

unnecessary and unproven programs that waste taxpayer dollars.

The U.S. Intelligence Community estimates that the most significant ballistic missile threat to U.S. interests, deployed forces, and our allies comes from short- and medium-range ballistic missiles that represent 99% of the total number of ballistic missiles other than those held by the United States, NATO nations, Russia, and China. H.R. 2647 supports the President's request to increase funding by \$900 million for systems that counter this threat, such as the Aegis BMD system and the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system.

Looking forward, this bill also provides \$1 billion to support the requests of President Obama, Secretary Gates, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to support the development and operation of 30 Ground-based Midcourse Defense interceptors, designed to guard against future emerging threats. According to senior defense officials, these 30 interceptors are more than what is necessary to deal with any long-range threat from a rogue state in the near and mid-term. This will ensure our nation is able to face the threats of today and tomorrow.

Mr. Chair, this bill admirably balances critical national security needs with realistic budget considerations, and I am proud to support it. Again, I thank Chairman SKELTON for his leadership and urge my colleagues to vote for this important legislation.

A TRIBUTE IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SRO HOUSING CORPORATION AND THE GRAND OPENING OF ITS NEW JAMES M. WOOD APARTMENTS

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize SRO Housing Corporation, a nonprofit, community-based organization dedicated to building a vibrant community for homeless and very low-income individuals in the Central City East community of Downtown Los Angeles in the 34th District, an area more commonly known as "Skid Row."

Skid Row is home to one of the largest populations of homeless persons in the nation. To address the needs of this vulnerable population, the late James M. Wood, who served as the Chairman of the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles, pursued a vision in the late 1970s to include in the revitalization of Downtown Los Angeles a plan to redevelop the Skid Row area and address its rampant homelessness.

In 1977 that plan began to take form as the City of Los Angeles adopted a redevelopment plan for the Downtown Los Angeles Central City East area to preserve and expand the single room occupancy hotels in the area. To acquire and rehabilitate the hotels, the Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Housing Corporation was founded in February 1984 by the Community Redevelopment Agency under the leadership of James Wood.

Through the development of thousands of affordable housing units, the SRO Housing

Corporation provides a full continuum of emergency, transitional, and permanent housing for Skid Row residents. This month's grand opening of the James Woods Apartments, at 408 E. 5th Street and 506 S. San Julian Street, is the most recent shining example of its successful efforts to develop clean, safe and affordable housing units. The project involved converting two decaying parking lots into a 5-story building containing 53 studio apartments with private bathrooms and kitchenettes.

The corporation also offers a wide array of supportive services for its clients, including food services, case management, transportation, support groups and referrals. Every week, SRO Housing serves nearly 4,000 meals in its emergency shelter and senior meal program as well as delivering over 8,000 pounds of food and fresh produce to all permanent-housing sites. This critical service ensures that very low-income individuals, who are attempting to sustain themselves on a fixed income, receive nutritious foods that would otherwise be absent from their diets. In addition, SRO Housing provides its residents with a way to regain basic living skills through classes in cooking, laundry, and money management.

The SRO Housing Corporation also works to build a sense of community belonging for its residents. It manages two public parks—the San Julian Park and Gladys Park—and operates the James Wood Community Center where area residents can socialize and have fun in safe, clean and public areas located in their own neighborhood.

With 25 years of experience, SRO Housing Corporation has a unique insight into the needs of the Skid Row community. More than 40 percent of its diverse and multi-cultural staff is made up of formerly homeless individuals, residents and community members whose history and life experiences are a source of inspiration to others.

Madam Speaker, on the occasion of SRO Housing Corporation's 25th Anniversary and the Grand Opening of its new James M. Wood Apartments, I join today with my congressional colleagues in recognizing all of the many dedicated people who make this fine organization the beacon of hope that it is today. I especially commend Anita Nelson who works day in and day out to keep James Wood's memory and mission alive as the corporation's Chief Executive Officer. I also pay tribute to the SRO Housing Corporation's community partners, supporters, invaluable volunteers, its entire staff and, most of all, the residents of the Skid Row community. Thousands of lives have been transformed and positively impacted through the wonderful work of SRO Housing Corporation and I wish everyone involved with this fine organization many more years of continued success.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican standards on disclosure for Member project requests, I am submitting the following information regarding a project I support for inclusion in H.R. 2996, the Department

of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Congressman PETER J. ROSKAM: H.R. 2996, Environmental Protection Agency, STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project account for the Tubeway Drive Storm Water Lift Station Rehabilitation Project in Carol Stream, Illinois. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Village of Carol Stream, 500 North Gary Avenue, Carol Stream, IL 60188. It is my understanding that the funding would be used to rehabilitate and replace a 35-year-old storm water lift station at the end of its useful life. The Tubeway Drive Storm Water Lift Station is showing signs of corrosion, and is in need of desperate repair to alleviate flooding in the village. Under this rehabilitation project, the lift station will be totally replaced with new more efficient pumps, valving, backup systems and structures. Replacing the station in a timely manner will ensure storm water flows are effectively managed, preventing flood damage losses. Carol Stream has demonstrated a good-faith cost share in the project, providing a 45% commitment of matching funds. Severe flooding has plagued the village in the last year. Rains in September 2008 submerged 50 homes and damaged 400. This was followed in December by more rain, melting snow, and another round of flooding. Even last week the Daily Herald reported on how Carol Stream has had to deal with "severe flooding in several areas." This timely funding will bring much-needed relief to my constituents.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Project Name: AFSOC Injury Prevention and Human Performance Initiative

Account: RDAF

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Pittsburgh School of Health and Rehabilitative Services/Andrews Institute

Address of Requesting Entity: 1040 Gulf Breeze Parkway Gulf Breeze, FL 32561

Description of Request: \$1,000,000—AFSOC Injury Prevention and Human Performance Initiative, University of Pittsburgh School of Health and Rehabilitative Services/Andrews Institute. I requested these funds for an injury prevention and performance enhancement initiative that will achieve a critical doctrinal shift in human performance strategies in Air Force Special Operations. Phase 1 will include task and demand analyses to identify Air Force Special Operator-specific tasks during which injuries occur, mechanisms of injury, and the physiological requirements of training.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Pittsburgh School of Health and the Andrews Institute located at 1040 Gulf Breeze Parkway Gulf Breeze, FL 32561. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.