

HONORING THE GENEROSITY OF
CLAYTON MACKAY

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the generosity displayed by one of my constituents, first-grader Clayton MacKay. His act of donating prize money to an Ecuadoran shelter was reported on Friday, June 12, 2009 in my hometown newspaper, Newsday. I am proud of the example he set and would ask that this article be submitted into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

[From Newsday, June 12, 2009]

FIRST GRADER MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School first grader Clayton MacKay wanted to help people, so he decided to make a difference in the lives of others by donating \$20 in prize money he won at a recent Easter celebration to Blanca House, a shelter located in Ecuador. The Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School administration and staff recognized Clayton for his thoughtful donation during a monthly school assembly.

Teacher Cecilia Doolittle explained that she has been talking to the students about the school's participation in a program to ship children's books and medical supplies to this philanthropic organization. "He asked me if he should donate some of his money to Blanca House, but after our conversation he decided to donate all of his prize money to this organization," Ms. Doolittle commented. "We are really proud of Clayton."

MOURNING PASSING OF JUDGE
SANDRA OTAKA

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of Judge Sandra Otaka, who died of natural causes at the age of 57 on the 6th of June, 2009. As the first Asian-American to be elected judge in Cook County, and the second in Illinois, she was a strong advocate for the Asian American and Pacific Islander community.

Born in California as a sansei, or third-generation Japanese American, she was a politically active young woman. She campaigned against the Vietnam War before enrolling as an undergraduate at UC Berkeley at the age of 28. During her time at Berkeley, Otaka worked to overturn the conviction of Fred Korematsu, a Japanese-American who was arrested in 1942 for not reporting to his designated assembly center for internment. Her fight for justice and equal opportunity continued during law school, where she protested the university's plan to scale back its affirmative action program. After graduating, Otaka moved to Chicago to work for a commercial law firm and later as counsel for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

After a racist comment by a Cook County Circuit Court Judge, Otaka, as co-chair of the judiciary committee of the Asian American Bar Association, led the effort to have him removed. She succeeded, with the judge failing to win the sixty percent of the vote required for retention.

In 2000, Sandra Otaka was appointed to the Cook County Circuit Court, and in 2002, she was reelected—the first Asian American judge in Cook County to do so.

Judge Otaka is remembered for her continual fight for the Asian American community and as an advocate for diversity on the bench. She is survived by her sister, Susan Smith, and her nephew, Jeffery, who she raised as her own after her brother's death.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning the passing of Sandra Otaka. She is truly deserving of our respect and admiration.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. 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. 2487, the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

I, Congresswoman McMORRIS RODGERS, requested \$500,000 on behalf of Washington State University, located at 1036 Wilson Road; Pullman, Washington 99164. The application submitted on Washington State University's behalf requested funding from the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Program's Edward Byrne Discretionary Grant Account. This funding will be applied to the Washington State University Research Center for the Study of Addiction: Methamphetamine, Prescription, and Other Drugs of Abuse.

The Washington State University Program of Excellence is known for its cutting-edge, world-class research into the treatment and prevention of methamphetamine abuse. This request will utilize existing infrastructure, which currently focuses on methamphetamine abuse, to focus on prescription drug abuse. Funds will be used to provide for one research fellow, including necessary equipment and materials, to be a faculty member in the Center of Excellence. The individual will be responsible for focusing on the effective treatment and prevention of prescription drug abuse.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I receive as part of H.R. 2487—the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project Name: Steller Sea Lion Comanagement, Biosampling and Outreach/Education
Bill Number: H.R. 2487

Department of Commerce, NOAA—ORF
Legal name and address of entity receiving earmark:

Alaska Sea Otter and Steller Sea Lion Commission

6239 B Street, Suite 204
Anchorage, AK 99518

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: TASSC will take a two pronged approach to sea lion biosampling. First, TASSC will work with two high harvest communities to fund local monitors-local residents that will work with the hunters and facilitate sea lion biosampling and help to monitor and document the local environment. Secondly, TASSC will train approximately 25 coastal Alaska residents on proper sample collection techniques and protocols from those sea lions harvested for subsistence.

Subsistence hunted Steller sea lion biosamples are very valuable to the research community. Collection and analysis of these samples can provide critical information that no other source can provide. It is recognized as a top priority activity in the 1992 and soon to be finalized Steller Sea Lion Recovery Plan. The importance of collecting samples from animals taken for subsistence is widely recognized by such groups as the National Marine Mammal Lab, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Alaska Sea Life Center and the University of Alaska.

Appropriated Amount: \$500,000

Detailed Finance Plan:

Personnel & Fringe Costs: \$312,300

Travel: \$89,000

Supplies: \$13,700

Contractual: \$50,000

Biosamplers: \$10,000

Printing: \$21,000

Sample Shipping: \$4,000

Project Name: Sexual Assault Response Team Center
Bill Number: H.R. 2487
Department of Justice, OJP-Byrne
Legal name and address of entity receiving earmark:

The Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Center
Municipality of Anchorage
P.O. Box 196650
Anchorage, AK 99519

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: Funding will be used for the continued development and operations of the Municipality of Anchorage Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Center. This project will support victims through care while participating in investigation and prosecution and help in prosecution of sexual assault cases through professional evidence collection, documentation, preservation and processing.

The SART Center is essential in the collection of evidence through the forensic medical exam by the sexual assault nurse examiner and its operations is essential in Anchorage's effort to reduce and eliminate sexual assault. The SART Iso responds to cases from other Alaskan jurisdictions that do not have SART programs, covering a large area, as the nearest SART Center is 200 miles away.

Appropriated Amount: \$400,000

Detailed Finance Plan:

Program Administration, Victim Advocacy, Forensic Investigation: \$340,000

Indirect/Communications: \$60,000

Project Name: The Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association

Bill Number: H.R. 2487

Department of Commerce, NOAA—ORF

Legal name and address of entity receiving earmark:

The Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association

725 Christensen Drive, Suite 3—B
Anchorage, AK 99508

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: The Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association (YRDFA) promotes healthy wild salmon fisheries along the Yukon River in Alaska. It manages programs to aid in the management through the gathering of data from subsistence harvests, Native Elders' knowledge and tracking fisheries issues impacting Yukon River salmon. The Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association also educates fishers and managers in responsible usage and ensures both are able to work to steward the salmon fisheries.

The federal government is obligated to maintain sustainable salmon runs on the Yukon River through the Yukon River Salmon Agreement and to provide subsistence priority under the Alaska Native Interest Claims Act. YRDFA plays a key role in involving the users of the resources in maintaining the salmon runs for which the federal government is responsible for managing.

Appropriated Amount: \$100,000

Detailed Finance Plan:

Policy Monitoring; Board of Fisheries, Federal Subsistence Board: \$40,000

Yukon River subsistence and commercial fisheries revitalization: \$15,000

Salmon By-catch monitoring and reduction: \$10,000

Fisheries education and outreach: \$10,000

Habitat monitoring; climate change impacts: \$15,000

Project Name i-Safe e-Safety Education and Outreach Initiative

Bill Number: H.R. 2487

Department of Justice, OJP—Juvenile Justice Legal name and address of entity receiving earmark:

i-SAFE, Inc.

5900 Pasteur Court, Suite 100
Carlsbad, CA 92008

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: This funding will allow i-SAFE to expand services to a projected 6.2 million students nationally by the end of the 2009 school year. It will also help to fund the i-SAFE initiatives that provide data to FBI, local law enforcement, schools and industry leaders such as USPTO, RIAA and ASCAP. This data is provided through the i-SAFE National Assessment Center—a compilation of student surveys that serve as the world's largest data base of student online behavior and attitudes.

Appropriated Amount: \$630,000

Detailed Finance Plan:

i-SAFE Inc. is the leading provider of e-Safety education and training in schools nationwide. i-SAFE also provides schools/districts behavioral statistical data regarding Internet behavior and usage by their students. i-SAFE programmatic assets address a broad range of e-Safety issues through a uniquely comprehensive and holistic framework that includes training of educators (i.e., Professional Development Program—i-SAFE has trained over 85,000 educators nationwide) both online and in-person, extensive community outreach programs towards parents, seniors, legal/law-enforcement officers and, most importantly, a world-class age-appropriate curriculum which features integrated teaching and learning ac-

tivities for students in all grades from primary to secondary schools. i-SAFE has educated over 8.5 million students nationwide and has cooperative agreement with many of the State Dept. of Education(s) and Districts in all 50 states including schools in Washington DC to name a few: Sidwell Friends School; St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School; Woodridge Elementary; Woodridge High School & St. Peters Interparish School.

i-SAFE fulfills a vital role in the digital age and global information society, throughout the United States by empowering Internet users with the knowledge and awareness needed to garner the most benefit from Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs) and the Internet via safe, responsible, ethical and legal use.

Beginning in 2009 Congress mandated that elementary and secondary schools receiving E-Rate discounts must submit a certification to the Federal Communications Commission that as part of their Internet safety policy they are "educating minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyber bullying awareness and response. i-SAFE can provide to every school, throughout the United States the "E-Rate Certification Compliance Package". This package includes all classroom curriculum that is mandated to be taught through the Legislation mandate of the Broadband Act.

Funding will be used to expand the i-SAFE curriculum to more students and classrooms throughout the nation as well as implement the "E-Rate Compliance Package" into schools throughout the nation.

This request will also allow i-SAFE to provide, on a quarterly basis, student assessment data (i.e., metrics) to the district/schools upon request allowing them to have metrics on students behavioral attitudes towards online safety.

This Administration is focused on providing every student and school(s) the ability to communicate and learn through today's 21st century communication. Safety is a key component for schools that provide students with the means to access online information and services within their learning environment in the classroom. Education is the diadem to the success of students being empowered with the knowledge of learning safe and responsible tactics as a citizen in today's global economy. The only environment that is conducive for every student, regardless of age, race or socio-economic, to deploy such global education, is that of the classroom. To date, over 8.5 million students nationwide have acquired the critical thinking and decision-making skills to ensure safe online behavior. The efficacy of the i-SAFE program has proven invaluable to the tax payers nationwide.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. HUNTER. 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. 2847, the Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations for FY 2010:

I requested \$250,000 for the California Department of Justice (CA DOJ) through the Department of Justice, Community Oriented Police Services Meth Account. Representatives BOB FILNER (CA-51) and SUSAN DAVIS (CA-53) also requested additional funding for this program and the total amount received is \$350,000. The entity to receive funding for this project is the California Department of Justice at 13001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

CA DOJ has made me aware that while California is the nation's leader in meth production, meth continues to be imported from Mexico across the San Diego border. Additionally, violent Mexican nationals are now setting up operations in California, including East County, due to the recent crackdown in Mexico. As a result of a lack of resources, law enforcement is not discovering meth labs until they have already been deserted, leaving the County to clean up. These funds will be used to purchase equipment used for investigation and seizure of meth labs, drug (all types) interdiction efforts, pay overtime to San Diego California Methamphetamine Strategy (CALMS) officers and train local law enforcement. Local law enforcement and first responders will be trained to deal with meth production, clean up and sales. San Diego County will benefit by also having additional CA DOJ enforcement teams in the County to combat drug sales and interdiction efforts.

I also requested \$250,000 for the County of San Diego, CA, through the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs—Byrne Discretionary Grants Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is the San Diego County Sheriff's Department at 9621 Ridgehaven Court, San Diego, CA 92123.

Funding for this program will be used to implement and replicate the North County Gang Enforcement Collaborative (NCGEC), which focuses on cooperation and communication among street level officers from numerous different law enforcement jurisdictions. NCGEC has successfully reduced violent crime, gangs and other activity and enterprises that result in violent crime and gang violence in the targeted region. Countywide, however, incidence and severity of gang and drug crime is on the rise (502 cases in 2007 to 616 cases in 2008), especially with gangs that serve as the distribution and enforcement arms of international drug cartels, as well as those involved with weapon and human trafficking. The 52nd District comprises between 5 to 9 percent of all gang crime activity countywide. These numbers, however, do not actually reflect gang crimes because much of this activity goes unreported. Additionally, San Diego is the largest port of entry from Mexico, where cross border operation among gangs is routine and from San Diego, contraband is distributed nationally.

I met with the San Diego County Sheriff's office to discuss the types of other organized groups involved in criminal activity, e.g., outlaw motorcycle gangs, white supremacists, and skinheads in San Diego's East County. East County will serve as a test site to see if this type of program will reduce these types of gangs. From 2007 and 2008, there were 76 gang related prosecutions from the 52nd District. If successful, the program will be expanded nationally.