

women. Ms. Carpenter, Mrs. Goodman, Ms. Yearwood and the other brave women of the WASP were pioneers for the dedicated women who serve in our military today and for all who face prejudice in pursuit of equality.

REPEAL TONNAGE TAX'S 30-DAY
LIMIT ON DOMESTIC OPERATIONS

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, U.S.-flag ships that compete in international trade face many disadvantages. The U.S. tax code should not be one of them. Today I am introducing legislation that will help smooth the seas for U.S.-flag shippers and increase their international competitiveness.

The version of the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 that passed both the House and Senate provided for the application of a "tonnage tax" based on the tonnage of a vessel, rather than taxing the U.S. vessel's international income at corporate tax rates. In the conference process on that legislation, however, new language was inserted which states that a U.S. vessel cannot use the tonnage tax on its income from international operations if that vessel also operates in U.S. domestic commerce for more than 30 days per year.

This 30-day limitation dramatically limits the availability of the tonnage tax for those U.S. ships that operate in both domestic and international trade and hinders their competitiveness in foreign commerce. It is important to recognize that ships operating in U.S. domestic trade already have significant cost disadvantages. The inability of domestic operators to use the tonnage tax for their international service is a further burden on their competitive position in foreign commerce. Foreign registered ships now carry 97 percent of the imports and exports moving in United States international trade. These foreign vessels are not held to the higher Coast Guard operating standards that apply to American-registered ships and foreign vessels are virtually untaxed.

Adding to the perversity of the provision, in December 2006, Congress repealed the 30-day limit on domestic trading for approximately 50 ships operating in the Great Lakes. There are 13 U.S.-flag vessels outside of these Great Lakes ships that remain caught in these tax provisions. In the interest of providing equity to these 13 vessels, this legislation would repeal the 30-day limit on domestic operations, enabling these vessels to also utilize the tonnage tax on their international income. Under this legislation, these ships will continue to pay the normal 35 percent U.S. corporate tax rate on their income for operations in domestic commerce.

Repeal of the tonnage tax's 30-day limit on domestic operations is a necessary step toward providing tax equity between U.S.-flag and foreign flag vessels. I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass this important legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2009
VIRGINIA HUMAN RIGHTS AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the recipients of the 2009 Virginia Human Rights Awards. These awards were presented during a recent ceremony hosted jointly with the Prince William County Human Rights Commission.

Prince William County has long been an area of growth in our Northern Virginia region. As the county population grew in the early 1990s and the demographics shifted, the Board of County Supervisors recognized the need for a study to examine the county's ability to respond to increasing population diversity. The result of the study was the creation of a Human Rights Ordinance prohibiting discriminatory practices based on race, color, sex, national origin, religion, marital status or disability in employment, housing, public accommodations, education and credit in Prince William County. When the Board of County Supervisors established the Human Rights Ordinance in September of 1992, it created the Human Rights Commission to ensure that "each citizen is treated fairly, provided equal protection of the law and equal opportunity to participate in the benefits, rights, and privileges of community life."

The recipients of this year's awards have exhibited a devotion to "[eliminating] discrimination through civil and human rights law enforcement and [establishing] equal opportunity for all persons within the county through advocacy and education."

The recipients of the Prince William Human Rights Awards are Betty Covington from Prince William Public Schools and Dexter Fox with Unity in the Community.

The Virginia Human Rights Commissioner of the Year is Victor Dunbar, Chairman of the Fairfax County Human Rights Commission.

The Staff Member of the Year is Annie Carroll, Deputy Director of the Fairfax County Human Rights Commission.

The Virginia Human Rights Commemorative Award for contributions to human rights through the signing of the Civil Rights and Voting Rights Acts will be made posthumously to President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding the efforts of these individuals on behalf of harmony and equality in our communities. We are a happier, safer society when we promote fairness and justice. I would like to extend my unconditional support for the Human Rights Commission's mission and my deepest appreciation to those who take up the cause of human and civil rights.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on member requests, I am submitting the following information regarding congressionally directed ap-

propriation projects I sponsored as part of H.R. 2847, FY 2010 Department of the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

Agency/Account: U.S. EPA—State and Tribal Assistance Grant

Amount: \$439,065

Requesting Entity: City of Petersburg, P.O. Box 326 Petersburg, Texas 79250

Funding will enable the city of Petersburg to continue supplying quality drinking water to its residents. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has ordered the city to replace one of its elevated water tanks or place it offline or the city will be forced to pay penalties and fines. Loss of a water tank will reduce the water supply, as well as drop the water pressure which is important for fire fighting. Without a stable water supply, the city of Petersburg will not be able to maintain economic growth. The total cost of this project is \$798,300.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. 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. 2996, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman TIM MURPHY

Bill Number: H.R. 2996, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: State and Tribal Assistance Grant Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Findlay Township Municipal Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 1271 Route 30, Clinton, PA 15026-1537

Amount: \$500,000

Description of Request: to replace old and undersized water transmission lines, and to expand and upgrade the water and sewer infrastructure, to benefit the entire Township of Findlay in economic development and job creation, fire safety and environmental protection.

The water and sewer upgrades and expansion will serve businesses—and the 21,310 jobs being created—at three business parks in the Pittsburgh International Airport Corridor: the Chapman Commerce Center; the Clinton Commerce Park and the Route 30 Industrial Site. Furthermore, annual tax revenue generated at the three business parks is projected to be \$48.7 million. In terms of fire safety, the project will replace old and undersized water transmission lines to provide adequate fire flow for the entire township, including residents and businesses. In terms of environmental protection, the project will rectify a concern of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection that the sanitary sewer system capacity from Enlow Road to the Moon Township Interceptor must be expanded to adequately convey additional flow.

I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

I took extreme care to ensure that these projects are well vetted and strongly supported within the community. The Findlay Township Municipal Authority appropriation is of particular interest to my district and importance to my constituents.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. COLE. 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. 2996, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Provision: Title I

Account: National Park Service—Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "National Park Service—Chickasaw National Recreation Area"

Address of Requesting Entity: 1008 West Second Street, Sulphur, OK

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for a design plan to construct a Visitor's Center at the Chickasaw National Recreation Area. The need for a Visitor's Center was identified in the recreation area's 1980 General Management Plan and 1994 Addendum to the 1980 General Management Plan. The Visitor's Center was previously budgeted for, but funds were reprogrammed for wildfire suppression. The Visitor's Center will provide those visiting the Chickasaw National Recreation Area a much needed centralized location where the Park Service may educate individuals on the ecosystems and history of the area. This will increase tourism to the recreation area, and thereby grow the local economy substantially.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Provision: Title II

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lawton Ft. Sill Chamber of Commerce

Address of Requesting Entity: 9 SW "C" Avenue, Lawton, OK 73501

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for water and sewer line expansions at the Lawton Industrial Park, in Lawton, OK. The Comanche County Industrial Development Authority recently purchased an additional 480 acres immediately southwest of the present industrial park for purposes of expansion. Before this development can begin, water and sewer lines must be expanded to the property. The industrial park expansion will allow for more commercial expansion, thus creating jobs and aiding Lawton's economy. For this project, 80 percent of funds will be used for construction costs, 12 percent will be used for contingency, 6 percent will be for engineering costs and 2 percent will be used for inspections.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure information for project requests that I made and which were included within H.R. 2996, "Making appropriations for the Department of Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010."

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: National Park Service, Save America's Treasures

Project Amount: \$200,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Blount Mansion Association, 200 W. Hill Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37902

Description of Request: This funding will be used to upgrade and improve the National Historic Landmark.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BURKE, VIRGINIA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Rotary Club of Burke, Virginia, on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary and to pay tribute to its significant contributions to the community.

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, was formed on February 23, 1905, by Paul P. Harris. The name "Rotary" is derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices. The Rotary Club concept thrived in its early years, and, by 1921, there were chapters on six continents. In 1922, the name "Rotary International" was adopted. The objective of Rotary International is to encourage and foster the ideal of community service as a basis of worthy enterprise. International understanding, goodwill and peace are fostered through the shared commitment to service of Rotarians from 166 countries.

The Rotary Club of Burke was organized by Brian Tilbury and was chartered by Rotary International on June 30, 1984. Since that time, the Burke Rotary has grown in not only the number of active members, but also in the areas of community service.

The Burke Rotary participates in Polio Plus, which is dedicated to the eradication of polio in countries such as Afghanistan, India, Pakistan and Nigeria. Closer to home, The Rotary Club of Burke is a dependable ally in the Toys 4 Tots Program and the Northern Virginia Literacy Council. It also encourages involvement in the Medical Reserve Corps, a Fairfax County, Va., program that trains volunteers to provide vital services in the event of a public health emergency.

The Rotary Club of Burke has partnered with the Rotary Club of Annandale to provide scholarships to deserving students who wish

to pursue vocational training at Northern Virginia Community College. This partnership now provides six scholarships each year and has allowed approximately 40 individuals to continue their education and learn a marketable skill. The quality of life for each of these students and their families will be forever improved because of this opportunity.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating The Rotary Club of Burke on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary and to express our gratitude for their contributions here at home and abroad.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks as well as in accordance with Clause 9 of Rule XXI, I am submitting the following information regarding the earmark I received as part of H.R. 2996, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman PHIL GINGREY

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: Environmental Protection Agency; STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Projects

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District

Address of Requesting Entity: 40 Courtland Street, NE Atlanta, GA 30303

Description of Request:

The \$500,000 in STAG funding secured will be applied to this list of the Water District projects:

COBB COUNTY

Sweetwater Creek Sanitary Sewer Extension—This proposed extension of the Sweetwater Creek interceptor will provide gravity sewer service to much of the unsewered portion of southwestern Cobb County, including several dry sewer subdivisions. It will also extend service into the Sweetwater basin in Paulding County, eliminating the need for an additional treatment facility and comporting with our regional plan. The project includes about 20,000 linear feet of large diameter sewer. Estimated cost of this project is \$7,700,000.

Mack Dobbs Road Water Main Replacement—Replacement of 11,200 linear feet of existing 6-inch asbestos cement water main with 12-inch ductile iron between Cobb Parkway and Stilesboro Road. Estimated cost of this project is \$1,200,000.

Low Flow Toilet and Urinal Retrofit for 127 Cobb County Public Schools—A water conservation project which consists of replacing approximately 5,782 older, inefficient toilets and urinals and 2,478 miscellaneous faucets and pre-rinse spray valves in Cobb County Schools. The estimated cost of this project is \$875,000.

COBB COUNTY-MARIETTA WATER AUTHORITY

The Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority (CCMWA), a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, is a regional water wholesaler with 13 customers that serve over 790,000 people.