

Military Construction, Navy account for Child Development Center project at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida.

Project will construct a Child Development Center (CDC) for 302 children ages 6 weeks to 6 years for full-day, part-day, and hourly care that are currently housed in substandard buildings and inadequate temporary trailers.

The existing child care facility accommodates approximately 246 children. Another 84 children are on an excess demand waiting list. Unborn infants projected list totals 46. Current facilities provide only a fraction of the space required for child care.

Additional space is required to reduce the waiting list of military dependents seeking child care services at NAS Jacksonville.

Naval Air Station Jacksonville is a strategic base for the Navy. This project was programmed by the Navy to receive funding in Fiscal Year 2009.

Military Construction projects are always 100 percent funded by the U.S. Federal government so there is no opportunity for matching funds.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 6599—Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act For Fiscal Year 2009

Account: Military Construction, Navy

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Naval Station Mayport

Address of Receiving Entity: Mayport, Florida

Description of Request: I have secured \$14,900,000 in funding in H.R. 6599 in the Military Construction, Navy account for an Alpha Wharf Improvement project at Naval Station Mayport, Florida.

Upgrade 900' of steel sheet pile bulkhead by driving a new steel sheet pile wall in front of the existing bulkhead, replace concrete pile cap, provide compacted select backfill material in areas of failure behind the bulkhead and between the new bulkhead and existing; replace the concrete encasement of sheet pile and concrete fendering panels; demolish and provide new asphalt wharf deck paving; demolish and reconstruct electrical distribution structure and relocate transformers and switchgear to new facility; install new primary electrical transformer, switchgear and CMU substation enclosure with HVAC for 4160V ships power, install new concrete shore power igloos to support 4160V ships power distribution; install new high security steel reinforced sliding vehicle gate, pedestrian turnstile access facility, wire rope active vehicle barrier and concrete filled, steel pipe passive vehicle bollards; cathodic protection system; concrete retaining wall. The project will demolish concrete pile cap and fendering face, demolish concrete and 5800 SY of asphalt wharf deck paving.

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CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF BEN'S CHILI BOWL

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, fifty years ago, on August 22, 1958, newlyweds Virginia and Ben Ali opened what is regarded now as a culinary landmark in Washington, D.C., Ben's Chili Bowl. The Ali family encountered numerous hardships on the way to establishing this neighborhood restaurant as a cultural symbol of camaraderie, tolerance and endurance. Ben's Chili Bowl became famous by consistently providing quality food for half a century such as their famous chili, half-smoke sausages, hamburgers and milkshakes. Over the years, the menu has expanded to include vegetarian options and a full breakfast. Celebrities such as Bill Cosby and Denzel Washington have visited the establishment, raising its national profile.

Ben's Chili Bowl is now one of the most successful, longest-operating African-American owned businesses in America. The restaurant is expanding with Ben's II opening next door to their longtime establishment along with a restaurant located in the Washington Nationals' new stadium. Further, a book commemorating the 50th anniversary of Ben's Chili Bowl will be released in August 2008.

Ben and Virginia Ali were inducted into the District of Columbia Hall of Fame in 1991, and while they have retired, their sons Kamal and Nizam are successfully carrying the family's business into the future. Congratulations to Ben, Virginia, Kamal and Nizam Ali for their family's work ethic, dedication and commitment to making Ben's Chili Bowl an American symbol of small business success for the past 50 years.

UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE PARALYMPIC PROGRAM ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4255, the "United States Olympic Committee Paralympic Program Act of 2008." First, I would like to thank my distinguished colleague, BOB FILNER of California, for introducing this important legislation. This bill will give a grant to the USOC for the planning, developing, management and implementation of a Paralympic program for physically disabled veterans and members of the United States Armed Forces. I strongly encourage my colleagues to support this act.

There are currently over 2.9 million disabled veterans. The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have contributed to a 25 percent raise in this number since 2001. Many are struggling to rehabilitate, to cope, and to regain their purpose. We must staunchly support our soldiers and veterans by giving them the opportunity to again represent our country with pride.

It may be impossible to ever fully repay the services that the many brave men and women

of the United States Armed Forces have given for our country, but it is critical that we do what we can to support those that were injured and disabled in our defense. H.R. 4255 will help to provide the many physically disabled veterans and servicemembers with an outreach program of encouragement and support that will allow them to represent their country as athletes and ambassadors of goodwill.

Upon enactment of the act, the Secretary of Veteran Affairs will be authorized to make a grant to the U.S. Olympic Committee, USOC, to plan, develop, manage, and implement the Paralympic Program for veterans and members of the Armed Forces. The bill directs the USOC to use the grant to plan, develop, manage, and implement the Paralympic Program for veterans and members of the Armed Forces.

The Paralympic Program that this bill establishes will benefit the millions of disabled veterans and members of the Armed Forces. This bill will allow many servicemembers to experience the pride of representing their Nation, and will provide many more with the outreach and support network necessary to rehabilitate and regain their strength.

At the time of the 2000 census there were 1.75 million veterans living in Texas. Many from Houston and Texas' 18th have served. It is in memory of their service that I ask my colleagues to support this bill, giving our disabled veterans and servicemembers a chance to represent our Nation through their competitive spirits.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM SHEINGOLD

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of a special man, Abraham Sheingold of Monterey, California. Abraham recently passed away at the age of 91 years old. He leaves behind his loving wife of 66 years, Sylvia, his son Larry and his daughter Janet.

Mr. Sheingold was born on February 17, 1917 in New York City. He earned his bachelor of arts and masters degree from the City College of New York. Abe joined the faculty of the Naval Postgraduate School in 1946, migrating with the school to Monterey when it was moved there from Annapolis in 1951. He was a professor of electronics, department chair and dean of academic admissions until his retirement in 1986.

Abe was a gifted teacher. His command of the English language coupled with his gentle manner and sense of humor made him a favorite with students and prompted frequent invitations to speak at Navy School functions, both during his tenure at the school and after his retirement. His knowledge of subject matter was evident in the textbook he wrote. These accomplishments contributed to his receiving the honor of Distinguished Professor.

Abe continued his involvement in the Naval Postgraduate School after his retirement through his service on the board of the Naval School Foundation, where he set up scholarship funds and honoraria for faculty members. In