

funds in this program are necessary to protect the well drinking water of over 21 million American citizens. As a national nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring individuals receive safe water from household wells and small water systems, this organization deals with a vast constituency and provides essential services that make it possible for commerce and communities to thrive.

Finance Plan: The funds in this program will go to provide clean water for over 21 million Americans.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Mr. ROSKAM. 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 PETER ROSKAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Education, National Projects, Safe Schools and Citizenship Education, Economic Education Exchange Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Center for Civic Education

Address of Requesting Entity: 5145 Douglas Fir Road, Calabasas, CA 91302

Description of Request: I rise in support of funding I helped secure in H.R. 1105, the FY09 Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009, for the Cooperative Education Exchange Program activities under the Education for Democracy Act. The Cooperative Education Exchange Program in economics is an important one that provides American educators the opportunity to join their counterparts from countries making the transition to a market economy. This provides these emerging areas with the benefit of assistance to education leaders in those foreign countries. It also provides the tremendous opportunity for us to have a voice in shaping these rising economies, and enabling us to think afresh about our own system, giving us the added benefit of enhanced critical self-evaluation. I am proud to support this program that has cast a wide influence—teachers and students from 43 states and DC have been able to engage teachers and students from more than 30 emerging democracies on the principles and institutions of a market economy and their interaction with a democracy.

HONORING THE CAMELOT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Camelot Neighborhood Watch Program (CNWP) of Fairfax County, Virginia.

In the 30 years since its inception, the CNWP has achieved great success, helping

lower the general crime rate in its community. As the former Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, I can personally attest to the program's accomplishments.

The CNWP boasts the largest number of volunteers in Northern Virginia. These volunteers have committed themselves to informing local police of suspicious activities. While it is financially and logistically impossible to place a police officer on every street corner, the CNWP has provided Fairfax County with an effective alternative. CNWP volunteers have become the eyes and ears of local police, deterring crime and saving taxpayers millions of dollars.

Those who take the time to cast a watchful eye on their surroundings ensure a safer, friendlier place to live. Through committed neighborhood watch, CNWP participants have proven that community involvement can make a difference.

It is important to note that CNWP has embraced neighborhood diversity. Participants have bridged culture and language gaps in the name of collective security. By recognizing shared community values, the CNWP has facilitated improved understanding and relations between individuals from a variety of backgrounds.

One of the greatest assets of the CNWP is its ability to bring neighbors together. In that spirit I am proud to recognize Mr. Paul Cevey, CNWP founder and Coordinator for the first 12 years; Mr. Dave Shoner, his successor who for the next 11 years continued to mold the program into the great success it is today; and Mr. Frank Vajda who continues the great CNWP tradition.

Years of CNWP success have merited several notable accolades. The Fairfax County Mason District Police Department has recognized the CNWP as one of the most effective crime reduction units in the county. The Virginia Crime Prevention Association has recognized the CNWP as the Best Neighborhood Watch in Virginia.

The CNWP is the oldest, continuously active Neighborhood Watch Group in the United States. This highly accomplished neighborhood program serves as an impressive model for other organizations across the nation.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I would like to thank the Camelot Neighborhood Watch Program for 30 years of dedicated service to its community. Programs like the CNWP are vital in our efforts to combat crime. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding the CNWP's past accomplishments and in wishing the program continued success in the many years to come.

CONGRATULATING TEXAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY ON THE RENOVATIONS OF THE MAXINE AND EDWARD L. BAKER BUILDING

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Texas Wesleyan University on their efforts for the Rosedale Revitalization Project and the completed renovations of the Maxine and Edward L. Baker Building.

A historical building located at the corner of Rosedale and Wesleyan Streets, the \$1.2 million renovation of the 5,000 square-foot-space provides a community meeting room, offices and a café. The building has been named in honor of Maxine and Edward L. Baker, parents of Wesleyan Trustee Louella Baker Martin. She and her husband Nick Martin, Fort Worth philanthropists, have been generous supporters of the University. Ed Baker served as chairman of the Texas Wesleyan Board of Trustees fifty years earlier and his father, James B. Baker, served as a trustee beginning in 1894, extending the Baker family commitment to service for over a century. And with the help of federal funding that I secured which acted like a down-payment, and local efforts to multiply that funding, the university is now using the money to renovate locations like the Baker Building.

The project was made possible through the Rosedale Revitalization Initiative. Founded in 1890 in Fort Worth, Texas Wesleyan University is a United Methodist institution dedicated to the education of students in the region and beyond. The University offers a wide range of degrees for undergraduate and graduate students and educates international students from 29 countries.

I congratulate Texas Wesleyan University as it continues to progress as a distinguished and diverse educational institution assisting with the revitalization efforts of Rosedale Street, and I am proud to represent them in Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Friday, March 6, 2009, I was not present for three recorded votes. Please let the record show that had I been present, I would have voted the following way: rollcall No. 107, "nay"; rollcall No. 108, "yea"; rollcall No. 109, "yea".

HONORING BRIGADIER GENERAL PATRICIA C. LEWIS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Brigadier General Patricia C. Lewis. As her 30-year career in the United States Air Force draws to a close, I would like to draw attention to some of her accomplishments and contributions to our great nation.

Brigadier General Patricia C. Lewis is Assistant Surgeon General, Strategic Medical Plans and Programs, and Chief of the Medical Service Corps. Educated at the University of Philippines in Manila, she received a direct commission in the Air Force Medical Service Corps upon completing her Master's degree. In her distinguished career, she has served at Headquarters Air Force Material Command as Chief of Programs and Evaluations in the Office of the Command Surgeon, and at Headquarters U.S. Air Force as Chief of Personnel,