

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. TRENT FRANKS**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 16, 2009*

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. 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: Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

(1) Recipient: City of Glendale, Arizona, 5850 W. Glendale Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85301

Budget designation: \$1,000,000

The purpose of this budget designation is to upgrade and enhance the computer aided dispatch and records management system that is used by law enforcement to respond to emergencies in the Glendale community. These upgrades will include modules for booking, records management, dispatch, homeland security, court/prosecutors and wireless ticketing, as well as automatic vehicle location, a system that is currently used by the fire department which results in a much quicker response to calls and includes mapping so that officers can be directed to the call location. Over the past several years, the City of Glendale has become an entertainment and sports destination. The City is home to the University of Phoenix Stadium, a 73,000-seat multi-purpose facility which hosts the NFL Cardinals football games, the Fiesta Bowl, an annual BCS Game and just hosted the 2008 Super Bowl. The adjoining Jobing.com arena is home to the NHL Phoenix Coyotes and hosts numerous events and concerts. The national and regional events held at these facilities have significantly increased the public safety needs and demands on the City of Glendale. In order to protect the public that attends these events, the City of Glendale is pursuing the acquisition of infrastructure equipment that will enhance emergency response time. The Glendale Police Department currently uses a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS) which was built in-house in the mid-1980s. The system is difficult to work with and sometimes it is not possible to make changes that reflect the current needs of the Police Department. This project will make the technology improvements necessary to meet the Glendale area's increasing public safety needs.

(2) Recipient: City of Surprise, Arizona, 12435 W. Bell Rd, Surprise, AZ 86442

Budget designation: \$200,000

The purpose of this budget designation is to aid the Police Department of the City of Surprise in keeping the City of Surprise safe from criminals. The Police Department of the City of Surprise has grown significantly over the past few years in its service provided to the community. In 2008, the department reported an increase of over 12 percent in total incidents, increasing from 81,332 in 2007 to 92,596 in 2008. Citizen calls for service made up a total of 41,372 of the 2008 total incidents. Total incidents include the public calls for service, but also include the activities of officers such as viewed crimes and arrests, traffic enforcement, and other community contacts. The funds will be used to upgrade 75 mobile data computers and purchase in-car cameras to help keep the West Valley safe from criminal predators.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM D.  
MCNAMEE**HON. DAVID WU**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 16, 2009*

Mr. WU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service Field Office Director William D. McNamee. Director McNamee will be retiring in July 2009 after thirty years of service to our country.

Former Oregon Governor Tom McCall once said, "Heroes are not giant statues framed against a red sky. They are people who say, 'This is my community, and it is my responsibility to make it better.'" Bill McNamee truly is an American hero, for he has devoted much of his life to making his country and community better.

Bill McNamee began his career with legacy Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) as an inspector in Calais, Maine, in July 1978. During the next thirty years, Bill worked not only in the United States, but also in Canada and Germany. As the INS officer in charge in Frankfurt, Germany, from June 1998 to July 2001, one of Bill's many successes was helping approximately 60,000 Bosnian refugees obtain permanent resettlement in the United States. His commitment and empathy for this vulnerable population was extraordinary and deserves to be recognized.

In my home state of Oregon, we were fortunate to have Bill McNamee assigned to our INS Office in 2001. He became district director in 2004 and has led this office with compassion, integrity, and a sense of dedication to the immigrants he serves. His colleagues, his employees, and the public all respect Bill for his efforts to provide excellent service: a rare distinction.

Bill McNamee's commitment to public service is also evident in his work with the Federal Executive Board. The Board coordinates all federal, state, and local government organizations to ensure that every agency is better prepared for emergencies. Due to Bill's dedication to this mission, he was instrumental in obtaining permanent congressional funding for the Board.

It is an honor for me to recognize Director McNamee for his service and for providing a heroic example to us all.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 16, 2009*

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Friday, June 12, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote No. 335 (On Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1256).

RECOGNIZING THE FIFTH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF "BEAT THE ODDS"  
IN LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 16, 2009*

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the fifth anniversary of the "Beat the Odds" program in Loudoun County, Virginia. I am honored to recognize this important program in the 10th District of Virginia.

"Beat the Odds" is a national scholarship program that was initiated by the Children's Defense Fund in 1990 to celebrate the positive potential of young people and further their dreams of higher education. In 2004, several organizations in Loudoun County came together to organize the Loudoun chapter of "Beat the Odds." These organizations include: the Bar Association, the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, the Department of Family Services, the Sheriff's Office, Juvenile Court Services, the Public Defender's Office, and the Commonwealth Attorney's Office.

Since the first awards were given in 2005, the Loudoun Chapter has presented over \$40,000 in scholarships and merit awards to 18 deserving high school seniors from across Loudoun County. These young people have overcome tremendous challenges and obstacles in their daily lives to become role models in their communities. Their drive to succeed and inner strength make them truly remarkable individuals.

Each May, awardees are honored and recognized in a ceremony at the Old Courthouse in Leesburg. I had the privilege of attending this year's ceremony, which was held on May 28. This year's honorees were: Breon Earle, Broad Run High School; Ahsanul Haque, Dominion High School; Joseph Williams, Dominion High School; Marlen Santos, Loudoun Valley High School, and Jessica Murray, Loudoun Valley High School.

I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating these outstanding students and recognize their achievements, as well as the continuing legacy of "Beat the Odds" in Loudoun County.

## CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2009*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of Caribbean Heritage Month and in particular to bring to the forefront the island nation of the Dominican Republic which is the country of origin of and home to thousands of my constituents in northern Manhattan. As is the case with Puerto Rico, also the land of origin of a sizable part of my constituents, these islands are indeed in the Caribbean although in the Spanish speaking minority. I am calling upon all of the nations of the Caribbean regardless of the differences among them to come together especially in these times and form a solidarity which cannot be broken. It is through the common bonds of