

Since this accomplishment she has implemented and developed the WILD program. Every year, under the leadership of Ms. Brennan, the New Jersey State AFL-CIO sponsors the WILD Conference in New Brunswick, NJ. The conference brings key players together to address a wide array of questions of how unions help women and how women help unions. The conference is designed to ensure that union women will have the opportunity to be educated, develop leadership skills and build diversity within labor movements.

Ms. Brennan's WILD program began in March 2004 as a way to recognize International Women's Day. During the first year she brought together 75 women to spend the day at the Rutgers Labor Education Center. Over the years, the number of women attending the conference expanded to reach over 250 people.

The New Jersey State AFL-CIO has been a leading proponent for workers' rights in our community. Representing a robust one million workers in our great state, the New Jersey AFL-CIO has an impressive record of advocating on behalf of working families. The Women in Leadership Development conference is a unique entity of the AFL-CIO. As Ms. Brennan's brainchild, WILD empowers women in unions. For the first time in its six year history, WILD will be bringing ten union women from the United Kingdom to compare efforts globally. This unique program not only benefits my community, but provides an exceptional foundation for women all over the world to use in the advancement of their careers.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in celebrating the work of Laurel Brennan and the WILD program. Her advocacy for women in the labor movement has a lasting impact on many New Jerseyans and others. I am confident that Ms. Brennan and the WILD women will continue to inspire and benefit many others for years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE RETURN OF
THE 40TH EXPEDITIONARY SIGNAL
BATTALION TO FORT
HUACHUCA FROM IRAQ

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize, congratulate and welcome home the remaining Soldiers of the 40th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, part of the 11th Signal Brigade, to Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

The battalion's 600 Soldiers began their deployment in December 2007. The men and women of the 40th Signal Battalion supported combat operations throughout the Middle East as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom by providing secure communications and command-and-control networks for both U.S. war fighters and coalition partners. This was the third time the unit was called to war since the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan began.

This week the remainder of the 40th Signal Battalion returned home to a proud and grateful nation. They join other Soldiers from 11th Signal Brigade who returned to Fort Huachuca at the end of December from a similar mission in the Middle East. Together, the 40th Bat-

talion and the 11th Brigade Soldiers courageous and heroically completed their critical mission. They represent the best of Southern Arizona and our Army. As with all of our brave men and women, we are proud and appreciate their service to our nation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

Mr. CARTER. 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, FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act:

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Bus and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 2910 E. 5th Street, Austin, TX 78702

Description of Request: \$2,612,500 is received for Capital Metro's Paratransit Vehicle Replacement. Pursuant to, and in accordance with, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Capital Metro provides door-to-door van and sedan Para-transit service throughout Central Texas for persons with disabilities and senior citizens. This \$11.7 million (FY08 operating budget) program provides more than 500,000 rides each year. Capital Metro will be replacing many of the vans and sedans that serve this program, as they are retired during the coming fiscal year.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Temple Health & Bioscience Economic Development District

Address of Requesting Entity: 938 Canyon Creek Drive, Temple, TX 76502

Description of Request: \$381,000 is for the seed money to acquire a state of the art cyclotron and related equipment for the production of radioisotopes. Future funding requests may be submitted.

Cyclotron—\$2,350,000

Micro PET Scanner—\$265,000

Micro Lab—\$58,000

Lab Equipment—\$375,000

Shielding—\$32,000

Rigging—\$35,000

Building Construction \$425,000

Start-Up Funding—\$65,000

Misc. Expenses—\$17,000

Total—\$3,622,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southwestern University (Georgetown, TX)

Address of Requesting Entity: 1001 E. University Avenue, Georgetown, TX 78626

Description of Request: \$466,000 is for the TLCC, which is an innovative national model for a biotechnology, life-sciences and nano-

technology center for recruiting and developing emerging companies. The faculty and students of Southwestern University will participate in research partnerships and internships using the requested laboratory equipment, wet lab, and nanotechnology clean room.

Budget: Key equipment and activities to be funded through this one-time federal request are as follows:

VWR Science Instruments—\$48,549

VWR Wet Lab—55,924

VWR Clean Room—29,839

VWR Conference Room and Equipment—31,882

NanoScience Atomic Force Microscope—101,058

Leeds Instruments Confocal Microscope—95,000

Applied Biosystems Mass Spectrometer—35,000

Ground Zero Anti-static Flooring—2,295

Ground Zero Installation—2,000

Guardian Power Generator—16,500

Guardian Generator Pad and Installation—7,500

Indirect Costs (15%)—63,832

Total—\$489,379

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Higher Education (Includes FIE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texas State University (Round Rock Higher Education Center)

Address of Requesting Entity: 601 University Drive, San Marcos, TX 78666

Description of Request: \$476,000 in funding will continue to support the efforts to establish a nursing program at RRHEC. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) is an entirely new major for Texas State University only to be offered at RRHEC. Funding for equipment for the clinical and simulation laboratories and additional nursing faculty and staff for the simulations laboratories continues to be needed and FY09 funding will be used for the salaries for the nursing program personnel as well as the simulation lab equipment and operating costs. Future funding requests are expected.

FY09 Budget—\$1,500,000

Funding Request for Salaries and Benefits for Nursing Program Personnel—\$700,000

Director for Community and Continuing Education (1)

Administrative and Lab Staff (4)

Faculty (5)

Simulation Laboratory Equipment and Operating Costs—\$800,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Elementary and Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Communities-in-Schools, Bell-Coryell Counties, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4520 E. Central Texas Expressway, Suite 106, Killeen, TX 76543

Description of Request: \$143,000 was secured for the Youngest Victims of War Project. The goal of the project is to continue to impact the lives of a minimum of 1,800 military children in a positive way by keeping them in school and focused on performing to their greatest potential. To accomplish this, the CIS staff focus on the following components while case managing students: Supportive Guidance