

some 60 freight and 6 passenger trains daily. The project will be developed and implemented with the communities, Norfolk Southern Railway, and the North Carolina Railroad Company.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Federal Highway Administration Transportation and Community Systems Preservation account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of High Point, North Carolina

Address of Requesting Entity: 211 South Hamilton Street, High Point, North Carolina 27261

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$95,000 for the High Point Greenway Project. The project encompasses a 3.8 mile greenway is located in High Point, North Carolina and funding will be used for completing the remaining 1.1 miles to create walking, jogging, bicycling and other recreational activities. The City of High Point is contributing \$1.3 million to this project, and needs federal assistance to complete the project. This project meets all of the requirements of FHWA's Transportation, Community, and System Preservation program from which federal funds are being sought.

This area is rapidly urbanizing and opportunities to preserve and develop recreational resources in the future will be limited. The High Point Greenway provides high quality healthy living resources to the citizens of High Point and Guilford County, as well as to tourists from across the world who visit the City. Some of those tourists include people who visit High Point for the International Furniture Market, which is the largest home furnishings trade show in the world, and is the largest biannual event in the state to which an average 140,000 people from more than 100 countries attend.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Federal Transit Administration Bus and Bus Facilities account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Greensboro, North Carolina

Address of Requesting Entity: Greensboro Transit Administration, 320 East Friendly Avenue, Greensboro, North Carolina 27401

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,140,000 for the Greensboro Maintenance/Operations/Administration Transit Facility, Land Acquisition, Design and Construction. This project, NC TIP number TD-4915, would replace the existing facility that is too small and outdated to handle Greensboro's growing fleet and operations. The facility will enhance the Greensboro Transit Authority's service delivery efficiency and the quality of transit services. No previous funds have been appropriated for this project. Dollars will be used for land acquisition, design and construction. Rep. MEL WATT is the lead on this request.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: North Carolina State Highway Patrol

Address of Requesting Entity: 4702 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$350,000 for the North Carolina State High-

way Patrol (NCSHP) Communications Enhancement project. Specifically, funds will be used to purchase and install a state-of-the-art communications console at Troop D Headquarters in Greensboro, North Carolina. The console to be replaced is outdated technology and parts are no longer available. Parts must be scavenged from other abandoned consoles of the same vintage (if they can be found) or fabricated.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alamance County, North Carolina

Address of Requesting Entity: 124 West Elm Street, Graham, North Carolina 27253

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for the 800 MHz Emergency Communications System Conversion project in Alamance County, North Carolina. Specifically, funds will be used to convert its current VHF emergency communications system to an 800 MHz emergency communications system between January 1, 2009 and July 1, 2009. The reason for converting to the 800 MHz emergency communications system is based on two primary needs: safety and interoperability. Under the current VHF system, there are areas within the county that are without coverage which causes a safety issue for many of our system users and health and/or safety issues for those in need of emergency services. There are times when the users are unable to communicate with anyone. Because many of the users in Alamance County are on different VHF systems, there is also a lack of interoperability between users. Currently, only the City of Burlington, the Town of Elon, and the Town of Gibsonville Guilford/Greensboro's 800 MHz system.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: North Carolina State University's National Textile Center and the Textile/Clothing Technology Corporation [TC]²

Address of Requesting Entity: N.C. State University, Contracts and Grants, Administrative Services Building III, Raleigh, NC 27695 and 211 Gregson Drive, Cary, NC 27511

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$100,000 for the National Textile Center and the Textile/Clothing Technology Corporation [TC]². Specifically, funding will be used for developing new materials; providing trained personnel, industrial partnerships and technology transfer mechanisms; strengthening the nation's textile research and education efforts; and improving textile and apparel production techniques. This request was almost made by Reps. WATT, MYRICK, Hayes, SHULER, and BUTTERFIELD.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Education Elementary and Secondary Education (FIE) account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNC-G)

Address of Requesting Entity: 1601 MHRA Building, 1111 Spring Garden Street, Greensboro, North Carolina 27412

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$250,000 for the ON TRACK—LEARN MATH project. Specifically, funds will be used to develop a reform-based problem-solving mathematics enrichment program for use in after school settings with elementary school-aged children. Undergraduate majors in elementary education at UNCG and elementary school teachers in Guilford County will team together to deliver the ON TRACK programs. The ON TRACK program, together with current efforts spearheaded by local and state curriculum directors, will address several problems related to mathematics instruction and achievement: the manner and methods used to teach mathematics, low student achievement, teachers' low expectations of students in this area, and the upcoming reforms to the NC mathematics curriculum in 2009. To foster student engagement and parent support for this program, the program will provide fun, stimulating activities that use hands-on experiences to reinforce conceptual learning. This project has not received federal funds and is lead by Rep. BRAD MILLER

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Health and Human Services Office of the Secretary account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNC-G)

Address of Requesting Entity: 1601 MHRA Building, 1111 Spring Garden Street, Greensboro, North Carolina 27412

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$238,000 for the North Carolina Council for Health Literacy project. Specifically, dollars will be used to support the infrastructure for this initiative, which would address health literacy. This includes support training for public health and clinical health professionals; statewide readability service, media campaign; and targeted research and evaluation projects. This project has not received federal funds and is lead by Rep. BRAD MILLER.

HONORING PATRICIA ANNE McKEE

HON. MARK H. SCHAUER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

Mr. SCHAUER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor today one of Michigan's finest postal service employees, Patricia Anne McKee of Albion, Michigan. Patricia is retiring after 35 years of service with 29 years of supervisory and postmaster experience. She has been a postmaster for 25 years and a dedicated member of the Albion community for 22 years. Patricia has served our state with honor and distinction and has shown extraordinary devotion to her community, being active and serving on many boards and committees as well as volunteering in her spare time. She has done all of this as a loving mother to Travis and a loving grandmother to Kemar. In her spare time she enjoys reading, traveling, playing the piano and spending time with family, friends and special partner, Greg. Patricia is a model of patriotism and well deserves our respect and appreciation for her years of dedication to the postal service and the Albion Community.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY 2009 Omnibus.

AGRICULTURE, FDA AND RELATED PROGRAMS

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Miami

Address of Requesting Entity: 4600 Rickenbacker Causeway, Miami, FL 33149

Description of Request: I have secured \$2,494,000 for the Southeastern Climate Consortium Application of Climate Forecasts in the Southeastern United States. The Consortium reduces economic risks and improves social well-being by providing climate information that is integral to agricultural decision-making. The program seeks to develop flood forecasting methods to help farmers and producers plan for reducing risks of economic losses and environmental damage; develop partnerships and methods for incorporating climate forecasts and other climate information into agricultural and water policy decisions; and begin development of a prototype decision support system for the application of climate forecasts to water resource management, especially for agricultural water use.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Hialeah

Address of Requesting Entity: 501 Palm Avenue, Hialeah, FL 33010

Description of Request: I have secured \$600,000 to enhance the City of Hialeah police department's current radio system which does not allow for radio interoperability among other law enforcement agencies, especially important during times of statewide response to natural disasters, domestic security incidents or multi-agency jurisdictional public safety efforts. The XPS radio system would bridge the current gap and achieve interoperability with the State of Florida by replacing and upgrading fixed end, portable and mobile radio communication equipment.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Department of Commerce, NOAA, Operations, Research and Facilities account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Florida International University

Address of Requesting Entity: University Park Campus, 11200 SW 8th Street, Miami, FL 33199

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 to develop the capability of real-time forecasting for storm surges associated with

hurricane activity and flooding. The State of Florida is completing a state-wide collection of data from airborne lasers to record detailed elevation information. Combined with new computational capabilities and overland flow algorithms, the proposed models would allow Florida the best understanding of storm surge effects and subsequent planning advantages. This new information will save lives and mitigate property loss due to storm surge flooding.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Department of Justice, Juvenile Justice account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: ARISE Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: 4001 Edmund Benson Boulevard, Miami, FL 33178

Description of Request: I have secured \$300,000 to educate at-risk youth. Established in 1986, ARISE has trained over 5,000 certified life skills instructors who have gone on to teach over 3,600,000 documented hours of evidence-based life skills lessons. Specifically targeting high-risk youth, ARISE's goal is to stop the cycle of crime and violence while offenders are young enough to learn life lessons—and ultimately, to reduce rates of recidivism, drug abuse and violence while building skills to keep juveniles in school and out of harm's way. The ARISE Life Management Skills Lessons provide both training and program materials for teaching such lessons to incarcerated youth through interactive methods that help develop positive social and emotional skills needed to break the cycle of violence and crime that would otherwise doom many of today's juvenile offenders. Further, it provides demonstrable outcome measures on the value of expanding this statistically proven, award-winning, professionally managed intervention program.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Department of Justice, Juvenile Justice account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Miami-Dade County, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 111 NW 1st Street, Suite 1032, Miami, FL 33128

Description of Request: I have secured \$200,000 to continue the partnership between Miami-Dade County and the Department of Justice in administering the JAC program which has been recognized by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy for its exemplary results in reducing the recidivism rate among juveniles in Miami-Dade County. The Office of Justice Programs also strongly supports the JAC's initiative to provide an expanded data base, as it could offer valuable lessons to other large jurisdictions across the U.S. The Juvenile Assessment Center, a centralized processing, referral, and evaluation center for all juveniles arrested in Dade County, opened in late October 1997 and has served over 100,000 arrested juveniles. The JAC allows representatives from law enforcement and social services to work together to provide a complete range of services at the initial stages of the juvenile's involvement with the Juvenile Justice System. Over 5,000 juveniles have participated in the Post-Arrest Diversion component of the project since 2000, with a success rate of 73% and a sharply decreased recidivism rate among juve-

niles in Miami-Dade County. A successful completion of this demonstration project will continue to reduce juvenile crime in Miami-Dade County and provide a valuable blueprint for similar efforts across the country.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Florida Inland Navigational District, Intracoastal Waterway Maintenance

Address of Requesting Entity: 1314 Marcinski Road, Jupiter, FL 33477

Description of Request: I have secured \$4,019,000 for the maintenance dredging of the Intracoastal Waterway in portions of St. Johns, Duval, St. Lucie, Martin and Indian River Counties.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Department of Energy, Science BER account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Barry University

Address of Requesting Entity: 11300 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami Shores, FL 33161

Description of Request: I have secured \$761,200 to fund Phase II of the Institute for Collaborative Sciences Research which is intended to create a state-of-the-art research infrastructure through new laboratory and teaching space. The focus of the Institute will be to prepare minority leaders for future work in healthcare professions while facilitating important research that has a direct benefit on minority populations in my South Florida community. Barry University is one of the largest independent universities in Florida. The university boasts a student body that is more than 60% minority and 42% are the first in their family to attend college.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Office of Science, BER account
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. Thomas University

Address of Requesting Entity: 16401 NW 37th Avenue, Miami Gardens, FL 33054

Description of Request: I have secured \$570,200 for a continuation of the university's Minority Science Program and its commitment to attract top minority students to pursue a career in science and provide them with up-to-date laboratories, cutting edge curriculum, experienced professors and research opportunities. To this end, STU is constructing a state-of-the-art science facility, the Carnival Cruise Lines Science and Technology Building. The U-CORTE project will be located in the space vacated by the Department of Natural Sciences when it moves to the new building. It consists of establishing a university-community resource center and programs to stimulate and expand linkages between the university and local community partners. This partnership will address disparities in access to critical health, mental health and legal services in the low-income, minority communities of Miami Gardens and Opa Locka, which are adjacent to St. Thomas University.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus