

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: McGee Industries Incorporated.

Address of Requesting Entity: Nine Crozerville Road, PO Box 2425, Aston, PA 19014.

Description of Request: The next generation aircraft carriers will be built using new-technology that replaces the traditional steam catapults with an Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System (EMALS). The environment around aircraft carrier catapults is among the most corrosive (i.e. seawater spray, heat, deck contaminants) with which the Navy must contend. No reliable corrosion or fracture data exists for the new EMALS materials and configuration operating in a catapult-like environment. A T & E program initiated to develop design-specific corrosion data under simulated catapult conditions needs to be continued in order to permit further design refinement, that will: (1) prevent premature component failures (2) minimize costly fleet maintenance and (3) enhance operational readiness.

Corrosion protection is an important element in producing a durable, highly reliable EMALS that will meet or exceed all Navy performance goals. It can be expected that unforeseen corrosion issues will arise as full-scale development, testing, and implementation of the EMALS proceeds. There is a window to generate corrosion data and recommend changes through 2009. Corrosion fatigue and stress corrosion cracking are critical problems that if addressed correctly, would improve performance, extend their life cycle and lower Operation and Maintenance costs for the carriers and their test facilities. Fracture mechanics testing of various corrosion control alternatives in a realistically simulated environment is required to resolve these concerns.

Detailed Finance Plan—McGee Industries: The total cost of this program has been valued at \$3,000,000. We will need to design and develop load frames that will replicate the harsh catapult trough environment. Test equipment will need to be built that simulates the heat extremes, vibration effects, various deck contaminate and their effects on corrosion. All of these parameters will need to be monitored on a periodic basis to assure that we are simulating the EMALS operating conditions. At present we plan to evaluate more than 20 different chemicals and coatings.

The research program planned will follow the direction of the testing results and the direction of appropriate NAVAIR personnel. We estimate that we will need man hours for chemists, engineers, technicians and laboratory services as well as clerical and administrative support.

Breakdown of the Requested Funding:

\$750,000 for Design and Test Equipment.

\$350,000 for Laboratory Supplies and Equipment.

\$550,000 for Man Hours for Chemists, Engineers, Technicians.

\$150,000 Administrative, Travel,

\$200,000 Research Institutes.

Though this program is specifically directed at the EMALS system controlled by NAVAIR, McGee Industries plans to include updates pertinent to NAVSEA. Corrosion issues and improved corrosion protection are a problem

throughout all military branches due to the age of existing equipment and the harsh environments which they must operate in successfully. Thus, this program offers conditioned maintenance improvements for the Navy, Army, Air Force, Marines and the Coast Guard.

CONGRATULATING ECUMENICAL ENTERPRISES INC. ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROVIDING SAFE, AFFORDABLE, HOUSING IN NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, September 28, 2008

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Ecumenical Enterprises Inc., of Dallas, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, for 40 years of providing quality housing to those with low or moderate incomes and those who are elderly, handicapped or disabled.

Recognizing the need for such housing in the late 1960s, a group of concerned religious and lay leaders headed by the late Rev. Dr. Jule Ayers and Monsignor Donald McAndrews began meeting to discuss ways and means to address this growing housing issue.

That effort led to the formation of Ecumenical enterprises Inc. sponsored by four diverse but socially committed religious bodies including the First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre; the Roman Catholic Diocese of Scranton, the Jewish Federation of Greater Wilkes-Barre and the Metropolitan Lutheran Council of Wyoming Valley.

Subsequently, this fledgling agency began experimenting with single family home development and later moved into larger, multi-family, apartment complexes in Wilkes-Barre City, Dallas Borough and Wyoming Borough. EEI at this time also began addressing the needs of the elderly, the disabled and the handicapped.

As EEI moved into the 1980s, it realized there was a need for housing for those who could no longer live independently. After a tremendous effort, EEI began the construction of a skilled nursing facility in 1983.

In due course, EEI developed more housing facilities in West Pittston Borough, Kingston Township and Glen Lyon in Luzerne County and at Honesdale, in Wayne County.

Throughout its history, Monsignor McAndrews has remained a remarkable counselor and a leader committed to improving the quality of life for others. In appreciation, Msgr. McAndrews is being presented with a "Founders" award by EEI.

EEI has also been blessed with the fine co-operation of Wachovia Bank, now under the leadership of Thomas F. Capone, Area Executive Officer. Wachovia is also being honored by EEI with its "Partners in Caring" award this year.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Ecumenical Enterprises Inc. for the extraordinary leadership in community service it has provided for four decades during which it has touched the lives of thousands of people and endeared itself to multiple generations who lives have been comforted and enriched by its very existence.

HONORING DON CHARLEVOIX ON HIS RETIREMENT AS SHERIFF OF DICKINSON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, September 28, 2008

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Dickinson County Sheriff Don Charlevoix. Sheriff Charlevoix, Dickinson County, Michigan's longest serving sheriff, will retire at the end of this year after 31 years in law enforcement. As a former Michigan State Trooper, I have a special appreciation for the service of public servants like Sheriff Charlevoix, and I ask that you, Madam Speaker, and the entire U.S. House of Representatives, join me in paying tribute to his 20 years of service with the Dickinson County Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Charlevoix started his law enforcement career in 1977 with the Northern Michigan University Public Safety Department from 1977 to 1983. He worked for the Marinette City Police Department for a short time, and then the Norway Police Department from 1983 to 1988 prior to being elected sheriff in 1989.

Sheriff Charlevoix instituted many changes in the Dickinson County Sheriff's Office over the years and developed an outstanding and dedicated staff of law enforcement officers and employees. In addition to guiding the office through several expansion projects, Don Charlevoix continued to acquire numerous grants and successfully maintained and developed valuable programs such as D.A.R.E., Marine, Snowmobile, ORV Patrols as well as airport and courthouse security programs.

As a former president of the Michigan Sheriff's Association, Sheriff Charlevoix is widely recognized by his peers as one of Michigan's top sheriffs. He was instrumental in forging a truly cooperative working relationship among law enforcement agencies, county officials and numerous local governmental entities. In addition to overseeing a staff of 61 full and part-time employees at the Sheriff's Office and Correctional Center, Sheriff Charlevoix always found time to work and speak with the people he served and has always been completely dedicated to helping the public.

When he announced he would be retiring, Don told the Iron Mountain Daily News: "I will miss the people more than anything. Serving as your sheriff has truly been a pleasure and I will always look back fondly upon the many wonderful memories and relationships that we have developed over the years."

Don Charlevoix and his wife, Teresa, have a wonderful family and he hopes to spend more time with them when he retires. He plans to do some traveling and find some time to ride his motorcycle a little more. The Charlevoixs plan on staying in Dickinson County, in the place they love best.

Madam Speaker, the dedicated men and women who enforce the law to protect their communities rarely receive the praise they deserve. I ask that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join with me in congratulating Sheriff Donald Charlevoix on a job well done and in wishing him well in his retirement.