

TRIBUTE TO MR. IRA C. CLARK

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the late Mr. Ira C. Clark, a beloved community leader, public servant and champion of health care in my district, who recently passed away after a long and arduous battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Mr. Clark, a native of New Jersey raised by his mother a teacher and his father a taxi cab driver, served as the president and CEO of Public Health/Jackson Memorial Hospital for 15 years. As Jackson Memorial Hospital's first black president and as a result of his extraordinary accomplishments, he became one of the most powerful minority executives in South Florida.

Having dedicated his tenure at Jackson Memorial Hospital to the development of innovative healthcare programs, Mr. Clark constantly strove to provide accessibility to the highest quality medical care for the disenfranchised and destitute families of South Florida.

Mr. Clark's efforts led to the introduction of The Jackson Health System, which provides a corporate identity for the official framework governing a system now composed of 12 primary care centers, two medical long-term facilities, four school based clinics, a maternity hospital, and a community hospital all dedicated to providing exceptional standards of medical care. Moreover, Mr. Clark spearheaded the creation of the Ryder Trauma Center, as well as the Taylor Breast Health Center and the Diagnostic Treatment Center.

Among Mr. Clark's remarkable achievements, his greatest was securing a half-penny sales tax approved by Miami-Dade County residents to raise funds for Jackson Memorial Hospital. In his 1991 Miami Herald op-ed piece, Mr. Clark stated, "Jackson Memorial Hospital is starving. It desperately needs resources in its battle against children's diseases, trauma, AIDS, and the health problems of Dade County's neediest people. Jackson needs a dependable, non political source of funding. The half-penny sales tax is a step in the right direction." Mr. Clark's dedication to the betterment of Florida's Medicaid system and quality services to both rich and poor, AIDS patients and trauma victims remained strong throughout the tenure of his professional career.

Following his retirement, Mr. Clark offered a self-assessment to the Miami Times: "There's no question that Jackson Memorial Hospital today has come a long way under my leadership. I arrived in 1987 focused on issues related to funding and overcrowding. I sought out to secure a steady source funding to fix the hospital's financial problems and decompress the main hospital. I brought with me an unquestionable passion and commitment to single high standard of care that has remained the trademark of my leadership."

Madam Speaker, I ask you and all the members of this esteemed legislative body to join me in recognizing the extraordinary life and accomplishments of Mr. Ira C. Clark. I commend him for his service to the South Florida community and the healthcare system, and I appreciate this opportunity to pay tribute to him before the United States House of Representatives.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, The FY 09 Omnibus Appropriation Act:

1. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Agriculture, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Western Center for Food Safety: The FDA Western Center for Food Safety is a proposed cooperative partnership between FDA, the Western Institute for Food Safety and Security (WIFSS), and the University of California at Davis that will enhance FDA's critical food safety and food defense mission by building collaborative links between FDA scientists and WIFSS/UC Davis' established programs in food safety research, higher education, food defense, and on-farm training of safe food production practices. Funding the FDA Western Center for Food Safety at UC Davis is an excellent opportunity to strengthen all aspects of food safety and defense for United States consumers.

Grantee Legal Name: University of California at Davis.

Grantee Address: One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616.

Local Contact Name/Title: Marjorie M. Dickenson, Assistant Vice Chancellor.

Federal Nexus of Project: Currently, the FDA Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition has three well-established Centers of Excellence addressing other components of food safety: the Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (www.jifsan.umd.edu), at the University of Maryland; the National Center for Food Safety and Technology (www.foodsafety.iit.edu/food_safety.htm) near Chicago; and the National Center for Natural Products Research, at the University of Mississippi (<http://www.olemiss.edu/idepts/ncnpr>). Our proposed FDA Western Center for Food Safety will complement these affiliated organizations by providing FDA with strong technical and scientific support for pre- and post-harvest food safety, microbial and chemical detection and food defense research, technology transfer to the agricultural sector, and on-farm training and outreach to plant and animal agricultural producers that comprise our expansive food production systems of California and the Western United States.

(\$1,399,000).

2. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Commerce, Folsom Emergency Operations Center: This project will expand the crucial capabilities of the Folsom EOC to function for both the City of Folsom and as the Alternative County Site. Best practices highlight the importance of having redundant emergency management capacity to ensure a balanced strategy for handling emergencies.

Grantee Legal Name: City of Folsom, CA.

Grantee Address: 50 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630.

Federal Nexus of Project: Homeland security is a stated top priority for the Administration and Congress. The Folsom EOC is a vital local, regional, and national link in our country's homeland security strategy and efforts.

Folsom is uniquely situated in Northern California and the western United States in terms of needs and capabilities to provide top level EOC facilities. The Folsom Lake Dam is the primary flood control facility for the Sacramento region as well as a primary electricity producer. The City of Folsom is uniquely situated as a gatekeeper to the security of the state capital in Sacramento, the greater western United States for management of the two major power grid control centers (ISO and WAPA) and the home of one of Intel's major facilities, employing over 6500 citizens. The City of Folsom is the first responder to the Dam, WAPA, ISO and important regional and national employers.

(\$500,000).

3. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Energy & Water, New Bridge Below Folsom Dam—Additional Authorization: This additional authorization will permit funding that would be used to cover engineering, design, and construction of the new bridge below Folsom Dam as authorized in the Fiscal Year 2004 Energy & Water Appropriations Bill. Due to changes in the engineering on the part of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, this additional authorization would be commensurate with the funding necessary for project completion.

Language: "The bill includes language increasing the cost ceiling for the Folsom, California Bridge."

Grantee Legal Name: City of Folsom, CA.

Grantee Address: 50 Natoma Street; Folsom, CA 95630.

Federal Nexus of Project: United States Army Corps of Engineers.

4. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Energy & Water, New Bridge Below Folsom Dam. The funding would be used to cover engineering, design, and construction of the new bridge below Folsom Dam as authorized in the Fiscal Year 2004 Energy & Water Appropriations Bill. Due to changes in the engineering on the part of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, additional authorization commensurate with this funding request is necessary.

Grantee Legal Name: City of Folsom, CA.

Grantee Address: 50 Natoma Street; Folsom, CA 95630.

Federal Nexus of Project: Army Corps of Engineers.

(\$1,000,000).

5. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Energy & Water, Folsom Dam Outlet Modifications: The funding would be used to develop and evaluate feasible alternatives to the Corps outlet modifications design. The partners have selected an integrated design which would include a gated auxiliary spillway in place of the river outlet gate enlargement.

Grantee Legal Name: City of Folsom, CA.

Grantee Address: 50 Natoma Street; Folsom, CA 95630.

Federal Nexus of Project: Army Corps of Engineers.

(\$9,000,000).

6. DANIEL E. LUNGREN, H.R. 1105, Energy & Water, Folsom Dam Raise (American River Plan): The funding would be used to continue coordinated design of the Folsom Dam Raise Project as part of the integrated Joint Federal Project.

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Grantee Address: 50 Natoma Street; Folsom, CA 95630.

Federal Nexus of Project: Army Corps of Engineers.