

arts. Each learning center is a literacy-rich environment stocked with age appropriate books, as well as creative writing and reading materials. Students are encouraged to check out books, create journals, and engage in any type of activity that encourages them to read and write.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Health Resources & Services Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Children's Hospital of Orange County at Mission

Address of Requesting Entity: 27700 Medical Center Road, Mission Viejo, California 92691

Funding Secured: \$95,000

Description of Request: Funds will be used to purchase needed equipment to retrofit all patient rooms on the Medical/Surgical unit with sleep sofas to improve the comfort and restfulness of overnight accommodations for parents of children in the Children's Hospital of Orange County at Mission. To facilitate and maximize parental and family involvement in patient care at CHOC at Mission, the hospital maintains open visiting hours and encourages parents to spend as much time as possible with their children, including sleeping overnight with their children, in the hospital. CHOC at Mission provides a family lounge area, two separate parent sleep rooms with bathrooms, and sleep accommodations for parents in each room on the general Medical/Surgical unit.

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Account: Federal Highway Administration, Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Orange County Transportation Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 550 South Main Street, Orange, CA 92868

Funding Secured: \$237,500

Description of Request: Funds will be used for the examination of the technical feasibility of options to connect SR-91 Express Lanes with SR-241 and for the preliminary engineering for funding for the SR-91 corridor and the Costa Mesa Freeway (SR-55) Interchange. The SR-91 is the only significant transportation facility connecting Orange County and Riverside County. The facility is currently operating at full capacity during peak hours and is critical for the movement of goods from the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to inland destinations. The request is partly for examination of the technical feasibility of options to connect SR-91 Express Lanes with SR-241. A direct connection between high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes on the SR-91 and the SR-241 toll road will provide a new travel option for SR-91 commuters and allow for a more balanced distribution of travel along the highly congested SR-91 corridor. The request is also for the preliminary engineering for funding for the SR-91 corridor and the Costa Mesa Freeway (SR-55) Interchange. Constructing this project will alleviate current and future congestion at the interchange of SR-91 and SR-55.

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Account: Federal Highway Administration, Transportation, Community and System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Rancho Santa Margarita

Address of Requesting Entity: 22112 El Paseo, Rancho Santa Margarita, California

Funding Secured: \$95,000

Description of Request: The project will consist of removing failed pavement, installing new pavement in the failed areas, cold milling the pavement, overlaying the entire roadway surface with Asphalt Rubber Hot Mix, repairing the sidewalks, installing Concrete Access Ramps, adjusting utility manholes and water valves to grade, and installing new striping and traffic loops along the Antonio Parkway. The Antonio Parkway was constructed in the mid to late 1980s. Since that time, heavy use combined with the natural aging process has caused transverse block cracking, heaving, and shoving on its surface. A new surface course of asphalt rubber hot mix combined with full depth dig-out repairs will extend the life of the pavement another 20 years.

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Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiative

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hillview Acres Children's Home

Address of Requesting Entity: 3683 Chino Avenue, Chino, California

Funding Secured: \$95,000

Description of Request: This request is for construction and improvements to Hillview Acres Children's Home facilities. One of the biggest challenges Hillview faces today is their aging physical plant. The campus's relationship impact model was written and implemented in the 1970s. Since that time, Hillview has continued to be progressive in the way they treat and care for injured children. As their success in taking care of abused and neglected children maintains and increases in strength, their facilities have weakened and no longer parallel the quality of their program.

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Account: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiative

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Community Renaissance

Address of Requesting Entity: 9065 Haven Avenue, Suite 100, Rancho Cucamonga, California

Funding Secured: \$950,000

Description of Request: Funding will be used for the construction of affordable housing communities. With this funding, National Community Renaissance will undertake one or more large-scale neighborhood revitalization projects, develop or acquire and preserve over 10,000 additional apartments in at least 10 more states nationwide, and establish a best-in-class non-profit Web portal, a free information resource that will become the go-to location for updates and information assistance in using affordable housing resources. National Community Renaissance is one of the largest nonprofit affordable housing development corporations in the United States. It manages several business lines that contribute to the development and preservation of high quality affordable housing throughout the country, including development of new affordable housing, preservation of existing affordable housing

at risk of going to market rate, and full service construction management with expertise in multifamily and mixed use development.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE SANDY VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL CARDINALS FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, the Sandy Valley High School Cardinals football team admirably squared off against the Garaway High School Pirates on the night of Friday, September 12, 2008; and

Whereas, recognizing the game was not going their way, the Sandy Valley Cardinals, under the direction of Coach John Groff, exemplified the finest in sportsmanship and class by allowing the Pirate's team manager, Craig Gordon, a young man with Down Syndrome, to record his first touch of the football during a game; and

Whereas, Cardinals players allowed Gordon to carry the football into the end zone for a touchdown, giving him a memory and a feeling of pride that will last a lifetime, now, therefore, be it

Resolved that along with the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend the players and coaches of the Sandy Valley High School Cardinals for showing the very highest in class, sportsmanship, and character by allowing Gordon the opportunity to fulfill a dream of scoring a touchdown during a game in his senior year. Coach Groff, his coaching staff, and the Cardinals players have proven to be decent and honorable men who should be proud of their actions on the field that night.

TROOPS TO TEACHERS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2009

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

Mr. PETRI. Madam Speaker, today I am reintroducing the Troops to Teachers Improvement Act to improve opportunities for veterans to transition into second careers in teaching. I am pleased to once again be joined in this effort by Congresswoman DORIS MATSUI. I have been a supporter of the Troops to Teachers program since its authorization, and I am proud of its success over the last decade. Since 1994, this program has placed nearly 10,000 veterans in our nation's classrooms.

Troops to Teachers is a unique program that provides retiring military with a \$5,000 stipend to help cover the costs of teaching certification in exchange for three years service in a high-need school, which until recently was defined as receiving grants under part A of Title I. To further encourage participants to teach in schools with the greatest need, a \$10,000 bonus is offered to those who agree to teach for three years in a school with 50 percent of students below the poverty level.

This structure has proven very effective in transitioning qualified retiring military personnel into second careers in teaching. Indeed, Troops participants fill several critical