

The Trademark Office, as distinct from the Patent Office, within PTO has a surplus of \$60–\$70 million. Without asking for new monies from Congress, the Treasury, or other agency programs funds, this bill before us would provide an immediate and one-time-only borrowing option that is accompanied by a statutory repayment period. In 1999 and 2005, the opposite situation occurred, and the Trademark Office received assistance from Patents totaling \$24 million.

In order for Americans to prevail against this economic downturn, and to remain competitive globally, we need to ensure new technologies, innovation, and products are fully funded. The new concepts and ideas promoted by the work of PTO are drivers for American economic recovery and growth.

At such a time as this, America should be looking for its next Thomas Edison, Bill Gates, or Steve Jobs.

This bill simply lets the USPTO's patent operation borrow from an existing balance held by the trademark operation, and only if reasonably necessary to avoid employee furloughs or a reduction in force. Payback of any borrowed funds is assured by a temporary surcharge on patent fees.

This is a crucial juncture for the PTO. We need to remain at the cutting edge of global technological progress and achievement, or we risk lagging behind other nations.

The bill amounts to an insurance policy for the USPTO to make sure it can cover its payroll for over 9,000 federal employees. I ask my colleagues to support it.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Act, 2010. The entity to receive funding is the Pennsylvania State University, 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802, in the amount of \$771,000. Funding will be used for research that protects the safety of dairy products for Pennsylvania and the nation.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. LYNN JENKINS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Ms. JENKINS. 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 2010 Agriculture Appropriations bill, H.R. 2997:

Earmark: Polymer Research at Pittsburg State University

Requesting Member: Congresswoman LYNN JENKINS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture, RE/FA Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pittsburg State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1701 S Broadway, Pittsburg, KS 66762

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,500,000 to make contributions in the use of cellulosic fibers of wheat straw, corn stalks, and grasses (all grown in abundance in Kansas) to convert them to fillers for a new family of plastics that would be cheaper and require less energy to manufacture, and also be more friendly to the environment. This is a good fit at Pittsburg State University due to their certified program in Plastics Engineering Technology. Continued Federal endorsement and funding for these activities will build upon their past successes in the area of polymeric oils for use in polyurethanes. If the United States is to become independent of foreign oil producers, then we must pursue industrial sustainability by continuous innovation, improvement and use of clean technology to reduce pollution levels and consumption of resources. At the Kansas Polymer Research Center, they can apply knowledge of biochemistry to develop processes to produce new bio-based products more efficiently than the chemical processes we have been using.

Earmark: Wheat Genetic Research

Requesting Member: Congresswoman LYNN JENKINS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture, SRG Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kansas State University

Address of Requesting Entity: Anderson Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$240,000 to map and sequence the wheat genome through the Wheat Genetic and Genomic Resources Center (WGGRC). The WGGRC gene bank currently maintains 12,000 lines and these collections are continuously expanding as the Center acquires, develops, and distributes new genetic and genomic resources to facilitate wheat genetics, genomics, and breeding research. Kansas State University and Kansas wheat producers have already made an investment of almost \$1.0 million towards the purchase of a DNA sequencer and a robot for arraying and printing of DNA filters. This request will collect, conserve, and distribute wheat genetic and genomic resources; develop improved germ plasm; develop genetic stocks; develop genomic resources; and support training and outreach.

Earmark: Grain Sorghum

Requesting Member: Congresswoman LYNN JENKINS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture, SRG Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kansas State University and Texas Tech University

Address of Requesting Entity: Anderson Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506, and 2500 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79409

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$515,000 to permit the Great Plains Sorghum Improvement and Utilization Center (GPSIUC) to expand existing research and educational programs, particularly in genetic improvement and sorghum utilization. Sorghum is one of the most drought tolerant crops in the world, offering many potential advantages as a food, feed and bioenergy crop to the rural economies of the Great Plains.

Earmark: Water Conservation

Requesting Member: Congresswoman LYNN JENKINS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture, SRG Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kansas State University

Address of Requesting Entity: Anderson Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506

Description of Request: To provide an earmark of \$69,000 to help: (1) agricultural producers, both crop and livestock, (2) rural communities in water-short areas; and (3) state and regional agencies to implement economic technologies and policies that will result in water conservation and prolong the life of the Ogallala aquifer in the face of increasing competition for declining aquifers and over-allocated surface waters. This effort is critical to the economic viability of western Kansas. In many parts of western Kansas, freshwater from both surface and groundwater is increasingly in short supply. Drought, aquifer and surface water depletion, and population shifts have stretched community and regional water supplies to their limits. As groundwater supplies decline or become cost prohibitive, better management of water through conservation, recycling, and treatment of poor quality water for secondary uses becomes even more important.

Earmark: Preharvest Food Safety

Requesting Member: Congresswoman LYNN JENKINS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture, SRG Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kansas State University

Address of Requesting Entity: Anderson Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506

Description of Request: To provide an earmark of \$142,000 to expand the University's investigations into (1) the ecology of *Salmonella* in beef cattle, (2) antimicrobial resistance in cattle, and (3) agroinformatics, and (4) animal health diagnostics. These four areas of research have great overlap and synergy and will allow Kansas State University to better identify emerging threats of food-borne and zoonotic diseases associated with food-producing animals. Currently, Kansas State University has an ongoing USDA special project on the ecology of *E. coli* O157:H7 in beef cattle and the environment. This bacterial organism is a major cause of food-borne illnesses in humans.

Earmark: National Agriculture Biosecurity Center

Requesting Member: Congresswoman LYNN JENKINS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Salaries and Expenses Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kansas State University

Address of Requesting Entity: Anderson Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506

Description of Request: To provide an earmark of \$259,000 to fund the National Agriculture Biosecurity Center (NABC) for Phase III efforts for the development, enhancement and delivery of a targeted National Animal Health Laboratories Network (NAHLN) technical training support program. The funding is required to: (1) build and populate a lessons learned/best practices from NAHLN labs exercises and events; (2) expand animal health diagnostic screening capabilities regionally, including endemic and emerging pathogens (viruses, bacteria, and parasites) as well as prions such as BSE; (3) increase the testing capability and capacity of the Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (KSVDL) in support of the NAHLN mission by conducting research on new methodologies and standardized operating procedures for enhancing and improving the efficiency of NAHLN equipment and laboratories; and (4) develop a training strategy framework for NAHLN laboratories.

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#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican earmark guidance, I am submitting the following projects that were included in H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS.

Bill Number: H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010

Project Name: Mojave Water Agency Non-Native Plant Removal

Account: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mojave Water Agency

Address of Requesting Entity: 22450 Headquarters Drive, Apple Valley, CA 92307

Description of Request: \$667,000 will be provided to help complete a project to remove invasive weeds from the Mojave River area in cooperating with an ongoing local initiative. The Mojave River serves thousands of acres of federal land, including the Mojave National Preserve. Non-native plants are a constant threat to the Mojave River's ecosystem. Removing them will conserve vast amounts of water, which is a very precious resource in this area. Removal will also protect wildlife and dramatically reduce the risk of flood and fire.

Project Name: Prototype for a National Carbon Inventory and Accounting System

Account: General Provisions

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Environmental Systems Research Institute

Address of Requesting Entity: 380 New York Street, Redlands, CA 92373-8100

Description of Request: This project will develop an online visual mapping and analysis system capable of measuring and displaying

the amount of carbon produced and removed by our nation's farms, ranches, and forests. It will allow for better, timelier, and more coordinated conservation, land management, and environmental policies at the local, state, and national levels. The project will help improve the environment and help our nation's farms, ranches, and forests.

Project Name: Nutrition, Diet, and Lifestyle Research for Longevity and Healthy Aging

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center—Lifestyle Medicine Institute

Address of Requesting Entity: 11175 Campus St., Loma Linda, CA 92354

Description of Request: This project will build on fifty years of ongoing research to support the nation's priorities for wellbeing, prevention of disease, and healthy aging. The Institute will conduct research in nutrition and diet and compare the aspects of diet and lifestyle to health and longevity. It will utilize this research to improve the health care system, to increase wellness and prevention of diseases, and to educate the community on the healthiest lifestyles and activities, such as proper dieting and nutrition. The university is situated in Loma Linda, CA, which has one of the longest-living populations in the nation.

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#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Act, 2010. The entity to receive funding is the Pennsylvania State University, 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802, in the amount of \$233,000. Funding will be used for farm- and community-level educational programs and assistance focused on value added activities. Objectives of this project are to provide research-based extension education to assist small farmers to maintain/develop new economically viable enterprises, provide support to assist small farmers develop and maintain economically viable enterprises, including applying for available and appropriate grants and loans, and helping to build community capacity to sustain growth and development of local agriculture and food sectors.

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#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. PLATTS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following informa-

tion regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman TODD RUSSELL PLATTS (PA-19), along with other Members

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

Account: SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Penn State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

Penn State University—Improved Dairy Management Practices: Penn State is a public university. Some of the most important challenges facing the dairy industry today lie in the areas of nutrient and emission management. Penn State faculty will use this funding to research nutrient management through cow nutrition modification and the impacts of emissions from dairy operations. In addition, funding will be used to develop new technologies to address problems associated with dairy production in Pennsylvania in an effort to improve water quality, lower impacts of air emissions, and use energy more efficiently. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the sale of dairy products accounts for nearly half the farm gate value of Pennsylvania's agricultural income. The profitability of Pennsylvania dairy farms is inextricably tied to management decisions that are being made by farmers. (\$243,000)

Penn State University—Milk Safety Program: Penn State would use this funding to identify issues in milk and dairy products safety and seek interventions that can be transferred to producers, processors, distributors, and retailers to continue to improve consumer confidence in the quality of their food supply. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because dairy is the single largest economic component of the Pennsylvania agricultural portfolio. (\$771,000)

Penn State University—Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resources: Penn State University would use this funding to create a new collaborative research and education program that will help diverse farm operations better adopt more sustainable farming practices. Investment in this special grant would increase field research and demonstration to increase the exposure of farm advisors and farmers to sustainable cropping system practices. Practices to be further investigated include: crop species and cultivars for inclusion in crop rotations that improve the performance of sustainable and organic cropping systems, especially for the Northeast; fine tuning of management guidelines for mechanical control of cover crops and weeds in conservation and no-tillage systems to reduce or eliminate herbicides; factors that better promote conservation of biological control organisms and beneficial soil microorganisms for weed seed predation and management of other pests; and practices that increase soil organic matter. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the demand for increased farmer understanding and adoption of sustainable farming practices continues to be a high priority in the agricultural community. (\$133,000)

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Tuesday, July 7, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 478 (Motion to Suspend the rules and Agree to H. Res. 135), "no" on rollcall vote No. 479 (Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H.R. 1129).

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. GLENN THOMPSON**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R. 2996, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. The entity to receive funding is the Haines Aaronsburg Municipal Authority, 420 Homes Street, Willowbank Building, Bellefonte, PA 16823, in the amount of \$250,000. Funding will be used the Haines Aaronsburg Municipal Authority Water Line Interconnection.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JOE BARTON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. BARTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit documentation consistent with the Republican Earmark Standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—FY10 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill

Account: Capital Improvement and Maintenance (construction)

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Texas Agrilife Research

Address of Receiving Entity: 1500 Research Parkway, Suite 150, 2259 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-0001

Description of Request: I have secured \$336,000 in funding in H.R. 2997 in the Conservation Operations account for Texas Agrilife Research.

The funding would be used to determine how to slow or stop the decline of water quality in five Tarrant Regional Water District reservoirs.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2647, The National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2010.

Requested by Rep. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN  
Bill number: H.R. 2647  
Account: Defense Wide R/D/T&E,  
USSOCOM

Amount: \$4,000,000  
Project: Transformer Technology for Combat Submersibles (TTCS)

Requested by: STIDD Systems Inc. 86 Coco Plum Drive Marathon, FL 33050

Funding for this request would enable U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) to evaluate a combat submersible boat with increased payload capacity. This technology demonstration craft would be manufactured by STIDD Systems, a private company, with testing and training facilities in Marathon, Florida. Funding for this project would bring much-needed, well paying jobs to the Florida Keys.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. TODD TIAHRT**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the February 2008 New Republican Earmark Standards Guidance, I submit the following in regards to H.R. 2997, the Fiscal Year 2010 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Department of Agriculture—Preharvest Food Safety, Kansas: H.R. 2997, the FY 2010 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act contains \$142,000 for Preharvest Food Safety and Security. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Kansas State University, located at 110 Anderson Hall, Manhattan, Kansas 66506.

The funding would be used to expand its research in emerging threats of food-borne and zoonotic diseases associated with food-producing animals.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Agriculture project.

Department of Agriculture—Grain Sorghum, Kansas, Texas: H.R. 2997, the FY 2010 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act contains \$515,000 for Grain Sorghum, Kansas and Texas, in the Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service's Special Research Grants Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Kansas State University, located at 110 Anderson Hall, Manhattan, Kansas 66506.

The funding would be used to expand existing research and education programs, particularly in genetic improvement and sorghum utilization.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Agriculture project.

Department of Agriculture—Water Conservation, Kansas: H.R. 2997, the FY 2010 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act contains \$69,000 for Water Conservation, Kansas in the Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service's Special Research Grants Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Kansas State University, located at 110 Anderson Hall, Manhattan, Kansas 66506.

The funding would be used to study ways to stop and reverse the depletion of the Ogallala Aquifer in Kansas.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Agriculture project.

Department of Agriculture—Wheat Genetic Research, Kansas: H.R. 2997, the FY 2010 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act contains \$240,000 for Wheat Genetic Research, Kansas, in the Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service's Special Research Grants Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Kansas State University, located at 110 Anderson Hall, Manhattan, Kansas 66506.

The funding would be used to collect, conserve, and distribute wheat genetic and genomic resources; develop improved germ plasm; develop genetic stocks; develop genomic resources; and support training and outreach.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Agriculture project.

Department of Agriculture—National Agriculture Biosecurity Center, Kansas: H.R. 2997, the FY 2010 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act contains \$259,000 for the National Agriculture Biosecurity Center, Kansas, in the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's Salaries and Expenses account. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Kansas State University, located at 110 Anderson Hall, Manhattan, Kansas 66506.

The funding would be used to implement international linkages for food animal and food crop disease surveillance, to expand animal health diagnostic screening capabilities in Kansas and the region, and to further develop a GIs-tracking system for pathogen monitoring.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Agriculture project.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. GLENN THOMPSON**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Act, 2010. The entity to receive funding is the Pennsylvania State University, 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802, in the amount of \$233,000. Funding will be used to evaluate the impact new management tools will have on dairy farm

profitability, and will work towards bringing these new tools to the industry based upon sound scientific study.

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EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. ROSCOE G. BARTLETT**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

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

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: NOAA—Operations, Research and Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Maryland

Address of Requesting Entity: Main Administration Bldg, College Park MD 20742

Description of Request: Earth System Information Delivery & Assessment. Funded \$150,000. The funding would be used for a one-year feasibility study in support of Earth System Information Delivery and Assessment. Such a capability would produce complete comprehensive and consistent space-time descriptions of all significant aspects of the Earth System. The end result of this transition across observational analysis, environmental predictions, and policy response will lead to better informed investment, adaption and policy options across the public and private sector.

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Washington County Sheriffs Office; Arthur Smith (Chief of Police)/Bruce Zimmerman (City Administrator)

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 East Frederick Street Room 202, Hagerstown, MD 21740

Description of Request: Hagerstown Radio Equipment Acquisition. Funded \$750,000. The funding would be used for the purpose ensure that the City's public safety communications system is compatible with the communications system used by Washington County and the State Highway Patrol's Hagerstown Barracks. Funds are being requested to support portable radio equipment for the City of Hagerstown.

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: OJP—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Enough is Enough

Address of Requesting Entity: 746 Walker Road Suite 116, Great Falls, VA 22066

Description of Requesting Entity: Maryland Internet Safety 101: Empowering Parents Program. Funded \$250,000. The funding would be used for booklets and training to ensure that parents and other adult child caregivers are provided with the information needed to establish safety rules and to use appropriate software tools to protect children under their care, irrespective of any insecurities about technology or a lack of previous training or education. Funding will be dedicated to ramp-up Maryland state-wide outreach.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. DANA ROHRBACHER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

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

Requesting Member: Congressman DANA ROHRBACHER (CA-46)

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Name of Project: Smart Time Irrigation Controller Installation Program

Account: Conservation Operations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Municipal Water District of Orange County

Address of Requesting Entity: 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, CA, 92708

Description of Request: I received \$134,000 for the Municipal Water of Orange County's Smart Time Irrigation Controller Installation Program. The application of smart irrigation controller technology will help Orange County and greater-Southern California manage its existing water supplies more efficiently. It will also help take pressure off our imported water supplies from Northern California and the Colorado River. Additionally, it will demonstrate for other areas with water supply challenges the effectiveness of these devices in achieving significant water savings. Finally, there are environmental protection benefits as the devices help reduce urban runoff, which is responsible for transporting pollutants and sediment into natural waterways and eventually to beaches and the ocean.

The application of Smart Irrigation Controller technology will help Orange County and greater-Southern California manage its existing water supplies more efficiently. It will also help take pressure off our imported water supplies from Northern California and the Colorado River. Additionally it will demonstrate for other parts of the county with water supply challenges the effectiveness of these devices in achieving significant water savings. Funds will be used for labor, professional services, and printing and marketing. It is my understanding that local and regional funding will contribute approximately seventy percent of the FY2010 cost.

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CONGRATULATING DR. JOHN JOHNSON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday July 8, 2009*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to honor the long and distinguished career of Dr. John Johnson, on the occasion of his retirement as president of Alabama Southern Community College.

Dr. Johnson received a bachelor's degree in mathematics and physics/chemistry from Troy University, a master's degree in counseling from the University of Alabama, and a Ph.D. in college administration from the University of Alabama.

He devoted almost four decades of his life to higher education. For the past 20 years, Dr. Johnson served as president of Alabama Southern Community College, and prior to his

tenure as president, he served on the faculties of Birmingham-Southern College and the University of Alabama, as well as the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education.

While serving as president, Dr. Johnson raised Alabama Southern Community College to new heights. During his tenure, Alabama Southern has been recognized by the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education as having "achieved the most dramatic turnaround of any college in the history of the Alabama College System." Alabama Southern was selected as a top ten finalist for the 2006 Bellwether Award for Workforce Development and was also selected as the 2005 National Bellwether Award for Instructional Excellence by Community College Futures Assembly and National Council for Instructional Administrators.

In 2004, Alabama Southern was designated as a National Center for Pulp and Paper Technology Training, the highest award given by the National Science Foundation for Advanced Technology Education. This distinction made Alabama Southern the only national center in rural America. In 1998, Alabama Southern was selected as one of the 10 best examples of the management of change in the American Association of Community College's report *Managing Change: A Model for Community College Leaders*.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a dedicated educator and friend to many throughout Alabama. I am certain that his family—his wife, Laurie, and their three children, Adam, Russell, and Bess—along with the faculty and staff at Alabama Southern Community College and his many friends in Monroeville and throughout the State join me in praising his accomplishments and extending thanks for his considerable service to southwest Alabama. On behalf of a grateful community, I wish Dr. Johnson the very best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

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HONORING THE MOSES AND AARON FOUNDATION SPECIAL FUND FOR CHILDREN

**HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to a worthy organization, one committed to special needs children and their families. The Moses and Aaron Foundation's significant and enduring efforts under the direction and visionary leadership of President Rabbi Yaacov Kaploun and Executive Vice President Yehuda Kaploun deserve the highest praise, as do the philanthropists who have given of themselves to fulfill its mission.

The Moses and Aaron Foundation Special Fund for Children, an all volunteer organization, is dedicated to assisting children with disabilities and their families with a wide range of programs including social, physical, financial and wheelchair assistance, as well as counseling and guidance.

It also provides scholarship funding to educational institutions; collects; purchases; and distributes clothing for children in need and remembers them with presents at holiday time or when hospitalized. The Foundation has arranged for sound and musical equipment in

other institutions and has distributed gifts to thousands of children during the holiday seasons.

The corporate and individual supporters of the foundation include Metropolitan Lumber Company, Mr. Robert Gans, and the Croton Watch Company. Concert Chairmen Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gans, Mr. Avi and Dr. Laura Greenbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Rothman, Mr. Mark Selden and Patti Shlesinger.

On Saturday night August 1st, 2009 at the Sullivan County Community College, Lock Sheldrake, New York, the Moses and Aaron Foundation under the Honorary Chairmanship of Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel, will sponsor its thirteenth Barmitzva Summer "Chazak-Strength" Concert honoring and paying tribute to special and outstanding children and their families. The Guests of Honor will be the Special and Outstanding children, many of whom will perform with the entertainers on stage. More than forty organizations, camps and schools serving the physically and mentally disabled children will be represented.

The Chazak Concert and the Moses and Aaron Foundation's other programs demonstrate a caring and compassionate concern for the quality and dignity of life of others and merit the appreciation of all those who have benefited from its services.

The program will feature a musical tribute in memory of Mr. Izzy Taubenfeld of Sameach Music, a lifelong friend and member of the Chazak family.

The Moses and Aaron Foundation was founded in memory of Rabbi Dr. Maurice I. Hecht of New Haven, Connecticut, and Aaron Kaploun, both of whom led lives of exemplary community service. It is in this sentiment of communal dedication that the Moses and Aaron Foundation has devoted itself to serving the needs of a unique group in the community.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the Moses and Aaron Foundation an organization which exemplifies the generosity of spirit in American Society.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican adopted standards on earmarks, I submit the below detailed explanation of the Crop Production and Food Processing, Peoria, IL.

Bill Number: H.R. 2997, the Fiscal Year 2010 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Provisions/Account: Agriculture Research Service, Salaries and Expenses

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is U.S. Department of Agriculture National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research (NCAUR), located at 1815 N. University Street, Peoria, IL, 61604.

Description of Request: This project conducts non-destructive and wet chemical analysis for soybean, wheat and new crop germplasm for the entire U.S. This research program directly supports 75 public soybean breeders for the assembly of a genetic database for soybeans and wheat.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2892—Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requested by Rep. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

Bill number: H.R. 2892

Account: FEMA, Emergency Operations Center

Amount: \$200,000

Project: Monroe County Emergency Operations Center

Requested by: Monroe County, Florida, 1100 Simonton Street; Suite 205 Key West, FL 33040.

Currently, there is not an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located in Monroe County that meets the existing state guidelines for an EOC. Monroe County is located in an area of high potential and historical hurricane landfall. Without a facility that meets the current EOC guidelines there is a life safety risk to emergency management staff who remain in the County during an event such as a hurricane. Presently, the EOC staff occupies a substandard, multipurpose government building which fails to meet structural requirements. The current structure risks that there might not be an operational facility for recovery efforts should there be an event such as a hurricane.

Requested by Rep. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

Bill number: H.R. 2892

Account: FEMA, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fund

Amount: \$600,000

Project: City of Miami Stormwater Project

Requested by: City of Miami, Florida, 3500 Pan American Drive Miami, FL 33133

Flooding caused by future hurricanes and storm events can lead to severe infrastructure damage and water quality degradation within the projects drainage basin. The City of Miami Stormwater Project will significantly mitigate flood conditions caused by local storms and will result in a reduction of flood damage and an increase in public safety for the City of Miami by implementing stormwater drainage projects throughout the City. This project will also help control the discharge of stormwater into the Miami River and Biscayne Bay and will improve the overall water quality of Miami's waterways.

Requested by Rep. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

Bill number: H.R. 2892

Account: FEMA, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fund

Amount: \$500,000

Project: Jackson Health System Hurricane Mitigation Structural Reinforcement

Requested by: Jackson Health System, 1161 NW 12th Avenue, Miami, FL 33136

Jackson Health System (JHS) operated by Miami-Dade County's Public Health Trust and is the county's sole public health system; the primary provider for the county's indigent and uninsured and its sole trauma center. When a hurricane warning is issued, JHS serves as an emergency evacuation shelter for medically at risk individuals. Florida consistently has the greatest risk for a direct hit by a hurricane of

any other location in the U.S. Given the anticipated demands placed on the Ryder Trauma Center in the event of a direct hit of a high category storm, it is imperative that the building be structurally safe, adequately secured, and operationally functional. This funding will be used to structurally reinforce and fortify the trauma center through an exterior skin upgrade. The current construction is unsuitable for a threat of a higher category storm. This project is wholly consistent with Federal and agency missions to provide pre-disaster mitigation assistance to critical public entities who serve as vital providers of emergency services. The frequency and foreseeable nature of natural disasters striking densely populated Miami-Dade County make the project a natural priority for federal participation in protecting a safety-net institution such as the Ryder Trauma Center.

ALEXANDRA JOY MASSA

### HON. ERIC J.J. MASSA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. MASSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to address this esteemed body regarding a young woman who at this moment, in my home town of Corning, New York, is preparing to close an important chapter in her life. Alexandra Joy Massa has spent the last decade growing into the beautiful young woman that she is today, working tirelessly to achieve exceptional grades, to excel in sports and in theater, and to serve her community through multiple volunteer efforts. Alexandra is my daughter, and today is her graduation day from high school, a monumental moment in her life and in the life of her parents. It's impossible to believe that eighteen years have passed since she became a part of my life, and that soon she will be heading off to college.

Many of my colleagues have children of their own and they understand all too well the joys, fears, hopes, and anxieties that come with parenthood. Raising my daughter has caused me many frustrated days and sleepless nights, but I wouldn't have traded a minute of them for the world.

Alexandra has brought lots into my life and the lives of those around her, with her warm sense of humor and generosity of spirit. These are beyond measure. Words do not allow me to convey how proud I am of my daughter, of all that she has accomplished in her life, and all that she will become in the coming years.

Now, like all parents, I will have to let go and watch as my little girl leaves home and goes off into a world where her father isn't there to watch over her. She will no longer have to seek my or her mother's permission to stay out late with friends or to go to a movie. She will never again have to listen to my lectures. I can only hope she chooses instead to listen, if only to humor her old man. She has become the adult that her mother and I hoped she would become: independent and intelligent, perceptive and engaging, considerate, compassionate, and kind. Where my little girl stood only a short time ago, a woman now stands, ready to take on the challenges of the world.

It is a bittersweet moment, and a moment of immeasurable pride. In the future, Alexandra

Massa will accomplish whatever she sets her sights upon. I ask only that she always remembers that her father will always love her with that special love only a father can have for a daughter, that only a parent can have for their child.

Thank You, Madam Speaker.

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF OFFICER BRANDON SIGLER OF MOBILE, ALABAMA

### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of one of Alabama's finest who recently made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of his city and the people he protected.

Mobile Police Officer Brandon Sigler was killed in the line of duty earlier this month. Officer Sigler was shot while responding to a domestic disturbance. He was off-duty trying to break up a fight in the parking lot of his apartment complex.

Brandon Sigler was a bright light in the Mobile Police Department as well as in his community. Brandon attended McGill-Toolen High School and was a graduate of Murphy High School. He played football at Tennessee Tech University and Delta State University. Brandon graduated from Faulkner University in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. He served as an officer in the Mobile Police Department for less than two years and, in that short time, he became known as an outgoing and positive individual. He always had a smile, a smile by which so many came to know him.

Mobile Chief of Police Phillip Garrett told the hundreds of people who attended Brandon's funeral, "In his short years, he meant a lot to a lot of people. And every one of them talked about his smile."

Madam Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to take a few moments to pay tribute to Officer Brandon Sigler of the Mobile Police Department. I ask that you remember him as a man who always put other people first. He was a young man who loved his family, friends, and community with unquestionable devotion. The city of Mobile has lost a true role model and hero.

We should also remember Brandon's parents, Nina Gordon and Herman Woods; his brothers, Timothy and Joel Gordon; his sisters, Sarita and Adrienne Woods; and his fiancée, LaKenda Craig; her daughter, Katlyn McCormick; and his colleagues at the Mobile Police Department—as well as his many other family members and friends. We should keep all of them in our prayers and ask that God will comfort them through the difficult days ahead.

Officer Brandon Sigler was an honorable and courageous man who died serving the city of Mobile. May he rest in peace.

### EARMARK DISCLOSURE

### HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on congressionally directed funding, I am submitting the following information regarding funding included in H.R. 2997, the House Agriculture Appropriations bill of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: CSREES, Special Grants

Legal Name of Recipient: University of Georgia College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences

Address of Recipient: 101 Conner Hall, Athens, GA 30602

Description of Request: Funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 will be used to advance farm energy efficiencies by coupling advanced information, communication and control technologies with improved plant materials, by-product use and energy capture conversion techniques.

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations

Legal Name of Recipient: Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Address of Recipient: 4310 Lexington Rd, Athens, GA 30603

Description of Request: Funding in the amount of \$2,423,000 will help farmers address existing and emerging water supply issues with on-farm water storage.

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: CSREES, Special Grants

Legal Name of Recipient: University of Georgia College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences

Address of Recipient: 101 Conner Hall, Athens, GA 30602

Description of Request: Funding in the amount of \$209,000 will allow for the development of new cultivars which combined with pre- and post-harvest management practices will increase production efficiency and improve quality of fruit delivered to consumers.

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: CSREES, Special Grants

Legal Name of Recipient: University of Georgia College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences

Address of Recipient: 101 Conner Hall, Athens, GA 30602

Description of Request: Funding in the amount of \$346,000 will provide for the development of Web-based systems and in-field practices to provide water conservation alternatives that are distinct, direct and economical.

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: ARS, Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Recipient: ARS National Peanut Research Lab, Dawson, GA

Address of Recipient: 1011 Forrester Drive SE, Dawson, GA 39842

Description of Request: Funding in the amount of \$1,200,000 will be used to produce the best management practices that will lead to water conservation.

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: CSREES, Special Grants

Legal Name of Recipient: University of Georgia College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences

Address of Recipient: 101 Conner Hall, Athens, GA 30602

Description of Request: Funding in the amount of \$178,000 will be used to evaluate new disease management tactics for control of Phytophthora blight. No treatments or combination of measures exist to effectively suppress Phytophthora losses which often devastate the production of vegetable crops.

### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information.

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Minor Use Animal Drug Program

Amount: \$429,000

Account: Research & Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011

Description of Request: The Minor Use Animal Drug program is used to identify animal drug needs for minor species and minor uses in major species, to generate and disseminate data for safe and effective therapeutic applications and to facilitate FDA approval for drugs identified as a priority for a minor species or minor use.

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Northeast Iowa Community-Based Dairy Foundation

Amount: \$159,000

Account: National Institute of Food & Agriculture

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Northeast Iowa Community-Based Dairy Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: 1527 Hwy. 150, S., Calmar, IA 52132

Description of Request: The Dairy Education project aims to increase the success of American dairies by providing education on production technology, environmental stewardship, marketing and competitiveness. The project has goals of retaining, growing and fostering the development of the industry. The dairy industry is a major component of the Midwest's economy and the project aims to develop successful farms that are vital to local communities.

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Center of Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD)

Amount: \$412,000

Account: National Institute of Food & Agriculture

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011

Description of Request: The Center for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD) Biofuels Impact Analysis project at Iowa State University provides unbiased analyses of the effects of changes in technology and policy on the production of biofuels and on the cost and manufacturing of traditional agricultural and energy products. These analyses are based on supply and demand models of agricultural products, biofuels, and traditional, crude oil based energy markets, both domestically and internationally. Results of these analyses help key decision makers and citizens of Iowa and the U.S. make informed choices between alternative policy options, by providing answers to pressing questions about the impacts of those options on agricultural prices, net returns, production, consumption, and government spending. Using existing measures of the net carbon emissions per unit of agricultural output for each agricultural commodity in each country, the CARD program also will develop a methodology to measure the worldwide carbon footprint of agriculture and incorporate this footprint measure into existing multi-country, multi-commodity models.

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Animal Food Science & Food Safety Consortium

Amount: \$939,000

Account: National Institute of Food & Agriculture

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011

Description of Request: Animal Food Science & Food Safety Consortium addresses potential threats to food safety during the production of the live animal, processing, distribution, and consumption. When necessary, this initiative develops sampling and testing strategies to rapidly identify contaminants and determine the distribution of the contaminant in the food supply. Additionally, program staff are working to establish intervention strategies to minimize the threat of contaminants and to assure a safe food supply. The program also is developing recovery strategies and training procedures for these industries in the event of a natural or intentional contamination event. The potential introduction of natural or intentional contaminants into agricultural products could have a dramatic impact on the United States: citizens' health would be at risk and the economy could suffer because of the likely loss of international markets for U.S. products.

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute (FAPRI)

Amount: \$1,139,000

Account: National Institute of Food & Agriculture

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011

Description of Request: The Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute (FAPRI) project will be used to deploy an updated system to measure the impacts of large disruptions to world agricultural sectors such as new trade agreements, for ongoing estimation of the impact of the 2007 Energy Act on agriculture in the U.S. and around the world, and for evaluation of the use of carbon offset options for U.S. biofuel producers. With the new carbon model FAPRI researchers are uniquely placed to evaluate policies designed to reduce carbon emissions from agriculture. Research staff will use baseline projections from the analyses to determine the effect of various influences including agricultural prices, net returns, production, consumption, the net carbon balance, and government spending on the profitability of agriculture in the United States and in other major producing countries.

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Midwest Poultry Consortium

Amount: \$471,000

Account: National Institute of Food & Agriculture

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011

Description of Request: The Midwest Poultry Consortium provides a structure to encourage multi-disciplinary research networks which enhance limited state and industry resources. For example, the project can focus on respiratory diseases, such as avian pneumovirus, which have resulted in losses of millions per year in Midwestern states, rank among the most important factors affecting the competitiveness of the poultry industry and are responsible for millions in losses to turkey and broiler production nationwide each year. In total, disease costs in poultry are estimated to be in the \$15 billion/year range.

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: New Century Farm

Amount: \$282,000

Account: National Institute of Food & Agriculture

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011

Description of Request: The New Century Farm is the first integrated and sustainable biofuel feedstock production system of its kind and will play a critical role in fulfilling this vision. It will serve as a living laboratory for developing and testing sustainable biomass systems through rigorous integration of agronomic, environmental, and socio-economic research. The New Century Farm at Iowa State University will be the first integrated, sustainable biofuel feedstock demonstration farm and research biorefinery in the United States, serving as a model for American biorenewable en-

ergy and bioproducts production and helping to transform the nation's agricultural enterprise to one that is feedstock ready.

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Bio-Safety Institute for Genetically Modified Agriculture Products

Amount: \$259,000

Account: Animal Plant Health Inspection Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011

Description of Request: The Bio-Safety Institute for Genetically Modified Agriculture Products will assist enterprises seeking technical assistance on bio-product-related issues that would enable them to expand effectively. Helping these biobased product employers do so will improve the quality of the environment, revitalize the manufacturing sector and rural America, and enhance national security by reducing U.S. dependency on foreign oil.

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Certified Environmental Management Systems for Agriculture

Amount: \$288,000

Account: Natural Resource Conservation Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa Soybean Association

Address of Requesting Entity: 4554 114th St., Urbandale, IA 50322

Description of Request: The Certified Environmental Management Systems for Agriculture program provides innovative technical assistance to individual farmers, helping them document baseline and performance data to measure environmental and economic results of their management practices and incorporate that data into continual performance improvement. It is an adaptive management system based on ISO 14001, addressing energy efficiency in farming and environmental, agronomic, and economic performance goals. Appropriations will support continued technical assistance for current and new participants; expand the use of the energy efficiency module piloted in '08 and adjust documentation and data aggregation procedures to enable the soybean and corn industry to benefit from documented data revealing the improved energy efficiency, carbon savings, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions associated with current farming practices, as well as potential improvements made possible by CEMSA management planning; expand the use of the new carbon sequestration, greenhouse gas emission reduction, and wildlife habitat planning modules and indices being developed and piloted this year.

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Watershed Demonstration Project

Amount: \$134,000

Account: Natural Resource Conservation Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa Soybean Association

Address of Requesting Entity: 4554 114th St., Urbandale, IA 50322

Description of Request: The Watershed Demonstration Project will help Iowa farmers identify and reduce their contribution to water pollution by providing technical assistance to groups of farmers in targeted watersheds and by collaborating with other watershed stakeholders to plan and implement watershed-specific strategies, measure outcomes, and adjust practices to optimize results. The proper management of natural resources related to cropland and the planning and implementation of conservation systems on cropland, especially in watersheds of impaired streams, is part of the federal mission, which this project helps to further. The work of improving and maintaining watershed health and water quality in agricultural watersheds will always require federal investment, and due to the downstream impact of Midwest agricultural water quality concerns all the way to estuary waters, such as the Gulf of Mexico, projects such as these are increasingly important.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. TRAVIS W. CHILDERS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. CHILDERS. Madam Speaker, unfortunately Tuesday night, July 7, 2009, I was unable to cast my votes on H. Con. Res. 135 and H.R. 1129.

Had I been present for roll call No. 478, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for roll call No. 479, I would have voted "aye."

#### BILL AND ANN BELLAIS

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Rev. William Bellais, Ed.D., and his wife, Ann Bellais, of Chillicothe, Missouri. Bill and Ann are very dedicated individuals who exemplify the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership. I thank Grace Episcopal Church for hosting a retirement reception in their honor on Sunday, July 12, 2009.

Bill has an impressive list of degrees, ranging from theological studies to history to counseling psychology. He received his Doctor of Education degree in higher education management and education psychology in 1988 from New Mexico State University.

Bill's dedication to his community and his country has been exceptional. He served three years in the U.S. Marine Corps, including service in Korea, as well as 17 years in the Army as an intelligence specialist, including two years of service in Vietnam, receiving over a dozen awards along the way. He has been the Rector at Grace Episcopal Church in Chillicothe since 1992, as well as an active member of the Diocese of West Missouri. Bill is the Chaplain for the Home Health and Hospice Department at Hedrick Medical Center in Chillicothe, and he also serves as an adjunct faculty staff member for several colleges. Bill is

also active in countless community activities, serving on the Board of Directors for organizations such as Hope Haven Industries, the North Central Missouri Rural Housing Coalition, Chillicothe Area Habitat for Humanity, the Chillicothe Rotary Club, and many more.

Ann Bellais has been just as active in the community as her husband. She has been a strong leader in the Missouri State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution for years, having been an active member of DAR for an incredible 49 years. She has served as President for both the Chillicothe Church Women United group and the Chillicothe Garden Club. She has also served on the board of Hope Haven Industries, and she has represented the area for two hospitals in Kansas City—serving St. Luke's Hospital on a Spiritual Wellness Committee, and Children's Mercy Hospital on a regional council.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask my colleagues to join me in commending Bill and Ann Bellais for their dedicated service to the community of Chillicothe, Missouri. I know their colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking them for their commitment to others and wishing him happiness and good health in retirement.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. JOHN M. MCHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. MCHUGH. 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. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN MCHUGH

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service: Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: SUNY Environmental School of Forestry

Address of Requesting Entity: SUNY ESF Bray Hall 224, Syracuse, NY 13210

Description: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for the eradication of the Asian Long-Horned Beetle in New York State forest lands. The Asian Long-Horned Beetle is an invasive species that can have disastrous effects on forest areas. Several beetle infestations have already occurred in the U.S. including Chicago, NJ, Staten Island, NY and most recently in Worcester, Massachusetts in August 2008. In order to eradicate the beetle 30,000 trees were cut down in an effort to keep the beetle from spreading. While other methods are being explored, chopping down infested trees and burning the wood is currently the only way to eradicate the beetles which have no known natural predator in the U.S.

More than 61 percent of New York State is forested and highly vulnerable to an introduction of Asian Long-Horned Beetle. The trees preferred as hosts by the Asian Long-Horned Beetle are hardwoods, which also compose the majority of the Northeast United States mixed hardwood forests critical to New York rural economic vitality and the forest products

and wood-based renewable energy industries, New York State water quality, sequestration of carbon and greenhouse gases known to contribute to climate change.

There is no wide scale proactive protection technology deployed today and the threat is moving north toward the Catskill and west toward the Adirondack and Southern Tier. The Asian Long-Horned Beetle infestation is an economic, social and environmental disaster waiting to happen. Presently, all therapies for Asian Long-Horned Beetle infestation are reactive; all the trees are removed for miles around.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 2892, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of California—Agriculture and Natural Resources

Address of Requesting Entity: 1111 Franklin Street, Room 6402, Oakland, California 94607

Description of Request: I have secured \$3,000,000 to continue the highly successful Pierce's Disease and Invasive Species Research Program. This program funds competitively awarded research grants to find solutions to this potentially devastating bacterial disease that threatens California's wine grape industry, as well as other grape varieties, citrus, almonds and tree fruit.

This program also focuses on other invasive species impacting California and the nation. These include pathogens (West Nile virus, Avian Influenza, Sudden Oak Death), insects (vine mealy bug, light brown apple moth), marine and fresh water species (green crab and quagga mussel), and weed species (yellow star thistle). Greater knowledge of these species, understanding of invasion biology parameters, and potential control and eradication strategies is critical for California and the U.S.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC)

Address of Requesting Entity: 18700 Ward St., Fountain Valley, California 92708

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 to expand an existing program and add an additional 5,500 Smart Irrigation Controllers to residential and commercial properties in Orange County, CA by 2011. These Smart Irrigation Controllers assist water customers in delivering the appropriate amount of water to residential and commercial landscapes by monitoring and accounting for soil type, slope, plant type, sun exposure and current weather conditions.

Smart Irrigation Controllers, as a part of MWDOC's overall Water Use Efficiency Program, will assist water users in the district in more efficiently utilizing water resources and reduce the dependence of the area on water imported from Northern California and the Colorado River. The implementation and demonstration of this technology can serve as a demonstration project for areas of the arid west and other regions of the United States subject to water shortages who may be interested in utilizing this technology to decrease water consumption.

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EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Fiscal Year 2010 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Project Name: Flight Test Operations Facility (413 FLTS)

Account: Air Force

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Eglin Air Force Base

Address of Requesting Entity: Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, 32542

Description of Request: \$9,400,000—Flight Test Operations Facility (413 FLTS). I requested these funds to provide the 413th Flight Test Squadron the necessary facilities to conduct developmental and qualification testing of aircraft. The entity to receive funding for this project is Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, 32542. The funding would be used to upgrade facilities necessary to ensure mission success, minimize acquisition costs and fielding delays. Functional areas include administration, operations and special purpose areas including open storage area with SIPRNET, workshop/maintenance area with compressed air, a hoist system and an electrical system capable of providing multi-phase power and covered outside storage. The squadron is currently operating at 50% of the net office space recommended by AFH 32-1084. Aircrew life support equip lockers, printers, shredders and other office machines are stored and operated in hallways because of the lack of space and overcrowding. The unit does not have a dedicated facility but is provided space in other units' facilities. The 413th occupies 19,101SF in four separate facilities, two on base and two leased off base. I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interest of my spouse or me. Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended for a "front" or "pass through" entity; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of HR 2997: Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Act for FY 2010.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 2997

Account: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service—Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: State of New Jersey, Department of Agriculture

Address of Requesting Entity: 369 South Warren Street, P.O. Box 330, Trenton, NJ 08625

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for the New Jersey Gypsy Moth Pest Management Program to support and enhance gypsy moth control on affected communities and public lands. Funds will be used to cost-share aerial treatments borne by local municipalities to develop a web-based interactive online map showing the distribution of gypsy moths in New Jersey and proposed treatment areas. The funds will also be used for technical support, salaries, and vehicle operation.

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EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. DOC HASTINGS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, to provide open disclosure, I am submitting the following information regarding a project that I support for inclusion in H.R. 2487, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Amount: \$100,000

Account: U.S. Department of Justice

Entity receiving funds: Washington State Meth Initiative located at 510 Tacoma Avenue South, Tacoma, WA 98402.

Description: These funds will be used to implement this anti-methamphetamine initiative, which brings together law enforcement, prosecutors, and treatment professionals from across the state to work together to address all aspects of the meth epidemic.

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EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN LEE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. LEE of New York. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of the FY10 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman CHRISTOPHER LEE (NY-26)

Bill Number: H.R. 3082

Account: Military Construction—Air Force Reserve

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station

Address of Requesting Entity: Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, 2720 Kirkbridge Drive, Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$5.7 million for Project #RVKQ 10-9091, the Indoor Small Arms Range that would support the requirements of the Base wings, the units of the new Armed Forces Readiness Center and the Department of Homeland Security tenants.

Of the total project amount, approximately \$4.4 million (or 77.1%) is for construction of the range; \$44,000 (or 1%) is for force protection; \$640,000 (or 11.2%) is for supporting facilities; \$254,000 (or 5%) is for contingency costs; and \$304,000 (or 5.7%) is for inspection and overhead.

The current situation requires personnel to shoot at a range in Canada when utilizing the M-24B machine gun and M-249 rifle. Additionally, the current number of firing line positions is inadequate to satisfy the volume of monthly training requirements which has grown with the addition of the Regional Readiness Center at the Base.

Due to the fact that the existing range is outdoors and off-Base, students and instructors are exposed to the elements and extreme temperatures for extended periods of time. In addition, an exorbitant amount of time is wasted by personnel who must travel a distance to the range. Also, due to extreme weather conditions, the Wing loses several months of weapons qualifying each year. This new Small Arms Range will allow personnel to meet all necessary mandatory weapons training as well as meeting safety and environmental requirements.

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EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. CAO. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2997—the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

As requested by me, Rep. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO, H.R. 2997—the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010, provides for Tulane University, New Orleans, LA in support of phytoestrogen research project. This is in the Agricultural Research Account in the amount of \$1,426,000. This will benefit Tulane University, 6823 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118 in the form of funding to be used to partner the Tulane/Xavier Center for Bio-environmental Research (CBR) and the University of Toledo to manipulate phytoestrogen and phyto-antiestrogen levels in soybean seed and soy-based products. This project discovers new effects of natural dietary constituents (phytoestrogens) on health and disease

in human; especially, estrogen-sensitive organs, such as breast, reproductive and cardiovascular systems.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. STEVE BARTELS

**HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate, thank, and recognize my constituent Mr. Steve Bartels. Steve is a testament to the hard-working nature of the agricultural community and he has been a staple of the Butler County, Ohio community for more than three decades.

As the agricultural educator for the Ohio State University Extension Butler County Office, Steve has spread the necessary knowledge that aids the success that the agriculture industry has had on the economy of not only Butler County, but the entire state of Ohio. His hands-on approach has assisted thousands of individuals in improving their farms or gardens. Steve is most widely-known for his exceptional involvement in the Farm-City Tours, which began in 1976. Farm-City Tours allow individuals to get a free up-close-and-personal tour of a family farm in Butler County. Whether it be cattle or Christmas tree farms, Steve has an extraordinary wealth of knowledge that he has been able to share with the citizens of Butler County for many years. His hard work on obtaining a grant that enabled the extension office to hire a fourth agent has allowed many more Butler County children to be educated on this vital industry.

Steve's contributions to the Ohio State University Extension Butler County Office will be felt for many years to come. While I and the Extension Office are sad to see him go, I would like to congratulate him on his accomplishments and wish him a long, happy, and healthy retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DAN BURTON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, due to mechanical difficulties involving my flight back to Washington, DC from Indianapolis, I was unable to be on the House Floor for roll call votes 478 and 479.

Had I been present I would have voted aye on Roll Call vote 478—Directing the Architect of the Capitol to place a marker in Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center which acknowledges the role that slave labor played in the construction of the United States Capitol; and nay on Roll Call vote 479—To create a new Federal grant program to facilitate an iron working training program for Native Americans.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the policies and standards put forth by the House Appropriations Committee and the GOP Leadership, I submit a listing of the congressionally directed projects I requested in my home state of Idaho that are contained in the report of H.R. 2997, the FY2010 Agriculture Appropriations bill.

Project Name: Aquaculture Research Initiative

Amount Received: \$529,000

Account: USDA/CSREES

Recipient: University of Idaho

Recipient's Street Address: 875 Perimeter Drive, Moscow, ID 83844

Description: Research and development of strains of barley for the production of high-value protein concentrates from barley and oats that can be used as fish feed. Increasingly, fish that are consumed worldwide originate from aquaculture. This increase has taxed global supplies of marine protein and oil traditionally used in aquafeeds resulting in record prices for these commodities. Idaho is a leader in the national aquaculture industry, producing over 70% of the nation's commercially grown rainbow trout and generating \$100 million per year. Funding would support innovative research to develop new ways of addressing problems in the industry.

Project Name: Barley for Rural Development

Amount Received: \$514,000

Account: USDA/CSREES

Recipient: University of Idaho

Recipient's Street Address: 875 Perimeter Drive, Moscow, ID 83844

Description: Funding for this program would support research directed at the continued development of improved malt, feed, cellulosic ethanol and food barley varieties for growers and value-added end-users in rural Idaho, Montana, and North Dakota communities. This research is starting to expand and meet market opportunities, addressing the critical need of growers in production agriculture to increase economic yield, enhance domestic and international market access, improve production technologies, better compete with Canadian imports and reduce dependence on government subsidies. Research supported by this project will increase the manufacture and sale of value-added barley products (malt, beer, fuel, food, livestock) in these states, having a substantial positive impact on their economies, supporting jobs, generating business activity, and federal, state, and local tax revenue. Maintenance of the strength of barley in the Idaho economy requires continual efforts to improve crop quality and productivity. This can only be accomplished by investing in strong research programs that keep the industry at the forefront.

Project Name: COOL Season Legume Research

Amount Received: \$235,000

Account: USDA/CSREES

Recipient: University of Idaho

Recipient's Street Address: 875 Perimeter Drive, Moscow, ID 83844

Description: This program is an aggressive cooperative research program between the

USDA, the University of Idaho, and the University of Washington that seeks new, high-yielding, high-quality, nutritious dry pea, lentil, and chickpea varieties to meet producer and consumer needs. This research focuses on the breeding of new, superior varieties of legumes; management of nematodes, insects, plant diseases and weeds that can limit production; and reduction of soil erosion and water degradation associated with production, as well as the development of value-added new products. The technology being generated through the research is essential for the pea, lentil, and chickpea industries to remain competitive and profitable. Funding would be provided to the University of Idaho through the USDA ARS facility located at 29603 U of I Lane, Parma, Idaho 83660.

Project Name: Greater Yellowstone Interagency Brucellosis Committee

Amount Received: \$650,000

Account: USDA/APHIS

Recipient: Idaho State Department of Agriculture

Recipient's Street Address: 2270 Old Penitentiary Road, Boise, ID 83712

Description: Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming are each required by law to manage brucellosis-infected wildlife within their borders in order to prevent the spread of brucellosis to non-infected wildlife, cattle, or domestic bison. The Committee is coordinating with federal, state, and private actions in eliminating brucellosis from wildlife in the Greater Yellowstone Area and preventing transmission of this disease from wildlife to livestock. The funding will be used to develop and implement brucellosis herd unit management plans; to perform functions and duties of Idaho relative to the Greater Yellowstone Interagency Brucellosis Committee; to conduct brucellosis prevention, surveillance, control and eradication activities in Idaho and the Greater Yellowstone Area.

Project Name: Increasing Shelf-Life of Agriculture Commodities

Amount Received: \$603,000

Account: USDA/CSREES

Recipient: University of Idaho

Recipient's Street Address: 875 Perimeter Drive, Moscow, ID 83844

Description: In order to prevent serious food safety issues, this project will fund research and development of bio-electronic sensors that can detect the presence of microbial pathogens in food and food products. Preventative detection and treatment at the agricultural commodity level and fast, accurate detection of biological pathogens and dangerous food toxins is an important element for ensuring safety and shelf life. The research being conducted in this area at the University of Idaho will advance and expand previous work on biosensor systems to further enhance preventative detection and treatment of biological pathogens and dangerous food toxins.

Project Name: Nez Perce Bio-Control Center

Amount Received: \$176,000

Account: USDA/APHIS

Recipient: Nez Perce Tribe Bio-Control Center

Recipient's Street Address: 102 Agency Road, Lapwai, ID 83540

Description: The Nez Perce Bio-Control Center is authorized by the Noxious Weed Control and Eradication Act of 2004 and manages and establishes nurseries to increase biological control organism availability, distribute

biological control organisms, monitor their impacts, and provide an increased number of annual technology transfer workshops to Cooperative Weed Management Areas and other landowners and managers regionally. This funding will continue the partnership between USDA and the Nez Perce Tribe to maximize the effectiveness of implementing a complete bio-control of weeds program in an Integrated Weed Management strategy. The Center will increase the availability of agents for landowners and managers throughout the region. Biological control offers long-term management of invasive weeds and can be used with other integrated pest management approaches.

Project Name: Potato Cyst Nematode Research

Amount Received: \$349,000

Account: USDA/CSREES

Recipient: University of Idaho

Recipient's Street Address: 875 Perimeter Drive, Moscow, ID 83844

Description: This funding would be used by the University of Idaho for research and development of means to eradicate and better protect the Idaho potato crop from the soil-borne pathogen potato cyst nematode, hardened nematode bodies filled with eggs which can persist in the soil for up to 25 years. Current eradication depends upon methyl bromide, which is not totally effective and which may be banned because of its ozone depleting properties, as well as other chemicals which are even less effective and several of which may also be banned. The funds will be used to maximize the efficiency of methyl bromide while it is available and develop new "green" replacement eradicators (such as green manure or biologically derived nematicides) and procedures (advance hatching frequency), as well as to improve planting material screening procedures and to study plant-vector-virus relationships, which may also lead to new ways to fight potato viruses. Previous funding established the groundwork and prepared the University of Idaho to fully implement the needed research. This project will work, in concert with the ongoing USDA eradication program by providing new methods of treatment. This crop pest can result in 80% yield reductions and has negatively affected agricultural trade. There is a good chance that if this threat is addressed with adequate research and treatment it can be eliminated.

Project Name: Potato Research/Multistate Potato Variety Development Program

Amount Received: \$1,037,000

Account: USDA/CSREES

Recipient: University of Idaho through CSREES

Recipient's Street Address: 875 Perimeter Drive, Moscow, ID 83844

Description: This funding would be used to support an on-going research program that provides critical support to the potato industry through the development of new potato varieties and resistance to disease and pests. The ARS research station at Aberdeen, Idaho, has produced eight new potato varieties, and it has participated in the development of twelve other varieties nationwide. With the increasing threat of disease and pests, new varieties are crucial for America's agriculture community. Research will be performed at USDA's Pacific

West Area ARS facility, located at 1691 S. 2700 W., Aberdeen, Idaho 83210.

Project Name: Small Fruit Research, ID, OR, WA

Amount Received: \$307,000

Account: USDA/CSREES

Recipient: University of Idaho

Recipient's Street Address: 875 Perimeter Drive, Moscow, ID 83844

Description: The Small Fruits Initiative—Plant Improvement project will build upon the strengths of existing cooperative research programs aligned through the Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research. This ongoing tri-state program supports the development of small fruits as an alternative agriculture crop in the Pacific Northwest. The funding will strengthen existing programs throughout the region and add key programs to fill in critical gaps that are not met by the existing infrastructure associated with the Center, providing key resources for Idaho scientists to address problems that negatively impact the emerging berry, grape, and wine industries in the Northwest.

Project Name: STEEP III—Water Quality in the Northwest

Amount Received: \$444,000

Account: USDA/CSREES

Recipient: University of Idaho

Recipient's Street Address: 875 Perimeter Drive, Moscow, ID 83844

Description: Soil erosion affects 10 million acres of cropland in the Inland Pacific Northwest, reducing farm productivity. STEEP is a coordinated research and technology transfer program designed to develop and implement erosion control practices for agriculture. Emerging environmental and human health concerns also require control of erosion and other environmental impacts of agriculture. New strategies and cropping systems for the protection of soil, water, and air resources are being developed and assessed through collaborative research conducted by scientists in the Pacific Northwest. The STEEP program continues to provide Pacific Northwest farmers and supporting agribusiness entities the new conservation technologies, tools, and understanding to meet evolving demands of agriculture, the environment, and Pacific Northwest residents.

Project Name: Tri-State Predatory Control

Amount Received: \$926,000

Account: USDA/APHIS

Recipient: USDA Animal Plant Health Inspection Service

Recipient's Street Address: 9134 West Blackeagle Drive, Boise, ID 83709

Description: This project would continue assistance to Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming to control wolves and other predators. The Yellowstone wolf population has reached levels 3 to 4 times the initial recovery goals, leading to a delisting from the ESA earlier this year for the wolves in Idaho and Montana and leaving states responsible for managing the increasing wolf populations. As a result, ranchers are facing increasing threats from these predators. The continuation of this program will ensure that the tri-state area will be able to address predator management.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide a list of congressionally-directed projects I re-

quested that have received funding in the Agriculture Appropriations Act for FY2010 and provide an explanation of my support for them.

A TRIBUTE TO HILL AVENUE  
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church of Pasadena, California. The church is celebrating its ninetieth anniversary with a year-long series of celebrations commemorating the church's significant history in Pasadena.

In 1914, Martha Thompson, Laura Tallakson, Christiana Ellingson, and Thea Thompson, members of a small Norwegian-speaking Lutheran congregation in Pasadena, founded the "Dorcas Club." The group grew steadily over the next few years and dedicated itself to forming an officially recognized mission church and in 1919, the United Lutheran Synod Church was established. The new church, with its first pastor, N.B. Thorpe presiding, held services in a storefront building on Lake Avenue in Pasadena. In 1923 the congregation purchased a church building at Mountain Street and Summit Avenue in Pasadena. Under the leadership of Pastor W.J. Maakestad, the church's name was changed to Grace Lutheran Church, and in 1926, church services changed from Norwegian to English.

By the late 1940s, after years of growth under Pastor Joseph Berg, the church needed more space, so the congregation built a new, larger church on Hill Avenue in Pasadena and changed the name to Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church. In 1966, the church was extensively remodeled, and the Sanctuary was rededicated under longtime Pastor Amon Johnson. Since then, Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church has continued to grow, adding a preschool and a new chapel, among other expansions.

Today, under the leadership of Pastor Anthony Auer, Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church is not only a vibrant Lutheran congregation but a dedicated community servant. Among its many other programs, church members run a weekly Food Shelf, help staff the Cold Weather Shelter, provide food vouchers for underprivileged students at Pasadena City College, and sew quilts and knit prayer shawls as part of the Prayers and Squares program. Alongside other Pasadena-area Lutheran churches, Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church has participated in operating Jacob House, a day shelter for homeless teens and adults, and Rachel House, a day shelter for women with children. The church also runs the Grace Christian Academy, a K-8 school dedicated to academic, social, physical, and spiritual growth.

I consider it a great privilege to represent Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church and I ask all Members to join me in congratulating the congregation upon their 90th anniversary.

HONORING CHARITY TOWNSEND  
CALDWELL

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the heroic acts of Charity Townsend Caldwell.

On May 2, 2009, Charity Townsend Caldwell, a great citizen of Memphis, TN gave someone a chance; but this chance wasn't a government program or a random act of kindness, it was the greatest gift of all . . . life. Charity Townsend Caldwell was arriving at her own graduation from nursing school, when her college dean had a heart attack, and was immediately surrounded by a crowd of people. Caldwell, following her instincts, ran through the crowd of people and immediately got down on her knees to assist her former administrator. Within seconds Caldwell had saved a man's life that would undoubtedly had been lost if she had not acted as quickly as she did.

What Charity Caldwell's actions prove is that when people are given great tools, they can do great things, despite their hardships. Caldwell was given a superb education from the Nursing School of Southwest Community College located in Memphis, TN, and the knowledge she gained from this institution prepared her to act in any situation, even at her own graduation. While Caldwell worked against the odds to save a man's life, it was nothing new for her, because she is very familiar with overcoming challenges. She was a single mother, held a fulltime job, and was doing this while attending nursing school. Because of Charity's tenacity and faith, she found herself saving a life at her own graduation. The story of Charity Caldwell proves, that when people are given a chance to excel, they do and in extraordinary ways. Again, I would just like to congratulate and thank Charity Townsend Caldwell for showing us that hard work and perseverance not only affect an individual's life, it can literally save another.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, on June 26, 2009, I missed rollcall vote No. 466. Had I voted, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 466, on agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 587, providing for consideration of H.R. 2454, American Clean Energy and Security Act.

THE FIGHTING AGGIES OF TEXAS  
A&M

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, Texas A&M University was founded in 1876 as a land grant college under the Morrill Act. The

university began as an all male military school until after World War II. Aggies have been serving with honor in the armed forces since the Spanish American War of 1898. In fact, Texas A&M is the largest provider of military officers outside of the Nations service academies. General George S. Patton said, Give me an army of West Point graduates, and I'll win a battle Give me a handful of Texas Aggies, and I'll win a war.

During the Spanish American War, eighty-nine Aggies served in the Army, and sixty-three Aggies served as officers. When the United States became involved in World War I, 702 A&M graduates served in the military, and 668 graduates were officers. Texas A&M trained over 4000 troops during World War I.

It was World War II, however, when Texas A&M exhibited its expertise in training soldiers as well as scholars. Twenty thousand Aggies served in World War II; fourteen thousand of these men were officers, and twenty-nine were generals. In order to speed up the process of sending more Aggies to the front lines of the war, Texas A&M instituted a twelve-month, three semester training program to prepare its soldiers. The entire graduating classes of 1941 and 1942 enlisted in the armed services immediately following graduation. Seven Congressional Medal of Honor winners during the second world war were graduates from Texas A&M. They included MAJ Horace S. Carswell, Jr., class of 1938; LT Thomas W. Fowler, class of 1943; LT Eli Whitely, class of 1941; SGT William Harrell, class of 1942; 2LT Lloyd D. Hughes, class of 1943; LT Turney W. Leonard, class of 1942; and SGT George D. Keathley, class of 1937.

Six Aggies were survivors of the 131st Texas National Guard Field Artillery, best known as the Lost Battalion because it was three years before the fate of the men was known. They were captured on Java in 1942, and then transported to Burma, where they were forced to build the infamous Railway of Death depicted in the movie Bridge Over River Kwai.

Membership in the Corp of Cadets is now voluntary at Texas A&M; however, the university continues its tradition of training men and women to serve their country through military service.

And that's just the way it is.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3082.

Requesting Member: JOHN M. SHIMKUS

Bill number: H.R. 3082

The Account: Air NG

Requesting Entity: Lincoln Capital Airport, 1200 Capital Airport Drive, Springfield, IL 62707.

The funding for this project will go towards relocating the entrance road at the Air National Guard Base at Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport. The relocation is necessary to meet the Homeland Security back requirements and

will ensure that the base can remain one of the largest employers in Central Illinois.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on congressionally-directed funding, I am submitting the following information regarding funding included in H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service

Legal Name of Recipient: Kentucky Division of Conservation

Address of Recipient: 375 Versailles Road, Frankfort, KY 40601

Description of Request: Provide \$545,000 in directed funding for conservation technical assistance grants to the Kentucky Soil Conservation Districts. This locally-led program promotes Kentucky's natural resource priorities and assists in the implementation of various Farm Bill conservation programs on small family farms.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service Legal Name of Recipient: Kentucky Division of Conservation

Address of Recipient: 375 Versailles Road, Frankfort, KY 40601

Description of Request: Provide \$724,000 for conservation technical assistance to the Kentucky Soil Erosion Control Cost Share Program. The Kentucky Cost Share Program is implemented in coordination with the Environmental Quality Incentives Program to address Kentucky's natural resource concerns. The funds will be used for engineering, designing, installing, and certification of systems/facilities in order to meet national conservation standards.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. DOC HASTINGS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, to provide open disclosure, I am submitting the following information regarding projects that I support for inclusion in H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Amount: \$254,000

Account: USDA's Agriculture Research Service

Entity receiving funds: Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research located at 4845 Southwest Dresden Avenue, Corvallis, OR 97333.

Description: These funds will be used to continue research on sustainability and pathology for small fruits, including berries and wine grapes, that is critical to the Pacific Northwest small fruits industry.

Amount: \$3,654,000

Account: USDA's Agriculture Research Service (ARS)—Buildings and Construction  
Entity receiving funds: USDA's Agriculture Research Service's Pullman lab, located at 3003 ADBF, WSU, Pullman, WA 99164.

Description: These funds will be used to construct a new research facility in Pullman to be jointly used by Washington State University and Agriculture Research Service scientists.

Amount: \$245,000

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Services (CSREES)  
Entity receiving funds: Washington State University's Office of Grant and Research Development, located at 423 Neill Hall, Pullman, WA 99164.

Description: These funds will be used for the development of biomass potential of *aegilops cylindricum* and similar grassy weeds.

Amount: \$173,000

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Services (CSREES)  
Entity receiving funds: Washington State University's Office of Grant and Research Development, located at 423 Neill Hall, Pullman, WA 99164.

Description: These funds will be used to continue research to develop technologies, such as mechanized harvesters, that increase the competitiveness of the U.S. asparagus industry, which has been harmed by high levels of imported asparagus from Peru.

Amount: \$469,000

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Services (CSREES)  
Entity receiving funds: Washington State University's Office of Grant and Research Development, located at 423 Neill Hall, Pullman, WA 99164.

Description: These funds will be used to continue the efforts of the International Marketing Program for Agriculture Commodities and Trade (IMPACT) Center at Washington State University, which develops new export marketing opportunities for Washington agricultural products.

Amount: \$235,000

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Services (CSREES)  
Entity receiving funds: Washington State University's Office of Grant and Research Development, located at 423 Neill Hall, Pullman, WA 99164.

Description: These funds will be used to continue research to improve the efficiency of cool season legumes, including dry peas, fresh peas, lentils, and chickpeas, which are important rotational crops in the Northwest.

Amount: \$248,000

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Services (CSREES)  
Entity receiving funds: Washington State University's Office of Grant and Research Development, located at 423 Neill Hall, Pullman, WA 99164.

Description: These funds will be used to continue research on organic cropping systems, nutrient and soil management, and organic seed production.

Amount: \$1,037,000

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Services (CSREES)

Entity receiving funds: Washington State University's Office of Grant and Research Development, located at 423 Neill Hall, Pullman, WA 99164.

Description: These funds will be used for the continued development and commercialization of new potato varieties.

Amount: \$471,000

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Services (CSREES)

Entity receiving funds: Oregon State University, located at 312 Kerr Administration Building, Corvallis, OR 97331, and Washington State University's Office of Grant and Research Development, located at 423 Neill Hall, Pullman, WA 99164.

Description: These funds will be used to continue the development of research to locate and characterize genes of economic importance and use these genes in applied barley breeding.

Amount: \$307,000

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Services (CSREES)

Entity receiving funds: Oregon State University, located at 312 Kerr Administration Building, Corvallis, OR 97331.

Description: These funds will be used for continued research on berry and grape crops, including plant breeding and pest management.

Amount: \$444,000

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Services (CSREES)

Entity receiving funds: Washington State University's Office of Grant and Research Development, located at 423 Neill Hall, Pullman, WA 99164.

Description: These funds will be used to continue research into the development of planting systems that reduce soil erosion.

Amount: \$223,000

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Services (CSREES)

Entity receiving funds: Washington State University's Office of Grant and Research Development, located at 423 Neill Hall, Pullman, WA 99164.

Description: These funds will be used to continue the development of virus-free plant material to Northwest wine grape growers to ensure the continued health of the industry.

RECOGNIZING THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW HAVEN

**HON. CANDICE S. MILLER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I have the distinct honor to represent the Village of New Haven located in Macomb County. On July 17th and 18th, its residents will join together to celebrate the Village's 140th Anniversary, and officially recognize the history, traditions, and culture that has been cultivated over that time.

This special occasion will be marked by a weekend of various festivities that the entire

family can enjoy including a fireworks show, games, a tastefest, a classic car show, a musical concert, and numerous presentations commemorating the Village's history.

New Haven was incorporated and organized in 1869. It was later that Spring when Benjamin L. Bates was elected the first Village President and oversaw the population growth and economic expansion of local businesses and industries. During its early origins, the Village was home of the Detroit Grand Trunk Railroad, a sawmill, an electrical powerhouse, a general store, a lumberyard, and numerous family farms spread out across the village.

The Village of New Haven has witnessed significant changes and infrastructure upgrades that lead to its formation. From the first church ever built in 1854 and first telephone installed in 1885 to its current day proximity to easily access major transportation networks like Interstates 94 and 69 that lead to the City of Detroit and Canada; the Village remarkably has been able to preserve its unique identity and the closeness of a community that cares about its people.

I commend Village President Jammie Kincaid for his leadership in organizing this celebration. As important as it is to set a course for the future, it is equally important to remember where we've been. New Haven's ancestors built the village that is enjoyed today; it is our obligation to provide better opportunities for the generations to come.

I congratulate the citizens, officials, businesses, and sponsors on this extraordinary event, and offer my best wishes for a successful anniversary celebration and robust future for the Village of New Haven.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. CAO. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2997—the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

As requested by me, Rep. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO, H.R. 2997—the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010, provides for Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, in support of phytoestrogen research project. This is in the Agricultural Research Account in the amount of \$1,426,000. This will benefit Tulane University, 6823 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118, in the form of funding to be used to partner the Tulane/Xavier Center for Bio-environmental Research (CBR) and the University of Toledo to manipulate phytoestrogen and phyto-antiestrogen levels in soybean seed and soy-based products. This project discovers new effects of natural dietary constituents (phytoestrogens) on health and disease in human; especially, estrogen-sensitive organs, such as breast, reproductive and cardiovascular systems.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. BOB INGLIS**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. INGLIS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of HR 3081, Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman BOB INGLIS

Bill Number: HR 3081, Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Global Health and Child Survival  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Christian Blind Mission International

Address of Requesting Entity: 450 E Park Avenue, Greenville, South Carolina 29601

Description of Request: Of the funding provided for vulnerable children, \$2,000,000 is included for child blindness programs to be administered in a manner that the maximum amount of funds are delivered to the field. USAID should consider the work of Christian Blind Mission (CBM) which acts upon the needs and rights of people with disabilities; 18 million people worldwide benefit from CBM's support. 1.5 million children are currently blind, and another 7 million suffer from poor vision.

CBM's eye care programs focus on four preventable and reversible sources of blindness: cataract, river blindness, vitamin A deficiency and trachoma.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: ARS, Salaries and expenses account, \$819,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Auburn University, Auburn, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: 102 Samford Hall, Auburn, Alabama 36849

Description of Request: "Catfish Genomics Research" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that this funding, similar to other research dollars the Federal government provides to key universities throughout the United

States, in this case would be used to utilize genetic information to help develop fish lines with superior genetic disease resistance. Other objectives of the research include the development of rapid and sensitive pathogen detection tests to help prevent the introduction of pathogens from domestic and foreign sources into the U.S. aquaculture industry. Given the paramount necessity of safeguarding our food supply and the importance that the aquaculture industry plays in the economies of Alabama and other states, this is a prudent use of taxpayers' dollars.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: NIFA, SRG account, \$1,748,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Auburn University, Auburn, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: 102 Samford Hall, Auburn, Alabama 36849

Description of Request: "Auburn Research Center on Detection and Food Safety" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding would be used to educate a new generation of engineers and scientists with depth of specific knowledge and breadth from traditional disciplines of engineering and biology that are capable of addressing and resolving complex issues in the food industry like rapidly identify, pinpoint and characterize, through an integration of sensor and information technology, problems that arise in the food supply chain.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, July 9, 2009 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 10

10 a.m.

## Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of William J. Wilkins, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel in the Department of the Treasury.

SD-215

JULY 13

10 a.m.

## Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Sonia Sotomayor, of New York, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

SH-216

JULY 14

Time to be announced

## Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

S-116, Capitol

9 a.m.

## Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the creation of a Consumer Financial Protection Agency.

SD-538

9:30 a.m.

## Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine bridging the gap in care of women veterans.

SR-418

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine consumer protection from fraud.

SR-253

## Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 796, to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain land.

SD-366

## Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine economic opportunities for agriculture, forestry communities, and others in reducing global warming pollution.

SD-406

2:30 p.m.

## Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine transportation's role in climate change and reducing greenhouse gases.

SD-406

## Intelligence

Closed business meeting to markup an original bill authorizing funds for fiscal year 2010 for the intelligence community.

S-407, Capitol

JULY 15

10 a.m.

## Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the public safety impact of contraband cell phones in correctional facilities.

SR-253

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the REAL ID Act.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

## Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mignon L. Clyburn, of South Carolina, and Meredith Attwell Baker, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission.

SR-253

## Energy and Natural Resources

## National Parks Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 227, to establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, S. 625, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas, S. 853, to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1053, to amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to extend the termination date, S. 1117, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance in implementing cultural heritage, conservation, and recreational activities in the Connecticut River watershed of the States of New Hampshire and Vermont, S. 1168 and H.R. 1694, bills to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812

under the American Battlefield Protection Program, and H.R. 714, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park.

SD-366

## Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Securities, Insurance and Investment Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the regulation of hedge funds and other private investment pools.

SD-538

JULY 16

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Employment and Workplace Safety Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Contracting Oversight Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine contracting for Alaska native corporations.

SD-342

JULY 21

10 a.m.

## Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 561 and H.R. 1404, bills to authorize a supplemental funding source for catastrophic emergency wildland fire suppression activities on Department of the Interior and National Forest System lands, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a cohesive wildland fire management strategy.

SD-366

JULY 22

10 a.m.

## Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Raymond M. Jefferson, of Hawaii, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, and Joan M. Evans, of Oregon, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Congressional and Legislative Affairs.

SR-418

2:30 p.m.

## Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the role of agriculture and forestry in global warming legislation.

SR-325

JULY 29

9:30 a.m.

## Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine veteran's disability compensation.

SR-418