

Engineers Lifetime Achievement Award, the Citizen of the Year Award from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., the American Public Works Association Heart of America Award, and Kansas City Globe's 100 Most influential African Americans.

Madam Speaker, Col. Gurnie C. Gunter was an honorable officer in the military and influential leader in the Kansas City community. I am certain that the members of the House will join me in extending their heartfelt condolences to his family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

ADJUSTING BOUNDARIES OF ROOSEVELT NATIONAL FOREST IN COLORADO

HON. BETSY MARKEY

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

Ms. MARKEY of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to adjust the boundaries of the Roosevelt National Forest in Colorado to exclude 7 acres of the Crystal Lakes Subdivision. In 2006, the Forest Service notified Crystal Lakes landowners bordering the Roosevelt National Forest that due to an inaccurate 1975 land survey, parts of their properties were within federal land. Landowners were advised they could buy the land from the Forest Service at market value. This is simply unacceptable. These property owners already bought their property in good faith and paid taxes on it. Many of the Crystal Lakes subdivision landowners have owned their property for over twenty years. Some even for 30 years. While we in the west respect the need for open space and national parks, the Crystal Lakes landowners should not be penalized for a mistake the federal government has waited for over thirty years to rectify. For the federal government to ask these landowners to purchase land they already bought is unconscionable. I encourage all members to support this legislation.

TRIBUTE TO BRADLEY YOUNG

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Bradley Young on earning an Eagle Scout Award. Bradley is an 11th grade student from South Hardin High School in Eldora, Iowa.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about 5% of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance based achievement that has maintained similar standards over the years. To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Bradley's project was working on the Good Shepherd Preschool Playground at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Eldora, Iowa.

Bradley has been involved in scouting since he was in Tiger Cubs and continues to be an

active member of the Eldora Boy Scout Troop 334, today. He has completed over 50 merit badges; 12 of which are required to become an Eagle Scout. While in scouts, Bradley has earned various awards which include: the Bronze Palm, Arrow of Light Award, 50 Miler Award, God and Country Religious Award, World Conservation Award and various others. Bradley is also a Member of Order of the Arrow—Brotherhood Level and completed the Den Chief Leadership training.

The example set by this young man demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Bradley Young in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues join me in congratulating him on earning an Eagle Scout ranking and wish him continued success in his future education and career.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROSCOE G. BARTLETT

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

Mr. BARTLETT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act 2009.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Maryland Federal Services Fellows
 Address of Requesting Entity: 2130 Mitchell Building, College Park, MD 20742

Description of Request: The funds would be used for develop and administer a public service fellowship program. The progress will infuse an elite corps of students/graduates into the civil service.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF PI KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RAYMOND ORIAN

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I am honored and privileged to recognize Raymond L. Orians in tribute to his lifelong dedication to the collegiate and interfraternal movement, as well as his 25 years of service as the Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of the Pi Kappa International Fraternity. Pi Kappa Alpha is a values-based college fraternity, with more than 200 chapters, 13,000 undergraduate members, and over 235,000 lifetime members.

Mr. Orians has spent his entire professional career, which spans more than 40 years, helping to educate college undergraduates and working to advance the North American Interfraternal movement. Most notable has been his involvement with the Fraternity Executives Association, as its president in 1994–1995, and as a mentor to countless other executives and staff members throughout the collegiate world.

He was also actively involved as president of the Coalition for Freedom of Association, an

action group consisting of several fraternities and sororities and other student organizations, which was successful in helping to secure federal legislation for the right of students to associate freely. This legislation became federal law and remains a source of law vital to the success of all student organizations today in their most critical area of operation, membership recruitment.

Mr. Orians has also been a strong advocate within Pi Kappa Alpha for the benefits of membership in the North American college fraternity. He has attended countless meetings as an advocate for their membership and is frequently consulted for his expertise in the field. He has also been a key point-person on the efforts to lobby Congress to pass the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act, personally walking the halls each year and also making certain that Pi Kappa Alpha is well represented.

At Pi Kappa Alpha's 2008 International Convention, Mr. Orians announced that he would be retiring from his post as Executive Vice President & CEO, a position he has held for 25 years. Prior to that, he also served as the chief housing officer for Pi Kappa Alpha for 15 years. In tribute to his service to Pi Kappa Alpha, Mr. Orians was honored with his Fraternity's Loyalty Award in 2004 and Distinguished Achievement Award in 2008. In recognition that he is a true source of inspiration in the pursuit of excellence by undergraduate members and chapters, he will forevermore be the namesake of Pi Kappa Alpha's Chapter Excellence Award. It is awarded annually to the top 10–15% of Pi Kappa Alpha chapters.

Mr. Orians' personal and professional achievements throughout his career have been outstanding by every measurement. He presided over the establishment of 67 new Pi Kappa Alpha chapters at institutions of higher learning throughout North America which included more than 100,000 new members being brought into its ranks. Under his leadership, a new Pi Kappa Alpha Memorial Headquarters was constructed and dedicated in 1988, with a new Gold Star Memorial dedicated on August 1, 2008 recognizing those fraternity members who have made the ultimate sacrifice in military service to their country. In addition, the highly successful True Pike program, a values-based educational and leadership program, was created, and the innovative Pike University was established during his tenure, benefiting thousands of undergraduate young men each year.

Throughout his career, Mr. Orians has been a tremendous ambassador and advocate for all fraternities. Given his involvement, achievement, and tenure within the Greek movement and within Pi Kappa Alpha, it is an honor for me, as one of his Fraternity brothers and a colleague in the collegiate Greek movement, to acknowledge with gratitude the distinguished career and service of Raymond L. Orians, on this, his final day as Executive Vice President of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

NATIONAL WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight the 10th annual National