

servicemembers and veterans. To address this crisis, the bill establishes a Task Force on the Prevention of Suicide by Members of the Armed Forces to bring together experts from both within and outside of the military to assess current service suicide prevention programs and policies and to examine the risk factors that can lead to suicide. The Secretary of Defense is required to develop a plan to improve suicide prevention based upon the recommendations of the task force. I urge Secretary Gates to convene this task force immediately and for the task force to complete its work as quickly as possible.

Mr. Speaker, as is always the case in bills crafted by Chairman SKELTON, this bill also authorizes additional necessary funds for key systems designed to help protect our troops. Two programs are of particular note. For example, the bill authorizes \$1.7 billion to procure, sustain, transport, and field Mine Resistant Ambush Protected, MRAP, vehicles for our troops overseas. Additionally, the bill authorizes \$2.2 billion for the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, JIEDDO, and urges that \$10 million be used for Marine Corps and Army development of specialized counter IED dog teams. The bill also requires that the Director of the JIEDDO to develop a science and technology investment strategy for countering the threat of IEDs.

Additionally, I'm pleased this bill requires the Defense Department to take additional steps to reduce its energy consumption, consistent with mission and operational requirements. The bill establishes the position of Director for Operational Energy Plans and Programs and creates senior operational energy officials within each service. It also authorizes \$90 million for energy conservation programs on military installations.

I regret that a number of provisions that were in the House version of the bill were not included in the bill before us, including provisions dealing with the use of private security contractors and detainee interrogation-related activities. I am especially disappointed that the current bill does not include the detainee videorecording provision I authored and that was included in the House version of this bill. I look forward to working with Chairman SKELTON in the next Congress to correct this deficiency.

Mr. Speaker, this is a good bill; I will vote for it, and I urge my colleagues to do likewise.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE
BUD CRAMER AND THE HONORABLE
TERRY EVERETT ON
THEIR RETIREMENT FROM CONGRESS

SPEECH OF

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend TERRY EVERETT, whom I have had the distinct pleasure of serving with in this House for nearly 2 decades. After 16 years of diligently representing the people of the second district of Alabama, he will be retiring when the 110th Congress adjourns. I want to take this opportunity to wish him well and thank him for his

friendship and dedication to the American people.

TERRY is a man who knows the meaning of hard work. His father was a sharecropper and worked on the railroad, instilling a strong work ethic with TERRY and his siblings at an early age. TERRY never forgot those lessons, and served his country with honor as an Air Force intelligence specialist in Europe before returning home to Dothan, Alabama, in 1959. He joined the staff of the Dothan Eagle as a beat reporter, and for 30 years climbed the corporate ladder with determination, working his way up to editor and publisher, and finally as the owner of his own newspaper chain. He has brought the same dedication and workhorse attitude to the House of Representatives.

In his service in the House, TERRY has devoted himself to ensuring that the United States remains safe and secure for our children and grandchildren from the growing threat of international terrorists and rogue states. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, he has led the way for the United States to be on the cutting edge of military technology by pressing for advances in our Missile Defense System and in space technology, which is vital not only to our security at home, but also for our brave soldiers serving on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan. His efforts have helped keep our Nation safe and strong in a time when threats to our security are quickly changing and adapting.

Madam Speaker, it has been an honor to have served with TERRY EVERETT in this great body. I want to wish him and his family well as he embarks on the next chapter of his life. I know the people of Alabama, like me, are proud to know him.

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SPEECH OF

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding career of my friend, the Honorable ROBERT "BUD" CRAMER, for his service to the people of Alabama and the United States House of Representatives. Congressman CRAMER has represented the 5th Congressional District of the State of Alabama for the past 17 years ably and with distinction.

Born and raised in Huntsville, Alabama, BUD earned a bachelor's degree and a Juris Doctor from the University of Alabama. BUD is also a military veteran, where he served our country as an Army tank officer at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Of all of his many achievements, BUD's work on behalf of abused children is perhaps his greatest legacy. Before his election to Congress, BUD served for 10 years as Madison County district attorney. It was during this time that BUD founded the National Children's Advocacy Center. The Center provides complete services and support for abused children, a fundamentally different approach to these types of cases, and now serves as the

national model for over 600 programs in 50 States and the District of Columbia.

Following his election to Congress, BUD continued to be a leading voice for children. He authored the landmark law, the National Children's Advocacy Program Act, which provided funds to expand and enhance the children's advocacy program into new communities. He is also a member of the Advisory Board for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee and the powerful Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, BUD has been an ardent supporter of NASA and missile defense. With Redstone arsenal and NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center both located in the 5th District, BUD has led the fight for many of NASA's programs including the international space station. In 2002, BUD was awarded the National Space Club's Von Braun Memorial Award for Space Exploration.

BUD has also overseen defense and national security intelligence issues as a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. He was recently appointed to the newly created Select Intelligence Oversight Panel of the Appropriations Committee.

In Congress, BUD is perhaps most known for his independence. He is a founding member of the Blue Dogs, a coalition of more than 40 conservative House Democrats.

BUD has also worked hard to bring jobs to north Alabama. In fact, he has played a key role in bringing thousands of jobs to Alabama's 5th District, most notably, International Truck & Engine, Skyhook, Target, HiSan, West Teleservices, and Toyota as well as helping persuade Boeing to build a \$450 million rocket booster plant in Decatur in the 1990s. BUD was instrumental in the decision to restart Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant Unit 1.

Make no mistake; his work has not gone unnoticed. He was named "one of America's best Congressmen," by Money Magazine.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a devoted leader and friend to many in this body. I know his family, his daughter, Hollan; his three grandchildren, Dylan, Mason, and Patricia; and his many colleagues and friends join me in commending his accomplishments and extending thanks for his service over the years on behalf of the State of Alabama and the United States of America.

BUD will surely enjoy the well deserved time he now has to spend with his family and his beloved constituents. I wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

CONDEMNING SEXUAL VIOLENCE
IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF THE CONGO

SPEECH OF

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 1227. This resolution condemns sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and calls upon the United States Department of State and the international community to take immediate action to end this widespread crisis.

Since 1998, the Democratic Republic of the Congo has had 5.4 million conflict-related deaths, making it the deadliest humanitarian crisis in the world since World War II. Over the past decade, hundreds of thousands of women and girls have been violently raped as a result of this ethnic conflict. These rapes have been exceptionally violent, often involving forced incest and mutilation of the female's genital organs. Victims' mouths were cut off following the raping to prevent them from reporting the crime, while many women and girls were simply killed after being subjected to sexual abuse.

With sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo at such tragically high rates, I strongly urge Congress to condemn the actions of the perpetrators of these rapes and to support measures to prevent the further escalation of this crisis. The Administration must act, in concert with the United Nations, to assure that the Congolese people have the resources needed to combat the situation. We need to work with other African leaders to assist the Congolese in preventing these violent sexual crimes from occurring.

The plight of women in Africa has for too long been ignored. I call upon my colleagues to join me in support of this resolution so that we can put an end to this deplorable situation that has been allowed to persist for over a decade. We cannot stand by any longer as such unspeakable acts continue to occur with impunity.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, in accordance with House Republican Conference standards, and Clause 9 of Rule XXI, I submit the following member requests for the record regarding H.R. 2638, The Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act.

Project: Heuristic Internet Protocol Packet Inspection Engine.

Account: Army, RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: TechGuard Security, LLC.

Address of Requesting Entity: 743 Spirit 40 Park Drive, Chesterfield, MO 63005.

Description of Request: Provide \$2,000,000 for Army, RDT&E, PE# 0305208A, Line # 177, Distributed Common Ground/Surface System solely for the research, development and test of Heuristic Internet Protocol Packet Inspection Engine (HIPPIE). The advanced concept HIPPIE technology can be rapidly prototyped and deployed in a filtering appliance that sits in front of an existing firewall or router and uses unique filtering algorithms to quickly classify large numbers of packets—i.e., the country of origin for an IP address—without using slow and CPU intensive rule sets. The objective of the program is to miniaturize the HIPPIE through the use of nanotechnology to the point where it can be placed on a chip and placed directly on a computer for offensive or defensive cyber warfare use.

Project: High Power, Ultra-Lightweight Zinc-Air Battery.

Account: RDT&E, Navy-Marine Corps Landing Force Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Energizer Battery Manufacturing, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 25225 Detroit Road, Westlake, OH 44145.

Description of Request: Provide \$2,500,000 for the continued development (Phase II) of a high-rate capability air electrode for a zinc air battery system. The objective is to increase the rate capability by an additional 65 percent so as to support the high power requirements for equipment used in military and commercial applications. The subject zinc-air battery will provide the same energy and power of the incumbent battery (lithium-sulfur dioxide) for about half the weight and in a 60 percent smaller package. Approximately 63 percent is for labor; and 37 percent is for materials and other allowable indirect costs.

On average, a U.S. soldier consumes the equivalent of 1 AA battery per hour in combat, and an infantry platoon, for a 3-day mission, will require approximately 2,500 batteries, weighing a total of almost 400 lbs. Carrying this added weight induces fatigue and ultimately limits their effectiveness and ability to carry out their missions. Thus, with our heavily armed and battery laden troops increasingly confronting light and irregular forces, issues of battery weight and equipment reliability are more important than ever. The total project cost is expected to be approximately \$14,000,000. Energizer will provide the balance of this funding and will continue to devote tens of millions of private R&D dollars to support the continued development of this technology for high power military and commercial applications.

Project: Hyperspectral Imaging for Improved Force Protection (Hyper-IFP).

Account: Army RDT&E, (CERDEC, NVESD, Special Projects).

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Clean Earth Technologies, LLC.

Address of Requesting Entity: 13378 Lakefront Drive, Earth City, MO.

Description of Request: Provide \$1,600,000 to complete the design, assembly, integration, test and evaluation of the Hyperspectral Integrated Force Protection sensor system (Hyper-IFP). Approximately 40 percent will be used for engineering development modeling and simulation; 20 percent will be used for subsystems assembly and testing; 15 percent will be used for system integration and ground testing; 15 percent will be used for a deployed full system field test and evaluation. The request is consistent with the Army NVESD Special Projects office mission to develop advanced sensor systems that provide an operational advantage or that increase survivability of the warfighter. Taxpayer value is substantially enhanced by dual/multi-use capacity to serve a number of Homeland Security (DHS) missions in addition to military force protection.

Project: Mission Execution Technology Implementation.

Account: Army, RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Westar Aerospace & Defense Group, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 36 Research Park Court, St. Charles MO 63304.

Description of Request: Provide \$3,200,000 for technology improvements urgently needed by combat units in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. This program will result in significant increases in mission effectiveness and safety for our warfight-

ers. Funding is required to continue development of enterprise-enabled, integrated Aviation tools and provide this ability to all Army Aviation systems to include UH-60 series, OH-58D, AH-64D, Fixed Wing, and UAS systems. The complete integrated aviation solution includes implementing the automated maintenance test flight tool, automated weight and balance software, and integration with current logistics and Aviation Mission Planning systems. The Aviation community has consistently requested an enhanced, fully Automated Maintenance Test Flight Tool for in-cockpit use, eliminating manual and repetitive Maintenance Test Pilot tasks and significantly reducing the labor required to return aircraft to full service. This solution would also fulfill the Army directive for a paperless system, storing the maintenance test flight check sheets into the Common Logistics Operating Environment, eliminating the paper form. Improved integration of automated weight and balance tools with the CLOE and the Aviation System of System infrastructure is critical, eliminating error-prone manual entries and expanding aircraft flight envelopes by eliminating manual lookup and interpolation of paper performance charts. The amount of time in calculating and recalculating loads during OPTEMPO will be greatly reduced from hours to mere minutes. This effort will include the application of commercial Aviation best practices to data and data processes in support of airworthiness, and the development of processes to support airworthiness assessments of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS). Airworthiness of UAS will improve safety in training and combat operations as well as permit the routine use of these critical capabilities within national airspace during natural disasters and homeland defense operations.

Project: Out of Autoclave Composite Processing.

Account: U.S. Navy ONR Industrial Preparedness 0708011N.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: GKN Aerospace North America.

Address of Requesting Entity: 142 J.S. McDonnell Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63042.

Description of Request: Provide \$1,600,000 to develop out of autoclave composite processing. Most composite lamination processes require the use of large, expensive autoclaves to cure lightweight composite structures for today's high technology military aircraft. The size of the parts fabricated is often limited by the size of the autoclave. This project will help develop composite curing processes that do not require an expensive or size limited autoclave for the manufacture of composite aircraft structures. This will result in lower cost aircraft structures and open additional opportunities outside of aerospace for high strength lightweight composites.

ADDRESSING THE HEALTH CARE CRISIS

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in addressing our health care crisis. The facts are clear: too many Americans lack access to quality, affordable health care.