

Council, the Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra Board, and the Community Concerts Association, to name a few. Bernie's victories for Kern County made funding available for new administration buildings including many fire stations and the Juvenile Justice Center.

As Bernie retires from the position of Kern County Counsel, his selfless contributions to Kern County will not be forgotten. However, I know he is looking forward to spending more time with his wife, Bee, their two children, Bernie Jr., an attorney in Los Angeles, and Brigit, a psychologist in Asheville, North Carolina, and his three grandchildren. I wish him well in retirement.

A TRIBUTE IN REMEMBRANCE OF  
LOUVINIA G. POINTER

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 26, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Louvinia G. Pointer. Ms. Pointer, a 92-year-old Brooklyn resident, was a musicologist and celebrated arts educator.

Born in Holly Hill, South Carolina in 1926, Mrs. Pointer and her family migrated to Harlem in 1926 in search of progressive opportunities for African Americans in the North.

Trained as a pianist from a young age, organist and lyric soprano, Louvinia White was prompted by friends to audition for Apollo Theater's Amateur Night competition at age 18. With a recommendation from Countee Cullen, Louvinia was accepted to New York University (NYU) in 1935, where she studied music education and later enrolled in the Music Masters program.

In 1939, a member of Louvinia's church informed her that renowned British playwright Noel Coward sought three African American women to open his new production scheduled to open on Broadway. Louvinia and two singing partners auditioned for Coward singing "Lift Thine Eyes" from Felix Mendelssohn's Elijah. Returning home from classes at NYU one evening she found a telegram in her mailbox from Mr. Coward asking her to report to the theater. When she arrived, Coward approached her with hands outstretched and thanked her for coming, exclaiming that he needed her voice in his show, *Set to Music*, starring Beatrice Lillie. Soon thereafter, Coward composed an obligato for Louvinia to open the production.

In 1943, Louvinia became a choral director in the National Youth Administration (NYA) Radio Workshop, a unit of President Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration. Louvinia directed one of the two NYA Radio Choirs, which performed weekly concerts on WNYC-FM until the conclusion of the program in 1943. Through the success of her choir, Louvinia married World War II veteran William Davis Pointer Sr. (1918-2001) and the two birthed three children, Olive Elise Pointer (1950), William Davis Pointer Jr. (1952), and internationally acclaimed, Grammy nominated jazz violinist and political activist Noel Whitaker Pointer (1954-1994).

Louvinia's final Broadway role was in the 1951 revival of Marc Connelly's 1936 film classic *The Green Pastures*, a musical setting of the Biblical "Creation". Louvinia then com-

menced her tenure as a music educator in the New York City public school system in 1958. She educated thousands of youth at Girls High School, Tilden High School, P.S. 21 and Lefferts Junior High School.

In 1987, Louvinia founded the Great Day Chorale, a 50-member a capella singing ensemble. Under Louvinia's leadership the four-part ensemble performed nationally and internationally in New Orleans and Barbados.

Louvinia is survived by daughter Olive Pointer Harney, son, Rev. William D. Pointer Jr., Associate Pastor of Christian Cultural Center Brooklyn, N.Y., daughter-in-laws Elder Lillie Pointer of Long Island, NY and Chinita Pointer of Orange, N.J., fourteen grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. DON YOUNG**

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 26, 2009*

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding constituent projects of interest I received as part of the FY 2009 Omnibus.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Dept of Education, Elementary and Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Galena City School District

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 299, Galena, AK 99741

Description of Request: I have secured \$485,000 for the Galena School District. Funding will be used for Galena's boarding school operations and provide a safe and educationally enriching environment for 120 students, many of whom are Native Alaskans from outlying villages where, in some cases, they may be exposed to a physically and emotionally challenging village environment. Due to a 2001 Department of Education formula change, Galena loses \$1 million annually in Federal Impact Aid Funding. It is my understanding that these funds will be used along with state funding to provide educational services and operate the boarding school. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

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Account: Dept of Education, Elementary and Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Literacy Council of Alaska, Fairbanks

Address of Requesting Entity: 517 Gaffney Road, Fairbanks, AK 99701

Description of Request: I have secured \$81,000 for the Literacy Council of Alaska, Fairbanks. The funding will be used for a school-age tutoring program focusing on reading, writing and math. It is my understanding that the funds will be used for salaries, supplies and tutor trainings. There is an in-kind volunteer tutor contribution of \$30,600 annually. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

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Account: Dept of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: AK Addictions Rehabilitation Services, Inc./Nugen's Ranch

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 871545, Wasilla, AK 99687

Description of Request: I have secured \$490,000 for Addictions Rehabilitation Services, Inc./Nugen's Ranch. The funds will be used for the construction of a new residential substance abuse treatment facility. This will allow the recipient to increase the number of individuals treated which will decrease the number of people being sent out of state for treatment. It is my understanding that the funds will be spent for engineering and architecture fees, site preparation and actual construction of the facility. Other funds being used for this project are coming from the Denali Commission, Foundation Grants, AK Mental Health Trust Authority, the State of AK, and funds from the organization itself. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Dept of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Providence Health System

Address of Requesting Entity: 3200 Providence Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508

Description of Request: I have secured \$951,000 for Providence Health Services in Anchorage, AK. These funds will be used for the Alaska Family Medicine Residency Program which recruits and trains doctors to address the critical physician recruitment and retention problem in Alaska. It is my understanding that the funds will be used to pay for faculty salaries (\$835,000) and resident recruitment (\$116,000) and that Providence Health Services will provide supplemental funds to this program. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Education, School Improvement

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Department of Education

Address of Requesting Entity: 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202

Description of Request: I have secured \$33,315,000 for the AK Native Education Equity Program. It is my understanding that these funds will be used to meet the unique education needs and to support supplemental education programs to benefit Alaska Natives. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Dept of Education, Elementary and Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alaska PTA

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 210496, Anchorage, AK 99503