

ask that you join me in recognizing his long and honorable career of service.

Colonel Flowers' assignments have been extensive. He has served as Director of Open Systems Joint Task Force, an Army Staff Officer, Commander, Signal Officer, Platoon Leader, and Battalion Staff Officer, to name only a few. Colonel Flowers' awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, the Office of the Secretary of Defense Staff Badge, the Army Staff Badge, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, and the Army Superior Unit Award. His hard work has benefitted his community and nation, and for that reason I stand today to express my deepest appreciation.

Colonel Flowers currently resides in Manassas, Virginia, and has been blessed with a wife and two children. He will be retiring from his current assignment to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration. I wish the very best for Colonel Flowers in his future endeavors, and I ask that you join me today in recognition of his impressive career of courageous duty and enduring public service.

CELEBRATING LIVESTRONG

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, on May 13, 2008, communities in Connecticut and around our Nation collectively clad in yellow, celebrated LiveSTRONG Day. LiveSTRONG Day is a day of national reflection, where cancer survivors and disease awareness are recognized in an effort to raise funds to support cancer research and education.

Over a decade ago, one of the world's greatest athletes, Lance Armstrong, was diagnosed with testicular cancer. Although his prognosis was grim, he overcame seemingly insurmountable obstacles to become a cancer survivor. With his disease in remission, he founded the LiveSTRONG Foundation, which has since connected communities around the Nation with the collective goal of promoting cancer research and education. The LiveSTRONG Day codifies the priorities of the foundation through national grassroots efforts.

In eastern Connecticut, LiveSTRONG Day was celebrated in a number of forms, from yellow fashions to a pickup game of hockey. Several years ago, my good friend and cancer survivor Nancy Brouillet gave me a LiveSTRONG wristband, which I am proud to wear and show my support for these efforts and broader efforts around the Nation. Through these simple acts, the eastern Connecticut community offered support to the cancer survivors in our community as well as raised awareness of the disease in our region.

Madam Speaker, cancer remains one of the widest sweeping diseases in the U.S. and around the world. Although much has been accomplished with disease research and treat-

ment, our Nation must continue to invest and support comprehensive efforts to find a cure for the millions that continue to suffer from this disease. The LiveSTRONG Foundation and the priorities of the annual LiveSTRONG Day have served and will continue to serve an invaluable role with achieving these necessary objectives and I ask my colleagues to join with me and my constituents in recognizing these contributions.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. LOBIONDO. Madam Speaker, as per the requirements of the Republican Conference Rules on earmarks, I secured the following earmarks in H.R. 5658.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02).

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Air Force, Military Construction, Air National Guard.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: 177th Fighter Wing.

Address of Requesting Entity: 400 Langley Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$8.5 million for the construction of Phase I of a two phase Operations and Training Facility for the 177th Fighter Wing at the Atlantic City International Airport in Egg Harbor Township, NJ. The Facility will house key wing administrative functions to better enable the 177th to perform its Air Sovereignty Alert mission in defense of the homeland.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02).

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Army—Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: (1) Drexel University; (2) Waterfront Technology Center.

Address of Requesting Entity: (1) 3141 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104; (2) 200 Federal Street, Suite 300, Camden, NJ 08103.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$7.0 million for Applied Communications and Information Networking (ACIN). ACIN enables the warfighter to rapidly deploy state-of-the-practice communications and networking technology for warfighting and National Security. This funding will build on funding from previous years to fully develop this technology.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02).

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Accenture.

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Federal Street, Suite 300, Camden, NJ 08103.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$7.0 million for Distributed Mission Interoperability Toolkit (DMIT). DMIT is a suite of tools that enables an enterprise architecture for on-demand, trusted, interoperability among and between mission-oriented C4I systems. This spending will build on funding from previous years to allow DMIT to be extended to Joint and coalition requirements, and address

current weaknesses in Air Force management years ahead of current schedules. Adoption by major programs and commercial entities would lead to savings in the \$100 millions on current and future DoD programs.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02).

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Army—Other Procurement.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: L-3 Communications Corp.—East.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 Federal Street, Camden, NJ 08103.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$6.0 million for Battlefield Anti-Intrusion System (BAIS). BAIS is the U.S. Army's type standard tactical Unattended Ground Sensor (UGS) system for physical security/force protection. The system uses Seismic/Acoustic Sensors (SAS) to detect and classify potential threats for forward intelligence collection or perimeter self-protection. To date, 773 systems plus spares have been fielded representing less than 10% of the Army's Acquisition Objective, yet approved fielding requirements for small unit protection and perimeter security exceed 8,933 systems. This \$6.0 million will provide 270 additional BAIS units to the Army.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02).

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Navy—Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: McGee Industries.

Address of Requesting Entity: 9 Crozenville Road, Aston, PA 19014-0425.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$3.0 million for Improved Corrosion Protection for the ElectroMagnetic Aircraft Launch System (EMALS) for the CVN-21 class of carriers. The environment around aircraft carrier catapults is among the most corrosive (i.e. seawater spray, heat, deck contaminants) with which the Navy must contend. No reliable corrosion or fracture data exists for the new EMALS configuration and the materials which will be used to construct it, in a catapult-like environment. This funding will continue the program from FY08 to develop design-specific corrosion data under simulated catapult conditions needs to be continued in order to permit further design refinement, that will: (1) prevent premature component failures (2) minimize costly fleet maintenance and (3) enhance operational readiness.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02).

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Navy—Operations and Maintenance.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2300 Wilson Blvd. North Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22201.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$300,000 for the Naval Sea Cadet Corps Operational Funding. The program is focused upon development of youth ages 11-17, serving almost 9,000 Sea Cadets managed by adult volunteers. It promotes interest and skill in seamanship and aviation and instills qualities that mold strong moral character in an anti-drug and anti-gang environment. Funds will be utilized to "buy down" the out-of-pocket expenses for training to \$85/week. A significant percent of Cadets join the Armed Services often receiving accelerated advancement,