

nation's hospitals. I applaud Winter Haven Hospital as it celebrated its designation as a nursing Magnet hospital on Tuesday, February 24, 2009.

The Magnet distinction is a great accomplishment for Winter Haven Hospital, the first institution in Polk County to achieve this honor. The American Nurses Credentialing Center established the Magnet Recognition Program to recognize excellence in patient care and nursing practice in healthcare organizations across the country.

Recognition as a Magnet organization requires that an institution meet a series of quality indicators and standards in nursing practice. Only about 5 percent of our nation's hospitals have attained this honor, which is a true testament to Winter Haven Hospital's commitment to quality healthcare.

Since its establishment in 1928, Winter Haven Hospital has proven itself time and again as a strong local hospital with a reputation of quality specialty care and exceptional patient relations. In 2003, Winter Haven Hospital received the Best Places to Work Award by Polk Works Workforce 2020. The hospital has also received high marks for its Stroke Center, including the Gold Get-With-The-Goals Stroke Award received in 2008. Winter Haven Hospital has also earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval, and consistently extends a great deal of resources to community support, including babysitting classes for young teenagers and cancer support groups.

Under the leadership of President Lance Anastasio, I am confident that Winter Haven Hospital will continue to be a leader in providing high quality healthcare to the citizens of Central Florida and continue to grow as a center of medical excellence.

A TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL DONTE
JAMAL WHITWORTH

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to salute the life of Corporal Donte Jamal Whitworth of Noblesville, Indiana who died on Saturday, February 28th, 2009 while serving our country near Al Taquddum Air Base, about 50 miles west of Baghdad.

Donte graduated from Noblesville High School in 2005 and promptly joined the United States Marine Corps where he served for the last 4 years. Most recently he deployed to Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom where he was responsible for commanding supply convoys. Donte's commitment for this country is something we can all be proud of.

A marine and a soldier, he served to promote freedom. He gave his life in defense of his family, community, State and Nation. He made our world safer. He made his family and every American proud. For this, each and every American owes him and his family a great debt of gratitude.

Madam Speaker, Corporal Donte Jamal Whitworth is a true American hero who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country. He will be deeply missed, but the strength of his character and the courage he demonstrated through his service will live on. I ask my colleagues to keep his family and friends in their

thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

(1) Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2009 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill included in H.R. 1105

Account: Higher Education
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Eastern Illinois University

Address of Requesting Entity: 600 Lincoln Avenue, Charleston, IL 61920

Description of Request: \$190,000 for the Eastern Illinois University for the purchase of a new campus-wide siren and emergency system upgrade to extend the communication from the county emergency management officials into the classrooms and other interior public campus space. The proposed system will have emergency notification from both the classroom to the emergency responders and also from the emergency responders into the classrooms. The systems will be designed to crosstalk between the campus distributed fire alarm systems, computer network, and wireless speakers. This system will be expanded to provide more effective and efficient notification to the campus and public. Of this funding, \$90,400 will be used for 226 interior speakers at public locations around the campus, \$33,500 will be used to install the wireless computer center, \$6,700 will retrofit existing alarms and interface with radio connections, \$21,200 will be spent to purchase and install panic buttons and their mobile receivers across campus, and \$38,200 is set aside for Higher Education (FIPSE) administrative costs.

(2) Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2009 Transportation-HUD Appropriations bill included in H.R. 1105

Account: Economic Development Initiatives
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Octave Chanute Aerospace Heritage Foundation-Chanute Air Museum

Address of Requesting Entity: 1011 Pacesetter Drive, Rantoul, IL 61866

Description of Request: \$118,750 for the construction of a new building for historic aircraft display. Of this amount, \$70,000 will be used for property acquisition, \$8,000 will be allocated for a site survey, \$13,000 will be used to conduct a feasibility study by an architectural firm, and \$27,750 will be used for the installation of public facilities on site.

(3) Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2009 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill included in H.R. 1105

Account: Innovation and Improvement
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Writing Project

Address of Requesting Entity: 2105 Bancroft Way #1042, Berkeley, California 94720

Description of Request: \$24,291,000 for the National Writing Project to fund programs in teacher development, quality writing, and research to help improve student performance in writing across the nation.

(4) Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2009 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill included in H.R. 1105

Account: Innovation and Improvement
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Reading is Fundamental

Address of Requesting Entity: 1825 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20009

Description of Request: \$24,803,000 for the Reading is Fundamental program which prepares children to read by delivering free books and literacy resources to children in-need across the country.

(5) Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2009 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill included in H.R. 1105

Account: Innovation and Improvement
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Center for Civic Education

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

Description of Request: \$25,095,000 for the Center for Civic Education to be used to support programs that educate American students about our nation's fundamental ideals and democratic values.

(6) Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2009 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill included in H.R. 1105

Account: Safe Schools and Citizenship Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Council of Economic Education

Address of Requesting Entity: 1140 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 202, New York, New York 10036

Description of Request: \$5,019,000 for the National Council of Economic Education to support programs that educate American students about our nation's fundamental ideals and democratic values.

(7) Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2009 Energy & Water Appropriations bill included in H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District
Address of Requesting Entity: Clock Tower Bldg., PO Box 2004, Rock Island, IL 61204

Description of Request: \$8,604,000 for the first phases of construction of new 1,200 foot lock chambers at L/Ds 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, LaGrange and Peoria; for implementing small-scale navigation aids; and beginning ecosystem restoration projects along the Mississippi River and Illinois Waterway. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Army Corps of Engineers, Investigations account and has previously been authorized by P.L. 99-662 and P.L. 110-280 Sec. 8001-8005.

(8) Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2009 Energy & Water Appropriations bill included in H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District
 Address of Requesting Entity: Clock Tower Building, PO Box 2004, Rock Island, IL 61204
 Description of Request: \$17,713,000 to address the adverse impacts to the aquatic ecosystem caused by maintenance of the river's navigation channel. This includes habitat rehabilitation and measures to determine if enhancement projects are effectively preserving and improving fish and wildlife habitat on the river.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Labor, HHS, Education, Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughters

Address of Requesting Entity: 601 Children's Lane, Norfolk, VA 23507

Description of Request: Provides \$1,000,000 to the Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughters (CHKD) Health Center to provide optimal accessibility, convenience, continuity and quality of care by co-locating primary care practices, specialist offices, surgical practices, physical, occupational and speech therapy services in one location in close proximity to the interstate and within the heart of the city's pediatric population. Chesapeake, Virginia has the second highest concentration of children in the Hampton Roads region, with 20 percent of the pediatric population (ages 0–17) from the south side living within this community. The need for pediatric specialists in the Norfolk, Virginia area has outstripped the capacity of the current CHKD building, with all inpatient and outpatient services at or beyond capacity. Funds will be used to assist in the building of a centralized multi-specialty children's health center in the Norfolk area. CHKD has already demonstrated success in building a regional facility at Oyster Point in Newport News, Virginia, which is exceeding all patient forecasts.

TRIBUTE TO DELTA SIGMA THETA:
 BERKELEY BAY AREA ALUMNAE
 CHAPTER

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, Ms. LEE of California and I rise today to pay tribute to the Berkeley Bay Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority on the occasion of their 75th Diamond Anniversary on March 28, 2009. The Berkeley Bay Area Alumnae Chapter is the local chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated and encompasses the

Berkeley, San Francisco, and California Bay Area.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is a sisterhood of more than 250,000 predominantly African American college educated women. The sorority currently has over 950 chapters throughout the world including the United States, England, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas and the Republic of Korea.

The local Berkeley Bay Area Chapter was chartered in 1934 and has membership representation from all cities in the California Bay Area. The major programs of the sorority are based upon the organization's Five Point Thrust of economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, political awareness and involvement. Through their outreach they provide a myriad of programs and services benefitting local cities and communities.

This past week we were honored to welcome members of the Berkeley Bay Area Chapter along with approximately 1,100 members of Delta Sigma Theta from across the country to Capitol Hill during their 20th annual "Delta Days in the Nation's Capitol Conference." During their visit in Washington the Sorority members discussed a variety of issues including the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, DC Voting Rights and the 2010 Census.

"In Full Stride at Seventy-Five" is the Berkeley Bay Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta's 75th anniversary theme. We are honored to recognize this exemplary organization as it celebrates three-quarters of a century of service to the community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH
 BIRTHDAY OF THE CITY OF
 PRINCETON, WEST VIRGINIA

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th birthday of the great City of Princeton, West Virginia.

In West Virginia, transportation industries and coal mining have played an integral role in the economic development of the region. The City of Princeton is no exception. As early as the nineteenth century, emerging transportation technology, the railroad, and a Nation demanding West Virginia's coal helped form booming new industry in the Princeton area. Much of the coal produced was sent west to the Great Lakes region or east to Baltimore, New York City and New England, heating our great Nation and providing steam power to the U.S. Navy.

What was once a small railroad-side village in beautiful Mercer County is now a thriving city with a population of 6,300. Between 25,000 and 28,000 pass through each day, bringing business and goods to a city with a history as rich and varied as the state itself.

Many notable actors and sports team owners at one point called Princeton home. Kevin Sizemore, of the television show Prison Break, and Sam Eliot, who was in We Were Soldiers both hailed from our hallowed hills. And Ken Kendrick, owner of the Arizona

Diamondbacks, and Rod Thorn, President and Manager of the New Jersey Nets called West Virginia home in their childhoods.

February 20th marked the 100th birthday of the City of Princeton. I invite you all to join me in celebrating this great City! Happy birthday Princeton!

COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE
 REFORM ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, America faces a crisis in health care. Health care costs continue to rise while physicians and patients struggle under the control of managed-care "gatekeepers." Obviously, fundamental health care reform should be one of Congress' top priorities.

Unfortunately, most health care "reform" proposals either make marginal changes or exacerbate the problem. This is because they fail to address the root of the problem with health care, which is that government policies encourage excessive reliance on third-party payers. The excessive reliance on third-party payers removes all incentive from individual patients to concern themselves with health care costs. Laws and policies promoting Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) resulted from a desperate attempt to control spiraling costs. However, instead of promoting an efficient health care system, HMOs further took control over health care away from the individual patient and physician.

Returning control over health care to the individual is the key to true health care reform. The Comprehensive Health Care Reform Act puts control of health care back into the hands of the individual through tax credits, tax deductions, improving Health Savings Accounts, and Flexible Savings Accounts. Specifically, the Comprehensive Health Care Reform Act:

A. Provides all Americans with a tax credit for 100 percent of health care expenses. The tax credit is fully refundable against both income and payroll taxes;

B. Allows individuals to roll over unused amounts in cafeteria plans and Flexible Savings Accounts (FSA);

C. Provides a tax credit for premiums for a high-deductible insurance policy connected with a Health Savings Account (HSA) and allows seniors to use funds in an HSA to pay for a medigap policy;

D. Repeals the 7.5 percent threshold for the deduction of medical expenses, thus making all medical expenses tax deductible.

By providing a wide range of options, this bill allows individual Americans to choose the method of financing health care that best suits their individual needs. Increasing frustration with the current health care system is leading more and more Americans to embrace this approach to health care reform. I hope all my colleagues will join this effort to put individuals back in control of health care by cosponsoring the Comprehensive Health Care Reform Act.