

capabilities to conduct development work for Biofuels, a strategic initiative under DARPA; Rolls Royce—through the Purdue University Technology Center (UTC); Caterpillar—long term test operations data; The Boeing Company—support and development of alternative fuels initiatives underway.

Justification for Use of Tax Dollars: In an executive act, President Bush has committed U.S. military installations to use green fuels. The Department of Defense is committed to approval of all aircraft for flight on synthetic fuel blends by the end of 2008. Furthermore, Boeing and Virgin intend to fly a green aircraft using bio-fuel. The Civil Aviation Alternative Fuel Initiative developed a roadmap for the integration of new fuel technologies into the aerospace industry. This project will maintain a multi-faceted National Testing Facility to support development and testing of alternative energy sources for aerospace equipment, assisting the federal government and the private aerospace sector in meeting their green fuel objectives.

DETAILED FINANCE PLAN FOR NATIONAL RADIO FREQUENCY—R&D AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER CENTER

The requested funds will be the only source of funding. Funds will be used as follows:

Establish the Center and Participant Coordination—900K—Staffing and training; management and project oversight; identify and technology to needs; select projects.

Start First Project—2,100K—Trial of process; develop needed maturity for transition to production; details of project spending: Salaries—1,400K; material—300K; test equipment and facility use—400K.

Start Second Project—2,000K—Proof process with lessons learned; develop needed maturity for transition to production; details of project spending: Salaries—1,300K; material—300K; test equipment and facility use 400K.

Total—5,000K.

Percent and Source of Matching Funds: None.

Justification for Use of Federal taxpayer dollars: Our Government spends billions of dollars each year on science and technology and research and development. Many groundbreaking technologies never make it to the intended uses simply because it is difficult and time consuming to bridge the funding gaps and acquisition administration requirements. National Radio Frequency (RF) R&D and Technology Transfer Center is intended to facilitate technology transfer to production, to promote small business initiatives, and to gain higher returns on research dollars.

HONORING ELIZABETH FOSTER

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2008*

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Elizabeth Foster, who will be inaugurated as President of the Republic of the Rio Grande during the Webb County Heritage Foundation's annual Founders' Day Celebration at Texas A&M International University on May 10, 2008. Each year, the Heritage Foundation selects an individual who embodies outstanding commitment to historic preservation, and this year, that deserving individual is Mrs. Elizabeth Foster.

Elizabeth was born on December 5, 1920, in Mission, Texas, to her parents, Louis J. Kowalski, and Dorothy Newhall Kowalski. She spent her early childhood in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, where her father was involved in the tobacco business. In 1931, Elizabeth's family moved to Laredo, Texas, when she was 10 years old. Elizabeth attended Heights Elementary School, L.J. Christen Middle School, and graduated from Laredo High School in 1937. She portrayed Princess Pocahontas in the Washington's Birthday Celebrations of 1939 and 1941, and was presented by the Society of Martha Washington in 1940. She married John E. Foster on May 1, 1941. She had 8 children: John, Elizabeth, Dorothy, Alice, Mary, Edward, Sarah, and Stephen, and is a proud grandparent to 10 grandchildren. Mrs. Foster has admirably served the community of Laredo, Texas, through her civic work with the Daughters of the American Revolution, Ladies' Luncheon Club, and the Cotillion Club. She is also an active member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to have had this time to recognize the dedication of Mrs. Elizabeth Foster to preserving the history of the City of Laredo, and for her inauguration as President of the Republic of the Rio Grande.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2008*

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

Requesting Member: Representative JOHN T. DOOLITTLE.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Report Language.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Herlong Public Utilities District, Lassen County Board of Supervisors, Ft. Sage Unified School District, Susanville Indian Rancheria.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 515, Herlong, CA 96113-0515.

Description of Request: Request that the Army promptly review the Herlong Public Utilities District (HPUD) proposal to privatize the water utility at Sierra Army Depot (Depot) and to convey the utility and offset the costs of the project if it is in the government's best interests. Currently, the Depot provides drinking water to the community of Herlong, and is not in compliance with State of California drinking water standards. Conveying the water utility to HPUD would save approximately \$4.5 million of the \$12 million currently estimated to bring the Depot into compliance with California State water standards. As HPUD is a local governmental entity, the matching requirement is not applicable.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2008*

Mr. McCAUL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I wish to have my name disassociated with the following project. After this request was sub-

mitted to the House Armed Services Committee I instituted a personal earmark moratorium and do not want any earmarks in my name for Fiscal Year 2009.

I urge the Chairmen and Ranking Members of the House and Senate Armed Services Committees, as well as any conferees, to not put forward this earmark in my name or at my request in final Conference or Committee Reports.

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL McCAUL.

Bill Number: H.R. 5856.

Account: Army RDTE (R-1 Line #133) PE 0605502A.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Applied Physical Electronics, LP.

Address of Requesting Entity: 5208 Electric Ave., Spicewood, Texas 78669.

Description of Request: The requested funding will be used for research to produce technology to support efforts against terrorist activities, to fund two endowed professors from the University of Texas for antenna design support and for signal and image processing, to acquire key capital laboratory equipment, and to hire 12 highly skilled professional engineers, as well as supporting staff. The UT professors will be funded to continue in their efforts to help design compact antenna structures, as well as the development of algorithms necessary for detecting and identifying explosives and controlling electronics used with Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs). The necessary equipment and additional staff will further the development of APELC's technology into systems deployed for defense against IEDs and Rocket Propelled Grenades (RPGs), with the ultimate objective being the utilization of APELC's technology as integral components of future applicable DoD systems, including MDA, Army, Air Force, DARPA and the Navy.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. PHIL GINGREY**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2008*

Mr. GINGREY. Madam Speaker, in accordance with House Republican Conference standards and Clause 9 of Rule XXI, I submit the following member requests for the record. Funding for these requests was authorized in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Requesting Member: Congressman PHIL GINGREY.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Army RDT&E, PE62786A, Line 27, Warfighter Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Printpack Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2800 Overlook Parkway, NE Atlanta GA 30339.

Description of Request: The budget request includes \$21.9M in PE62786A for Applied Research of new warfighter technologies of which \$5.3M is allocated for Joint Service Combat Feeding Technology. The \$2,100,000 added to this account will be used to develop new and innovative packaging and processing technologies for the Warfighter's combat rations. These funds will result in the ability to provide greater variety and more nutritional rations with longer shelf-life and reduced production costs. The objective of this effort is to