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HONORING JIM SAXTON FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS
OF NEW JERSEY

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Saxton for his service to the United States House of Representatives. I was pleased to have the opportunity to previously honor Mr. Saxton at a dinner in Cherry Hill on March 15, 2009.

Since his time as an elementary school teacher and a small business owner, Representative Saxton has worked tirelessly to help the people of New Jersey. He served in the New Jersey General Assembly and the New Jersey Senate. He served the State of New Jersey in the House of Representatives for more than twenty-three years. He became the Ranking Member of the Armed Services and Resources Committee. He has been instrumental in efforts to keep military bases in New Jersey, to stop beach erosion, and to support New Jersey hospitals.

Mr. SAXTON. Madam Speaker, I am proud to call him my friend. I congratulate Mr. Saxton for all his accomplishments and wish him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS
OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Mr. PLATTS. Madam Speaker, I rise to announce the projects that I have requested for my Congressional District within the Fiscal Year 2010 Appropriations bills. My office is regularly contacted by non-profit and other organizations within the 19th Congressional District, as well as state and local government entities, to request federal funding as part of the eleven annual appropriations bills. This year sixty-five funding requests were submitted to my office and were reviewed by a ten member advisory board comprised of community leaders throughout the 19th District. The breakdown of requests was done on an approximate per capita basis.

Based on the recommendations of the board, the following are domestic projects which will be forwarded to the House Appropriations Committee for consideration. If more than five requests were submitted for a particular appropriations bill, rankings by the Appropriations Committee. Their appearance on this list does not guarantee that they will receive funding, nor that any funding they receive will be in the amount requested.

Labor-Health-Education Appropriations Bill:

Goodling Advanced Skills Learning Center is a non-profit 501(c)(3) training center providing industry-led training to incumbent workers, dislocated workers, and new entrants into the workforce. Training is also provided to high school seniors. The Advanced Skills Learning Center would use this funding to create the Goodling Innovation and New Technology (GIANT) Center. The GIANT Center will help private industry leverage their idle intellectual properties by matching them with existing companies and start-up businesses in need of those technologies, thereby serving as the link between technology excess and technology success. Additionally, funding would be used for startup costs of this initiative, allowing the GIANT Center to develop a resource network in the region, and assist with administrative costs, staffing needs, and marketing initiatives. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because, due to the increasingly competitive nature of the global economy, firms must innovate in order to survive by developing new technologies, products, and processes. The GIANT Center would play a critical role in working with companies, allowing them to remain competitive. ($300,000)

The William F. Goodling Regional Advanced Skills Learning Center is a non-profit 501(c)(3) training center providing industry-led training to incumbent workers, dislocated workers, and new entrants into the workforce. Training is also provided to high school seniors. The Advanced Skills Learning Center would use this funding to create the Goodling Innovation and New Technology (GIANT) Center. The GIANT Center will help private industry leverage their idle intellectual properties by matching them with existing companies and start-up businesses in need of those technologies, thereby serving as the link between technology excess and technology success. Additionally, funding would be used for startup costs of this initiative, allowing the GIANT Center to develop a resource network in the region, and assist with administrative costs, staffing needs, and marketing initiatives. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because, due to the increasingly competitive nature of the global economy, firms must innovate in order to survive by developing new technologies, products, and processes. The GIANT Center would play a critical role in working with companies, allowing them to remain competitive. ($300,000)

Hanover Hospital:

Hanover Hospital would use this funding to convert all paper records at the hospital to an electronic medical record system. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because the use of such records is proven to