

inspection and maintenance actions reducing unscheduled maintenance and overall operating costs. This plan will be adjusted accordingly to the final funding level provided for in the agreement.

HONORING VERA B. RISON

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, on February 27, 2003 at the occasion of Vera Rison's retirement I asked the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating her with the following:

... Vera Rison is one of my dearest friends. I treasure her wisdom, her common sense, and her ability to go to the heart of a dilemma and seek a solution. The many years she spent working at Genesee Memorial Hospital gave Vera insight into the problems faced by average families. She has never stopped working to ease the burdens faced by so many. Through the positions she held as chair of the Service Employees International Union Local 79, director of human resources at Amy Jo Manor Housing Complex, the Genesee County Community Mental Health Board, the Substance Abuse Services Board and the Jobs Central Workforce Development Board, Vera has always maintained her vision and commitment to a better future for everyone.

Through her work as a Genesee County Commissioner and a State Representative, Vera was able to see some of her ideas become concrete, working plans. She sponsored a bill to reduce the number of abandoned houses. She also was the driving force behind the renovation of the Amy Jo Manor Housing Complex. In addition, Vera worked tirelessly for individuals in trouble. She frequently advocated on behalf of persons sentenced to prison. She arranged for basic services to be provided for the handicapped and devoted many hours to ensuring the uninsured received health care.

The Genesee District Library paid Vera an awesome compliment when they named the Beecher branch of their library the "Vera B. Rison Library." It is a tremendous tribute that the library, where all persons of every age can come and improve their minds and lives through knowledge, is named for the woman who spent a lifetime witnessing the potential in all persons and pushed them to achieve their personal best.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring a dear friend, Vera Rison. She is an inspiration to me and I wish her the best as she starts the next phase of her life.

These words are as true today as they were 5 years ago. Vera Rison has stood at the forefront in the fight for justice in our community. As a County Commissioner and as a State Representative she has worked for the welfare of the community as a whole and as individuals within that community. In her empathy for children, the homeless, workers, and the disenfranchised, Vera has given her time, energy and love to help each person achieve their life goals. The list of persons and organizations benefiting from Vera's help is extensive.

Madam Speaker, Vera Rison is one of the true giants of the Flint community. On October 3, Canaan Baptist Church will honor this remarkable woman at a reception in her honor.

As a member of Canaan Baptist Church, Vera lives her faith daily with enthusiasm, joy, and pride. I am grateful for her friendship and her leadership and I pray that she will continue her work for many years to come.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. DREIER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2638, the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009:

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638, the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Army, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) Account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Chang Industry.

Address of Requesting Entity: 968 West Palomares Avenue, La Verne, California 91750.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$3,200,000 to develop Fire Shield, an Active Protection System (APS) with the guidance of the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center in Warren, Michigan. Fire Shield would be used to protect armored vehicles from the blast effects and the plasma jet of rocket propelled grenades (RPG) by detecting and destroying incoming projectiles. Approximately \$112,000 is for identifying and refining the operational requirement; \$2,120,000 is for system development; \$320,000 is for materials and equipment; \$648,000 is for testing and evaluation. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Army RDT&E account.

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638, the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Army, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) Account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Tanner Research.

Address of Requesting Entity: 825 South Myrtle Avenue, Monrovia, California 91016.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,600,000 to complete development of a Dual-Mode Micro Seeker (radio frequency/electro-optical (RF/EO)) being developed with the U.S. Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center at Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey. This funding seeks to improve the accuracy of gun-launched and small missile interceptors used on current and emerging defensive weapons systems. Approximately 12 percent (\$192,000) will be used for RF signal processing development; 34 percent (\$544,000) for monolithic microwave integrated circuits and complementary metal-oxide-semiconductor integrated circuit development; 24 percent (\$384,000) for EO

avalanche photodiode (APD) circuit development; 18 percent (\$288,000) for RF seeker integration; and 12 percent (\$192,000) for EO seeker integration. The Dual-Mode (RF/EO) Micro Seeker will provide ground-based defensive systems with low-cost gun-launched and small missile interceptors with the accuracy needed to counter incoming rocket, artillery and mortar threats. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Army RDT&E account.

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638, the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Air Force, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) Account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Advanced Projects Research, Incorporated.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1925 McKinley Avenue, Suite B, La Verne, California 91750.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$800,000 to continue testing and development of the Wavelength Agile Spectral Harmonic (WASH) Oxygen Sensor with the guidance of the U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory in Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The WASH Oxygen Sensor intends to measure oxygen concentration in military high-performance fuel tanks. This Cell Level Battery Controller monitors and controls charge and temperature at the cell level of military battery energy storage systems. Approximately \$76,800 will be used for project management; \$117,400 for engineering analysis; \$220,000 for engineering design; \$146,800 for hardware fabrication and assembly; \$176,000 for test engineering; \$9,500 for material and hardware; and \$53,500 for subcontracts. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Air Force RDT&E account.

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638, the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Air National Guard, Operation and Maintenance account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Gentex Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 11525 Sixth Street, Rancho Cucamonga, California 91730.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$800,000 to supply Air National Guard aircrews with approximately 888 MBU-20A/P Oxygen Masks with Mask Lights. The oxygen mask's unit price is approximately \$900 per unit. The MBU-20A/P was approved for fleetwide implementation in an effort to standardize to a common enhanced oxygen mask. Approximately, 34 percent (\$272,000) of the funding is for manufacturing labor; 4 percent (\$32,000) is for sustainment and systems engineering support; 6 percent (\$48,000) is for inspections and tests; 20 percent (\$160,000) is for general and administrative; 35 percent (\$280,000) is for material; 1 percent (\$8,000) is for packaging handling shipping and transportation. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Air National Guard, Operation and Maintenance account.

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638, the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.