

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DR. RENÉE GROSS AND
MR. STUART FEINBLATT

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, on Sunday, March 15, 2009, the Highland Park Conservative Temple and Center will present the coveted Chaver Award for exemplary community service to Dr. Renée Gross and Mr. Stuart Feinblatt. This is a well deserved honor, and I am proud to join in paying tribute to Dr. Renée Gross and Mr. Stuart Feinblatt for their tireless service to their temple and community.

Dr. Gross and Mr. Feinblatt are both irreplaceable assets to their community who have cared for and protected those in my district. Dr. Gross is a valued senior partner with the Obstetrical and Gynecological Group and has delivered an estimated 2,500 babies throughout her career. Mr. Feinblatt is a partner at the prestigious Sills Cummis & Gross law firm in Newark, New Jersey where he is the firm's exclusive litigator on healthcare and medical issues.

Dr. Gross and Mr. Feinblatt have actively served the Highland Park Conservative Temple together for over twenty years. Mr. Feinblatt is completing his sixth year as a member of the Temple's Board of Trustees, while Dr. Gross is a member of the morning minyan and attends the Rabbi's weekly class. They have both been involved as Vice Chairs on the Livnot Campaign, which is working to rebuild parts of the temple damaged by a fire. Their timeless dedication to their Temple is admirable.

Outside of the congregation, Dr. Gross and Mr. Feinblatt are active members of the community. Mr. Feinblatt is the former President of the Board of Trustees of the Solomon Schechter Day School of Raritan Valley. He is also on the Dean's Advisory Council for the Dean of the Rutgers School of Arts and Sciences. Both Dr. Gross and Mr. Feinblatt are active in the Jewish Federation and are members of the Vanguard Committee, as well. Although these two individuals live busy lives, they have consistently dedicated time to strengthening their community.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating Dr. Renée Gross and Mr. Stuart Feinblatt for their distinguished service to their fellow citizens. Their accomplishments will continue to benefit and inspire my constituents.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Mr. BECERRA. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, February 26, 2009, I missed rollcall vote

90 on H. Res. 183, expressing condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the victims of the crash of Continental Connection Flight 3407. If present, I would have voted "aye."

A TRIBUTE TO MS. HOLLY
WALKER

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Holly Walker for her service to the students at Elizabethtown High School in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. She has taught as a special education teacher for the last 9 years and was recently recognized as the 2008–2009 ExCEL Award recipient for her school district.

Ms. Walker's teaching philosophy is simple—everyone can learn and everyone counts. She is an outstanding educator who shows genuine concern for special needs students. Ms. Walker expects more of the students than they ever thought they could accomplish. Her patience and flexibility enable them to succeed and build confidence.

Ms. Walker deeply cares for her students beyond the classroom. She takes food baskets to their homes at Christmas, drives them to decorate the homecoming float, and goes to school dances with them so they will not feel alone. Her students are her extended family.

When asked why Ms. Walker deserved this award, one of her students wrote, "She never gives up on her students. She makes us feel like family. I spend five hours a day in the classroom with Ms. Walker and wouldn't want to be anywhere else."

Ms. Walker's passion for making a difference in the lives of her students is an example for all Kentuckians to follow. I thank Ms. Walker for her commitment to the students in Elizabethtown.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of HR 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009:

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: Small Business Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Beth Medrash Govoha

Address of Requesting Entity: 617 6th Street, Lakewood, NJ 08701

Description of Request: Beth Medrash Govoha Cedarbridge Corporate Office Park

and Small Business Incubator in Lakewood, NJ was listed as receiving \$232,750 in the Small Business Administration account in Division D of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009. This small business incubator will be able to house up to 1.5 million square feet of office and laboratory space and is projected to attract small businesses as well as large corporate entities and create over a thousand new jobs. The funding will be used for architectural services, engineering, and construction of the first building, along with project administration, development and future planning for the remainder of the parcel. Cedarbridge is also receiving state and township funding for this project.

OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2009

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 1105, the "Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009". I would like to thank my colleague Chairman OBEY and Ranking Member LEWIS for introducing this important legislation. I would especially like to thank the respective subcommittee chairs and ranking members who I worked closely with in obtaining the funds necessary to help the citizens of the 18th Congressional District of Texas. These funds were vital in helping the Houston area. I want to especially thank:

ALAN MOLLOHAN Chairman and FRANK R. WOLF Ranking member of the subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies.

PETER J. VISCLOSKEY Chairman and RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN Ranking member of the subcommittee on Energy and Water Development.

DAVID E. PRICE Chairman and HAROLD ROGERS Ranking member of the subcommittee on Homeland Security.

DAVID OBEY Chairman and TODD TIAHRT of the subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies.

TEXAS NEEDS

Critical times call for critical measures. Over the last 13 months, our economy has lost a total of 3.6 million jobs—and continuing job losses in the next few months are predicted. The national unemployment rate is at 7.6 percent, with the great state of Texas seeing an unemployment rate of 6.0 percent and my district of Houston seeing only a little better rate at 5.5 percent.

Our schoolhouses are badly in need of repair and modernization in order to flourish and be competitive in the global marketplace. Our healthcare system needs to be upgraded to allow for more Americans to receive coverage

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without going bankrupt. Our workforce needs to be retooled to keep up with innovative and new technologies; and our transportation systems need to be expanded. These are only a fraction of the many needs facing Texas and our Nation today.

In my district, I have held recent meetings with the Houston Mayor, school districts, universities, churches, homeowners, and the Houston METRO. They each have expressed their need for full funding to alleviate foreclosure issues, hurricane relief funding, construction issues, technology divides, and law enforcement strengthening.

Recently, President Obama mentioned the Houston's need for greater transportation and infrastructure improvements. I thoroughly agree, which is why I have been working with them for over 20 years to complete construction of the Northeast and South RAIL lines. METRO has indicated that it only requires \$183 million to complete this rail line.

Houstonians need this infrastructure to relieve congestion and provide adequate public transportation, and an investment that will mean jobs for our constituents through the transportation sector in our communities. Creating this critical infrastructure in Houston will allow Houstonians to work and will provide a tremendous boost to community development and mobility.

OMNIBUS DETAILS

Last year, this body passed only one of the twelve appropriations bills, the Military Construction-VA bill. The Senate Appropriations Committee approved nine of the twelve bills.

This Omnibus represents a measure worked out by both chambers—functionally resembling a conference report—and significantly increases funding levels compared to FY 2008 levels that were extended through March 6 by the enacted resolution, PL 110-329.

HR 1105 appropriates \$410 billion, \$31 billion, 8%, more than current funding, in discretionary funding, which represents the largest percentage increase for discretionary spending in regular appropriations in decades. It also contains \$637.5 billion in mandatory spending for entitlement programs, for a grand total appropriation of \$1.048 trillion in FY 2009. The bill covers appropriations for departments and agencies that would have been funded by the nine regular FY 2009 appropriations bills that were not enacted last year. These departments are currently funded under a continuing resolution that expires on March 6.

For our constituents who believe that we here in Congress do not understand their financial woes and their caps on raises and bonuses, let it be made clear that not only do we understand but we hold ourselves to the same standard. The recommended rule for the bill automatically incorporates a provision into the measure that blocks any cost-of-living increase in the salaries of members of Congress in 2010.

This bill provides the following amounts:

Agriculture—\$108 billion for the Agriculture Department, \$17.6 billion, 16%, more than provided in FY 2008. It includes \$87.8 billion, 81%, in mandatory spending and \$20.5 billion in discretionary funding. The total includes \$54 billion for food stamps, \$14 billion, 26%, more than current levels, as well as \$2 billion for the Food and Drug Administration, \$335 million, 16%, more than the current level, and 15% more for rural development programs.

Commerce-Justice-Science—\$57.9 billion, 10%, more than the current level, for the Com-

merce and Justice Departments, and science agencies. It includes a 16% increase in funds to assist state and local law enforcement agencies.

Energy & Water—\$33.8 billion for the Energy Department, Interior Department, Army Corps of Engineers, and related programs—\$2.3 billion, 7%, more than the current level. It provides 12% more than current funding for energy assistance and alternative energy research, but 18% less for nuclear energy and 9% less for "clean coal" projects.

Financial Services—\$44.6 billion, \$58 million more than the current level, for the Treasury Department, the federal judiciary, the District of Columbia, the Executive Office of the President, and various independent agencies.

Interior-Environment—\$27.6 billion for Interior Department, Agriculture Department, Indian Health Service, Environmental Protection Agency, and related programs—\$1 billion, 4%, more than the current level.

Labor-HHS-Education—\$625.7 billion, of which \$152.3 billion is discretionary funding and \$473.4 billion is mandatory spending, for the departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, HHS, and Education. The discretionary total is \$7.4 billion, 5%, more than the current level, and includes \$30.3 billion for the National Institutes of Health, 3% more than current funding, \$15.8 billion for education for disadvantaged children programs, 2% more than the current level; 7% more for Education Department programs; and 4% more for the Centers for Disease Control.

Legislative Branch—\$4.4 billion for the legislative branch, \$432 million, 11%, more than the current level. This appropriation includes \$1.3 billion for the House and \$895 million for the Senate.

State-Foreign Operations—\$36.8 billion in foreign aid, State Department operations and export assistance, \$3.8 billion, 12%, more than the current level. The bill provides 14% more for international organizations, but 43% less for the Bush administration's program to aid developing nations that meet certain political and economic standards.

Transportation-HUD—\$108.7 billion in budgetary resources for the Transportation Department, the Housing and Urban Development, HUD, Department, and five related agencies. This total includes \$55 billion in discretionary appropriations, \$6.2 billion, 13%, more than current funding.

Homeland Security—\$100 million for the U.S. Secret Service, including \$61 million for Secret Service protective missions. Of that amount, \$25 million would be for the first-year costs to hire 150 additional special agents to meet increased presidential and vice presidential protection requirements. The measure also extends the authorization of three programs through Sept. 30, 2009 the Basic Pilot, E-Verify, program, the EB-5 Visa program, and the National Flood Insurance Program. In addition, it extends the authorization of the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism until March 1, 2010.

CONCLUSION

As the representative for the 18th congressional district of Texas, I am very pleased that this Omnibus bill will aid people in my district that desperately need it. We have rail lines that need to be expanded, schools that are in dire need of construction, hospitals that cannot help the sick because of capacity issues, and

areas still reeling from Hurricane's Katrina, Rita, and Ike.

The assistance my district will receive is outstanding. I plan to continue to work with Chairman OBEY and the Appropriations Committee staff to ensure that necessary funding goes straight to the city and county agencies, companies, schools, and nonprofits that need it to better assist the people of Houston.

I trust that the money in this omnibus along with monies from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will begin to bring not only relief but life to our economy.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE HONORABLE ANDREW DEGRAFFENREIDT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and achievements of my dear friend, The Honorable Andrew DeGraffenreidt. Andrew died last week, at age 80, in a West Palm Beach hospital, his health having deteriorated since breaking his hip socket in October. My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this most difficult time, and I hope that they may take some comfort in knowing that Andrew had a profound impact on those in our community and made significant contributions to the lives of so many Floridians.

Andrew was born in Kansas City, Missouri and reared in Hollandale, Mississippi. From an early age he showed the remarkable intellect that would serve him so well in the years to come, earning a Bachelor of Science degree from Tougaloo College, Mississippi, where he also met his wife, Eddie Pearl. Andrew went on to earn a Master of Science degree in Zoology from Pennsylvania State University in State College, Pennsylvania.

Andrew put his education to work immediately, starting work as a teacher at Dillard High School in Fort Lauderdale, before moving to Everglades Junior High, where he headed the science department, retiring in 1982. Additionally, he was the teacher for several programs for the Broward County School's ITV Center, including a program that focused on the contributions of minorities to the development of the United States. Andrew was a magnificent mentor to so many that he taught and had a profound impact on the lives of his students.

Madam Speaker, Andrew had also had a distinguished career in publicly-elected office, and it is perhaps through this career that he had the greatest influence. Andrew was the first African American elected to the Fort Lauderdale City Commission, serving three terms from 1973-1979. He achieved this office before the city created political districts in 1988, and remains the only African American to have won this office when it was contested city-wide. Andrew was also the first African-American Superintendent of Parks for the city, and served on the boards of Broward County's Urban League and United Way.

Andrew was a tremendous public servant. He was a champion of the city's neglected minority neighborhoods, working to establish a

Youth Advisory Board and to improve city infrastructure. He worked on reforming the city's police department, in particular pushing for the hiring of minorities and encouraging black and white police officers to learn from each other. He also played a key role in opening the Von D. Mizell Community Center in Fort Lauderdale's Dorsey-Riverbend neighborhood. The significance of his work was recognized when, in 2002, the Fort Lauderdale City Commission named the recreation center at Bass Park in his honor and passed a resolution naming Andrew as an Honored Founder of the city.

Madam Speaker, I will treasure Andrew's memory, and although his life has come to an end, his legacy will live on for generations to come. He will be remembered for his generosity and poise, characteristics which enabled him to improve the lives, and earn the respect, of all those who knew him. I am proud and fortunate to call Andrew my friend, and will miss him dearly.

IN RESPONSE TO H.R. 1105

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, the Democrats in Congress have a spending problem. House Democrats spent \$410 billion to fund earmarks such as: \$6.3 billion for AIDS prevention and research and \$1.4 million for energy efficient street lighting in Detroit. The Democrat leadership of this body believes that we can spend our way out of a recession. They believe that a Washington bureaucrat can tell you what is best for you and your family.

But House Republicans know this isn't so. We know that Americans are the hardest working people in the world. We know that Americans are innovative, inspiring, and resilient. Americans are the life-force of the world economy. What the American people need are tax breaks and sales tax credits so they can continue to run their small businesses, create jobs, and rejuvenate our economy. What the American people do not need is more spending for liberal special interest groups. They need opportunities for innovation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I was not able to reach the House floor to cast my vote on Rollcall 415 on June 17, 2008, prior to the vote closing. Had I been able to reach the floor before the vote was closed, I would have voted "no."

TRIBUTE TO FIREFIGHTER
LIEUTENANT JIMMY McCASKEY

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today to honor and recognize

the bravery of Bartlett Firefighter Lieutenant Jimmy McCaskey.

While vacationing in Florida Lt. McCaskey showed the highest form of human compassion and bravery when he risked his own life to save a father and son caught in the grasp of a powerful rip current generated by a hurricane while hundreds of beachgoers stood on the shore and watched. When Lt. McCaskey reached the two swimmers he lifted the father who was already blue in the face out of the water, onto his boogie board and kept him alert for 20 agonizing minutes while being relentlessly battered down upon from all directions by a surging sea until help finally arrived. Thankfully, this fisher of men narrowly escaped his own death.

In honor of this extraordinary act of selflessness, Lt. Jimmy McCaskey was awarded the Medal of Valor which is one of the highest honors for bravery a firefighter can receive. This award is administered by the 100 Club of Memphis and was presented to Lt. McCaskey due to his outstanding performance without regard for personal safety which should stand as an inspiration to all men and women across Tennessee and our Nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in both thanking and congratulating Lt. Jimmy McCaskey for his heroism; he is, indeed, a worthy recipient of this outstanding honor. And may God bless all of the Jimmy McCaskeys of America.

DONNA DENT

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I am proud to say that one of my constituents, Donna Dent, was part of the heroic emergency landing of US Airways flight 1549 that recently made headlines as a "miracle on the Hudson." Donna and her husband Bill live in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Donna is known by family, friends, and neighbors as an unshakably calm, responsible, and warm person. As one of the flight attendants on duty, Donna was an integral part of ensuring all 150 passengers aboard the flight made it to safety while the plane quickly filled with water.

With two decades of experience, Donna is known to have a knack for keeping passengers calm on flights, especially children. There is no doubt that she was an asset in preparing passengers for a crash and keeping passengers composed enough to exit the aircraft safely once it hit the river.

When people go out of their way to do service for others in such a kind and selfless manner it renews our faith in humanity. We are lucky to have had such a wonderful person from the Fifth District of North Carolina on duty and working to make the "miracle on the Hudson" truly a miracle.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of HR 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009:

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Megan Nicole Kanka Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 9956, Trenton, New Jersey 08650

Description of Request: I have secured a \$56,000 designated grant for the Megan Nicole Kanka Foundation, Check 'Em Out program in Division B of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009. This funding is to be used to purchase equipment to assist in background checks on volunteers at community recreation departments and athletic leagues. The Kanka Foundation is fundraising to share in the cost of this program.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: OJP—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: DARE New Jersey

Address of Requesting Entity: 292 Prospect Plains Road, Cranberry, New Jersey 08512

Description of Request: DARE New Jersey, Inc. is listed as receiving a \$200,000 grant for the High School Drug and Safety Prevention Project in Division B of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009. This funding will be used to teach students proper decision making skills and how to resist peer pressure in order to live drug and violence free lives. DARE's current budget includes additional funding for this program.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: OJP—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Police Athletic League of New Jersey

Address of Requesting Entity: 180 South Street, Freehold, NJ 07728

Description of Request: The Police Athletic League of New Jersey, PAL of NJ After School Initiative, is listed as receiving \$1,500,000 in Division B of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009. This funding will be used to provide after school athletic activities for students 8–16 years old in order to deter juvenile crime. PAL is committed to raising additional funding through local business and individual donations.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Greater Trenton Area YMCA

Address of Requesting Entity: 431 Pennington Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08075

Description of Request: I have secured a \$450,000 federal grant for the Greater Trenton Area YMCA in Division B of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009. This funding will be allocated for the completion of the new YMCA

building. The Greater Trenton Area YMCA has secured additional monies through loans and contributions.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: OJP—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: KidsBridge

Address of Requesting Entity: 4556 South Broad Street, 2nd Floor, Trenton, New Jersey 08620

Description of Request: I have secured a grant of \$94,000 for KidsBridge Life Skills, Gang Resistance and Violence Prevention in Division B of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009. This funding will be used for weekly crime prevention programs for middle school students. KidsBridge is a non-profit organization which hosts fundraisers and has permanent sponsors to facilitate the needs of the organization.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Trenton

Address of Requesting Entity: 319 E State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08608

Description of Request: The City of Trenton is listed as receiving a \$600,000 grant in Division B of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, for YouthStat Violence and Gang Prevention. The funding will be used to provide participants with customized community based programming including mentoring, work experience, life skills development and recreation for juveniles that are at the highest risk for gang and criminal involvement. The City of Trenton will also provide financial support as necessary.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mercer County

Address of Requesting Entity: 640 South Broad Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08650

Description of Request: The Mercer County Ex-Offender Re-Entry Initiative of Mercer County, New Jersey is listed as receiving a \$215,000 grant in Division B of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009. The funding will be used to provide a comprehensive case management program for prisoners returning to the community from the Mercer County Correctional facility after a term of incarceration. The County will provide additional funding for this program.

A TRIBUTE TO MS. PEGGY
NEWTON

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Peggy Newton for her service to the students at Hodgenville Elementary School in Hodgenville, Kentucky. She has taught for more than 30 years and was recently recognized as the 2008–2009 ExCEL Award recipient for her school district.

Ms. Newton's teaching philosophy is simple—everyone can learn. She is an outstanding educator who shows tireless devotion to her students. Ms. Newton shows her students how to believe in themselves and in their accomplishments by quietly and efficiently guiding them.

Ms. Newton's compassion for students is her first priority. She treats her students as her own as she works to encourage, inspire, and educate. She never forgets to set high expectations in her classroom.

When asked why Ms. Newton deserved this award, one of her colleagues wrote, "Because Peggy has a passion for teaching, her students have a passion for learning. She exemplifies the essential fruits of teaching that have enabled her to be such a successful teacher."

Ms. Newton's passion for making a difference in the lives of her students is an example for all Kentuckians to follow. I thank Ms. Newton for her commitment to the students in Hodgenville.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act 2009.

Request as named in the report: Widening of County Road 222, Cullman, AL

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account or Provision: Division H—Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009; Title I—Department of Transportation; Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), TCSP—Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Cullman, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 278, Cullman, AL 35056

Description of Request: \$285,000 in funding would be used to widen a County Road which provides access to trucks exiting the industrial park and accessing Interstate 65, thus allowing recently established companies, and future companies, the safe and efficient highway access needed.

Request as named in the report: 4-Laning of Airport Road, Gadsden, AL

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account or Provision: Division H—Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009; Title I—Department of Transportation; Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), TCSP—Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Gadsden, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: 90 Broad Street P.O. Box 267, Gadsden, AL 35902–0267

Description of Request: \$475,000 to fund the widening of Airport Road from two to four lanes from the existing Delphi plant (near Highway 77) extending south approximately 1.5 miles to Steele Station Road.

Request as named in the report: Roadway improvements to Winston County Industrial Park Road, Winston County, AL

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account or Provision: Division H—Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009; Title I—Department of Transportation; Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), TCSP—Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Winston County Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 147, Double Springs, AL 35553

Description of Request: \$95,000 in funding would be used to provide roadway improvements (base and pave) for the industrial park.

Request as named in the report: Technical Correction for U.S. Forest Highway 9, Winston County, AL

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account or Provision: Division H—Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009; Title I—Department of Transportation; Department of Transportation (DOT), Office of the Secretary (OST), Technical Corrections

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alabama Department of Transportation, on behalf of Bankhead National Forest

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 278, Double Springs, AL 35553

Description of Request: \$980,000 to resurface U.S. Forest Highway 9, Winston County, AL (which is also designated County Road 41). This language corrects an incorrect highway number in the original bill text.

Request as named in the report: Rountree Field Airport, Perimeter Wildlife and Security Fencing, Hartselle, AL

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account or Provision: Division H—Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009; Title I—Department of Transportation; Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), AIP—Airport Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Hartselle, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Sparkman St. N.W., Hartselle, AL 35640

Description of Request: \$47,500 to fund the construction and installation of perimeter security fencing at Rountree Field Airport in Hartselle, Alabama.

Request as named in the report: Economic Development Initiative for Downtown Redevelopment Authority, City of Decatur, AL for a Streetscape Project throughout the Downtown Decatur Redevelopment Authority corridor

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT, CRAMER, Sen. SESSIONS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account or Provision: Division H—Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and

Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009; Title II—Department of Housing and Urban Development; Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Decatur, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 488, Decatur, AL 35602

Description of Request: \$570,000 in funding would be used to conduct a streetscape renovation project in four blocks of the city.

Request as named in the report: Economic Development Initiative for Jimmie Hale Mission, Hayden, AL for the addition of new rooms for men seeking services, a library, additional counseling offices, classroom, a recreation/exercise room, and the expansion of the computer-based learning center

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT; DAVIS, ARTUR

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account or Provision: Division H—Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009; Title II—Department of Housing and Urban Development; Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Jimmie Hale Mission

Address of Requesting Entity: Royal Pines Recovery Center, 5 Guinns Cove Road, Hayden, AL 35079-4471

Description of Request: \$190,000 in funding will be used to renovate five rooms accommodating twenty additional residents seeking substance recovery services: a library, additional counseling offices, classrooms, a recreation/exercise room, and the expansion of our computer-based learning center.

Request as named in the report: Economic Development Initiative for the City of Winfield, AL for construction of a multipurpose building.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account or Provision: Division H—Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009; Title II—Department of Housing and Urban Development; Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Winfield, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Drawer 1438, Winfield, AL 35594

Description of Request: \$332,500 in funding would be used to construct a multi-purpose building which will be used for conferences, offices, a historical museum, and dressing rooms for a local, non-profit community theater.

Request as named in the report: Improved Crop Production Practices, Auburn, AL

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT; ROGERS, MIKE; CRAMER; Sen. SESSIONS, Sen. SHELBY

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account or Provision: Division A—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Appropriations Act, 2009; Title I—Agricultural Programs; Agricultural Research Service, Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Auburn University

Address of Requesting Entity: Auburn, Alabama 36849

Description of Request: \$1,293,000 in funding to be used for an ongoing statewide initiative on conservation tillage, precision, agriculture, poultry litter management, reniform nematode, soil substrates research and NSDL maintenance.

Techniques developed and used by industry under this program greatly increase soil conservation, productivity, and water quality, all of which are outlined as priorities by the USDA.

Request as named in the report: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service for Detection and Food safety, AL

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT; ROGERS, MIKE (AL); Sen. SESSIONS, Sen. SHELBY

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account or Provision: Division A—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Appropriations Act, 2009; Title I—Agricultural Programs; Food Safety and Inspection Service, Food Safety and Inspection Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Auburn University

Address of Requesting Entity: Auburn, Alabama 36849

Description of Request: \$1,748,000 in funding to be used for research to integrate sensor technology and data to address problems that arise in the food supply chain. The funding will be used to improve the safety of the US food system by developing the science and engineering required to rapidly identify, pinpoint and characterize, through an integration of sensor and information technology, problems that arise in the food supply chain.

Request as named in the report: University of North Alabama Green Campus Initiative (AL)

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT, CRAMER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account or Provision: Division C—Energy and Water Development and Related Appropriations Act, 2009; Title III—Department of Energy; Department of Energy, EERE—Weatherization and Intergovernmental Activities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of North Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: One Harrison Plaza, UNA Box 5004, Florence, AL 35632-0001

Description of Request: \$951,500 for funding to be used to upgrade energy systems, windows, conserve energy, reduce pollution, and explore possible alternative sources of energy for campus use.

Request as named in the report: Corps of Engineers, Black Warrior and Tombigbee Rivers, AL, Operation and Maintenance

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT; Sen. SESSIONS, Sen. SHELBY

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account or Provision: Division C—Energy and Water Development and Related Appropriations Act, 2009; Title I—Department of Defense-Civil: Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers, Operation and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Warrior Tombigbee Waterway Association

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 2863, 250 North Water St, Mobile, AL 36652

Description of Request: \$20,598,000 for funding to repair of spillway gates on

Coffeerville Dam & acquisition of upland disposal site for dredge material disposal. Special repair required to keep lock and dam operating.

Request as named in the report: Integrated Distribution Management System (AL)

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT, CRAMER; Sen. SHELBY

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account or Provision: Division C—Energy and Water Development and Related Appropriations Act, 2009; Title III—Department of Energy; Department of Energy, Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southern Company

Address of Requesting Entity: 600 North 18th Street 14N-8195, P.O. Box 2641, Birmingham, AL 35291

Description of Request: \$2,854,500 for funding for an integrated set of information systems needed to operate an electric distribution system designed to improve the delivery efficiency of electricity.

Request as named in the report: Corp of Engineers, Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Wildlife Mitigation, AL & MS, Operation and Maintenance

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT, CRAMER; Senators COCHRAN, SHELBY, SESSIONS, WICKER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account or Provision: Division C—Energy and Water Development and Related Appropriations Act, 2009; Title I—Department of Defense-Civil: Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers, Operation and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Tennessee Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Drawer 671, Columbus, Mississippi 39701

Description of Request: \$2,182,000 for funding of wildlife mitigation lands that were designated when the Tennessee Tombigbee Waterway (in Mississippi and Alabama) was constructed.

Request as named in the report: Corps of Engineers, Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, AL & MS, Operation and Maintenance

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT, CRAMER, DAVIS; Senators COCHRAN, SHELBY, SESSIONS, WICKER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account or Provision: Division C—Energy and Water Development and Related Appropriations Act, 2009; Title I—Department of Defense-Civil: Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers, Operation and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Tennessee Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Drawer 671, Columbus, Mississippi 39701

Description of Request: \$20,884,000 for funding to allow the Corps to carry out their responsibility to maintain and operate the waterway which provides economical and reliable transportation from the Gulf of Mexico to Mid-America.

Request as named in the report: Jacksonville State University in Alabama for remote campus and distance learning programs for small business

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT; ROGERS, MIKE (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account or Provision: Division D—Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2009; Title V—Independent Agencies; Small Business Administration (SBA), Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Jacksonville State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 700 Pelham Road, Jacksonville, AL 36265

Description of Request: \$200,000 to provide distance learning opportunities for non-traditional students and aiding the creation and preservation of small businesses in the local community.

Request as named in the report: Beville State Community College for a business incubator

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account or Provision: Division D—Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2009; Title V—Independent Agencies; Small Business Administration (SBA), Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Beville State Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 800, Sumiton, AL 35148

Description of Request: \$300,000 for funding to be used to renovate the complex housing the Business Incubator program, as well as expand technology and services at the Business Incubator.

Request as named in the report: International Services Council of Alabama

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT, CRAMER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account or Provision: Division D—Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2009; Title V—Independent Agencies; Small Business Administration (SBA), Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: International Services Council of Alabama, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: Room 535/ Madison County Courthouse, Huntsville, AL 35801

Description of Request: \$100,000 for funding to be used to assist with the promotion of foreign trade and investment with small businesses in north Alabama.

Request as named in the report: National Rural Water Association

Requesting Member: ETHERIDGE, BOB; ADERHOLT, ROBERT B.; LOBIONDO, FRANK A.; MURPHY, CHRISTOPHER S.; MCHUGH, JOHN M.; ARCURI, MICHAEL A.; CLEAVER, EMANUEL; Senators LEAHY, HARKIN, MURRAY, DORGAN, DURBIN, JOHNSON, LANDRIEU, REED, BEN NELSON, SPECTER, BOND, SHELBY, Craig, BROWNBAC, BIDEN, BINGAMAN, BROWN, CANTWELL, Clinton, CONRAD, DODD, KENNEDY, KERRY, LEVIN, LINCOLN, MENENDEZ, PRYOR, Salazar, SANDERS, SCHUMER, STABENOW, TESTER, WEBB, WYDEN, BARRASSO, BUNNING, CHAMBLISS, Coleman, COLLINS, CORNYN, Dole, ENSIGN, ENZI, GRASSLEY, Hagel, HATCH, INHOFE, LUGAR, MURKOWSKI, ROBERTS, Smith, SNOWE, Sununu, THUNE, VOINOVICH, WICKER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account or Provision: Division E—Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009; Title II—Environmental Protection Agency; Environ-

mental Protection Agency, Environmental Programs and Management

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alabama Rural Water Association

Address of Requesting Entity: 2576 Bell Road, Montgomery, AL 36117

Description of Request: \$11,500,000 to assist small communities with protecting their drinking water quality and complying with federal mandates.

Request as named in the report: City of Attalla, North Attalla Sewer Project

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account or Provision: Division E—Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009; Title III—Related Agencies; Environmental Protection Agency, STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Attalla, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: 612 N 4th Street, Attalla, Alabama 35954

Description of Request: \$500,000 to rehabilitate an outdated sewer system in a neighborhood of low- to moderate-income residents.

Request as named in the report: National Park Service, Save America's Treasures, Historic Peterson Hall

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account or Provision: Division E—Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009; Title I—Department of the Treasury; National Park Service, Save America's Treasures

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The University of Montevallo

Address of Requesting Entity: UM Station 6010, Montevallo, AL 35115

Description of Request: \$150,000 to renovate the current Ramsay Conference Center and Lodge, and expand the Center into the adjacent Peterson Hall (which is on the National Register of Historic Places).

Requesting Member: Rep. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Provision: Division B, Title II, COPS Meth

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Etowah County Drug Enforcement Unit

Address of Requesting Entity: 827 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901

Description of Request: The funding of \$1,000,000 from the Methamphetamine Enforcement and Clean-up account will be used to help the Blount, DeKalb, Etowah, Marshall, Marion, Morgan, Pickens, Walker Counties, AL Drug Task Forces specifically for their work investigating and destroying methamphetamine labs, investigating trafficking routes, training, and purchasing equipment.

Requesting Member: Rep. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Provision: Division B, Title II, COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Town of Somerville

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 153, Somerville, AL 35670

Description of Request: The \$65,000 grant would be used to update police equipment.

Additional funds will be provided by donations, fundraisers and the Town of Somerville General Fund.

Requesting Member: Rep. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Provision: Division B, Title II, COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cullman County Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 500 2nd Avenue SW RM 105, Cullman, AL 35055

Description of Request: \$2,250,000 to the Cullman County Sheriff's to establish a mobile data network, capable of communicating with local, state and federal agencies.

Requesting Member: Rep. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Provision: Division B, Title II, OJP, Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: George C. Wallace State Community College Hanceville

Address of Requesting Entity: 801 Main Street NW, PO Box 2000, Hanceville, AL 35077

Description of Request: \$200,000 to integrate physical security & early warning systems, emergency sirens & training. Working with law enforcement, first-responders & community agencies, prevention and response-focused strategies for all types of violence will be implemented. Approximately \$55,000 will be spent on equipment, including a campus warning system, and \$145,000 on high illumination lights.

Requesting Member: Reps. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT, Robert (Bud) Cramer

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Provision: Division B, Title II, COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Hartselle, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Sparkman St. N.W., Hartselle, AL 35640

Description of Request: \$160,000 for technology upgrades, including purchase, installation and training for up-to-date digital video cameras, in-car laptops and the networking backbone that operates the system.

Requesting Member: Reps. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT, Terry Everett, MIKE ROGERS (AL), Robert (Bud) Cramer

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Provision: Division B, Title II, COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alabama Department of Corrections (ADOC)

Address of Requesting Entity: 301 South Ripley Street, Montgomery, AL 36130-1501

Description of Request: \$375,000 to fully develop 3D virtual environment Situational, Training & Awareness Tool for ADOC's high-risk, maximum security correctional facilities and maximize their planning, training, exercise, and real-world response operations.

Requesting Member: Reps. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT, MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Provision: Division B, Title II, OJP, Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Auburn University

Address of Requesting Entity: Auburn, Alabama 36849
 Description of Request: \$1,700,000 to acquire and train detector dogs and train the officers that will handle the dogs with a focus on school safety.
 Requesting Member: Rep. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009
 Provision: Division B, Title II, OJP, Byrne Discretionary Grants
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Gospel Rescue Ministries of Washington, DC
 Address of Requesting Entity: 810 5th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001
 Description of Request: \$250,000 to continue and enhance the Mission's programs, including drug treatment and transitional housing for formerly homeless and addicted individuals in the District of Columbia.
 Requesting Member: Reps. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT; SPENCER BACHUS, ARTUR DAVIS
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009
 Provision: Division B, Title II, OJP, Byrne Discretionary Grants
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Jefferson County Commission
 Address of Requesting Entity: 716 Richard Arrington, Jr. Blvd N., Birmingham, Alabama 35203
 Description of Request: \$300,000 for a new E-911 Center which will combine police, fire and EMS response currently provided by 18 municipalities, cover 86% of the population, handle over 2.5M calls annually, and consolidate resources by reducing costs while providing more effective management.
 Requesting Member: Reps. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT; PATRICK KENNEDY, HAROLD ROGERS, ROSA DELAURO, C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009
 Provision: Division B, Title II, OJP, Byrne Discretionary Grants
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Crime Prevention Council
 Address of Requesting Entity: 2345 Crystal Drive, Suite 500, Arlington, VA 22202
 Description of Request: The \$500,000 will fund training, special programs, and the publication of training materials that communities can use to learn crime prevention strategies, engage community members, and coordinate with local agencies.
 Requesting Member: Reps. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT, CAROLYN MALONEY, JAMES MORAN, DORIS MATSUI
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009
 Provision: Division B, Title II, OJP, Byrne Discretionary Grants
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network
 Address of Requesting Entity: 2000 L Street, NW, Suite 406, Washington, D.C. 20036
 Description of Request: \$200,000 for the National Sexual Assault Telephone Hotline, a toll-free telephone hotline, National Sexual Assault Online Hotline, and RAINN's Nationwide Education and Outreach Programs.
 Requesting Member: Reps. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT, MIKE ROGERS (AL)
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Provision: Division B, Title I, International Trade Administration
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Auburn University
 Address of Requesting Entity: Auburn, Alabama 36849
 Description of Request: \$1,000,000 to further research in advanced polymeric materials.
 Requesting Member: Reps. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT, DAVID PRICE
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009
 Provision: Division B, Title I, International Trade Administration
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Textile/Clothing Technology Corporation
 Address of Requesting Entity: 211 Gregson Drive, Cary, NC 27511
 Description of Request: \$1,000,000 for advanced technology R&D, benefiting the sewn products and hosiery industry sectors through improved knowledge of body shape and the dissemination of said knowledge to improve apparel and hosiery fit and comfort for the consumer.
 Requesting Member: Reps. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT, DAVID PRICE
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009
 Provision: Division B, Title I, NOAA
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Alabama at Birmingham
 Address of Requesting Entity: 1530 3rd Avenue South, AB 720E 0111, Birmingham, AL 35294-0111
 Description of Request: \$700,000 to develop the capacity to assess the biological effects and disposition of nanoparticles as well as to establish systematic approaches to physiochemical characterization and pathophysiological impact of nanoparticles.
 Requesting Member: Rep. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009
 Provision: Division F, Title III, Higher Education/FIPSE
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Gadsden State Community College
 Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 227, Gadsden, AL 35902-0227
 Description of Request: \$95,000 to provide and enhance technology infrastructure between Etowah, Calhoun, Cherokee and Cleburne Counties for fiber optic planning and development, economic development and coordination and execution of workforce development.
 Requesting Member: Rep. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009
 Provision: Division F, Title III, Higher Education/FIPSE
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Jacksonville State University Canyon Center
 Address of Requesting Entity: 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, AL 36265
 Description of Request: \$95,000 for educational materials to integrate K-12 students, teachers, university faculty and federal agencies and improve science test scores and interest in science and environmental studies.
 Requesting Member: Reps. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT, Robert (Bud) Cramer
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009
 Provision: Division F, Title III, Higher Education/FIPSE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Montevallo
 Address of Requesting Entity: UM Station 6010, Montevallo, AL 35115
 Description of Request: \$190,000 to upgrade its campus-wide technology infrastructure to enhance the quality of education for students and establish a framework that is flexible to adapt to the evolution of future technology developments.
 Requesting Member: Rep. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009
 Provision: Division F, Title II, HRSA
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cullman Regional Medical Center
 Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 1108, Cullman, AL 35056
 Description of Request: \$238,000 to assist CRMC in improving the quality, speed, and availability of emergency room services to 150,000 residents of north-Central Alabama.
 Requesting Member: Rep. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009
 Provision: Division F, Title II, HRSA
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Red Bay Hospital
 Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 490, 211 Hospital Road, Red Bay, AL 35582
 Description of Request: \$381,000 to install an Open MRI suite at Red Bay Hospital so patients in this underserved rural area.
 Requesting Member: Rep. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009
 Provision: Division F, Title II, HRSA
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Walker Baptist Medical Center
 Address of Requesting Entity: 3400 U.S. Highway 78 East, Jasper, AL 35501
 Description of Request: \$190,000 to modernize emergency power transfer switches.
 Requesting Member: Rep. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009
 Provision: Division F, Title I, ETA
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Bevill State Community College
 Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 800, Sumiton, AL 35148
 Description of Request: \$238,000 to increase capacity in career technical programs that are experiencing an increase in available career opportunities, including automotive, machine tool technology, and others.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Mr. REHBERG. 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 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act:

INTERIOR

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: H.R. 1105

The Account: DOI—Bureau of Land Management Land Acquisition

Project: Meeteetse Spires Area of Critical Environmental Concern.

Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is the Bureau of Land Management.

Amount: \$1,000,000

Description: The funding will enable the Bureau of Land Management to purchase a private in holding within the Meeteetse Spires Area of Critical Environmental Concern.

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: H.R. 1105

The Account: NPS—Save America's Treasures

Project: Historic Havre United States Post Office and Federal Courthouse Revitalization

Requesting Entity: Society for the Preservation of Historic Structures, located at 306 Third Avenue, Suite 103, Havre, MT 59501.

Amount: \$100,000

Description: The funding would be used for the restoration and revitalization of the Havre United States Post Office and Federal Courthouse.

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: H.R. 1105

The Account: EPA—STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Project: City of Hamilton Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades Phase I

Requesting Entity: City of Hamilton, located at 223 South 2nd Street, Hamilton, MT 59840

Amount: \$500,000

Description: The funding will be used for improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant which will allow for better solids handling and improve water quality in the Bitterroot River

ENERGY AND WATER

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: H.R. 1105

The Account: BOR—Water and Related Resources

Project: North Central/Rocky Regional Water System

Requesting Entity: Chippewa-Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation, R.R. 1, Box 544, Box Elder, MT 59521 and the North Central Montana Regional Water Authority, P.O. Box 170, Havre, MT 59501

Amount: \$7,000,000

Description: Authorized construction of a water system to provide safe rural, municipal and industrial water for residents of the Rocky Boy's Reservation, Choteau, Glacier, Hill, Liberty, Pondera, Teton and Toole Counties, Montana. The Project is being jointly developed with the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation. The completed system would serve about 30,000 North Central Montana residents.

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: H.R. 1105

The Account: BOR—Water and Related Resources

Project: Ft. Peck Dry Prairie Rural Water

Requesting Entity: Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation, P.O. Box 1027, Poplar, MT 59255 and the Dry Prairie Rural Water Authority, P.O. Box 577, Culbertson, MT 59218.

Amount: \$10,000,000

Description: The project involves construction of a water distribution system on the reservation of the Fort Peck Tribes and the surrounding communities. The new system will supply clean water to 30,000 residents of Northeast Montana. The FY 2009 funding will finance an ongoing contract for construction of the water treatment plant and construction of treated water pipelines from the water treatment plant to Poplar and Wolf Point needed to deliver treated water on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation and for construction of branch lines in the Dry Prairie Project. The local share is nearly one-fourth of the total off-reservation cost.

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: H.R. 1105

The Account: BOR—Water and Related Resources

Project: St. Mary's Rehabilitation

Requesting Entity: St. Mary Rehabilitation Group, 74 4th Street North, Glasgow, MT 59230

Amount: \$500,000

Description: Funding request is for the first phase of a multi-year effort to rehabilitate the St. Mary Diversion Facilities and address associated environmental impacts on the Blackfeet Reservation. As authorized under Section 5103 of WRDA 2007, funding will be used to address project coordination and planning, NEPA studies, engineering design, emergency response planning, and right-of-way issues. The St. Mary Diversion Facilities import water from the St. Mary River Basin to the Milk River Basin in north-central Montana serving the drinking water needs for 15,000 in municipalities and 140,000 irrigated acres.

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: H.R. 1105

The Account: Fossil Energy R and D
Project: MSU—Center for Zero Emissions Research and Technology

Requesting Entity: Montana State University, 207 Montana Hall, P.O. Box 172460, Bozeman, MT 59717

Amount: \$5,709,000

Description: New technologies hold great promise to significantly reduce emissions from fossil fuels, but the engineering, economic, and environmental viability of these zero emission fossil energy technologies must be validated. This virtual center encompasses three national labs (Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), and Lawrence Berkeley National Lab (LBNL)) and two research universities (Montana State University (MSU) and West Virginia University (WVU)) in heavy coal producing states to monitor and validate deep geological carbon dioxide sequestration and clean power and hydrogen generation from coal.

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: H.R. 1105

The Account: Non-Defense Environmental Cleanup

Project: MSE—Western Environmental Tech Office (WETO)

Requesting Entity: MSE Technology Applications Inc., P.O. Box 4078, 200 Technology Way, Butte, MT 59701

Amount: \$1,903,000

Description: DOE, through their Western Energy Technology Office, has contracted with

MSE Technology Applications, Inc., (MSE) to provide support to DOE's environmental cleanup and closure missions. A typical project would develop this way: MSE and the DOE site would jointly identify a high priority mission need (for instance, unexpectedly unearthing unknown hazardous liquid chemicals during pit cleanup at Idaho National Laboratory and needing a method for solidification without chemical analysis). MSE would propose an approach, and upon acceptance by the DOE site and DOE-HQ. MSE would evaluate the technical approach at the Butte facility and then along with DOE site personnel test and implement the solution.

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: H.R. 1105

The Account: Corps of Engineers, Construction

Project: Fort Peck Cabin Conveyance

Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Omaha District, P.O. Box 5, Omaha, NE 68101

Amount: \$1,500,000

Description: Funds will be used to contract for sanitation, assessments/engineering services, surveys, appraisals, contract administration, and deed preparation. Funding will be used to continue communication strategy with stakeholders, specifically cabin owners, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Fort Peck Lake Association, BLM, and MT DEQ.

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: H.R. 1105

The Account: Corps, General Investigations
Project: Yellowstone River Corridor Comprehensive Study

Requesting Entity: Yellowstone River Conservation District Council, 1371 Rimtop Drive, Billings, MT 59105

Amount: \$430,000

Description: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Yellowstone River Conservation District Council, composed of 12 conservation districts along the Yellowstone River in Montana and North Dakota, are conducting a partnered feasibility study for 716,800 acres and 560 river miles in the Yellowstone River Valley. The study, authorized by the Water Resources Development Act of 1999, looks at how human actions have affected the river and its banks over the last 100 years. Once complete, it will allow the Army Corps of Engineers to make defensible "404" permitting decisions for railroads, governments and landowners along the river that take into account the cumulative impacts of development, and design appropriate mitigating measures. (Corps decisions on riverbank structures following the floods of 1996 and 1997 were found deficient in federal court because the Corps could not determine the overall cumulative effect of the permitting decisions.) It will also help local conservation districts define Best Management Practices for managing the river and riparian area.

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: H.R. 1105

The Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Project: Benefis Cardiology Suite

Requesting Entity: Benefis Healthcare Systems located at 2800 11th Avenue South, Great Falls, MT 59405

Amount: \$761,000

Description: Funds will provide bricks and mortar for a new Cardiology Suite, which will house catheterization labs, operating rooms, outpatient diagnostics, pre and post procedure rooms, and a patient education center, as part of the Benefis Heart and Vascular Institute.

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: H.R. 1105

The Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Project: Community Medical Center (CMC) mammography unit

Requesting Entity: Community Medical Center located at 2827 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula, Montana 59804

Amount: \$476,000

Description: This funding would allow CMC to redevelop and modernize its endoscopy department. The current endoscopy department lacks adequate space that makes it difficult for patient access and compromises patient and treatment separation.

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: H.R. 1105

The Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Project: North Country Medical Clinic-Eureka

Requesting Entity: North Valley Hospital Foundation located at 1600 Hospital Way, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Amount: \$404,000

Description: The North Country Medical Clinic allows for expanded services in obstetrics, urology, cardiology, orthopedics, physical therapy, ultrasound imaging, full time laboratory and other imaging services such as mobile CAT scan.

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: H.R. 1105

The Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Project: Roundup Memorial Healthcare health facilities and construction

Requesting Entity: Roundup Memorial Healthcare located at 1202 2nd Street West, Roundup, MT 59072.

Amount: \$333,000

Description: The medical clinic in Roundup, which was built in the 1970s, is in need of a remodel and renovation. Space limitations make it difficult for patients with wheelchairs to navigate throughout the clinic. Funds will be used to expand the facilities so that they are ADA compliant.

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: H.R. 1105

The Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Project: Beartooth Hospital

Requesting Entity: Beartooth Hospital and Health Center located at 600 West 21st Street, Red Lodge, MT 59068

Amount: \$333,000

Description: The current Beartooth Hospital and Health Center is an outdated facility—the patient rooms are too small, nursing stations are crowded, and that clinical information systems are substandard. These funds will sup-

port construction of a new hospital, including eight inpatient rooms, a larger emergency department to manage the hospital's exceptionally high rate of emergency care, a larger rehabilitation department to assist persons returning home from either Billings hospital after procedures such as hip or knee replacements or cardiac surgery, and a larger laboratory.

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: H.R. 1105

The Account: Higher Education

Project: Salish Kootenai College

Requesting Entity: Salish Kootenai College located at P.O. Box 70, Pablo, Montana, 59855.

Amount: \$238,000

Description: Funds will be used to develop training and certification programs in multiple nondestructive inspection disciplines for aging infrastructure. The curriculum will include necessary classroom courses, laboratory courses and at least one quarter of apprenticeship. No similar college training programs for NDI careers are available in the state of Montana.

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: H.R. 1105

The Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Project: Saint Patrick Hospital mental health facility

Requesting Entity: Saint Patrick Hospital located at 500 West Broadway, Missoula, MT, 59802.

Amount: \$285,000

Description: To meet the growing need for mental health services in Western Montana, Saint Patrick Hospital is constructing a new mental health care unit within the hospital's emergency department.

Funds will support the construction of three mental health/substance abuse rooms, a nurses' station, utility rooms and a security office, storage rooms for restraints and other equipment, a "sally port garage" with automatic doors that close to prevent flight by patients who might injure themselves or others at the facility, a state-of-the-art camera monitoring system for security purposes, and a supervisor station at the emergency department for mental health cases.

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: H.R. 1105

The Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Project: Billings Clinic cancer facility

Requesting Entity: Billings Clinic located at 2917 Tenth Avenue North, Billings, MT 59103.

Amount: \$285,000

Description: Billings Clinic will use funds to build a facility for cancer patients and their families as they undergo treatments at the Cancer Center. Through this service, Billings Clinic can provide access to the most up-to-date and innovative oncology therapies available.

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: H.R. 1105

The Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Project: St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation

Requesting Entity: St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation is located at 1106 North 30th, Billings, MT 59101

Amount: \$95,000

Description: St. Vincent Healthcare will use these funds to construct a digital mammography unit housed in a mobile van to deliver mammography services to underserved women of Eastern Montana.

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: H.R. 1105

The Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Project: Sidney Health Center

Requesting Entity: Sidney Health Center located at 216 14th Ave SW, Sidney, MT 59270

Amount: \$95,000

Description: Sidney Health Center is in the process of upgrading and enhancing essential medical care for rural northeast Montana. These funds will support new digital radiology equipment, laboratory equipment and other diagnostic equipment within an electronic medical record.

AGRICULTURE

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: H.R. 1105

The Account: Agricultural Research Service, Buildings and Facilities

Project: Animal BioSciences Research Facility

Requesting Entity: Montana State University, located at 207 Montana Hall, P.O. Box 172460, Bozeman, MT 59717

Amount: \$2,192,000

Description: The funding will be used for construction of a new Animal BioSciences Research Facility that would include meeting rooms, distance learning delivery rooms, offices and research laboratories.

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: H.R. 1105

The Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service, Research and Education

Project: Montana Beef Network

Requesting Entity: Montana State University, 207 Montana Hall, P.O. Box 172460, Bozeman, MT 59717

Amount: \$682,000

Description: The funding would be used for continuing educational programs aimed at meeting Beef Quality Assurance standards and information dissemination.

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: H.R. 1105

The Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service, Research and Education

Project: Brucellosis Vaccines for Bison

Requesting Entity: Montana State University, 207 Montana Hall, P.O. Box 172460, Bozeman, MT 59717

Amount: \$305,000

Description: The funding will be used to aid in eliminating the threat of brucellosis infections in wildlife and livestock through the development of effective new vaccines and vaccine delivery systems.

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: H.R. 1105

The Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service, Research and Education

Project: Barley for Rural Development

Requesting Entity: Montana State University, 207 Montana Hall, P.O. Box 172460, Bozeman, MT 59717
Amount: \$514,000

Description: The funding will be used in collaboration with University of Idaho and North Dakota State University to develop improved malt, feed, cellulosic ethanol and food barley varieties for barley growers in rural communities.

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: H.R. 1105

The Account: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Salaries and Expenses

Project: Greater Yellowstone Interagency Brucellosis Committee

Requesting Entity: Montana Department of Livestock, 301 North Roberts Street, P.O. Box 202001, Helena, MT 59620

Amount: \$650,000

Description: The funding will support research and activities to reduce the prevalence of brucellosis in wildlife as well as to reduce the risk of transmission of brucellosis from wildlife to cattle.

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: H.R. 1105

The Account: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Rural Cooperative Development Grants

Project: Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas (ATTRA)

Requesting Entity: National Center for Appropriate Technology, 3040 Continental Drive, P.O. Box 3838, Butte, MT 59702

Amount: \$2,582,000

Description: The funding will be used for ATTRA which offers technical information and assistance to farmers, ranchers and agricultural information providers interested in sustainable agriculture technologies and marketing methods.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE

Requesting Member: DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: HR 1105

The Account: DOJ—COPS Meth

Project: Montana Meth Project

Amount: \$1,000,000

Description: The entity to receive funding for this project is the Montana Meth Project at 305 South Fourth Street East, Missoula, MT 59801. The funding would be used in acquiring advertising promotion for the purpose of combating Meth addiction in Montana.

Requesting Member: DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: Department of Justice—OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Project: Montana State University/Billings—Academic and Skills Development

Amount: \$350,000

Description: The entity to receive funding for this project is Montana State University, Billings at 1500 University Drive, Billings, MT 59101. The funding will be used in the continued development and implementation of an academic program for inmates at the Montana Women's Prison that offers inmates general education coursework toward certificate or associate degrees, providing them with job and life skills.

Requesting Member: DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: HR 1105

The Account: DOJ—COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Project: Great Falls Regional Firearms Training Facility

Amount: \$282,000

Description: The entity to receive funding for this project is the Great Falls Police Department at 112 1st Street South, Great Falls, MT 59401. Funding will be used in the development and construction of a multi-agency facility to provide a realistic hands-on training environment that is conducive to protecting local and national security.

Requesting Member: DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: Department of Justice—OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Project: City of Billings Digital Video Project

Amount: \$269,000

Description: The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Billings at 210 N. 27th St, Billings, MT 59101. This funding will be used in purchasing digital in-car video equipment for patrol cars.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Requesting Member: DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: HR 1105

The Account: SBA

Project: Montana World Trade Center—Enterprise

Amount: \$300,000

Description: The entity to receive funding for this project is Enterprise—Montana at Gallagher Business Building, Suite 257, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812. The funding would be used in creating clusters of small businesses in areas including agriculture, food products, environmental and engineering services.

Requesting Member: DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: HR 1105

The Account: SBA

Project: Montana State University—(MMEC) Commercialization of Bio-Products
Amount: \$100,000

Description: The entity to receive funding for this project is Montana State University, Bozeman at 207 Montana Hall, Bozeman, MT 59717. The funding would be used in the continued development and commercialization of bio-based products.

Requesting Member: DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: HR 1105

The Account: SBA

Project: TechRanch University Centers Program

Amount: \$100,000

Description: The entity to receive funding for this project is Montana State University, Bozeman at 207 Montana Hall, Bozeman, MT 59717. The funding would be used in development of a pilot program for strategic business development in the rural areas throughout Montana.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Requesting Member: DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: HR 1105

The Account: FHWA—FL

Project: Montana Secondary 323 from Ekalaka to Alzada

Amount: \$2,850,000

Description: The entity to receive funding for this project is the Montana Department of Transportation at 2701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, MT 59620. The funding would be used for the continued improvements of Secondary Highway 323 in order to upgrade the corridor for a safer and modern standard of travel in Southeastern Montana, as well as a greater enhancement for commercial and recreational transportation.

Requesting Member: DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: HR 1105

The Account: FHWA—FL

Project: Livingston Railroad Grade Separation Undercrossing

Amount: \$332,500

Description: The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Livingston at 414 E. Callender Street, Livingston, MT 59047. The funding would be used in the preparation of environmental documentation, development of project design, and preparation of contract documents for bidding and construction of a railroad grade separated undercrossing.

Requesting Member: DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: HR 1105

The Account: FHWA—FL

Project: The Poverello Center

Amount: \$285,000

Description: The entity to receive funding for this project is the Poverello Center, Inc. located at 535 Ryman Street, Missoula, Montana 59802. The funding will be used in the expansion of the Poverello homeless shelter and soup kitchen.

Requesting Member: DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: HR 1105

The Account: Buses & Bus Facilities

Project: Billings Replacement Paratransit Vans

Amount: \$247,000

Description: The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Billings at 210 N. 27th St., Billings, MT 59101. The funding will be used in replacement of four handicapped equipped vans for the elderly and disabled community.

Requesting Member: DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: HR 1105

The Account: HUD—EDI

Project: Jefferson County Sunlight Business Park

Amount: \$142,500

Description: The entity to receive funding for this project is the Jefferson Local Development Corporation at 309 East Legion Street, Whitehall, MT 59759. The funding will be used in the development of infrastructure to foster economic diversification in the Sunlight Business Park project.

RECOGNIZING BEVERLY ECKERT'S SERVICE TO THE NATION AND PARTICULARLY TO THE SURVIVORS AND FAMILIES OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, ATTACKS

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution recognizing Beverly Eckert's service to the Nation and in particular to the survivors and families of the September 11, 2001 attacks. I am deeply saddened by the loss of such an inspirational and courageous woman, and extend my deepest sympathies to her family and friends on their loss.

Beverly Eckert was the widow of Mr. Sean Rooney, who died in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. Beverly had been among the most visible faces of the victims families in the aftermath of the attacks. Following her husband's death, Beverly co-founded "Voices of September 11",

an advocacy group for survivors and 9/11 families. Beverly was instrumental in the development and growth of this important advocacy group, which now claims more than 5,500 members.

Beverly and other members of the Voices of September 11 testified before the 9/11 Commission to help report on the September 11th terrorists attacks. Beverly worked admirably with the 110th Congress and was a key proponent in the final passage of the "Implementing the 9/11 Commission Recommendations Act of 2007"—the important legislation to effectuate the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to prevent, prepare, and respond to acts of terrorism.

All too tragically, Beverly lost her life in the devastating crash of Continental Connection Flight 3407 on February 12, 2009. As the tireless advocate she was, Beverly was on her way to Buffalo to mark what would have been her husband's birthday and launch a scholarship in his memory. We have all lost an inspiring and tenacious woman in Beverly. We must continue to honor her memory and her accomplishments, and carry on her mission.

This resolution acknowledges Beverly's service to the Nation and particularly to the survivors and families of the September 11, 2001, attacks; recognizes Beverly's work to help bring about implementation of the 9/11 Commission recommendations to prepare, prevent, and respond to acts of terrorism; and extends its deepest condolences to the family of Beverly Eckert and the families of all those who lost their lives due to the crash of Continental Connection Flight 3407.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution, honor the life of Beverly Eckert, and commemorate her valuable service to the 9/11 survivors and families and to this country.

IN HONOR OF CLEAN OCEAN ACTION

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Clean Ocean Action's 25th anniversary. Clean Ocean Action, led by Cindy Zipf, is a national and regional leader on the protection of our coastal environment. For twenty-five years Clean Ocean Action has fought against ocean dumping and the industrialization of our coast. They have also worked to improve programs and laws that protect public health at our beaches.

Most importantly, Clean Ocean Action focuses on grassroots organizing to create awareness about coastal environmental issues. They have been outstanding at rallying coastal communities and like-minded organizations against the industrialization of our coast and the degradation of our beaches.

We have come a long way in the last 25 years. When Clean Ocean Action started there were countless beach closures and medical waste on the New Jersey shore. However, with Clean Ocean Action's leadership we have been able to close eight ocean dumpsites and we now have powerful clean water laws on the books. Laws like the BEACH Act have ensured better monitoring of beach water, greater public awareness, and improved health.

In these twenty-five years I have stood side-by-side with Clean Ocean Action. I have introduced the Clean Ocean Zone, a comprehensive set of policies that will preserve the New York/New Jersey Bight as a great place for residents and visitors to enjoy. I will continue to stand on the front lines with Clean Ocean Action to keep our beaches clean and to protect our coastal environment.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring Clean Ocean Action and their leader Cindy Zipf for their environmental stewardship and their commitment to keeping our beaches clean, safe and healthy.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST MILITARY FLIGHT

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, United States military aviation was born in San Antonio on March 2, 1910, when 1st Lt. Benjamin Foulois launched a Wright Brothers "Aeroplane" into the air from a wooden take-off ramp at the Fort Sam Houston Parade Field. This first flight revolutionized military combat, and dramatically influenced public transportation and commerce around the globe.

March 2, 2010, will mark the 100 year anniversary of military aviation, and San Antonio would like to celebrate this in a special way. They would like to make military aviation a theme for the entire year, encompassing everything from San Antonio's Fiesta celebration to The Chamber's annual "Celebrate America's Military".

This anniversary will include a reenactment of Foulois' first flight using a replica of the original Wright Flyer at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

San Antonio is home to many aviation legends and firsts, among them: In 1924, Charles Lindberg became a flying cadet in the United States Air Reserve, training at Brooks and Kelly fields. Dr. Francis Kane developed the GPS system, which was originally used for precision bombing. On June 3, 1965, astronaut Edward Higgins White, II, a San Antonio native, became the first American to conduct a spacewalk. Gen Schielberg is father of space missile defense. U.S. astronauts used the centrifuge at Brooks City-Base for nearly 40 years to conduct space training. Brooks AFB was the first center for manned space travel.

All of this occurred as a result of the first military flight in San Antonio.

HONORING BRAD SCHIPPER

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate New Hartford Fire Chief Brad Schipper on receiving the 'Heroes Among Us Award.' Chief Schipper received this award for his dedication to his community during and after this summer's tornado and floods that ripped through Iowa.

This award is presented to an individual or individuals who, through their unique commitment and humanitarian spirit, have made exceptional and lasting contributions to their community. This is an everyday task that Chief Schipper has been committed to for the past 19 years as a member of New Hartford's Fire Department.

Our everyday public servants are individuals that keep our families and us safe and represent the very best of our communities. Chief Schipper has been dedicated to this objective and is truly a hero among us.

I am proud to represent Brad and the town of New Hartford in Congress. I congratulate Brad on his extraordinary accomplishment and ask you to join me today to honor the service of one of our hometown heroes.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 4

- 9 a.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine systemic risk and breakdown of financial governance.
SD-342
- 9:30 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine improving nutrition for America's children in difficult economic times.
SH-216
- Budget
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2010.
SD-608
- 10 a.m.
Finance
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2010.
SD-215
- Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine getting to the truth through a nonpartisan commission of inquiry.
SD-106
- Aging
To hold hearings to examine health reform in an aging America.
SD-562
- 2:30 p.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold closed briefing to examine Iran status report, focusing on nuclear and political issues.
SVC-217
- Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Investigations Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine tax haven banks and United States tax compli-

ance, focusing on obtaining names of United States clients with Swiss Accounts.
SH-216

MARCH 5

- 9:30 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine draft legislative proposals on energy research and development.
SH-216
- Veterans' Affairs
To hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentations of veterans' service organizations.
SD-106
- 10 a.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine American International Group, focusing on government intervention and implications for future regulation.
SD-538
- Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine transparency and accountability for recovery and reinvestment spending.
SD-342
- Judiciary
Business meeting to consider S. 386, to improve enforcement of mortgage fraud, securities fraud, financial institution fraud, and other frauds related to federal assistance and relief programs, for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds, S. 49, to help Federal prosecutors and investigators combat public corruption by strengthening and clarifying the law, S. 146, to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads, S. 256, to enhance the ability to combat methamphetamine, and the nominations of Elena Kagan, of Massachusetts, to be Solicitor General of the United States, Thomas John Perrelli, of Virginia, to be Associate Attorney General, and David S. Kris, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, all of the Department of Justice.
SD-226
- 10:30 a.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine United States strategy regarding Iran.
SD-419
- 2:30 p.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine how the Obama Administration can achieve an accurate and cost-effective 2010 census.
SD-342
- Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.
SH-219

MARCH 6

- 9:30 a.m.
Joint Economic Committee
To hold hearings to examine the employment situation for February 2009.
SD-106

MARCH 9

- 2:30 p.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine preventing worker exploitation, focusing on protecting individuals with disabilities and other vulnerable populations.
SD-430
- 5 p.m.
Finance
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ronald Kirk, of Texas, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.
SD-215

MARCH 10

- 9:30 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine budget for veterans programs for fiscal year 2010.
SR-418
- 10 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation to provide for the conduct of an in-depth analysis of the impact of energy development and production on the water resources of the United States.
SD-366
- Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
To hold hearings to examine the impact of potential climate remediation policies on carbon-intensive United States industries and creating climate-friendly economic and trade policies, focusing on how the financial crisis impacts the implementation of climate-friendly policies within the United States and among trading partners.
SR-428A

MARCH 12

- 9:30 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation regarding siting of electricity transmission lines, including increased federal siting authority and regional transmission planning.
SD-366
- Veterans' Affairs
To hold joint hearings to examine legislative presentations of veterans' service organizations.
SD-106

MARCH 17

- 9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine United States Southern Command, United States Northern Command, United States Africa Command, and United States Transportation Command.
SH-216

MARCH 18

MARCH 19

MARCH 25

9:30 a.m.

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Veterans' Affairs

Armed Services

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

To hold hearings to examine United States Pacific Command, United States Strategic Command, and United States Forces Korea.

To hold hearings to examine State-of-the-Art information technology (IT) solutions for Veterans' Affairs benefits delivery.

334, Cannon Building

SH-216

SR-418