

and commercialization potential of the recently completed basic wet-vacuum pathogen collection system will be further enhanced through completion and integration of current prototype-stage "sister" technologies. The combined systems will provide safer, more accurate and faster sample collection and processing capabilities with GPS-RFID sample site documentation and sample identification, plus handling, transport and lab traceability. Current outsourced production activities will be centralized through expanded in-house production facilities for more stringent cost, QC and delivery schedule management and control. Integrated technology systems will improve safety, accuracy and standardization of bio-agent detection methods for our soldiers and civilian end users. This request is consistent with the intended purpose of this account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Microbial-Vac Systems, Inc., located at 160 Bridon Way, Jerome, Idaho 83338.

The report contains \$3,200,000 in the Advanced Spacecraft Technology account for the Ultra Low Power Electronics. Ultra-Low Power (ULP) Electronics is an Air Force Research Lab-sponsored initiative working in collaboration with industry to develop electronics that require less power and provide increased efficiency. A key challenge for DoD electronics applications is the reduction of power consumption in the Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor (CMOS)—the technology platform used for advanced integrated circuits. Funding in 2009 will develop a high OPS/Watt ULP platform solution for DoD designers of electronic systems and demonstrate a base technology that can be rapidly scaled to meet general ULP industry requirements for portable electronics. The project is an iterative, multi-lot, fabrication research and development effort that includes design tool and model development necessary to deploy the new technology. A viable scaling method for reducing electronic voltage requirements and the associated ULP products will define an alternative CMOS scaling roadmap specific to portable technology. This program will establish a new technical approach and industrial capability for U.S. electronics. This request is consistent with the intended purpose of this account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is American Semiconductor, Inc., located at 3100 S. Vista Ave., Ste 230 Boise, Idaho 83705.

The report contains \$800,000 in the New Design Ssn Account for the Highly Corrosive-Resistant Alloy Joining for Nuclear Applications. This funding will be used to develop and test novel prototype design-for-manufacturing methods, flexible automated welding and inspection technology for application in submarine nuclear reactor propulsion systems. The research will result in new joining techniques to shape highly corrosive-resistant alloys to meet the requirements of underwater power generation and radiation containment. This request is consistent with the intended purpose of this account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Premier Technology, located at 1858 W. Bridge Street Blackfoot, Idaho 83221.

The report contains \$1,800,000 in the Air Force Military Construction Account for the Mountain Home AFB Logistics Readiness Center. The Existing Logistic Supply is a condemned 53-year old wooden structure beyond

economical repair. The building had to be evacuated and now 60 percent of base supply functions operate from temporary spaces across base, creating significant delays in troop/equipment mobilization. This negatively impacts the Wing's ability to demolish and relocate from other substandard facilities on base. When funded, the Logistics Readiness Center will provide command and control for all materials in-bound and outbound, including freight processing, packing, crating, pallet buildup shop, and provide bulk and bin storage. The facility will also support secure storage and an armory and will include administrative areas. This request is consistent with the intended purpose of this account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the 366th Wing, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, located at 366 Gunfighter Avenue, Ste 107, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho 83648.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide a list of Congressionally-directed projects in my district and an explanation of my support for them.

(1.) \$4 million for the Power and Cyber Systems Protection, Analysis, and Testing Program; Idaho National Laboratory.

(2.) \$1,600,000 for the Read Out Integrated Circuit (ROIL) Manufacturing Improvement; ON Semiconductor.

(3.) \$1,600,000 for the Integrated Patient Quality Program; Healthwise Incorporated.

(4.) \$2,000,000 for the Accelerator-Driven Non-Destructive Testing; Idaho State University.

(5.) \$1,440,000 for the 3-D Technology for Advanced Sensor Systems; Boise State University.

(6.) \$1,200,000 for the Electric Grid Reliability/Assurance; Idaho National Laboratory.

(7.) \$1,200,000 for the Hybrid Power Generation System; M2E Power Inc.

(8.) \$3,200,000 for the Vacuum Sampling Pathogen Collection and Concentration; Microbial-Vac Systems, Inc.

(9.) \$3,200,000 for the Ultra Low Power Electronics; American Semiconductor.

(10.) \$800,000 for the Highly Corrosive-Resistant Alloy Joining for Nuclear Applications; Premier Technology.

(11.) \$1,800,000 in the Air Force Military Construction Account for the Mountain Home AFB Logistics Readiness Center; Mountain Home Air Force Base.

#### HONORING JOSHUA CARL WITT

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joshua Carl Witt of Blue Springs, MO. Joshua is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1813, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joshua has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Joshua has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Joshua Carl Witt for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### RECOGNIZING THE TISON FAMILY AS THE HOLMS COUNTY, FLORIDA FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

#### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the U.S. Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to extend congratulations to the Tison family for being selected as the Holms County 2008 Outstanding Farm Family of the Year.

Tison Blueberry farm is a bit of an establishment in the Southeast and it is well known that some of the best blueberries can be found there in Bonifay, FL. The entire operation is family run and the picking is done almost entirely by hand. In a time of growing concern over food safety, Tison Blueberry farm offers a unique alternative to the traditional grocery store as its customers enjoy the added comfort of knowing exactly where and how their produce is grown.

After retiring from teaching vocational agriculture for 34 years, Jack Tison was searching for something that would employ his extensive knowledge and occupy his time. But it wasn't until visiting a "u-pick" operation in Gainesville, FL that he became interested in growing blueberries. In the fall of 1984, Jack and his wife Hazel prepped five acres of land for planting; the subsequent harvest began just 3 years later. Over the years, the production has increased exponentially. The farm now grows muscadine grapes and prepares various jellies, jams, and syrups.

Every year, the north Florida Fair Association honors farm families in counties throughout north Florida that display leadership through farming techniques and agricultural production. The Farm Family of the Year award conveys the importance of farm families' contributions to some of society's largest needs including food, clothing, and building supplies. Recognition of their work, as conveyed by this award, encourages others in the community to become involved and support local agriculture.

On behalf of all residents of northwest Florida, I hope this family tradition continues for many future generations.

#### HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA-LED PHOENIX MARS MISSION

#### HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute today to the team of intrepid men and women at the University of Arizona who significantly advanced our knowledge of the universe through their work on the Phoenix Mars Mission. They were led by Peter Smith, principal investigator for the project.

These 21st century explorers achieved a great engineering and scientific triumph earlier this year when the 770-pound Phoenix traveled 420 million miles and successfully parachuted to the rocky surface of Mars. That odds-defying landing, however, was only the beginning of Phoenix's awe-inspiring accomplishments.

On the surface of the Red Planet, Phoenix harnessed the power of the sun to scoop up and analyze the Martian soil. This data—including a series of remarkable photographs—was transmitted back to Earth where scientists made what must surely be one of the most significant discoveries in human history: the presence of frozen water.

For as long as humankind has peered into the heavens, we have wondered whether or not we are alone in the universe. From our earliest ancestors to medieval theologians to the scientists of our day, this question has loomed over us like the stars themselves. Mars has been the focus of much of this speculation. More than 40 missions have been launched to explore this planet but only six have been successful. Foremost among them is the University of Arizona-led Phoenix Mars Mission.

The discovery of frozen water on Mars by Phoenix did not definitively confirm or deny the age-old question of our uniqueness in the universe. No one ever expected it would. But it did give us a deeper understanding of the fourth planet from the sun. This new knowledge is a testimony to the creativity of the men and women who made Phoenix possible at the University of Arizona, the first public university to lead a mission to Mars.

The Phoenix Mars Mission Team members are: Cherie Achilles, Douglas Archer, Chris Adams, Paul Allvin, Maria Banks, Stephanie Barnes, Jean Barret, Carla Bitter, Rolfe Bode, Matt Bomhoff, William Boynton, Robert Bovill, Dennis Bowers, Cassie Bowman, David Burke, Sanlyn Buxner, Ryan Brestel, James Cantone, Chewie Chu, Kevin Corcoran, Jesse Cornia, Michael Drake, Gerard Droege, Alex Ebadirad, Jacob Egan, Heather Enos, Lisa Fahey, Charles Fellows, Tony Ferrow, Michael Finch, Kenny Fine, Mike Fitzgibbon, Gwennie Furr, Connie Garcia, Justin Giacotto, Gabrielle Gilbertsen, Joseph Gotobed, Stephen Gray, Dave Hamara, Sara Hammond, Lori Harrison, Dustin Harshman, Karl Harshman, Chelsea Hodson, John Hughes, Robert Jaw, Monty Kennedy, Hamza Kolaghsi, Frankie Kolb, Melissa Lambertson, Jeffrey Landgreen, Lynn Lane, Therese Lane, Pamela Larrow, Abel Levario, Colleen Lester, Andrew Levine, Robert Logan, Douglas Lombardi, Peter Manning, Katelun May, Rick McCloskey, Evan McKelvy, Trevor Merkley, John Moores, Bryan Morgante, Sean Mulvey, Julie Norwood, Carroll Oquest, Jerry Penegor, Federico Pennacchini, Ian Phillips, Amy Philips, John Pursch, Siddhartha Ray, Robert Reynolds, Garret Richards, Joaquin Ruiz, David Sage, Tisha Saltzman, Walter Seaman, Jeff Seligman, Andrew Shaner, Adam Shaw, Robert Shelton, Chris Shinohara, Peter Smith, William Sperry, Lori Stiles, Johnathan Strootman, Kari Sturm, Roger Tanner, Lisa Tatge, Lisa Tidwell, Cheryl Tomoeda, Kimmie Varela, Cindi Ward, Heather Weisacosky, Mike Williams, Galen Woida, Patrick Woida, Rigel Woida, Patricia Wroblewski.

I commend them for their success and for all they have done to expand our knowledge of the planet Mars.

HONORING SISTER'S JOURNEY AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, the first of November will mark an important milestone for an outstanding organization in my community—the 10th Anniversary of Sister's Journey. Founded by my dear friend, Linda White-Epps, as she coped with her own battle with breast cancer, Sister's Journey has been an invaluable source of comfort, compassion, and support for women diagnosed with this disease for the last decade.

The diagnosis of breast cancer can be overwhelming—not only for the woman who has been told she has this battle to face but for her loved ones as well. It is important for women to know that they are not alone and that there are others who are facing comparable challenges, asking the same questions, and enduring similar hardships, physically and emotionally. That is what Sister's Journey is all about.

In facing her battle with breast cancer, Linda White-Epps saw the need in her community for a group that could help women to heal physically, emotionally, and spiritually. She recognized the need for education and advocacy, for women to share the trials and tribulations of cancer, and to celebrate survivorship. What began as a monthly support group meeting has grown into a community educator and a strong voice of advocacy for early detection and quality treatment for every woman fighting breast cancer. But perhaps the organization's greatest contribution has been that of the Sister's Journey annual calendar. With each month comes the face and the story of a woman still facing breast cancer or who has survived—each page highlighting their personal journeys. The calendar has proven to be a tangible example of the encouragement, support, and vision that is Sister's Journey.

Though Linda lost her battle in 2003, today her legacy—Sister's Journey—is carried on by her family; her mother Phyllis White, and her daughter, Dawn White-Bracey, who serves as its current President. Today as members gather for the annual Pink Tea, we celebrate the remarkable 10 years this organization has been supporting those struggling with the ongoing challenges of breast cancer. I am proud to stand today to pay tribute to Sister's Journey and their decade of good work. We all hope for a time when breast cancer will no longer be a threat to our health, until then, our community could not be more fortunate than to have Sister's Journey for those in need.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JERRY WELLER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Mr. WELLER of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to identify an earmark that I obtained in H.R. 2638—Homeland Security Division D for the Coast Guard account for the Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern Railway Company Bridge, Morris, IL in the amount of \$2,000,000.

In February 1995, the Coast Guard declared the EJ&E Bridge across the Illinois Waterway to be an unreasonable obstruction to navigation and issued an Order to Alter. The EJ&E Bridge is the most hit bridge on the entire inland river system.

Funding will allow design and construction for widening the width between the bridge piers. Currently, the width of the EJ&E Bridge is only 113 feet. Typically, barge tows that operate within the inland river system are 105 feet wide, leaving only a total of 8 feet of room for the barge to fit between the piers. According to the Coast Guard, modifications made to this bridge will save \$1.1 million in damage each year. Funding this project will make the Illinois River safer for maritime traffic and will substantially reduce the number of accidents at this site.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the United States Coast Guard located at Office of Bridge Administration, CG3-PWB Room 3500, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593. It is my understanding that the funding would be used to the design and construction for widening the width between the bridge piers. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any direct financial interest in this project.

Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request (1) is not directed to an entity or program named or will be named after a sitting Member of Congress (exception must be justified here); (2) is not intended for a "front" or "pass through" entity; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

HONORING HELEN JONES, M.D.

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Helen Jones upon being awarded with the "Community Health Champions Award" at the 2008 West Fresno Health Care Coalition's 4th annual "This is Your Life of Service" dinner and award ceremony. This year the ceremony will be held at the Radisson Hotel Conference Center in Fresno, California on Friday, October 24th.

Dr. Jones was raised in San Francisco, California. She graduated from Lowell High School, one of the oldest and most prestigious schools in the San Francisco school district. She earned a Bachelor's of Arts in biochemistry from the University of California, Berkeley and her Medical Doctorate from the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Jones also attended classes at the Universities of California, Irvine and Riverside and attended summer courses in biomedical engineering at Clark College in Atlanta, Georgia. She originally made her way to Fresno to train under Dr. Howard Morelli, the former dean at the University of California, San Francisco. Currently, Dr. Jones is in private practice with Internal Medicine Associates and was formerly with Linder-Quann Medical Group.

In addition to being an internist, Dr. Jones specializes in palliative medicine, a form of medical care or treatment that concentrates on reducing the severity of disease symptoms