

RECOGNIZING TRAVIS SHRUM, RECIPIENT OF THE TEMPE MAYOR'S DISABILITY AWARD, AS OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Travis Shrum, a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan from my hometown of Tempe, who was recently presented with the Mayor's Disability Award as Outstanding Employee of the Year. The Mayor's Disability Award honors Tempe residents who have overcome significant barriers to succeed in the workplace.

In 2007 and 2008, Travis served with the Army National Guard as an infantry soldier and gunner in Afghanistan, where he escorted security forces protecting civilians. Like many veterans, after returning home to the United States, Travis brought home the physical and emotional scars of war. He struggled with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and, subsequently, took a leave of absence from his job at a Walgreen's store in Tempe to concentrate on transitioning to civilian life. With the patience and support of the Phoenix Veterans Health Administration, Travis has bounced back and is once again thriving. He has returned to work as an assistant manager at Walgreen's, where he works full-time and manages a staff of 42.

Travis is a wonderful example of the Phoenix VA's commitment to returning veterans, and I'm proud to note that he is now outspoken about the need to reach out to other veterans who are eligible for VA's medical services and mental-health support. Travis plans to enroll at Arizona State University with the ultimate goal of becoming a physical therapist and working with veterans.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Travis Shrum for his courageous service to our country and perseverance in overcoming personal challenges.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. BACHUS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding that I requested as part of H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Birmingham

Address of Requesting Entity: 710 North 20th Street, Birmingham, AL 35203

Description of Request: Provide \$250,000 for the City of Birmingham's Community Ori-

ented Policing Services (COPS) program to add additional police officers to the existing force and for crime prevention technology like Shot Spotter and GPS technology. The City plans to use the funds to increase the number of personnel and to invest in technology such as shot spotter GPS technology which will result in an improvement in public safety. The project's total budget is \$2,051,250. Specifically within the budget, \$320,000 is for 300 mobile data computer licensing, \$671,250 for 75 Coban VMDT, \$180,000 for 150 DataRadio Ciph Modems, and \$880,000 for shotspotter expansion and mobile software. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology Account. The City of Birmingham will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Shelby County Sheriff

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 1095, Columbiana, AL 35051

Description of Request: Provide \$500,000 to upgrade the Shelby County Sheriff's office public safety communications network. The primary objective of the Wide Area Radio Network (WARN) project is to provide Shelby County with a county-wide, mission-critical radio voice communication system. The funding will help to improve the public safety communications network and thus result in an improved public safety system in Shelby County. The project's total budget is \$500,000. Specifically within the budget, \$250,000 is for mobile car radios and \$250,000 is for hand held portable radios. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology Account. The Shelby County Sheriff's Office will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Justice, OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Irondale

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 100188, Irondale, AL 35210

Description of Request: Provide \$350,000 for equipment and technology upgrades for the Irondale Police Department, which will allow for better communication and increased emergency response capability. The project will invest in crime prevention and protection. The project's total budget is \$350,000. Specifically within the budget, \$40,000 is for the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System, \$14,000 for a dispatch recorder, \$85,000 for a 911 System Enhancement, \$50,000 for communication room renovation, \$79,200 for laptop computers, \$4,500 for computers, \$7,500 for a computer server with fiber optic cable, \$1,800 for a printer/copier and \$68,000 for a telephone system replacement. This re-

quest is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants Account. The City of Irondale will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Justice, OJP—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Team Focus, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 6110 Grelot Road, Mobile, AL 36609

Description of Request: Provide \$500,000 for mentoring and education programs for Team Focus, Inc. The funding will help provide young men who lack a father figure in their lives with leadership skills, guidance, moral values, and a continuing relationship with a carefully selected adult mentor. The mentoring program will aid the participants in becoming productive members of society. The project's total budget is \$500,000. Specifically within the budget, \$120,000 is for equipment, \$150,000 for travel, and \$230,000 for supplies. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, OJP—Juvenile Justice Account. Team Focus, Inc. will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Justice, OJP—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: United Methodist Children's Home

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 830 Selma, AL 36702

Description of Request: Provide \$150,000 to provide security and IT improvements for the United Methodist Children's Home. By improving the efficiency and effectiveness of its information technology infrastructure, the United Methodist Children's Home will better serve the at-risk youth in its care. The creation of a seamless system will ease each children's movement through the continuum of care in the Children's Home system, which will improve the outcomes for each child, namely, becoming responsible and productive members of their communities. The project's total budget is \$425,000. Specifically within the budget, \$89,000 is for personnel, \$13,000 for fringe benefits, \$188,000 for equipment, \$96,000 for contractual services, and \$39,000 for miscellaneous items. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Justice, OJP—Juvenile Justice Account. The United Methodist Children's Home will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Alabama