

Finance Plan: Research will address soldier recovery, readiness, and quality of life in orthopedics and tissue engineering. The project addresses unmet needs in several areas, including: (1) smart orthopedic implants—such as hip, knee, and shoulder joints; (2) 3-D woven material to provide a new surface to localized damaged areas and cartilage, such as occurs in younger patients; and (3) test and evaluation of new implant designs.

Bill: H.R. 5658 The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Army, Other Procurement Army.

PE No.: 0.

Line No.: 118.

Project Name: Select Availability Anti Spoofing Module (SAASM) Precise Positioning System (PPS) GPS Upgrade.

Entity: ITT.

Address: 1919 West Cook Road, Ft. Wayne, IN 46801.

Amount: \$2,000,000.

Justification for use of federal taxpayer dollars: The program will implement software upgrades to current SAASM based GPS receivers to expedite the replacement of less secure systems in the near term. This upgrade will provide a more robust and militarized survey solution and eliminate parts obsolescence issues facing the legacy GPS-S; as well as provide the warfighter protection against today's threats from jamming and spoofing.

Improving our high-tech defense capabilities is paramount for continuing our superior military strength throughout the world. The ITT facility in Fort Wayne is one of the leading suppliers of this type of technology in the United States. Along with the SAASM System, this facility has the potential to produce 10,000 SINGAR radios a month for our warfighters throughout the world. These dollars allow ITT to update and integrate new technology that makes our warfighters more capable and also provides them with a higher level of safety.

Finance Plan: The \$4,000,000 will support the integration and test of SAASM-based GPS survey equipment for the US Army. Specifically, \$1,950,000 to update and integrate real-time kinematic algorithms, and modify and test SAASM software, \$550,000 to modify, integrate and test data collection software and hand-held controller, \$250,000 to select and test suitable, high-precision survey antennas, and \$1,250, to complete prototype systems and system test including data communications. This is all the funding needed to perform and complete the work as outlined.

Bill: H.R. 5658 The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Other Procurement, Navy.

PE No.: N/A.

Line No.: 90.

Project name: Sonobuoys—All Types.

Entity: USSJ.

Address: 4578 East Park 30 Drive, Columbia City, IN 46725.

Amount: \$112.6M.

I am pleased the House Armed Services Committee has granted my request to support the President's budget and included \$112.6 million for the procurement of sonobuoys. I am glad the committee has recognized the serious deficiency in sonobuoy inventories and has provided an authorization level that begins to correct the shortfall.

The Navy's Non-Nuclear Ordnance Requirement (NNOR) currently identifies annual

peacetime requirements at approximately 120,000 sonobuoys of all types. Due to other priorities, the Navy has understated its sonobuoy budget requirement for several years. This has resulted in a steady decline in inventories, as well as a serious degradation in combat readiness in the airborne anti-submarine warfare (ASW) area.

ASW continues to be a core mission area of the United States Navy. Largely ignored in the aftermath of the Cold War, the ASW mission has recently re-emerged as a priority for the Navy. This change is caused by a clear recognition of the dangers inherent in the proliferation of modern, highly capable submarines to Third World countries operating in littoral waters. To ensure its ability to effectively participate in regional conflicts and the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) by projecting power from the sea, the Navy must remain capable of defeating the submarine threat in the acoustically demanding coastal regions.

The sonobuoy remains the Navy's primary sensor for detection and localization of submarines by air ASW platforms. Launched from fixed wing and rotary wing ASW aircraft, sonobuoys provide the only means to rapidly sanitize large areas of water prior to fleet units arriving in the area. The improved technology of the modern diesel/electric submarine, operating near the coastline, makes for a significantly more difficult target than previously faced by the Navy during the Cold War. Operational planning indicates significantly higher sonobuoy usage rates over historical levels when confronted with this threat.

With fleet sonobuoy inventories continuing to decline to historic lows, ASW aviation units are necessarily limited in the number of sonobuoys available for training. This has caused a rapid decline in aircrew preparedness in the ASW mission area. This authorization level for sonobuoys addresses this issue and provides funding in line with fleet requirements and usage rates.

HONORING DAVID A. BECKERMAN  
AS HE RECEIVES THE 2008 TORCH  
OF LIBERTY AWARD

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, today, in my hometown of New Haven, Connecticut, friends, family and colleagues will gather to pay tribute to one of our community's most outstanding citizens. I am proud to stand today and join the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League as they honor David A. Beckerman with the 2008 Greater New Haven Torch of Liberty Award.

Our communities would not be the same without the efforts of individuals whose work benefits our families and neighborhoods. Each year, the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League presents the prestigious Torch of Liberty Award to an outstanding leader in the community, recognizing their unique commitment and dedication. David is a remarkable reflection of the spirit of community service. With extraordinary compassion and generosity, David has touched the lives of many throughout the Greater New Haven community.

A respected civic and business leader, David is the Founder and Chairman of the Board of Acorn Group, a corporate real estate management and development company, as well as Founder and Chairman of Community One, an organization which benefits the seven constituent agencies of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. To say that David is a dedicated member of our community would be an understatement. There are numerous nonprofit and service organizations which have also benefitted from his experience, wisdom, and compassion—too many to list. His compassion and civic engagement serves as an inspiration to all of those fortunate enough to have the opportunity to work with him.

David is perhaps best known for his passion for basketball. As a young man of 15 a spark was ignited when he, as a member the Jewish Community Center's team, won a National JWB Championship. He was a coach at the JCC for 25 years and then 11 more at Hamden Hall where he coached his team to victory in 8 New England Championships and 6 league championships. For the last 4 years he has been coaching at Pine Crest School in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, where he has led the team to two district championships, two regional championships, and just this year, the school's first State championship. It is not difficult to see why he was recently named Florida's Coach of the Year.

David's passion for basketball and working with young people is not about winning a game. It is about teaching his kids about teamwork, hard work, camaraderie, and commitment to excellence—valuable lessons that will serve them well throughout their lives. Through his work with young people, his efforts with civic organizations, and his own strong work ethic, David is a reflection of all that the Torch of Liberty Award stands for and sets a standard to which we should all strive.

Together with his wife, Ruthann, their 5 children, and 10 grandchildren, it is my honor and privilege to stand today to join the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League and the New Haven community in paying tribute to David A. Beckerman for his invaluable contributions. Every community should be so fortunate as to have such a selfless, dedicated individual who so willingly commits his time and energy to enriching the community and improving the quality of life for all.

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HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I could not travel to Haiti with my colleagues last week, but I have been there several times over the past 12 years, and it breaks my heart to see a country which ought to have had so much promise in the critical state it now is. I have to agree with what I have heard from many Haitians, that the day to day existence of the people is worse than it ever was during the Duvalier period.

The people of Haiti welcomed the democracy our country helped to bring. They participated enthusiastically in the electoral process.