

preparation of a suitable launch site, complete first flight article, and the demonstration flight.

Requesting Member: Congressman DUNCAN HUNTER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: East County Economic Development Council.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1870 Cordell Court, Suite 202; El Cajon, CA.

Description of Request: The Connectory, a proven business-to-business database, lets DoD compare and analyze objectively capabilities across the industrial base to address warfighter requirements, particularly limited production items. \$400,000 will expand the number of California companies profiled.

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Legal Name of Requesting Entity: SYS Technologies.

Address of Requesting Entity: 5050 Murphy Canyon Road; San Diego, CA.

Description of Request: The System for Intelligent Task Assignment & Readiness (SITAR) will support accurate, predictive 21st century readiness models. \$800,000 will enhance the SITAR program.

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Account: Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Surface Optics Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 11555 Rancho Bernardo Road; San Diego, CA.

Description of Request: \$2.4 million for the Real-Time Hyperspectral Targeting Sensor will be used to miniaturize a small, low cost Hyper Sensor integrated with GPS location data and real time processing capability.

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Account: Other Procurement, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cubic Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 9333 Balboa Avenue; San Diego, CA.

Description of Request: \$1.6 million would provide Communications Data Link Systems to Navy flagships.

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Account: Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Navy Health Research Center.

Address of Requesting Entity: San Diego, CA.

Description of Request: \$2.4 million will implement a clinical trial of this vaccine for prostate cancer patients at the Veterans Medical Center, La Jolla, CA.

SUPPORT TAIWAN'S REQUEST TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PARTICIPATE MEANINGFULLY IN THE ACTIVITIES OF 16 UNITED NATIONS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, October 10 marks the National Day of the Republic of China. Due to its democratic system, Taiwan has been able to flourish economically and socially as we have seen over the past decades. Taiwan is now one of the world's leading economic powers.

To help us celebrate all the accomplishments of our friends in Taiwan, I urge my colleagues to support Taiwan's latest request to the United Nations General Assembly to participate meaningfully in the activities of 16 United Nations specialized agencies. I know leaders in Taiwan have worked tirelessly for Taiwan's participation in the United Nations and Taiwan's international participation will certainly encourage cross-strait dialogue and lead to permanent peace in the Asia-Pacific region.

Madam Speaker, congratulations to the people of Taiwan, their president, Mr. Ma Ying-jeou, and their Washington representative: Ambassador Jason Yuan. Jason is an experienced diplomat and he will be an effective bridge between Taiwan and Washington.

RECOGNIZING COTTONWOOD INDUSTRIES AND THE ABILITYONE PROGRAM

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize a program which, in the last year, has helped more than 43,000 Americans who are blind or who have severe disabilities gain skills and training that ultimately led to gainful employment; The AbilityOne Program.

The AbilityOne Program, formerly known as the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Program, harnesses the purchasing power of the Federal Government to buy products and services from participating community-based nonprofit agencies that are dedicated to training and employing individuals with disabilities. This program affords Americans with disabilities the opportunity to acquire job skills and training, receive good wages and benefits, and gain greater independence and quality of life. This comes in a segment of the population that has suffered from significant unemployment. But programs such as AbilityOne have come a long way in helping to bring people with disabilities into working society.

I recently had the pleasure of visiting with a community partner in the AbilityOne program. Cottonwood Industries, located in Lawrence, KS, employed 53 people last year, manufacturing products utilized by the Department of Defense in the continued protection of our country. Beyond AbilityOne, Cottonwood fur-

ther employed another 185 individuals with disabilities in other community opportunities. Cottonwood offers a range of services beyond employment to Americans who are in need of assistance. Community agencies like Cottonwood are very important to those who directly utilize them, but also to society as a whole.

It is with great pleasure that I extend my support to the AbilityOne Program. I also want to commend the dedication and commitment of Sharon Spratt, Executive Director of Cottonwood Industries, and her staff, for helping individuals who are blind or have a disability find employment. Their work helps Kansans to live fuller lives and become more active members of society. I also commend each AbilityOne program employee who works every day to improve their lives and make our country a better place to live.

NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Republic of China on the occasion of Taiwan's National Day on October 10, 2008. On behalf of my constituents, I extend best wishes and warm greetings to Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou and Taiwan Representative Jason Yuan.

I also extend a warm welcome to the Taiwanese to visit our Virgin Islands shores and I look forward to continued good relations between our two countries for many years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ABILITY ONE PROGRAM

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the AbilityOne Program for its success this past year in helping 43,000 blind and disabled Americans gain skills and training necessary to be successful in the workforce.

The AbilityOne Program provides much-needed employment opportunities by using the purchasing power of the Federal Government to buy products and services from participating community-based nonprofit agencies that are dedicated to training and employing individuals with disabilities. New Horizons Rehabilitation Services, Inc., a community partner in the AbilityOne program within my own district, stands as a shining example of why this program is a winning proposition for all parties involved.

This past year, New Horizons employed over 70 individuals with severe disabilities through AbilityOne contracts. With the help of AbilityOne and other programs, New Horizons supported over 2,500 individuals in the community.

The direct impact of these organizations on the lives of disabled Americans cannot be overstated. For an individual with a severe disability who has never had the opportunity to