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 Account: Economic Development Initiatives  
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Trust for Thomas Edison & Henry Ford Winter Estates, Inc.  
 Address of Requesting Entity: 2350 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida 33901  
 Description of Request: The requested funding will be utilized for the restoration of the Edison and Ford Estates research laboratory.  
 Amount: \$142,500

IN RECOGNITION OF SOCCER TEAM AT URSULINE ACADEMY OF DALLAS

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 10, 2009*

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to proudly recognize the soccer team at Ursuline Academy of Dallas on winning the prestigious TAPPS 5A State Championship title for the 19th consecutive year.

At the Mata Stadium in San Antonio, Ursuline and Nolan Catholic High School of Fort Worth battled for the State Championship title for the eighth consecutive year. In this final game, Ursuline successfully defended its title with a score of 2 to 1. Both goals were scored in the first half by Sophie Campise. Led by Head Coach Jamie Cantrell, these young ladies committed themselves to a tradition of winning and dedicated countless hours practicing to hone their ability to perform as a team. This prestigious title of State Champion speaks loudly of their discipline and hard work.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our heartfelt congratulations to the members of the soccer team for their well deserved victory. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RON KLEIN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 10, 2009*

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit how I would have voted on March 9, 2009, when I was tending to a family commitment, for which the timing was not flexible.

Had I voted, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall No. 110; "yes" on rollcall No. 111; "yes" on rollcall No. 111.

IN CELEBRATION OF EBBY HALLIDAY'S 98TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 10, 2009*

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a true Dallas icon and a legendary woman that has changed the real estate industry, Ebby Halliday Acers. She cele-

brates her ninety-eighth birthday on March 9th.

Ebby first arrived in Dallas in 1938 and soon after owned and ran her own boutique called Ebby's Hats. After being approached by a developer in 1945, Ebby went from selling hats to selling houses. Together with her beloved husband, Maurice Acers, Ebby Halliday Realtors was founded. The company's inventory began with fifty-two houses on the old Walnut Hill Golf Course in North Dallas, but has steadily grown year after year into one of the most successful and widely recognized real estate firms in the country. Aside from her entrepreneurial spirit, her success can be attributed to the great care and attention she gives to her employees and agents as well as her buyers. This personal touch includes nurturing talent as well as meeting with new employees, making them feel welcomed. Over the course of her career she has received numerous awards such as the Horatio Alger Award in 2005 and the Visionary Award from Foundation Fighting Blindness and the Linz Award in 2008.

Aside from her professional achievements, Ebby is also known for her philanthropic spirit. She has generously given of her time and effort in addition to monetary contributions. Many nonprofit organizations and causes such as St. Paul Medical Center, United Way of Metropolitan Dallas and the Communities Foundation of Texas have benefitted greatly from her love for and dedication to her community. There is no doubt that the great City of Dallas is a better place because of her.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our heartfelt congratulations to Ebby as she celebrates her ninety-eighth birthday. I wish Ebby many more years of health, happiness, and prosperity. May we all strive to have the same generosity and dedication that she exemplifies.

RECOGNIZING THE STATE NEWS FOR 100 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 10, 2009*

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the State News at Michigan State University as they celebrate their 100th anniversary.

The State News was founded in 1909 as the Holcad in order to defend the Michigan Agricultural College against a series of articles and critical remarks published in the Lansing Journal. In 1925, as the Michigan Agricultural College changed its name to Michigan State College, the Holcad became the Michigan State News. In 1971, the State News became a 501(c)3 organization, run independently of the university.

Each year, the State News employs hundreds of students, training them in the areas of reporting, photography, design, and advertising that are critical to a career in journalism. Throughout its 100 years, the State News has served as a way for students to connect to each other on campus, voice opinions, and act as a watchdog for the East Lansing community.

Madam Speaker, a commitment to journalism is the foundation for creating a more in-

formed citizen body. I wish to extend my gratitude to The State News for its achievements, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing its 100 years in serving the East Lansing community as a successful student-run newspaper.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 10, 2009*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately on Friday March 6, 2009, I was unable to cast my votes on Approving the Journal, the Motion to Recommit on H.J. Res. 38, and H.J. Res. 38 and wish the record to reflect my intentions had I been able to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 107, on Approving the Journal, I would have voted "aye".

Had I been present for rollcall No. 108, on the Motion to Recommit on H.J. Res. 38, the Continuing Resolution, extending it through the end of Fiscal Year 2009, I would have voted "aye".

Had I been present for rollcall No. 109, on passing H.J. Res. 38, the Continuing Resolution through March 11, 2009, I would have voted "nay". It is high time we buckled down and got our work done in a timely fashion and in an open and transparent process. This Omnibus Appropriations bill is long overdue, but at the same time we should not be throwing a bill on the House floor that has been cobbled together by a select few Democrats behind closed doors. The result is what we witnessed in the Senate where it could not pass by the time the current CR expired and the need arose to pass another short term CR through March 11, 2009. This process needs reform and it is my hope that the FY2010 Appropriations process will move under regular order and by the start of the new fiscal year on October 1, 2009.

IN RECOGNITION OF J.L. LONG MIDDLE SCHOOL CELEBRATING ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 10, 2009*

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor J.L. Long Middle School in Dallas, Texas which will be celebrating its 75th anniversary on April 2, 2009.

Initially established as the second junior high school in Dallas, J.L. Long first opened its doors to 550 students in 1933. Over the course of its history, this school has educated thousands of bright young minds, providing them with a firm foundation for success. In 2006, its student body expanded to include sixth graders. The J.L. Long science team was named state champion in the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school years while the math team consistently placed in the top six in the state for the past several years. Aside from its many academic accomplishments, J.L. Long Middle School boasts an impressive history and record of parental involvement. The Works

Progress Administration (WPA) Depression Mural by Olin Travis is proudly displayed in their library and in 2004 the school was designated as a Dallas Historical Landmark. The PTA Board has been recognized for generously contributing over 8,500 volunteer service hours. J.L. Long Middle School's commitment to education and character building will help these individuals grow up to become mature, responsible citizens and our next generation of great leaders.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating J.L. Long Middle on seventy five years of academic achievement. I wish them many more years of success.

HONORING THE ADRIAN COLLEGE  
ON THEIR SESQUICENTENNIAL  
CELEBRATION

**HON. MARK H. SCHAUER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 10, 2009*

Mr. SCHAUER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor today Adrian College on the occasion of their Sesquicentennial Celebration. Adrian College evolved from a theological institute founded by the Wesleyan Methodist denomination in 1845.

On March 28, 1859, Adrian College was chartered by the Michigan legislature as a degree-granting institution with Dr. Asa Mahan as its first President. For almost 100 years, the campus consisted of several brick buildings stretching along Madison Street. In the mid-1950s, the College, encouraged by the generosity of Ray W. Herrick, embarked in a building program that established the basis for the current campus. Today, when students walk in the area bounded on the east by Madison Street and edged by Downs Hall, North Hall, Cornelius House and Herrick Tower, they tread on the same ground that students hurried across in 1859.

In an era of many constant challenges that face our daily lives, the tireless efforts of educational institutions like this one, help to make our community, state and country an outstanding place to learn, live and work. It is with deep appreciation of the significance of this milestone that I commend Adrian College on the occasion of their Sesquicentennial Celebration.

HONORING THE DIVINE PER-  
FORMING ARTS GROUP FOR  
THEIR EFFORTS TO BRING A  
MESSAGE OF HOPE AND COUR-  
AGE TO AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

**HON. PAUL C. BROUN**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 10, 2009*

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Madam Speaker, As a medical doctor, I can tell you without any doubt that music and the arts have routinely proven to have a positive psychological affect on those with low spirits. All through history we have seen the use of music and dance lift hearts and minds. During the American Revolution and Civil War, music was a way of forgetting the horrors of war. During enslave-

ment, African Americans sang spirituals to give each other hope. And during the Great Depression, there were always music and dance shows to lift the spirits of the "Forgotten Man."

Now, in the great city of Augusta, Georgia, the Divine Performing Arts will be displaying their "amazing", "magnificent", and "spectacular" abilities on stage. This group of world-class performers will be presenting the beauty of traditional Chinese art as their way of fighting "against the negative impacts of the current economic situation and its consequences in the Augusta area."

As many cities across the world have already witnessed, these performers bring a message of kindness, compassion, and courage, while rousing viewers to help the downtrodden in their community. Certainly, these themes are inspirational and benefit all of the communities that they have visited.

Madam Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in both welcoming and applauding the Divine Performing Arts group to "The Garden City". They have shown past success in breaking down cultural barriers, and I hope my constituents in Augusta take the time to appreciate this special performance.

HONORING THE ADRIAN DOMINI-  
CAN SISTERS ON THEIR 125TH  
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. MARK H. SCHAUER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 10, 2009*

Mr. SCHAUER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor today the Adrian Dominican Sisters on the occasion of their 125th Anniversary. The Adrian Dominican Sisters are a Roman Catholic Congregation of more than 850 vowed religious women who trace their heritage to St. Dominic in the 13th century. Also serving with them are around 195 associates, non-vowed men and women who are committed to sharing in their mission and vision.

They minister in 31 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and in the nations of Canada, the Dominican Republic, Italy and Swaziland.

The Adrian Dominican Sisters serve in a variety of ministries depending on the needs of the people to whom they are sent. They also sponsor numerous schools, hospitals, retreat centers and a variety of many other businesses and institutions.

The weekend of May 15th through the 17th of 2009 will mark the 125th Anniversary of the Adrian Dominican Sisters' establishment of their permanent presence in the city of Adrian, Michigan. It is with deep appreciation of the significance of this milestone that I commend the Adrian Dominican Sisters on the occasion of their 125th Anniversary.

NORTHWEST INDIANA BUSINESS  
AND INDUSTRY HALL OF FAME  
CLASS OF 2009

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 10, 2009*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with deep respect and admiration that I rise to commend five exceptional business leaders from Northwest Indiana who will be honored as the Northwest Indiana Business and Industry Hall of Fame's class of 2009. Created by The Times and BusInEss magazine, induction into the Indiana Business and Industry Hall of Fame is determined by a panel of local civic and business leaders. While there were many deserving nominees, the individuals selected as the 2009 Indiana Business and Industry Hall of Fame inductees are: Calvin Bellamy, Don Burrell, Bruce Leetz, Cynthia Powers, and Burton Ruby. For their many contributions to the enhancement of Northwest Indiana, these honorees will be recognized at a ceremony taking place at the Radisson Hotel at Star Plaza in Merrillville, Indiana, on Thursday, March 12, 2009.

Cal Bellamy is the former president and chief executive officer of the former Bank Calumet, where he worked for an astonishing thirty-one years. Having served as Bank Calumet's CEO for twenty-four of those years, Cal made a lasting impression on the Northwest Indiana community through his immense dedication to many worthwhile causes. Now an attorney with Krieg DeVault LLC, where he specializes in financial planning, Cal has continued to champion the needs of his community. From working to improve schools to working to develop small businesses and affordable housing, Cal has led the charge toward bettering the quality of life in Northwest Indiana.

Don Burrell is the founder and President of Burrell Color Imaging in Crown Point, Indiana. Don, having gotten his start in the business world with a few hundred dollars he obtained from the sale of his car, truly understands what hard work and perseverance can attain. This is why a key aspect of his business strategy is to respect his employees and allow them to advance to their full potential. While his business has been very successful, it is Don's commitment to those most in need that is most commendable. Throughout the years, Don's staunch support for the Burrell Cancer Institute at Saint Anthony's Medical Center and the Saint Jude House women's and children's shelter has been truly remarkable.

Bruce Leetz joined North Coast Distributing in 1963 as a driver. By 1970, he was named president of the family owned business that has grown to become a multi-million-case distributor based out of Valparaiso, Indiana. Bruce's explanation for the success is the company culture, which is based on values that he has always lived by: passion, respect, integrity, commitment, and excelling, which he refers to as the PRICE of success. While other companies throughout Northwest Indiana have surely replicated this structure, it is the exemplary commitment to their community that set Bruce Leetz and North Coast Distributing apart. In 2008 alone, North Coast raised nearly \$80,000 for Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital to help find a cure for childhood cancer.