

Marine Corps base Twentynine Palms provides a facility to help Marines and their families fulfill their educational goals. The project will replace older, undersized facilities with a 17,000 square foot, three-story building which will include classrooms, office spaces, a computer room and other supporting infrastructure. When completed, the LLC will facilitate more than 40 higher education classes with an anticipated enrollment exceeding 1500 students per term. The Marine Corps supports this project as it would dramatically improve the quality of life for our soldiers.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROB BISHOP

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards adopted by House Republicans, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure and certification information for an individual project appropriations request that I made and which was included within the text of H.R. 6599, the "Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009."

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP (UT—01)

Bill Number: H.R. 6599—"Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009"

1 project was included at my request which qualifies as an earmark under Republican Conference guidelines, as follows:

1. Project: Three-Bay Fire Station, Military Construction

Project Amount: \$5.67 million

Account: Air Force, Military Construction (MILCON)

Requesting Entity: Congressman ROB BISHOP

Receiving Entity: Hill Air Force Base; Air Force Materiel Command

Address: 75th Air Base Wing, Hill AFB, Utah 84056.

Project Description and Justification: Construction of new, 3-bay fire station next to the main runway is necessary to correct for violation of Air Force fire protection regulations regarding response times. New facility is necessary to provide adequate fire protection for aircraft, as well as industrial operations on East side of runway in support of vital national defense missions. This project was already approved in the Air Force's Five-Year Defense Plan as being necessary to meet military safety requirements. MILCON projects are inherently necessary as having been requested and reviewed by the applicable military service in the first instance. Congress merely readjusts prioritization of project funds in any given fiscal year based on showing of emerging or critical needs.

Matching Funds: Not applicable (Federal entity).

Detailed Spending Plan: \$5.67 million in appropriated dollars will be expended by Hill Air Force Base Civil Engineer Division pursuant to existing Military Construction statutes and regulations under an open bidding competitive

process with the private sector, for the construction of a 3-bay Fire Station complex. Additional questions regarding this project may be addressed to: U.S. Air Force, Hill Air Force Base Public Affairs Office (801) 777-5201.

RECOGNIZING MR. ERIK RUSSELL AS A RECIPIENT OF THE 2008 COLORADO AEROSPACE EDUCATION FOUNDATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the ongoing career of Mr. Erik Russell as recognized for the 2008 Colorado Aerospace Education Foundation Teacher of the Year Award. His commitment to education in the areas of Science, Technology and Mathematics (STEM) has made a tremendous impact on the 4th graders that he teaches at Odyssey Elementary School in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

As the program director for the Engineering is Elementary Program, Mr. Russell has set the standard for future STEM educators. Mr. Russell's dedication to STEM education has garnered more than \$10,000 in grants and donations. From rocketry to Lego robotics and weightless flights to symposiums, his work to bring innovative ideas and real world applications to the classroom clearly ranks him among the best in the education profession.

Mr. Russell's work extends beyond the classroom to the local military, the aerospace industry, and the Air Force Association. His noteworthy accomplishments have also been recognized by the Wall Street Journal.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize the accomplishments of Mr. Eric Russell. I applaud his selfless dedication to students and to the future of STEM education.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SAFE KIDS USA

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Safe Kids USA, a member of Safe Kids Worldwide, for its work to make our children safe when traveling in motor vehicles. Safe Kids USA and its long time partners, General Motors and Chevrolet, were recently honored by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) for completing their one millionth child safety seat check.

Unfortunately, auto crashes are the leading cause of death for children in the U.S., making it critical that child safety seats be properly installed. Safe Kids and its partners work to train parents and caregivers in the proper installation and use of child safety seats through nationwide car seat checkup events, and on June 12 this year they reached the milestone

of one million child safety seats checked for proper installation.

Child safety seats have to be installed correctly to insure the safety of our children, yet statistics show that four in five seats are not installed so they properly protect the child riding in the seat. Correct seat installation is essential.

A Safe Kids inspection provides hands-on training for parents and caregivers in how to use child safety seats the right way. I have hosted and attended car seat checkup events in Michigan where trained technicians worked one-on-one with families to help them learn how to safely transport their children.

I am sure that the one millionth milestone reached by Safe Kids has likely resulted in hundreds of lives being saved. Certainly that prompted the NTSB to honor Safe Kids, GM and Chevrolet with its prestigious Safety Leadership Award, celebrating their collaborative efforts to improve child occupant protection.

The one million seat inspection was achieved by the more than 600 state and local Safe Kids coalitions and chapters, staffed primarily by volunteers, throughout the country. The Safe Kids coalition network is very active in my home state of Michigan, and I encourage all of my colleagues to participate in a Safe Kids/GM child safety event in their own states where they will see firsthand how the non-profit and corporate sectors can work together to advance a lifesaving public health safety message.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Safe Kids USA, General Motors and Chevrolet on their extraordinary achievement. They are truly deserving of our respect and admiration.

TRIBUTE TO BARB RIEMENSCHNEIDER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Barb Riemenschneider for her ten years of volunteer work with the kindergarten class at Page Elementary School in Boone, Iowa, and to express my appreciation for her dedication and commitment to the youth of Iowa.

"Grandma Barb" has contributed her time and talents to improving children's lives through education and mentoring. Ten years ago when Barb's granddaughter began kindergarten, Barb began volunteering at the school. Every Friday, she has assisted Rosanne Brown's class with number and letter skills, playing board games, and listening to students read. Her willingness to do the little things built trust with the students and created a positive experience.

Barb leaves her volunteer job having made a lasting impact on many students, and she will be dearly missed by Rosanne and the children at Page Elementary. I consider it an honor to represent Barbara Riemenschneider in the United States Congress, and I wish her the best in her future endeavors.