

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 3082, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project Name: Electromagnetic Research and Engineering Facility

Amount: \$3,660,000

Requested By: ROBERT J. WITTMAN (VA-01)

Account: Military Construction (MCN)

Intended Recipient of Funds: Naval Activity South Potomac, Dahlgren, Virginia. Dahlgren, VA 22448

Project description and explanation of the request: This project will provide an addition to the Electromagnetic Research and Engineering Facility (EMREF). This addition is required to facilitate the Directed Energy Technology Office at Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD) to meet its mission in Directed Energy research, development of prototypes and engineering development model systems and in fielding these prototypes to the warfighter. This project will provide laboratories and analysis spaces for wideband RF, High Powered Microwave, Pulsed Power and high energy laser systems engineering and development. This project provides necessary access to a maritime boundary layer environment and therefore is sited along the Potomac River Test Range. This project will house 25–30 engineers and scientists some of whom will be new hires. This project was developed because it represents the lost scope of another military construction project, P295, that was approved in Fiscal Year 2006. Due to high bids, only about 75% of the original facility could be built. This project provides the remaining 25% (6,500 SF). Funding will be used for electrical facilities (\$120,000), mechanical facilities (\$110,000), paving and site improvements (\$30,000), site preparations (\$110,000), demolition of previous buildings (\$230,000), anti-terrorism/force protection measures (\$180,000), information systems (\$60,000), built-in equipment (\$60,000), and technical operating manuals (\$40,000). I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information re-

garding funding for Delaware included as part of FY 2010 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, H.R. 2997:

Name of Project: Avian Bioscience, DE

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Delaware

Address of Requesting Entity: University of Delaware, Hullahen Hall, Newark, DE 19716

Description of Request: \$94,000 to be used to upgrade Delaware's existing diagnostic facility. Delmarva is the nation's leader in the research, development, and implementation of successful avian influenza (AI) surveillance and response plans to protect poultry and human health. The University of Delaware, through its College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, is central to Delmarva's preparedness for AI.

Name of Project: Agriculture Compliance Laboratory Equipment, Delaware

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service—Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: State of Delaware

Address of Requesting Entity: Delaware Department of Agriculture, Tatnall Building, William Penn Street, Dover, DE 19901

Description of Request: \$69,000 to fully equip and modernize the Poultry and Animal Health Lab for the state of Delaware in order to protect Delaware's animal industries (including food animals and poultry, horse-racing industry, and companion animals) and therefore public health of all Delawareans.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2997, FY2010 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

Requesting Member: Congresswoman McMORRIS RODGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Washington Grain Alliance (on behalf of the USDA Agricultural Research Service)

Address of Requesting Entity: USDA Agriculture Research Service; Jamie L. Whitten Building; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW; Washington, DC; 20250

Description of Request: Provide an addition of \$290,000 for salaries and expenses for a coordinated research effort to identify and introduce new germplasm, genes, and varieties of wheat, barley, and oats with improved and sustainable rust resistance. This research will help combat stem, leaf, and stripe rust that threaten the entire U.S. production of wheat, barley, and oats.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman MCMORRIS RODGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: RE/FA

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Washington State University

Address of Requesting Entity: French Administration Building, Room 324; Pullman, WA 99164

Description of Request: Provide \$268,000 for the study of PM10 Particulate Emission Prediction and Control. By researching wheat farming and air quality issues, farmers can develop practices that allow for the control of wind erosion and dust emissions without suffering economic hardship. This research project addresses national and regional agricultural needs and helps maintain a robust and healthy agriculture industry.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman MCMORRIS RODGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Washington State University

Address of Requesting Entity: French Administration Building, Room 324; Pullman, WA 99164

Description of Request: Provide \$235,000 for the Cool Season Food and Legume research program to improve the efficiency and sustainability of the U.S. dry pea, fresh pea, lentil, and chickpea industries. The program is a cooperative effort between federal and state university scientists to establish and maintain a robust and healthy agricultural industry and address national and regional agricultural research needs as they relate to the development of genetically-superior legume varieties.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman MCMORRIS RODGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Washington State University

Address of Requesting Entity: French Administration Building, Room 324; Pullman, WA 99164

Description of Request: Provide \$313,000 to address the needs of the grass seed industry by utilizing the research and technology expertise of scientists from Washington, Idaho, and Oregon, and USDA-ARS with input from industry representatives. By researching the genetic of barley, the U.S. can further the goal of establishing and maintaining a robust and healthy agriculture industry and address national and regional agriculture research needs.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman MCMORRIS RODGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

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Account: SRG
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Washington State University
 Address of Requesting Entity: French Administration Building, Room 324; Pullman, WA 99164

Description of Request: Provide \$98,000 for perennial wheat research to develop it into a viable part of the small grains cropping systems, especially in areas where soil erosion potential is high. Perennial wheat offers a viable option for sustainable farming systems and improved environmental stewardship. Soil erosion by wind and water is a direct cause of lower air and water quality; perennial wheat provides constant soil coverage by plant material, resistance to pests and diseases, and a source of straw for new fiber products.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman MCMORRIS RODGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Washington State University

Address of Requesting Entity: French Administration Building, Room 324; Pullman, WA 99164

Description of Request: Provide \$1,037,000 for the Northwest Tri-State potato breeding and cultivation research project. The knowledge generated by this project has led to a decrease in the use of harmful pesticides and an increase in profits for the potato industry. It has also led to an increased knowledge of potato varieties.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman MCMORRIS RODGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Washington State University

Address of Requesting Entity: Crop and Soil Science Department; Johnson Hall, Room 273; Pullman, WA 99164

Description of Request: Provide \$471,000 to fund the Regional Barley Mapping Project to develop improved barley varieties using the tools of genomics. Barley is the cornerstone of American agriculture; it provides farmers with the opportunity to increase genetic diversity, use less irrigation water, and be more profitable. It can also lead to rural community sustainability and development by increasing the manufacture and sale of value-added barley products generating business activity.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman MCMORRIS RODGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Washington State University

Address of Requesting Entity: French Administration Building, Room 324; Pullman, WA 99164

Description of Request: Provide \$444,000 to fund the STEEP IV water quality project. This research will contribute solutions to modern societal problems faced by U.S. farmers and the public, such as energy and food security, sequestration of greenhouse gasses, and improved trade balance. Conservation information obtained through this work is transferable to other parts of the U.S. and the world. Benefits of this research include reduction in food production costs and greater energy independence for the nation's food supply.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman MCMORRIS RODGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Washington State University

Address of Requesting Entity: French Administration Building, Room 324; Pullman, WA 99164

Description of Request: Provide \$223,000 to fund research for Virus-free Wine Grape Cultivation. To maintain competitiveness and health, this project addresses an immediate high-priority need to meet the certification standards of the vineyard industry.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Standards on Congressional appropriations initiatives, I am submitting the following information regarding projects that were included at my request in H.R. 2997, the Fiscal Year 2010 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill:

TROPICAL AND SUBTROPICAL AGRICULTURE RESEARCH (T-STAR)

Account: Department of Agriculture, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, Research and Education Activities

Legal name and address of requesting entity: The University of Florida, 226 Tigert Hall, Gainesville, FL 32611

Description of request: \$6,677,000 is included in the bill for Tropical and SubTropical Agriculture Research (T-STAR) at the Universities of Florida and Hawaii to address the problem of exotic pests and other tropical and subtropical problems in America's Caribbean and Pacific Basins. The major goal of the T-STAR program is to develop strategies and tactics to stem the invasion of exotic diseases, insects, and weeds into the United States. The recent introduction of asian soybean rust into the United States, along with the increasing threat of avian influenza and foot-and-mouth disease entering the country, heightens the possibility of a terrorist-induced attack on the nation's food supply. There is an urgent need to identify exotic pests in other countries with which the United States maintains frequent and extensive trade and travel in order to: (1) determine potential avenues for the introduction of these pests into the United States, (2) develop technologies for the early detection of these pests, (3) find effective and environmentally acceptable methods for the eradication and containment of these pests if they enter the United States. Under the T-STAR program, scientists aggressively protect the nation against the growing environmental and economic threat of invasive exotic pests. The Universities of Florida and Hawaii represent important agricultural states which are prime locations for the introduction of exotic pests from other parts of the world. Previous funding has been provided by the Department of Agriculture for T-STAR in the following amounts: FY 2001—\$3,800,000, FY 2002—\$3,800,000, FY 2003—\$9,000,000, FY 2004—\$9,000,000, FY 2005—\$9,400,000, FY 2006—\$9,500,000, FY 2008—\$7,400,000, FY 2009—\$6,677,000.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARY FALLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Ms. FALLIN. 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 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 the appropriations.

I, Rep. MARY FALLIN, requested and received \$2,000,000 under The Department of Commerce, NOAA—Operations, Research, and Facilities Account for The University of Oklahoma—National Radar Testbed—Phased Array Radar. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Oklahoma, 100 E. Boyd Street, Norman, OK 73109. It is my understanding that the funding would be used to support research and development for forecasting advanced warning detection of tornadoes and other forms of severe weather at the National Severe Storms Labs (NSSL) in Norman, OK.

I, Rep. MARY FALLIN, requested and received \$350,000 under The Department of Justice, Cops Law Enforcement Account for the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety—Statewide Public Safety Communication System. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, 3600 Martin Luther King, Oklahoma City, OK 73136. It is my understanding that the funding would be used to enhance the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, Law Enforcement Technology Division's mobile data program.

I, Rep. MARY FALLIN, requested and received \$150,000 under The Department of Commerce, COPS Law Enforcement Technology Account for University of Central Oklahoma Forensic Laboratory Program Enhanced DNA Analysis Training for Law Enforcement. The entity to receive funding for this project is University of Central Oklahoma, 100 N. University Drive, Edmond, OK 73034. It is my understanding that the funding would be used to utilize new laboratory infrastructure and equipment to significantly expand the services available to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation Forensic Institution's training programs and to state and local law enforcement officers.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN LEE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. LEE of New York. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of the Agriculture Appropriations bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman CHRISTOPHER LEE (NY-26)

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Natural Resources Conservation Service—Watershed/Flood Prevention Operations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: State University of New York College at Brockport

Address of Requesting Entity: 350 New Campus Drive, Brockport, NY 14420

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for the Genesee River Watershed project. No systematic studies have attempted to identify the causes of the water quality issues that also affect the near-shore of Lake Ontario. Identification will provide a basis for management practices in order to improve water quality.

Of the total amount, \$283,000 (or 56.6%) is for salaries for project administrator and field agents; \$113,200 (22.64%) is for fringe benefits; \$86,500 (17.3%) is for supplies, travel, and equipment; and \$17,300 (3.46%) is for indirect costs.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I, KAY GRANGER, submit the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2010. For the project titled "Assistance to Improve Water Quality for Tarrant County, Texas," which received \$336,000 in H.R. 2997, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations account, the legal name and address of the receiving entity is Texas AgriLife Extension Service, 113 Jack K. Williams Building 2142 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-2142. This funding supports specialized studies to improve water quality in North Central Texas. The project aims to create a watershed protection plan and improve the water quality in the five reservoirs that supply water for the majority of Fort Worth and fifty-nine surrounding communities. By implementing a watershed protection plan, water quality can be improved in North Central Texas, thereby protecting supply and quality for over 1.6 million residents in the area. Tarrant Regional Water District, Texas Water Resources Institute, and the Texas AgriLife Extension Service support this project through in-kind support including employee salaries and data and sample analysis.

AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY AND SECURITY ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. PAUL TONKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, today I come to the floor to urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2454, the American Clean Energy Security Act.

As you know, I represent a state that has been a leader in the nation when it comes to renewable energy standards and energy efficiency activity. New York was the first state in the country to adopt a state renewable energy standard and is currently ranked as one of the

most energy efficient states per capita in the nation.

I am proud to say H.R. 2454 will allow New York to continue these successful programs and push us even further in a positive direction. Working with, and on behalf of, the New York delegation, I was able to work with Chairman WAXMAN and Chairman MARKEY to include language which allows states like New York to have the flexibility to be in control of their own compliance. This flexibility is vital if New York is to continue its great progress in renewable energy and energy efficiency activities. This bill allows New York State to build upon a strong record of demand reduction. Otherwise, a commitment of several years would be required to set up a new system in our state with its proven results.

In addition to the flexibility language, the bill includes provisions allowing market transformation initiatives to count towards the energy efficiency standard. It also addresses the issue of transportation emissions and transportation planning and makes it consistent with current state policy. Finally, the bill includes an improvement that I recommended concerning efficiency of natural gas turbines. H.R. 2454 creates a \$65 million competitive grant program specifically for research and development of more efficient natural gas turbines used for power production. The goal of the program would be to raise the efficiency of these turbines to 65 percent. Currently, the most efficient turbines operate at 60 percent. A one percentage point improvement in efficiency alone, applied to existing turbines, would reduce CO₂ emissions by 4.4 million tons per year and provide fuel savings of more than \$1 billion per year.

The innovation and the technology advancement that this bill aims to promote will see benefits for future generations. As we did during the Space Race so many years ago, we must turn towards innovation and leadership on the energy front to lead the world again. This is a global race for clean, green energy that we cannot afford to lose.

Madam. Speaker, with the collective energy of the President and the Congress, this bill will create new and enduring policies which will promote cleaner, more efficient, and more independent sources of energy that will positively influence all of America's energy demands as well as jobs and career paths of the future. I urge my colleagues to join me and vote in favor of HR. 2454. I yield back the balance of my time.

IMMIGRATION RIGHTS—ATTORNEY ACCESS RESTORED

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to enter into the record an article published in the New York Carib News newspaper on June 23, 2009, titled "Eric Holder Restores Key Immigration Right, Access to Attorney", written by Tony Best. The article applauds Attorney General Eric Holder's swift action in reversing the past Administration's move to deprive individuals facing deportation with the right to an attorney.

As this Administration moves towards immigration reform, it is important that we articulate

that we are a nation that was founded on immutable rights, and these rights should not be limited to those who have the great benefit of US citizenship. Everyone who stands before a judge in our country is afforded the right to an attorney and why should an immigrant be excluded from such due process?

It is understood that immigrants are not granted all the same protections that citizenship guarantees, but the integrity of the immigration proceedings are compromised when an individual does not have the ability to assert themselves through the benefit of counsel. Cultural and language barriers already place many immigrants at a disadvantage when standing before a judge and it is important that we offer these individuals the benefit of legal counsel to represent and assert their rights.

I am pleased to hear that the Attorney General will be drafting a new order on this policy to recognize the need to give immigrants the capacity to be fairly judged.

HONORING DR. JAMES D. LOMBARDO

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. James D. Lombardo, Superintendent of Schools of the Bensalem Township School District.

Dr. Lombardo will be stepping down from his position this summer after two and a half years of dynamic leadership in the district. Prior to this position he was superintendent for the Upper St. Clair School District in Pennsylvania as well as school districts in the state of Vermont. Dr. Lombardo's experience in the public education system also includes positions as a curriculum and staff development director, principal, associate principal, and English teacher.

As an educator, Dr. Lombardo's philosophy centers on the concept of providing learning for the "whole" child, challenging and supporting each student to discover a passion for learning while designing and achieving a personal vision of success. He has guided members of his school district in setting goals and beliefs to achieve this vision of education.

During his time as superintendent, Dr. Lombardo has encouraged staff and parents alike to ensure that no child is "invisible" and that each student is safe, healthy, and engaged. Specifically students in grades 3, 7, and 8 now have an opportunity to learn a second language, students with special needs are spending more of their time in the regular classroom setting, more than 100 kindergarten students now benefit from a full time program, and smaller class sizes in grades K-2 promise improved learning for hundreds of Bensalem children.

Dr. Lombardo has contributed enormously to the education and well-being of children in his community. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Dr. Lombardo for his outstanding efforts, and am extremely honored to serve as his Congressman.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I, KAY GRANGER, submit the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3081, the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2010 for the language pertaining to "Sister Cities International Cultural and Economic Development Exchange Programs." Any funding granted by the Department of State Educational and Cultural Exchange Programs account would go to Sister Cities International, 1301 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 850, Washington, DC 2004. It is my understanding that the funding would be used to support Sister Cities International's ongoing initiatives to increase the numbers of international citizen exchange opportunities through its network with Africa and Islamic communities. Once funded, there is a one-to-one match of local private dollars to re-granted federal dollars. The City of Fort Worth, TX, is an active partner in Sister Cities International, leading in U.S. public diplomacy efforts.

BLACK MUSIC MONTH

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 476, celebrating the 30th anniversary of June as "Black Music Month". I would like to thank my colleague Representative STEVE COHEN from Tennessee for introducing this important piece of legislation, as well as the co-sponsors.

I stand in support of this resolution because it is continuing to recognize the importance that black music has played in American culture. Many American made genres of music such as jazz, blues, gospel, rock and roll, and the rhythm and blues owe their existence to the contribution of black musicians in the past. Georgians such as Tenor Richard Hayes, born in 1887 to former slaves, was one of the most important African-American tenors performing in classical music during the first part of the 20th century. Hayes was one of the highest paid musicians of his time breaking down color barriers for other black classical performers such as Paul Robeson, Leontyne Price, William Dawson, William Grant Still, and even Duke Ellington. As well as other native Georgia artists like Ray Charles, one of the main creators of "soul music", who is well known for his unique version of "America the Beautiful". Charles' rendition of "Georgia on My Mind" was proclaimed the state song on April 24, 1979.

This resolution aims to continue to stress the importance of recognizing June as Black Music Month as it was formally declared in 1979. Celebrating the phenomenal work of black composers, musicians, producers, writers, and singers during one month of the year is the least that we can do to pay tribute to

contributions that they have made in shaping the musical art forms that we enjoy today. Celebrating and observing the 30th anniversary of June as "Black Music Month" is something that I encourage all Americans to do. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

TRIBUTE TO ANTOINETTE TRIFARI

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the life of an outstanding individual, Antoinette Trifari. She will mark her 100th birthday with a celebration, joined by family and friends, some of whom are traveling great distances to be part of this happy occasion.

It is only fitting that she be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, for she has brought so much joy to the lives of others throughout her lifetime.

Antoinette is a native of the great City of Paterson, NJ. She was born there on July 9, 1909 to Angelina and John Pescatore, and was the fifth of fourteen children. She attended Paterson schools, going first to School 19, then graduating from School 5. Then at age fourteen, she began working, sewing pearls and sequins onto fabric that was used for opera gowns. Antoinette soon went on to work for more than ten years in Paterson's world famous silk and textile mills.

Antoinette was married on June 9, 1935 to Edmund Trifari, also of Paterson, who had attended New Jersey Law School. The wedding was held at St. Anthony's R.C. Church and was officiated by the groom's brother, Reverend Aloysius Trifari, a Salesian priest. Two years later, the Trifaros welcomed twins, Edmund, Jr. and Nancy Angela. The young family soon moved to a new development of Cape Cod homes on the outskirts of Paterson, known as Colonial Village. Antoinette and Edmund lived there together until Edmund passed away on January 2, 2003, after sixty-seven and a half years of marriage. She remained in their home until 2005 when she moved to Connecticut to live with Edmund, Jr. and his wife Claire Elwood. Her daughter Nancy lives in England with her husband George Dowden.

Over the years, Antoinette has been blessed not only with her children, but with seven grandchildren; Conrad, MaryBeth and Michael Roncati, and TerriAnn, Edmund III, John and Brian Trifari. Now, she also has thirteen great-grandchildren; Conrad Maxwell, Dean, Mia, Dylan, Carissa Roncati and Jessica Bates, Abigail, James, Ryan and Michael Sands, Joshua, Nicholas and Tyler Trifari. She is also the loving aunt of countless nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews.

She is well known throughout the Paterson area for a business that she began. She made poodles out of commercial yarn; they were so creative and lifelike that the yarn company featured a story about her in their corporate magazine. She also continues crocheting, a lifelong hobby she still enjoys. Antoinette also has a passion for helping people and volunteering. She was a member of St. Mary's R.C.

Church in Paterson her entire life until she moved, and is a now a parishioner of Saint Peter Claver R.C. Church in West Hartford. Even into her nineties she was a volunteer at St. Joseph's Home for the Aged in Totowa, NJ. She made many lasting friendships and touched many lives through her involvement with the Little Sisters of the Poor. When she moved in 2006 to Middlewoods Assisted Living Home in Farmington, Connecticut, she immediately became an active participant in many of their programs. She is the assistant to the pianist in the Choral Group, attends Sunday outings visiting historic and cultural points of interest around Connecticut, and is a tutoring mentor for young children. She enjoys playing Scrabble with friends and playing solitaire on the computer, and most of all, sharing her joy of life and her love with all those she encounters.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to celebrating and recognizing individuals like Antoinette Trifari.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Antoinette's family and friends, everyone at St. Joseph's Home in Totowa, New Jersey, all those who have been touched by her, and me in recognizing Antoinette Trifari.

UPPER ELK RIVER WILD AND SCENIC STUDY ACT

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, at the request of the Pocahontas County Commission of the great State of West Virginia, today I am introducing legislation to provide for a study to determine the feasibility and suitability of including a segment of the Elk River as a component of the Wild and Scenic River System.

The Elk River is one of West Virginia's premier natural resource assets. It is the longest river in West Virginia with its boundaries entirely within the State. The study which would be authorized by this legislation, however, would focus only on that segment of the Elk where it begins at the confluence of two streams—Old Field Fork and Big Spring Fork—at the community of Slatyfork and flows North for approximately five miles to the Pocahontas/Randolph County line. The study would be conducted by the U.S. Forest Service.

The idea of preserving this river in its natural state is not something new. Indeed, I well recall conversations with one of West Virginia's visionary conservationists, former State Senator Robert K. Holliday, on this matter during the late 1980s and early 1990s. In 1989, the Senate of West Virginia passed a resolution calling for the development of the Elk River into a national recreation area by Federal and State governments. And in 1993, I did propose a Wild and Scenic study for a 57.5 mile segment of the river. For one reason or another, the enthusiasm over this endeavor dissipated.

The February 4, 2009, unanimous vote by the Pocahontas County Commission consisting of President Martin V. Saffer, David M. Fleming and Reta J. Griffith to request that a study be conducted on a much smaller segment of the Elk River resurrects this issue and makes it ripe for consideration.

The "Slaty" segment of the Elk River that would be the subject of the study authorized by this bill, named in reference to the community of Slatyfork where the river begins, was described in a January 2009 letter written by local resident Tom Shipley to the Pocahontas County Commission as follows: "History abounds around, near and on the banks of the Elk River. She is, in a literal sense, very much as she was back in the early 1800's . . . one of the last rivers on the East Coast that has three naturally reproducing species of wild trout . . . Brook, Brown and Rainbow. As Big Spring Fork and Old Field merge, they form an impressive gateway to the Upper Elk . . . a gift from God to Pocahontas County."

Indeed, the Slaty segment of the Elk River is a superb fishery, and the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources does a good job in the area. While what is being proposed is a study—not a designation—and while the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act is very clear that nothing in the statute "shall affect the jurisdiction or responsibilities of the State with respect to fish and wildlife," I am including in the legislation being introduced today a reaffirmation that the mere act of studying this segment of the Elk River will not change the status quo with respect to State jurisdiction.

The legislation being introduced today states that nothing in the bill "shall be construed as affecting access for recreational activities otherwise allowed by law or regulation, including hunting, fishing, or trapping." It further states that nothing in the measure "shall be construed as affecting the authority, jurisdiction, or responsibility of the State to manage, control, or regulate fish and resident wildlife under State law or regulations, including the regulation of hunting, fishing, and trapping."

In my view, most people associated with this segment of the Elk River want to keep it the way it is. As Mr. Shipley wrote, the river is "a gift of God to Pocahontas County" and I would add, to the State of West Virginia and the Nation as a whole.

In his book entitled "Upper River, Elk's Origins and Beyond," Skip Johnson, a long time outdoor columnist and reporter for the Charleston Gazette, concisely summed up the essence of our relationship with rivers. "Rivers like Elk touch us in a spiritual way," he wrote. "Dave Teets, my neighbor, gave a talk on rivers at our 2004 church picnic. He said that rivers are important in the Bible, important to our soul and mind, and important to God. They also provide recreation, transportation, and natural boundaries. Then he made a less profound but equally important point: 'Who hasn't spent at least a part of a day just watching a river roll on?'"

I could not agree more.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF ELIZABETH LOUISE ALLEN, AN AMERICAN MEZZO-SOPRANO AND HARLEM SCHOOL OF THE ARTS' PRESIDENT EMERITUS

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memoriam of my dear friend Elizabeth Lou-

ise Allen, who departed this life peacefully on Monday, June 22, 2009. Known to all of us as, Betty Lou Allen, she had been a guiding force at The Harlem School of the Arts since she became Executive Director, and eventually President after Dorothy Maynor, the school's founder, retired in 1979.

Betty Lou was born on March 17, 1927, in Campbell, Ohio, near Youngstown. Her father worked in the steel mills; her mother had a thriving business taking in laundry. Betty grew up in a neighborhood which was mostly made up of Sicilian and Greek families, and where she was introduced to the opera and its music. From the neighbors' windows, she could hear the broadcasts from the Metropolitan Opera house every Saturday from their radios.

Betty lost her mother to lung cancer when she was 12 years old. After many turbulent years, that began with her father, and later in foster homes, where she was treated badly and unfairly, Betty moved into the Youngstown Y.W.C.A. when she was 16 years old. She supported herself cleaning houses, excelled in Latin and German languages in high school, and entered Wilberforce College in Wilberforce, Ohio, on a scholarship (A historically black institution, it is now Wilberforce University).

At Wilberforce, Ms. Allen met Theodor Heimann, a former Berlin Opera tenor who taught German and voice there and encouraged her to sing. Soprano Leontyne Price was also a classmate at Wilberforce. Betty went on to earn a scholarship to what was then the Hartford School of Music in Connecticut.

In the early 1950s, Ms. Allen studied at Tanglewood, where Leonard Bernstein chose her to be the mezzo-soprano soloist in his Symphony No. 1 ("Jeremiah"); she was later a frequent soloist with Mr. Bernstein and the New York Philharmonic. Betty made her New York recital debut at Town Hall in 1958 in a program that included Brahms and Fauré.

Elizabeth "Betty Lou" Allen was part of the first great wave of African-American singers to appear on the world's premier stages in the postwar years. Active from the 1950s to the 1970s, she performed with the New York City Opera; the Metropolitan Opera; and the opera companies of Houston, Boston, San Francisco, and Santa Fe. In 1954 Ms. Allen made her City Opera debut as Queenie in "Show Boat," by Jerome Kern and in 1964, she made her formal Opera debut at the Teatro Colon in Buenos Aires, Argentina, followed by countless appearances worldwide.

Betty Allen sang the role of Begonia in the City Opera production of Hans Werner Henze's comic opera "The Young Lord," conducted by Sarah Caldwell in 1973. In reviewing the production of "The Young Lord," New York Times' Harold C. Schonberg wrote of Ms. Allen's on-stage performance: "When she was onstage everything came to life, and everything around her was dimmed."

Ms. Allen, who also toured as a recitalist, was known for her close association with the American composers Virgil Thomson, Ned Rorem and David Diamond. At her death, she was on the faculty of the Manhattan School of Music, where she had taught since 1969. She was also the president emeritus and a former executive director of the Harlem School of the Arts.

With the Met, Ms. Allen sang the role of Commère in Mr. Thomson's "Four Saints in

Three Acts" in 1973; she later participated in the first complete recording of the work. Elsewhere, her roles included Teresa in "La Sonnambula," by Bellini; Jocasta in Stravinsky's "Oedipus Rex"; Monisha in Scott Joplin's "Treemonisha"; and Mistress Quickly in Verdi's "Falstaff."

Betty Allen has brought so much joy to many audiences of all ages and diversity with her beautiful voice. She has long been committed to nurturing young artists across all disciplines and opening doors for so many African American children who would have never had the opportunity exploit their talents.

From 1979 to 1992 she served as Executive Director and President to her beloved Harlem School of the Arts. Upon her retirement she stayed on as President Emeritus. While HSA was born of the commitment and ideals of its founder, it was Betty Allen who strengthened the foundation of the vibrant and inspiring institution that it is today. HSA honored Betty Allen with the inaugural Betty Allen Lifetime Achievement Award at the Art is Life Gala on Monday, March 9, 2008, and graced her presence at this year's benefit.

In addition to her many years as a leader and master teacher with HSA, Ms. Allen has also taught at the North Carolina School of Arts, the Manhattan School of Music, and the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. She also holds Honorary Doctorates from Wittenberg University, Union College, Adelphi University, and Clark University in Massachusetts and the New School in New York City.

Madam Speaker, HSA President and Chief Executive Officer Kakuna Kerina stated: "The impact Betty Allen has made as an artist and arts educator is measured in the tens of thousands of lives she influenced in their youth. She was unique in that the standards she applied to herself were the same as the standards she expected of others, and we are better for it. We extend our condolences to Ms. Allen's family and thank them for sharing her with a vast community of admirers throughout the world."

Elizabeth "Betty Lou" Allen is a national treasure and true American heroine, whose artistic talents expanded the boundaries for so many African American children to achieve to be the best in any genre they choose to explore. May God bless all of us for the life of our American mezzo-soprano, Betty Allen.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information in regards to H.R. 2996, the Fiscal Year 2010 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

Project Name: City of East Prairie, Missouri Stormwater and Sewer Infrastructure

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Requesting Entity: City of East Prairie, Missouri

Address of Requesting Entity: 219 N. Washington St., East Prairie, Missouri, 63845-1141

Description of Request: Provide an earmark in the amount of \$200,000 to rebuild East Prairie, Missouri's wastewater and storm water infrastructure. The existing 84-year-old water infrastructure is crumbling under the streets due to sinkholes which have plagued the community. The sinkholes are destroying box culverts, which is posing a threat to streets and houses in East Prairie. The money procured will pay for the construction of new stormwater sewers. A minimum of 45% of the total project cost will come directly from the City of East Prairie, Missouri.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I, KAY GRANGER, submit the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3082, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2010. For the project titled "Replace Joint Base Communications Building," which received \$6,170,000 in H.R. 3082, in the Navy Reserve Military Construction account, the legal name and address of the receiving entity is NAS JRB Fort Worth, in Fort Worth, TX. Funds will be used to build a new communications building. The existing base communications building is undersized. The location of communications assets must remain in that position since communications lines that run throughout the base run underground into the building's terminal/switch room. This facility, built in 1951, does not lend itself to the demands of current technologies. This has resulted in piecemeal renovations over the years in an attempt to meet growing communications needs. The existing space will not accommodate growth requirements for the terminal/switch room, threatening a loss in communication functionality base-wide.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARY BONO MACK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mrs. BONO MACK. 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 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK
Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations, 2010

Entity Requesting: Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy and the Friends of the Desert, 45480 Portola Ave. Palm Desert, CA 92260

Description of Earmark: \$500,000 is provided for the protection lands including two properties comprising 871 acres in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument, improving resource management.

A 504 acre property is bounded by USFS land on 4 sides. A portion of an 8.1 mile segment of Palm Canyon Creek, found eligible for classification as a Wild and Scenic River in the Forest Land Management Plan, traverses the property, as does the Palm Canyon trail. A 367 acre property is bounded by USFS land on 3 sides. The property also adjoins an existing rural residential area where a paved road provides access to the property. This access and available water and electric service create development potential. Acquisition of the property prevents potential future residential development on it and the attendant wildfire issues and water supply issues in this area of extremely high fire hazard. The property provides habitat for the gray vireo.

Spending Plan: Project Expenditures—

The total cost for the 871 acres is \$1,500,000. Because both properties have been pre-acquired, they are available for immediate sale to USFS upon the enactment of the federal budget.

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations, 2010

Entity Requesting: Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy and the Friends of the Desert, 45480 Portola Ave., Palm Desert, CA 92260

Description of Earmark: \$500,000 is provided in the legislation for protecting local groundwater resources and preventing pollution in the City of Cathedral City. There are thousands of septic tanks that lie east of the Whitewater Channel in the Coachella Valley that have been identified as a significant threat to public potable groundwater resources. This project will permanently remove these known pollution sources (septic tanks) and will sustain and improve local and regional water supply reliability. Cathedral City is confident that this project will proceed with full community support and participation. Long-term attainment and maintenance of state and Federal drinking water quality standards will also be achieved as a result of this endeavor.

Spending Plan: Project Expenditures—

Task: Right-of-Way Acquisition: \$0; Construction Costs: \$12,700,000.

Design & Construction Management: \$2,300,000—Design and Engineering, Environmental Permits, Environmental Clean-up, Construction Administration, Construction Inspection, Materials Testing, Surveying. Total Cost: \$15,000,000.

Matching Funds Break-down: City of Cathedral City General Fund—\$800,000, Federal Assistance—\$1,000,000, Assessment District—\$9,000,000, California Proposition 84 Grant—\$2,000,000, Cathedral City Redevelopment Agency—\$700,000, Coachella Valley Water District—\$1,500,000. Total Match: \$15,000,000.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, I am submitting the following information regarding H.R. 1945, Tule River Tribe Water Development Act. The entity to receive funding authorized

under this act is the Bureau of Reclamation. The project will benefit the Tule River Tribe located at 340 N. Reservation Road, Porterville, CA 93257. I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project; the project is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; the project is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the authorizing legislation; and the project meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican 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. This legislation passed in the House of Representatives on June 18, 2009.

In the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs account, an earmark for Emergency Communications Equipment for the City of Midland was included on my behalf. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Midland, located at 300 North Lorraine, Midland, Texas 79702.

Funding for this project will be used to upgrade backup equipment for Midland's emergency communications system, which is used by the city's police, firefighters and other first responders. In the past, not all first responder groups in Midland could communicate with each other due to differences in their systems. An advantage of Midland's new, upgraded communications system is interoperability, enabling police and other first responders to communicate directly. The backup equipment must be upgraded so that it will properly take effect should the main system fail during an emergency.

In the Office of Justice Assistance, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants Program account, an earmark for the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) Program, at the Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas (San Angelo Police Department in partnership with ALERRT) was included on my behalf. The entity to receive funding for this project is the ALERRT Program at Texas State University-San Marcos, located at 601 University Drive, San Marcos, Texas 78666.

ALERRT was established by Texas State University to provide first responders with the tactics they will need to effectively respond to active shooter situations. ALERRT enables officers that have successfully completed a special "Train-the-Trainer" course to train fellow officers at their home agencies, providing an efficient and cost-effective manner to increase the number of officers with these life-saving skills. Continued funding for ALERRT in FY10 will enable the program to train more patrol officers, including San Angelo Police Department, help establish the program as a national

training system; further build train-the-trainer capacity; enhance retention of learned skills by former students; provide valuable research and evaluation to improve first responder abilities; and provide investigative training and support for evolving threats. In addition to providing ALERRT to the more than 400 entities requesting it, FY10 funding and beyond will be integral to sustain and build capacity for a nation-wide effort to standardize a level of preparedness among the more than 650,000 peace officers employed by law enforcement agencies across the United States.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I am placing the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman BILL SHUSTER (PA-9)

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES PROJECTS

Project Name: Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resources, PA

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture/SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pennsylvania State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$133,000 for Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resources, PA

It is my understanding that funding for this project will support a collaborative research and education program to assist diverse farm operations better adopt more sustainable farming practices. This project will increase field research and demonstration to increase the exposure of farm advisors and farmers to sustainable cropping system practices. Additionally, the project will support research on specific techniques to infuse environmentally and economically sustainable practices into a wide variety of agricultural production systems.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because increased farmer understanding and adoption of sustainable farming practices is critical to meeting future agricultural and natural resources challenges in both the United States and worldwide. Sustainability in agricultural production is a national theme that resonates broadly with national targets of sustainability and responsible use of natural resources. Increasing production without causing permanent ecological damage benefits farmers, consumers, and the environment. It is also my understanding that approximately 25 percent of funding will be used to salaries, approximately 25 percent for graduate students, approximately 48 percent for other direct costs, and approximately 2 percent for travel.

Project Name: Milk Safety, PA

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture/SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pennsylvania State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$771,000 for Milk Safety, PA

It is my understanding that funding for this project will support research that protects the safety of dairy products for Pennsylvania and the nation. Research will address the continued threat of natural or intentional contamination of the fluid milk supply. The project will focus on continuing to develop more sensitive, accurate, and cost-effective diagnostic tools to identify pathogens and toxins.

Additionally, research will support developing and evaluating alternative preservation techniques that ensure the safety of dairy products while preserving food quality attributes, evaluating the benefits and risks associated with consumer and producer interest in raw milk products, and examining the integrity of the supply chain that moves dairy products from the farm gate to the consumer.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because new technical approaches to solving crucial problems in dairy farming have high impact and are critical given the importance of the dairy production sector and the multiplier effect of dairy-derived income. Current challenges have placed the dairy production sector and related industries at risk. Milk safety funding provides a tool for the federal government to respond quickly to emerging issues within the dairy industry and is necessary to maintain consumer protection and confidence. Improvements can be transferred to producers, processors, distributors, and retailers.

It is also my understanding that approximately 32 percent of funding will be used for salaries, approximately 13 percent for graduate students, approximately 16 percent for wages, approximately 1 percent for travel, approximately 10 percent for equipment, and approximately 28 percent for other direct costs.

Project Name: Improved Dairy Management Practices, PA

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture/SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pennsylvania State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$243,000 for Improved Dairy Management Practices, PA

It is my understanding that funding for this project will provide research to address improved dairy management practices and specifically nutrient and emissions management. The project will be focused on addressing issues associated with dairy production by utilizing technology to improve water quality, lowering the impacts of emissions, and supporting efficient energy use.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because current challenges have placed the dairy production sector and related industries at risk. Evaluating new management tools for their impact on dairy farm profitability and delivering new tools to the industry based on sound scientific study is vital to the future of U.S. dairy production. New technical approaches to solving crucial problems in dairy farming have high impact and are critical given the importance of the dairy production sector and the multiplier effect of dairy-derived income.

It is also my understanding that approximately 24 percent of funding would be used

for salaries, approximately 23 percent for graduate students, approximately 22 percent for wages, approximately 2 percent for travel, and approximately 29 percent for other direct costs.

Project Name: Dairy Farm Productivity, PA
Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture/SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pennsylvania State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$349,000 for Dairy Farm Profitability, PA

It is my understanding that funding for this project will provide assistance to improve dairy farm profitability. This project will provide technological solutions to real-world problems that are reducing the profitability of dairy farms in Pennsylvania and across the nation. Technologies will be validated for their economic impact and delivered as part of a broader economic analysis of individual farms.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the local dairy farm is part of a complex system which extends from local issues of decisions regarding nutrient management, animal genetics, and operation diversity to global issues of supply and demand for dairy products. New technical approaches to solving crucial problems in dairy farming have high impact and are critical given the importance of the dairy production sector and the multiplier effect of dairy-derived income.

It is also my understanding that approximately 24 percent of funding would be used for salaries, approximately 15 percent for graduate students, approximately 27 percent for wages, approximately 3 percent for travel, and approximately 31 percent for other direct costs.

Project Name: Agricultural Entrepreneurial Alternatives, PA

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture/SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pennsylvania State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$233,000 for Agricultural Entrepreneurial Alternatives, PA

It is my understanding that funding for this project will provide assistance for agricultural entrepreneurship development. This project is important both regionally and nationally because it focuses on education and other support necessary to help farmers make a transition from "traditional" types of farming to value-added agricultural enterprises.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because developing the entrepreneurial skills of agricultural producers assists in providing higher profits on farms, a decline in farm consolidation, and increased opportunities for consumers to obtain products that meet their lifestyles. Growth of entrepreneurial skills strengthens farmers' ability to act on consumer-based opportunities. This strengthens the agricultural industry, local communities, and provides consumers with goods and services they are willing and able to buy. Because of its unique production characteristics and market access, Pennsylvania is an ideal location for this project.

It is also my understanding that approximately 75 percent of funding would be used

for salaries and approximately 25 percent for travel, communications, and program development.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PETER
CROSS, USA

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the courage of a brave and dedicated hero of the state of Texas and of our nation.

Private First Class Peter Cross was a soldier in the United States Army and is a true American hero. Peter gave his life in the service of his country on June 26, 2009, due to injuries he sustained from his vehicle overturning on a mountainous road in Afghanistan.

Assigned to 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York, Private First Class Cross made the ultimate sacrifice for his country in a time of war, an action that speaks volumes far greater than words about his character and patriotism.

A native of Saginaw, Texas, Peter had aspirations of missionary work following his service in the Army. These ambitions, along with his efforts to avoid children herding sheep near Combat Outpost Carwile, Afghanistan, which ultimately resulted in the overturning of his vehicle, led his father Mike Cross to point out, "His last act in life shows what kind of man he was—selflessly thinking of others."

Peter had been on active duty in the United States Army for less than one year. He joined the Army in August of 2008 and was deployed to Afghanistan in February of 2009. Peter quickly developed a sincere passion for the people of Afghanistan that he was there to help. His father specifically noted, "He really had a heart for the Afghani people. He used to hand out candy, and pens and papers, and anything else he could spare for the kids when they came around the guys. He was a fun guy. A godly guy."

Our thoughts and prayers are with Private First Class Cross' parents, siblings, grandparents, and all of his family and friends. His community and nation honor his memory, and we are grateful for his faithful and distinguished service to America.

Private First Class Cross will not be forgotten. His memory lives on through his family and the legacy of selfless service that he so bravely imprinted on our hearts.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR GENERAL
JEFFERY W. HAMMOND

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Major General Jeffery W. Hammond, Commanding General, 4ID along with the 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas for their honorable commitment to Fort Hood, Texas and the United States of America.

The 4th Infantry Division will be leaving Fort Hood and relocating to Ft. Carson, CO this month.

The citizens of TX-31 have supported the 4th Infantry Division through the Adopt-A-Unit Program as they deployed and completed tours in Iraq over the last year. Through this support relationships have been built with the men and women of the 4th ID and their families. The people of TX-31 will miss the remarkable family they have made.

It has been a true honor to have MG Hammond and the men and women of the 4th Infantry Division reside in Texas District 31.

I am pleased to recognize Major General Hammond and the 4th Infantry Division for their time spent at Fort Hood, Texas.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. NATHAN DEAL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. DEAL of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman NATHAN DEAL

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The City of Gainesville, Georgia

Address of Requesting Entity: Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District, 40 Courtland Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30303

Description of Request: Pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the Congressional Record regarding earmarks I received as part of [Bill 2996, the "Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for 2010."] Any federal funding received would be used to help local governments meet water resource plan requirements and be used for various stages of design and construction for several water projects including watershed management, wastewater treatment and water conservation. District serves broad public purpose protecting water supplies and water quality. Rivers and streams don't follow political boundaries, (12 of 16 District counties lie within more than one watershed) regional solutions to problems are only way to achieve lasting results. District's projects are multi-jurisdictional in nature and beyond abilities of individual local governments. Consequently, federal assistance will allow members to work towards these critical regional solutions. District's plans outline variety of water related activities required by various state and federal requirements. Successful implementation of District's plans has national significance through protection of water resources of roughly half the Georgia population.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as

part of the FY 2010 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman LAMAR SMITH

Bill Number: FY2010 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act

Account: GSA—Federal Buildings Fund

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: General Services Administration, Washington, DC

Address of Requesting Entity: 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405

Description of Request: I have secured \$4,000,000 for the San Antonio United States Courthouse, Texas. It is my understanding that the requested funds are additional design funding for a new federal courthouse in San Antonio, Texas. Design funds were originally appropriated in FY 2004, but GSA had difficulty identifying a site. They have now identified a site and intend to swap the land the courthouse is currently on, as well as an adjacent government-owned site, for a city-owned site on which to build the courthouse. GSA will require, however, additional design funding now to hire an architect to design the proposed facility. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

COMMEMORATING THE COURAGE
AND SERVICE OF THE WORLD
WAR II VETERANS OF IBEW
LOCAL 601

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Veterans of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 601 in Champaign, Illinois. On July 11, IBEW Local 601 will be sponsoring a World War II Heritage Day which will honor 48 of their members who fought for our freedom in World War II.

The citizens of the United States of America find great inspiration in the men and women of our armed forces. We hold our revered veterans with the highest respect and admiration, remembering those who stepped forth with tremendous courage to make the ultimate sacrifice in World War II. On July 11, 2009 we join to celebrate a particularly inspiring group of this nation's citizens, the World War II Veterans of IBEW Local 601 who served with remarkable dedication to protect our cherished ideals of freedom and democracy.

Throughout the history of our great nation, brave and patriotic individuals answered the most honorable call to serve this country. Out of the bloodshed and carnage of World War II rose shining examples of selfless courage, heroism and glorious deeds performed under the direst of circumstances and against a background of unprecedented loss of lives.

From the moment of the first attack upon Pearl Harbor to the declarations of victory in Europe and Japan, this assault waged upon the entire world took an enormous toll in terms of human casualties. They went off willingly to the battlefields, seas and skies of Europe and the South Pacific to risk their lives.

I have the utmost respect for the soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines of our armed forces who bravely served this nation during

World War II and welcome the opportunity to acknowledge and thank the members of IBEW Local 601 for their valiant efforts in defending freedom and democracy, and in building a more peaceful world.

To commemorate the noble service and sacrifices of IBEW Local 601 World War II Veterans, I would like to read each of their names into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

IBEW Local 601 World War II Veterans who served in the U.S. Navy:

Andrew Messmer
Arlo Deremial
Earl "Pete" Schweighart
Evan B. Renn
Fred L. Cline
Robert F. McNattin
Glen Wilsky
Howard McIntosh
Hugh Bothwell
Frederick C. Treseler
Morgan C. Craft
Richard G. Hensler
Merle R. "Bud" Mingee
Robert Carley
Ralph L. Allison
Ross Brown
Cecil E. Reynolds
Al Schaebe
Richard McNattin
Miles P. "Olie" Bland
Orville L. Bell
John P. Bothwell
Lafayette C. Craft
Russell Reynolds
IBEW Local 601 World War II Veterans who

served in the U.S. Army:

Brice "Speedy" Hartyman
Clarence Berger
Dale Terven
David R. Goodwin
Floyd H. Ellis
George Panbacker
Robert Faullin
George Bland
Howard Barham
Russell E. Wicks
Glen "Red" Eastman
Nyles R. "Shorty" Hardyman
Wally Lamb
Harold E. McHenry
Paul Rubenacker
IBEW Local 601 World War II Veterans who

served in the U.S. Army Air Force:

E. L. "Al" Ruthstrom
Lynn Norris
Donald E. Wonders
Harold Schweighart
Wayne Billhymmer
Leo J. Francis
John J. Minneci
IBEW Local 601 World War II Veterans who served in the U.S. Marines:
Harold Clements
Richard Henry Hillier, Jr.

May their noble service and sacrifices be remembered forever. I know the House of Representatives will join me in honoring the Veterans of IBEW Local 601 for their World War II Heritage Day on July 11, 2009.

WILLIAM CHURCHHILL "DOBBER"
DOYLE

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, there is perhaps no greater sacrifice an American can

make than serving their Country during a time of war, and one of my constituents—William Churchill "Dobber" Doyle—has quite a story to tell.

At 90-years-old, Billy—as he is known to many—loves to share his tale with anyone who will listen. Like many from the "Greatest Generation," his time during World War II reads like a Hollywood script, but to the humble man who lived it, the sacrifice was his duty.

Billy was assigned to a supply unit and stationed at Camp Forrest in Tullahoma, Tennessee in December 1941. On December 6, he was told to get ready to be deployed, and he boarded a troop train to the west coast on the eve of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

His first step on foreign soil was on his birthday on November 19, 1942, in North Africa. He would eventually pass through sites like Casablanca and Cairo and make his way to Europe, crossing through Italy, Germany, and France. As Billy told the Knoxville News Sentinel in Knoxville, Tennessee, "Every time the front moved, we had to move."

As part of a supply unit, Billy was one step behind General Patton throughout the war, tasked with keeping him supplied and always at risk of attack. He was part of one of the bloodiest campaigns of the war to establish a beachhead in Italy. 3,000 troops died in the effort, and his 30-member unit lost two in the battle.

Billy demonstrated his true character after breaking his nose in the field. He refused to seek treatment because that would mean having to leave his men.

His favorite moment of the war was when a group of French citizens called him a liberator. He learned of the end of the war in Lyon, France while listening to the radio. As he told the Knoxville News Sentinel, "The town went crazy, especially the girls."

Throughout his life in Tennessee after the war, Billy has selflessly given his time back to the community. He is known as the "Bread Man" around his hometown of Vestal, and donates his time to the Vestal United Methodist Church Food Pantry and Center of Hope Ministry. He is loved and respected by everyone who is fortunate enough to know him.

Madam Speaker, I have known many members of the Doyle family, and they are one of the most respected and prominent families in South Knoxville. I gladly bring this story of William Churchill "Dobber" Doyle to the attention of my Colleagues and other readers of the RECORD, and I hope this tale of the "Greatest Generation" inspires the next.

TRIBUTE TO PRIVATE AMOS
MCKINNEY

HON. PARKER GRIFFITH

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Private Amos McKinney. Private McKinney was a Black Soldier who served the United States Army in a White Regiment during the Civil War.

Amos McKinney started his service to our country at Rome, Georgia on December 15, 1863 as an Undercook in Company C of the

1st Alabama Calvary. Enlisting as a cook was the avenue to combat for many African American soldiers during the Civil War, and Private McKinney was no different. During his service, he was shot below the knee and also suffered several wounds to his chest before being mustered out of service on October 20, 1865 in Huntsville, Alabama.

Unfortunately, history has forgotten many Black Soldiers who served the Union White Regiments during the Civil War. Driven by a firm belief in the Union's purpose, Private McKinney and others were willing to work their way up the ranks so they could fight for the cause. Their perseverance and courage should not be lost. In recognition of Private McKinney's service, there will be a dedication ceremony on July 11, 2009 for a memorial established in his honor.

Amos McKinney married Melissa Ann McAfee Pearson after the war, and together they had 9 children. Private McKinney's courage is surely an inspiration to the family he left behind, and his bravery is a testament to the power of an unyielding American spirit and personal resolve.

Madam Speaker, I stand to recognize an American soldier and to extend my gratitude for the service of Private Amos McKinney and those who served beside him. I commend the McKinney family and the historians of my district whose efforts made this recognition possible.

HONORING THE CONGREGATION OF
NOTRE DAME IN NEW HYDE
PARK, NEW YORK

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of the congregation of Notre Dame in New Hyde Park, New York to commemorate its remarkable contributions to the community. Celebrating its 50th anniversary, the Church of Notre Dame has been an influential and beneficial entity in New Hyde Park and beyond. Through a wide-range of programs, Notre Dame and its congregation have served their community with persistence and openness. For this, the Church and its congregation, both past and present, are deserving of recognition.

The Church of Notre Dame and its affiliated school do much for the community. Over the past half century, thousands of students have acquired the skills and focus to live meaningful and productive lives while attending Notre Dame. These students, drawing on their education at Notre Dame School, often give back to their community as a part of Notre Dame's congregation and beyond. In addition, the Church itself runs many programs that aid the local community. Reaching out to others in New Hyde Park and providing for both its congregation and those in need, the Church has and continues to provide important services and opportunities for the community and has remained a place of both worship and hospitality. Activities such as food drives, educational seminars, and support groups, are just a few examples of programs sponsored by the Church for the benefit of its congregation and community. As Notre Dame celebrates its 50th

anniversary, it is a great time to reflect on all the positive work its congregation has done in New Hyde Park over the past half century and to look towards a future of continued public and spiritual service.

The work of this Church and its congregation is inspiring to us all, and I am immensely grateful to them for all that they have accomplished. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing the gratitude of the U.S. Congress for their extensive contributions to society.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman LAMAR SMITH

Bill Number: FY 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act

Account: Corps of Engineers—Investigations
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Corps of Engineers (on behalf of the Lower Colorado River Authority)

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, TX 76102

Description of Request: I have secured \$700,000 for the Lower Colorado River Basin Study. It is my understanding that the funding will be used towards the completion of the basin wide study in order to identify cost-effective ways to reduce flood damages in the lower Colorado River basin of Texas. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman LAMAR SMITH

Bill Number: FY 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act

Account: Corps of Engineers—Investigations
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (on behalf of the San Antonio Water System)

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, TX 76102

Description of Request: I have secured \$600,000 for the Nueces River and Tributaries Study. It is my understanding that the funding will be used for the continuation of a detailed study of the complex relationships between surface water, groundwater and the varying ecosystems and communities dependent on such water. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman LAMAR SMITH

Bill Number: FY 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act

Account: Corps of Engineers—Construction
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (on behalf of the San Antonio River Authority)

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, TX 76102

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,500,000 for the San Antonio Channel Improvement Project. It is my understanding that

the funding will be used for the Mission Reach project to restore an eight-mile stretch of the San Antonio River south of downtown previously channelized for flood control purposes. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman LAMAR SMITH

Bill Number: FY 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act

Account: Department of Energy—EERE
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Bexar County

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Dolorosa, San Antonio, TX 78205

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,000,000 for the Bexar County Solar Collection Farm and Distribution System. It is my understanding that the funding will be used for the installation of a 200-kilowatt solar photovoltaic system. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE GREAT CHARITABLE WORKS OF CHARLIE AND SANDY MARKEL IN MEMORY OF THEIR SON, RYAN

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the great charitable works of Charlie and Sandy Markel in memory of their son, Ryan. Ryan tragically died during a school swim class on December 19, 2002 at age eleven. This was a heartbreaking loss to his family, friends and community.

Since the death of their young son, the Markel family has been working hard to spread safety awareness, especially in the school setting. They started Ryan's Hope Foundation, which offers low-cost cardiopulmonary resuscitation and defibrillator certification, as well as pool safety. Since the founding of Ryan's Hope Foundation, the Markels and their team of volunteers have trained around four thousand people in CPR and defibrillator skills.

Ryan was deeply loved by his family, friends and his school community. Mourning the loss, many members of the community donated money to the Markels, which they immediately put into the Ryan's Hope Foundation. Along with the money that comes from certification fees, the Markels have put any money that would have gone toward Ryan's allowance, Christmas and birthday presents into the Foundation.

This past June, Ryan would have graduated from Depew High School. To honor Ryan's life, Ryan's Hope Foundation rewarded every college-bound member of the graduating class with the Ryan Markel Scholarship. Two students received a \$500 scholarship and 167 other graduates received a \$100 scholarship. The recipient also received a letter from Charlie, Sandy and their daughter, Amanda wishing the graduates luck and thanking them for being a part of Ryan's life.

Ryan's classmates also took measures to commemorate Ryan at graduation. During the ceremony, one of Ryan's classmates read a

letter about Ryan and called his family on stage. In addition, the graduating seniors created a memorial displayed in the foyer at the graduation ceremony, which included Ryan's photograph, a graduation cap and a poem. An entire page of the yearbook was dedicated to Ryan and his classmates included a tribute to Ryan in their class DVD. Finally, his classmates bought the rights to name a star in his honor.

It is my honor to commemorate the life of Ryan Markel and the charitable efforts of his family. On behalf of the Western New York community, I thank the Markels for their extraordinary efforts to increase safety awareness in the memory of their son.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I submit the following information.

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Agricultural Research Service
Name of Requesting Entity: University of Florida/IFAS

Address of Requesting Entity: 700 Experiment Station Rd, Lake Alfred, FL, 33850

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,300,000 for the Citrus Canker and Greening Research. This funding will be used for Continuation of vital citrus Canker, citrus Greening/Huanglongbing (HLB) and Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP) research to improve technologies for treatment and detection, methods of movement and containment, and means to control and eliminate these devastating citrus diseases and disease vector. Currently, citrus Canker disease, the spread of the ACP and citrus Greening/HLB are the two most serious diseases and vector facing the U.S. citrus industry. Both diseases and the vector have been declared endemic in the state of Florida and pose serious threats to California, Texas and to the viability of the U.S. citrus industry. Research supported through federal funding in addition to state and grower funds is critical to ensuring that the citrus industry remains a viable part of America's economy. In Florida alone, commercial citrus is a \$9 billion dollar a year industry that supports almost 90,000 jobs. California and Texas combined have over a \$3.2 billion economic impact with over 26,000 jobs in their respective states. Due to the severity of just these two diseases and vector, the importance of continuing critical research unabated is crucial. Canker is caused by a bacterium that creates lesions on the leaves, stems, and fruit of citrus trees, including oranges and grapefruit. While not harmful to humans, Canker significantly affects the health of trees, causing leaves and fruit to drop prematurely. Wind and rain serve as the vector of Canker. Citrus greening/HLB is a bacterial disease which is spread by the Asian citrus psyllid. Although it presents no threat to humans or animals, trees diagnosed with citrus greening/HLB have greatly reduced production and often die within a few years. Recently, research for these diseases and vector

has been done on a state by state basis. More than 100 research projects are currently underway in an attempt to find scientific answers to greening/HLB, the ACP and Canker. A new federal ARS research initiative could ultimately provide long-term solutions to these invasive pests and diseases. This new approach has become necessary to help protect U.S. citrus production and mitigate the impact of these exotic pest and diseases. Scientists are confident that intensive and sustained research can solve the Greening/HLB, ACP and Canker puzzles once and for all.

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: CSREES

Name of Requesting Entity: University of Miami

Address of Requesting Entity: 142 Collegiate Loop, Tallahassee, FL, 32306

Description of Request: I have secured \$2,494,000 for the Southeast Climate Consortium. This funding will be used to characterize the impacts of ENSO-related climate variability (a global coupled ocean-atmosphere phenomenon producing the most prominent known source of inter-annual variability in weather and climate around the world) on agricultural commodities and specialty crops. Explore alternative management responses to realistic climate scenarios and quantify expected outcomes. Establish communications process that can rapidly disseminate climate information and decision support tools regularly while gleaning user feedback on the usefulness and relevance of the provided analyses via agricultural stakeholders and state extension services. Study the agricultural impact of water managers' decisions in response to climate variability. Weather and climate significantly affect agriculture; year-to-year climate variability (e.g., flooding, droughts) can dramatically impact agricultural productivity. Climate forecast information for a relatively small regional group of agricultural decision-makers has proven useful. By expanding efforts into Georgia and Alabama via new collaborations with universities there, we enhance our understanding and predictive abilities as we tailor information for a wider range of Southeast agricultural decision makers.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2996, the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: Land and Water Conservation Fund

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Uwharrie Trail, Randolph County, North Carolina.

Address of Requesting Entity: U.S. Forest Service, 160 Zillicoa Street, Suite A, Asheville, NC 28801

Description of Request: The bill provides \$500,000 for land acquisition to complete the second portion of the Uwharrie Trail in Randolph County, NC. The Uwharrie National Forest is located in the Piedmont area of central North Carolina. It is located in a rural but developing area 40 miles from Charlotte (more than 1.3 million in population), and almost as near to the Research Triangle cities of Greenville/Raleigh and Durham, NC. At 50,189 acres, the Uwharrie is the smallest National Forest with the most fragmented ownership in North Carolina, owning only 23% of lands within the forest boundary. Land acquisition offers the best opportunity to consolidate this scattered ownership pattern and will also improve plant and wildlife habitat, reduce the threat to endangered species, increase recreation opportunities, and improve water quality in the Uwharrie River watershed. The Uwharrie National Recreation Trail currently runs north from a trailhead on Highway 24/27 near Wood Run Hunt Camp in Montgomery County through lands along the north portion of the Uwharrie National Forest in Randolph County. The current trail is 20.4 miles in length and provides views of the surrounding countryside containing a mixture of oak, hickory, maple and conifer tree communities.

RECOGNIZING THE W*I*N OF ROUND ROCK

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize W*I*N (Women Impacting the Nation) of Round Rock, Texas for their success in making a difference in the community in such a short time frame with Freedom Festival 2009.

The W*I*N organization helped organize and host the 2009 Freedom Fest held July 4th at Dell Diamond, a concert and firework presentation benefiting The Children of Fallen Soldiers. Children of Fallen Soldiers is a non-profit organization based out of Round Rock, Texas with a goal to provide each child who has lost a parent in the line of duty, with \$25,000 to assist with college expenses, or to otherwise help them to start out in the world when they turn 18. Fifteen central Texas children have been identified through the program to have lost a parent in the line of duty. The soldiers who were killed were all from Ft. Hood, Texas.

The Freedom Fest 2009, is just one of the events the W*I*N organization has sponsored and organized in Texas District 31. It is an honor to recognize and thank the local W*I*N group for their dedication to the families in Texas District 31, our community and our country.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. McKEON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on ear-

marks, I am submitting the following information regarding Member priority requests I received as part of H.R. 3082, the "Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010."

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

Bill Number: H.R. 3082, the "Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010"

Account: MILCON, Navy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center
Address of Requesting Entity: U.S. Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, CA, 93517

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority authorization request totaling \$6,830,000 for a new commissary at the U.S. Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center. This project would construct a permanent commissary at the U.S. Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center. Due to the remote location of the base outside Bridgeport, California, military members and their families travel dozens of miles over steep and sometimes impassable roadways to buy groceries and supplies. This project would eliminate that drive and provide an improved quality of life on base, especially during the winter months.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on Member requests, I am submitting the following information regarding congressionally directed appropriations projects I sponsored as part of H.R. 2847, FY 2010 Department of the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

Amount: \$500,000

Requesting entity: City of Maple Plain

Address: 1620 Maple Avenue; Maple Plain, MN 55359

Description of Project Request: Funding would allow the City of Maple Plain to comply with Federal water standard mandates by helping finance a new water treatment facility. The facility is necessary to meet Environmental Protection Agency requirements for the city's water radium levels.

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

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. 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.

Requesting Member: JOHN M. SHIMKUS

Bill number: H.R. 2847

The Account: COPS Tech

Requesting Entity: Christian County Sheriff at 301 Franklin St. Taylorville, IL 62568.

Funding would go to be used for interoperable communication needs for emergency response in Christian County.

The Account: OJP—Byrne

Requesting Entity: Fairfield Police Department at 108 NW 7th St. Fairfield, IL 62837.

Funding will be used for an emergency generator and security and communications upgrades for Fairfield Police Department to allow them to utilize their facility and provide the equipment necessary for security compliance.

The Account: OJP—Byrne

Requesting Entity: Findlay Police Department at 221 E. S. Second St. Findlay, IL 62534.

Funding will be used for equipment to allow the FPD to properly equip their officers for the seasonal increases in traffic

The Account: OJP—Byrne

Requesting Entity: Village of Southern View located at 3412 S. Fifth St. Springfield, IL 62703.

Funding will be used for training and equipment for the Southern View Police Department.

The Account: OJP—Byrne

Requesting Entity: Wayne County Sheriff's office located at 305 E. Court St. Fairfield, IL 62837.

Funding will be used for equipment and supplies to upgrade underage drinking enforcement and other communications related equipment at Wayne County Sheriff's office.

The Account: OJP—JJ

Requesting Entity: i-SAFE, Inc. located at 5900 Pasteur Court, Suite 100 Carlsbad, CA 92008.

i-SAFE is a non-profit foundation that has been providing, since 2002, Internet Safety curriculum to over 7.2 million students nationwide. Parents, educators, law enforcement and industry rely on i-SAFE to educate citizens in all 50 states about how to remain safe from online predators, consumer fraud, bullying and many other online victimizations. The funding will go toward furthering these goals.

RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF CEDAR PARK

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the Cedar Park City Council and staff for their great work within the community and helping to identify economic drivers and the small business in Cedar Park that make our community work.

I appreciate the work and dedication of the Cedar Park City Council and look forward to continuing to work with them in the future.

It is an honor to recognize the Cedar Park City Council for their great work.

PAN AMERICAN GOLF ASSOCIATION NATIONAL TOURNAMENT AND CONVENTION

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Pan American Golf Association National Tournament and Convention, which will be hosted on July 27–31 in Corpus Christi, Texas.

The tournament, which will be played on a beautiful day in the Coastal Bend area, returns to Corpus Christi after 10 years, and it has a special meaning to the Corpus Christi Chapter, which was established in 1951, with a handful of Hispanic golfers playing at Oso Golf course at the end of Alameda Street. Today, there are more than 42 Pan American Association Chapters in the country, including Corpus Christi.

I take this time on the House floor to welcome each and every one of our participants and ask that they enjoy their time with friends, family and loved ones. I know some of the best players of the sport will come together from across the nation to tee off.

I applaud the efforts made by those involved in getting the 2009 Pan American Golf Association National Tournament and Convention to Corpus Christi, and extend to all my best wishes.

Today, I ask that my colleagues join me in commemorating the 2009 Pan American Golf Association National Tournament and Convention and the Corpus Christi Chapter for their dedication, support and love for the sport of golf.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 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 earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman PHIL GINGREY

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Department of Agriculture; Natural Resources Conservation Service, Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Paulding County (GA) Board of Commissioners

Address of Requesting Entity: 240 Constitution Boulevard, Dallas, GA 30132

Description of Request: The project will be a pump-fill reservoir located within the upper reaches of Richland Creek in northern Paulding County, Georgia. The funding granted in H.R. 2997 is to be used for engineering and design services for the dam structure and appurtenances, raw water withdrawal station, raw water pipeline, and for mitigation purposes.

Richland Creek Reservoir is a public water supply reservoir that is being proposed to fulfill Paulding County's water supply needs for the next 50 years. As Richland Creek has a small drainage basin, a raw water intake structure and pipeline must be constructed on the Etowah River to supply water to the 4.4 billion gallon reservoir. According to our 50-year water needs projections, Paulding County will need approximately 62 million gallons per day (MGD). Currently, Paulding County purchases 100% of its potable water from Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority (CCMWA). CCMWA has in its long-term plan to be able to supply Paulding with up to 27 MGD leaving an unmet need for Paulding County of 35 MGD. Richland Creek Reservoir is expected to fulfill the unmet water supply need of 35 million gallons per day (MGD) for Paulding County.

The \$100,000 added to H.R. 2997 will be used in its entirety for Surveying, Engineering Studies & Permitting for the reservoir to help fulfill the water needs of Paulding County.

HONORING FRANK KUCINICH, JR.

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Ms. FUDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Frank Kucinich, Jr., brother of Representative DENNIS KUCINICH, and recognize his service to our country and his dedication to the City of Cleveland, Ohio.

Frank Kucinich, Jr. was a United States Marine Corps combat veteran of the Vietnam War, who was promoted to lance corporal on the battlefield. After leaving Vietnam, Frank continued his service in the Mediterranean in support of the U.S. Navy's Sixth Fleet in Europe. He was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps in September 1968.

Frank Kucinich received many military awards for his service. He was also one of the founding members of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 15, in Cleveland, Ohio, and was nominated to the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

Frank had retired and lived at the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky, Ohio when he passed away on June 30. Frank was the beloved brother of DENNIS, Gary, Theresa, Larry, the late Perry and the late Beth Ann.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in celebrating the life of Frank Kucinich, Jr., and in recognizing his service to our community and our country. His patriotism and contributions to society serve as an inspiration to all of us.

RECOGNIZING LANDY WARREN OF ROUND ROCK

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Landy Warren of Round Rock, Texas for his unbelievable service to our country, his leadership through Children of Fallen Soldiers and Freedom Festival 2009.

The Children of Fallen Soldiers is a non-profit organization based out of Round Rock, Texas with a goal to provide each child who has lost a parent in the line of duty, with \$25,000 to assist with college expenses, or to otherwise help them to start out in the world when they turn 18. The Children of Fallen Soldiers organization was born through the vision of the Rotary DISTRICT 5870, in Round Rock, Texas.

Fifteen central Texas children have been identified through the program who have lost a parent in the line of duty. The soldiers who were killed were all from Ft. Hood, Texas.

The Freedom Fest 2009, a 4th of July concert and fireworks presentation to benefit The Children of Fallen Soldiers, was held this year with the hard work of Landy, and other local sponsors.

It is an honor to recognize Landy, as he continues to be a true leader in Texas District 31, and in our country.

CONGRATULATING SUE LOFGREN—
SCI VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sue Lofgren from my home town of Tempe, Arizona. Sue is being recognized as the Sister Cities International Volunteer of the Year at the annual conference. This year's conference takes place in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

The cities of Tempe, Arizona and Timbuktu, Mali, West Africa have enjoyed an eighteen year partnership through Sister Cities International. This relationship has persevered, despite hurdles which would have daunted most people. Lack of modern communication methods in 1991, the language barrier, as well as the physical difficulties of travel to that remote part of the world, were just a few of the hurdles. Sue found a way to overcome all of them.

The number one issue facing Timbuktu was lack of water. Sue arranged for a retired water engineer to travel to Timbuktu—no easy task in itself—to assess the feasibility of drilling water wells. Once water was found 100 feet down, Sue's real work began. She organized a fundraising effort to secure the \$7,000 needed to drill a well, by selling bottled water bearing the label, "Water for You . . . and Timbuktu". The next hurdle was getting the money to Mali as Timbuktu had no bank, no Western Union, no nothing. This was eventually accomplished through a third party. When the first well opened, people literally danced in the streets and named that first effort, The Sue Lofgren Well. She has since raised money for six more wells.

When Sue made her first visit to Timbuktu, she packed her clothes and \$11,000 of donated medical supplies, reading glasses, soccer balls and school supplies. While on her visit, she was home-hosted and saw first hand the great needs of these proud people. She returned home and redoubled her efforts on their behalf.

To date, she has singlehandedly raised at least \$200,000 in aid for Timbuktu. In addition to the wells, money has gone to purchasing

wheelchairs, goats, sheep and camels, sewing machines, gardening supplies, medical and school supplies, as well as toilets and a millet grinder for the Women's Center. In 2008 she also facilitated a relationship with Project C.U.R.E which resulted in the donation of another \$500,000 in badly needed medical equipment.

All of this effort might seem to be enough for most of us, but not Sue. In addition to her efforts on Timbuktu's behalf, she volunteers a lot of her time to other programs of Tempe Sister Cities. She and her husband, Bob, have hosted international guests from Tempe's six other sister cities. She volunteers in the organization's gift shop, works in the kitchen for events and has organized the information booth at the annual Way Out West Oktoberfest. She is tireless in her dedication to Tempe Sister Cities, and especially to Timbuktu.

I am proud to call Sue Lofren a friend, and prouder yet that her efforts are being recognized by this wonderful award. Please join me in congratulating this outstanding person.

THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MR.
JESUS GONZALEZ VILLAGOMEZ

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jesus Gonzalez Villagomez, who celebrated his 100th birthday on May 5, 2009, surrounded by family, friends and loved ones.

Mr. Villagomez was born on May 5, 1909, in Villa Morelos, Michoacan, Mexico, to a ranching and farming family—Telesforo and Antonia Gonzalez Villagomez.

When he turned 18, he migrated to the United States entering at the Port of Brownsville in Brownsville, Texas, and a few years later returned to Mexico where he met and married his lifelong companion and wife, Mariana Aguillon Villagomez. Mr. Villagomez and his wife returned to the United States and settled in Fargo, North Dakota.

He joined the United States Army at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, during World War II and was honorably discharged. Mr. Villagomez would go on to make a name for himself holding positions with the Union Pacific Railroad and the Armour Meat Packing Company in Fargo, North Dakota, where he retired from.

He is fluent in English and Spanish and has a true love and passion for education. He has a son, Jesse Villagomez, Jr., of Ft. Worth, Texas, and a daughter, Maria Antonieta Villagomez, of Corpus Christi, Texas, as well as four grandchildren and three great grandsons.

Mr. Villagomez's hobbies include: gardening, cooking, reading, dancing, and traveling.

Today, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the 100th birthday of Mr. Jesus Gonzalez Villagomez who has lived a happy life surrounded by family, friends and loved ones.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I submit a record of how I would have voted on June 18 and 26, 2009 when I was unavoidably detained.

Had I voted, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall No. 383, "yes" on rollcall No. 390, "yes" on rollcall No. 400, "yes" on rollcall No. 406, and "no" on rollcall No. 472.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, consistent with the House Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, to the best of my knowledge the requests I have detailed below are (1) not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; and (2) not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark. As required by earmark standards adopted by the House Republican Conference, I submit the following information on projects I requested and that were included in the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 (H.R. 2997).

Account: Agriculture Research Service—Salaries and expenses

Project Name: Northwest Center for Small Fruits, Corvallis, OR

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research, 4845 B SW Dresden Ave., Corvallis, OR 97333

Project Location: Corvallis, Oregon

Description of Project: H.R. 2997 appropriates \$254,000 for the Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research conducted by USDA's Agriculture Research Service (ARS). According to the requesting entity, the appropriated funds for this project will be used by ARS to fund cooperative research, extension, and education activities on peer-reviewed small fruits research project proposals that will enhance profitability and sustainability of the small fruits industry in the Pacific Northwest.

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Project Name: Multi-commodity Research, OR

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR 97331-4501

Project Location: Corvallis, Oregon

Description of Project: H.R. 2997 appropriates \$244,000 for the Multi-commodity Research, OR program to be conducted by Oregon State University. Oregon State University has confirmed in their justification that the appropriated funds for this project will be used to

enhance competitiveness and expand the economic value-added component in Oregon agriculture products through research and outreach in food processing, product development, business strategy, marketing, and consumer testing.

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Project Name: Potato Research, ID, OR, WA

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR 97331-4501

Project Location: Corvallis, Oregon

Description of Project: H.R. 2997 appropriates \$1,037,000 for the Potato Research, ID, OR, WA program to be conducted in part by Oregon State University. Oregon State University has confirmed in their justification that the appropriated funds for this project will be used to develop and commercialize new potato varieties that will directly benefit all segments of the Northwest potato industry and indirectly benefit all U.S. potato producing regions.

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Project Name: Regional Barley Gene Mapping Project, OR

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Oregon State University Corvallis, OR 97331-4501

Project Location: Corvallis, Oregon

Description of Project: H.R. 2997 appropriates \$471,000 for the Regional Barley Gene Mapping Project, OR program to be conducted by Oregon State University. Oregon State University has confirmed in their justification that the appropriated funds for this project will be used to stimulate economic activity in the agriculture sector and to improve human health and welfare by using the tools of genomics to develop improved barley varieties, which will be more tolerant of stresses caused by plant diseases, insects, and climate change. Furthermore, enhanced tolerance will lead to greater productivity with fewer chemicals and fertilizer inputs. The project will also help develop varieties that will provide needed crop diversity for eastern Oregon wheat farmers.

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Project Name: Small Fruit Research, ID, OR, WA

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Oregon State University Corvallis, OR 97331-4501

Project Location: Corvallis, Oregon

Description of Project: H.R. 2997 appropriates \$307,000 for the Small Fruit Research, ID, OR, WA program to be conducted in part by Oregon State University. Oregon State University has confirmed in their justification that the appropriated funds for this project will be used to fund cooperative and competitive research grants, and education activities to enhance the profitability and sustainability of the small fruits industry in the Pacific Northwest.

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Project Name: STEEP IV—Water Quality in Northwest

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Oregon State University Corvallis, OR 97331-4501

Project Location: Corvallis, Oregon

Description of Project: H.R. 2997 appropriates \$444,000 for the STEEP IV—Water Quality in Northwest program to be conducted in part by Oregon State University. Oregon State University has confirmed in their justification that the appropriated funds for this project will be used to establish a network of agriculture research sites from which to address long term agriculture, environmental, and agroecosystem problems. According to the requesting entity, to date, the STEEP research grant has provided funds to develop cropping techniques such as direct-seeding, residue management, weed control, and accompanying extension programs to facilitate the adoption of successful conservation farming for the Pacific Northwest.

AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY AND SECURITY ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the American Clean Energy and Security Act—a historic step forward to revitalize our economy and get America running on clean energy.

There is a global race underway to develop clean energy technologies. We have the innovation and manpower to take the lead—but we will not get there unless we muster the political will to keep our nation competitive. This bill makes sure that everyone benefits from the millions of jobs this bill will create through a Green Construction Demo Project and additional Green Jobs Act funding to train workers with the new skills they will need to repower and rebuild this nation.

This bill also makes the U.S. more energy independent by investing in energy efficiency, including for consumers of natural gas, home heating oil, and propane. We know that comprehensive energy efficiency programs can help households save money on energy. I thank the Chairman for providing states with greater flexibility to use allowances under the SEED Program to expand existing cost-effective efficiency programs. And for including a provision I cosponsored with my colleague RUSH HOLT, to jumpstart important research on consumer behavior, energy conservation and efficiency. Moving forward, I hope we will strengthen the combined energy efficiency and renewable energy standard, to maximize efficiency and investments in clean technologies like wind, solar, geothermal, and biomass.

Madam Speaker, this bill is a significant step towards a better future, and a major break from the past eight years of ignoring our energy crisis. For the first time, it would create a system of clean energy incentives designed to jumpstart the economy and reduce the carbon pollution that causes global warming.

Make no mistake—the effects of global warming are visible here and now. In my home state of Connecticut, global warming is a threat to our health, our wetlands, our lobster fisheries, and our economy. This bill is

our chance to mitigate that threat—a chance that will not come again soon.

Future generations are counting on us to do the right thing today—to set our country on a path towards a cleaner, more prosperous future. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

APPLAUDING HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS IN CELEBRATION OF FATHER'S DAY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to praise my fellow colleague, EDOLPHUS TOWNS, for his outstanding career on Capitol Hill within the House of Representatives, as well as his continuous role as a father. This week, the New York Carib News acknowledged the Congressman in “Edolphus Ed Towns, Father and Lawmaker” in an article on outstanding fathers. The article noted his 30 years as a member of Congress and recognized TOWNS as the proud father of two adult children, Darryl, a New York State assembly member and his daughter Diedre, a Senior Executive with the Pfizer Pharmaceutical Company.

Mr. TOWNS, who is a former social worker and community activist, is a 14-term veteran and currently chairs the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Mr. TOWNS was born on July 21, 1934 in Chadbourn, North Carolina and earned his bachelor's degree from North Carolina A&T State University. He holds a master's degree in social work from Adelphi University. Prior to serving in the House, Mr. TOWNS was a teacher in the New York City Public School System, and a professor at Fordham University as well as Medgar Evers College. He is also a veteran of the United States Army and an ordained Baptist minister.

Mr. TOWNS continues to be dedicated and committed to serving his constituents within the 10th Congressional District of New York, which encompasses a variety of Brooklyn's diverse population. Mr. TOWNS also continues to be an advocate for adequate public health care, as well as equal access to quality public education and technology and financial security.

As a father, Mr. TOWNS strived to instill values in his children, as well as being fully invested in teaching them important life lessons by assuring the family spent time and had meals together. Mr. TOWNS understood the important role that fathers have in a child's life and cherishes the significance of sharing life experiences, which he attributes to his children's success in their personal and public lives. As an example, Mr. TOWNS and his son, Darryl, are the first African-American father-son team to serve simultaneously in New York public office.

Fatherhood is filled with many joys and challenges, and therefore, I applaud EDOLPHUS TOWNS for his continued commitment to his family as well as for his public service. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with my colleague and I commend him for his leadership.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information in regards to H.R. 2997, the Fiscal Year 2010 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Requesting Member: JO ANN EMERSON
Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Missouri-Columbia

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Park DeVille Drive, Suite E, Columbia, MO

Description of Request: Provide \$1,139,000 for the Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute to provide objective, quantitative economic analysis of agricultural policy alternatives. Approximately \$188,000 or 17% is to continue a cooperative agreement with the University of Wisconsin relating to dairy policy; \$140,000 or 12% is to conduct analysis of rangeland, cattle and hay with the University of Nevada—Reno; \$811,000 or 71% is to be divided between the University of Missouri and Iowa State University to provide a ten-year baseline and policy analysis for US and world agriculture.

Requesting Member: JO ANN EMERSON
Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Missouri-Columbia

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Park DeVille Drive, Suite E, Columbia, MO

Description of Request: Provide \$595,000 for the Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute (FAPRI) and the Agricultural and Food Policy Center (AFPC) to provide Congress with information regarding farm financial risk and farm structure and the impacts of alternative agricultural policies on these factors. Approximately \$244,000 or 41% is for FAPRI at the University of Missouri to provide stochastic and deterministic baseline and policy scenarios and \$351,000 or 59% is for AFPC at Texas A&M University to provide representative farm analysis.

Requesting Member: JO ANN EMERSON
Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Missouri-Columbia Delta Research Center

Address of Requesting Entity: Highway 61, Portageville, MO 63873

Description of Request: Provide \$174,000 for the University of Missouri—Delta Research Center to continue research on rice production in the mid-South. Approximately \$140,610 will be for multiple personnel costs, \$29,000 for materials and supplies, and \$5,000 for other costs.

Requesting Member: JO ANN EMERSON
Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Missouri-Columbia

Address of Requesting Entity: 214 Middlebush Hall, Columbia, Missouri 65211

Description of Request: Provide \$835,000 for the Rural Policies Institute to provide unbiased analysis and information on the challenges, needs, and opportunities facing rural people and places; and to spur public dialogue and help policymakers understand the impacts of public policies and programs on rural people and places. Of the \$835,000, \$600,000 is for salaries and benefits, and the remaining \$135,000 is for center investments, conferences and events, consultants, office expenses and travel.

Requesting Member: JO ANN EMERSON
Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Missouri-Columbia Delta Research Center

Address of Requesting Entity: Highway 61, Portageville, MO 63873

Description of Request: Provide \$556,000 for continued soybean cyst nematode research at the University of Missouri—Delta Research Center. Of the \$556,000, 85% is for salaries and benefits, the remaining 15% is for travel, supplies, and costs for a winter seed nursery.

Requesting Member: JO ANN EMERSON
Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service—Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Bootheel Resource Conservation and Development, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 18450 Ridgeview Lane, Dexter, MO 63841

Description of Request: Provide \$207,000 to the USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services in Southeast Missouri. Of the \$207,000, 80% would be utilized for salaries and benefits, 17% for APHIS-Wildlife Services program support and 3% for vehicle maintenance and fuel. A portion of the operating budget will also be provided by local municipalities, commodity organizations and university support.

Requesting Member: JO ANN EMERSON
Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: General Provision

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Congressional Hunger Center

Address of Requesting Entity: Hall of States Building, 400 North Capitol Street, N.W., Suite G100, Washington, DC 20001

Description of Request: Provide \$2,500,000 for the Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellowship Program and the Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellowship Program. Of the \$2,500,000 in funding 54% would be for salaries, benefits, healthcare and other costs associated with the Emerson National Hunger Fellowship Program and 46% for similar costs associated with the Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellowship Program.

Requesting Member: JO ANN EMERSON
Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Agriculture Research Service—Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry

Address of Requesting Entity: 203 Anheuser-Busch Natural Resources Building, Columbia, Missouri 65211

Description of Request: Provide \$660,000 to support research on viable alternative production and protection options to help revitalize the economic and environmental health of rural farms and communities in Missouri and

surrounding states. Approximately, \$438,882 [or 66%] is for salary and fringe to support professional track faculty, research associates, field research specialists, graduate and undergraduate students; \$201,982 [or 31%] for materials and supplies in support of laboratory and field-based research on campus and at five MU farms and centers; \$19,137 [or 3%] for travel.

Requesting Member: JO ANN EMERSON
Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—Research and Education Activities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Center for Grapevine Biotechnology at Missouri State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 9740 Red Spring Road, Mountain Grove, Missouri 65711

Description of Request: Provide \$422,000 to research the ability of wild grapevines to defend themselves against pathogens, and their capacity to synthesize health-promoting properties. Of the funds available 46% for salary and benefits, 21% for other direct costs including materials and supplies, and 25% for F&A.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of HR 2997.

Requesting Member: JOHN M. SHIMKUS
Bill number: HR 2997

The Account: Agriculture Salaries and Expenses

Requesting Entity: National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center (NCERC) at 400 University Park Dr in Edwardsville, IL.

NCERC is the only pilot plant facility in the world that has the flexibility to process any grain based feedstock to fuel ethanol and associated products. Funding will go toward the research at NRERC which is needed to reduce our reliance on foreign sources of energy.

THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MR. JESUS GONZALEZ VILLAGOMEZ

HON. SOLOMAN P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jesus Gonzalez Villagomez, who celebrated his 100th birthday on May 5, 2009, surrounded by family, friends and loved ones.

Mr. Villagomez was born on May 5, 1909, in Villa Morelos, Michoacán, Mexico, to a ranching and farming family—Telesforo and Antonia Gonzalez Villagomez.

When he turned 18, he migrated to the United States entering at the Port of Brownsville in Brownsville, Texas, and a few years later returned to Mexico where he met and married his life-long companion, Mariana Aguilon Villagomez. Mr. Villagomez and his

wife returned to the United States and settled in Fargo, North Dakota.

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Mr. Villagomez's hobbies include: gardening, cooking, reading, dancing and traveling.

Today, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the 100th birthday of Mr. Jesus Gonzalez Villagomez who has lived a happy life and surrounded by family, friends and loved ones.

HONORING JAMES C. KERNAN, JR.

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor James C. Kernan Jr. for his contribution to both our government and local community. Through his commitment to serving others, Mr. Kernan has affected the lives of many, both nationally and locally. For these reasons and many others, I believe he is worthy of recognition.

As a dedicated member of United States Army, James received numerous accolades commemorating his outstanding bravery. Among his many distinctions, James was awarded the Kuwait Liberation Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with two bronze stars, the Humanitarian Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal with a bronze star. After leaving the Army, Mr. Kernan continued to serve his country by enlisting in the Army Reserves. For years, James would travel from his home on Long Island to Utica, NY to train at the Elihu Root Army Reserve Center. Once again, James excelled, earning five separate Army Reserve Component Achievement Medals. I am proud to honor James for his 26 years of service in our Armed Forces.

Mr. Kernan's exemplary dedication does not end with his military record. Prior to his retirement in January, James spent thirty-five years as an employee of the Internal Revenue Service. Throughout his tenure, he was promoted through the organization, and received thirteen distinct awards for his accomplishments.

Apart from his lifetime of public service, Mr. Kernan is an invaluable asset to his community. While raising his two sons on Long Island, James, and his wife Ruth, organized countless fundraisers and community events. They dedicated themselves to parent associations, the Our Lady of Victory Elementary School, and the Notre Dame Convent, and accepted the presidency of the Trinity Parents' Club at Holy Trinity Diocesan High School. Mr. Kernan's life's work is a testament to his com-

mitment to developing a strong and healthy community for his children and others, James even acted as a volunteer referee for local little league games. Our children represent our future, and James has touched the lives of generations to follow.

The work of Mr. Kernan is inspiring, and I am grateful to him for all that he has accomplished. It is through the efforts of individuals such as James Kernan that our nation remains strong and prosperous. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing the gratitude of the U.S. Congress for his contributions to society.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID MUHLENDORF

HON. PARKER GRIFFITH

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. David Muhendorf, President and CEO of Paper and Chemical Supply, on his recent appointment to the U.S. Chamber Board of Directors.

Throughout the years, David's dedication and commitment to the success of north Alabama have directly contributed to my district's economic success. Small business has always served to be the backbone of our nation, and Mr. Muhendorf's presence on the national economic stage will prove to be a great benefit to our country.

Earlier this year, David was named the 2008–2009 Shoals Citizen of the Year for his development work with the Chamber of Commerce of Northwest Alabama. He has also worked tirelessly for the area's education system with the Northwest Shoals Community College Board of Directors, for our local charities with the Shoals United Way, and for my State's economic development with the Business Council of Alabama.

Madam Speaker, I wish to congratulate Mr. David Muhendorf for his new appointment and thank him for his diligent and determined work for the Tennessee Valley, the State of Alabama and our country.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding authorizations I requested and were included as part of H.R. 2647, National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2010.

A request for the Marksmanship Skills Trainer. The funding would be used for procuring a portable self contained system that allows for multiple scenarios from training to combat skills. This is a multiple user system allowing for high output during times of training constraints. The trainers will be stationed at the various Texas Army National Guard facilities allowing for maximum use for the soldiers. The system allows for ongoing marksmanship training in a simulated environment without the expenditure of ammunition or need to travel to

a weapons range. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Texas National Guard, 2200 West 35th Street, Austin, TX 78763.

A request for the Mobile Firing Range. The mobile firing range is a self contained range that allows for the firing of pistol and rifle systems for the Texas National Guard. Currently there is no opportunity to fire weapons for training or qualification without traveling to a certified range on a military installation. The Texas Army National Guard currently does not have access to any indoor ranges that can be used to fire the M16/M4 which is the current armament for 90% of the soldiers within the Texas Army National Guard. The Mobile Firing Range will allow soldiers to train with their assigned weapons at home station. This system is a training and force multiplier due to the negation of travel and lodging, and staging needed when conducting this training on a military facility. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Texas National Guard, 2200 West 35th Street, Austin, TX 78763.

A request for the Visual Door Gunner Trainer (VDGT). The funding would be used for procuring a VDG T device that provides door gunnery and crew coordination training for UH–60 Blackhawk crewmembers. The VDG T also incorporates precision gunnery training to improve target engagement skills. This system is mobile and can be moved between Texas Army National Guard aviation facilities that have UH–60s. The system enables crews to train without leaving home station or flying additional hours. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Texas National Guard, 2200 West 35th Street, Austin, TX 78763.

A request for the Field Deployable Hologram Production System. The funding would be used for completing development of a compact production unit that produces 3D holographic imagery for mission planning and intelligence purposes for U.S. forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. The U.S. Army requests a self-contained, field-deployable EHI production system to accelerate imagery delivery to combat forces. The goal is a more efficient, cost effective production system that provides the deployed war fighter needed planning and intelligence capabilities on a much faster basis. The entity to receive funding for this project is Zebra Imaging, Inc, 9801 Metric Blvd, Austin, TX 78758.

A request for the Compact Pulsed Power Initiative. The funding would be used for the development of explosive- or battery-operated, compact, high-power radiation sources and associated antenna systems capable of destroying electronics used for radars, communications, computer, or remote detonation devices, and others that can disable car engines. The information gained from this research will be significant in furthering our nation's defense capabilities especially in the area of disabling and destroying IEDs. The research for this project will be conducted by Texas Tech University, 2500 Broadway (mail stop 3121), TX 79409.

A request for the Modular Shoot House. The funding would be used for procuring a self contained combat scenario system for team training in a safe 360 degree ballistic, combat simulated environment. The Modular Shoot House (MSH) will be placed on Texas Army National Guard training facilities as determined by training needs of the geographic regions in the state. New combat training tasks will be

exercised using the MSH by multiple units who have building clearing as part of their mission essential tasks. There is currently no Texas Army National Guard controlled MSH. The addition of this system will greatly enhance training and readiness prior to unit deployment. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Texas National Guard, 2200 West 35th Street, Austin, TX 78763.

Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

A request to Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSRESS), Special Research Grants Account, to the Animal Fiber Research Program. This funding would assist in the ongoing Wool Research Program. This program is a partnership between the Texas Agriculture Experiment Station in San Angelo, TX, New Mexico State University and Montana State University. This program helps enhance the quality and quantity of wool and mohair produced in this country. In addition, significant efforts are being made to work with small ruminants as a means to control invasive brush which is a major issue in many parts of Texas degrading rangelands and taking precious water. The project is located at 7887, U.S. Highway 87N, San Angelo, Texas, 76901.

A request to Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSRESS), Special Research Grants Account to continue partial funding of the state of the art multidisciplinary research approach at the International Cotton Center at Texas Tech University. The International Cotton Center conducts cotton research programs for cotton production systems and provides market and policy analysis for natural fibers (cotton, wool, and mohair) in an effort to increase profitability and maintain viability of all segments of the U.S. cotton industry in an increasingly competitive and volatile international market. The project research would be centrally located at Texas Tech University, located at 2500 Broadway, Lubbock, Texas 79409.

A request to Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSRESS), Special Research Grants Account, to continue partial funding for the Center for Food Industry Excellence at Texas Tech University. The Center for Food Industry Excellence is a federal and state supported program that conducts systematic development and evaluations of production, processing and preparation methods of food products to achieve a safer and more nutritious food supply. The project research would be centrally located at Texas Tech University, located at 2500 Broadway, Lubbock, Texas 79409.

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
(BCC))

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the opportunities Bronx Com-

munity College (BCC) has afforded its students for over half a century. This week, the New York Carib News acknowledged the most recent graduation at the school with a story in its June 23, 2009 edition entitled the "Spirited Commencement on Historic Field." For the graduation, thousands gathered on Ohio Field to watch BCC's graduating class of 2009 receive their degrees. Dedicated to serving its students through academics, leadership, and a commitment to service, BCC has done a remarkable job of producing talented individuals from all backgrounds. Approximately fifty-five percent of graduates are first generation college students and twenty-five percent balance school with work and family lives. Even more significant is the forty-four percent of students who come from households with an income of less than \$15,000 per year. Bronx Community College is doing extraordinary things for a culturally diverse population of students, and deserves to be recognized for its years of commitment to this initiative.

This year, BCC graduated approximately 1,000 students who were prepared to enter the work force to begin careers in areas from medical office technicians to students who will receive full scholarships to complete their studies at four-year undergraduate institutions. Not only does such success among its students provide BCC with a strong alumni base, it also sets an incredibly strong example for both youth and adults in the surrounding area who have ever had doubts about their abilities to advance their education. The beauty of this institution is that it cultivates the dreams of those who want better careers and lives for themselves and their families. The Bronx Community College welcomes untraditional paths to education, and provides its students with the resources, motivation, and encouragement to succeed.

The continued pursuit of education and personal advancement even in such challenging economic times speaks volumes to the commitment of the Bronx Community College. This school confirms the validity of such public institutions and deserves to be recognized as a force of motivation in the Bronx community and a source of inspiration for anyone who dreams of succeeding.

TRIBUTE TO MONSIGNOR EUGENE
M. BOLAND

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of an outstanding individual, Monsignor Eugene M. Boland, who was recognized on Sunday, June 28, 2009, on the occasion of his retirement.

It is only fitting that he be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, for he has been a true public servant and someone whose spiritual commitment has enhanced countless lives.

Eugene M. Boland was born on May 12, 1939, in the Village of Eyrecout, County Galway, Ireland, one of three sons of John and Nora (Potter) Boland. One of his brothers, Monsignor John V. Boland, is the pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church in Vernon Township,

NJ. The other, Eamon, and his wife Mai and their four children reside in Castlecomer, County Kilkenny, Ireland. Young Eugene attended the local convent school until second grade, and then continued on at the local boys school until he was thirteen. He began his secondary education (high school) at St. Joseph's College, Ballinasloe, in 1952, and then went on to St. Patrick's Seminary in Carlow in the fall of 1957. He was ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral in Carlow on June 8, 1963.

Father Boland came to this country on August 16, 1963, and was temporarily assigned to St. Vincent the Martyr Parish in Madison. On October 8th of that year, he was given a permanent assignment as associate pastor at St. George's Church in Paterson, where he would serve with Monsignor Joseph Brestle and Father Julian Varettoni. On June 29, 1971, he was assigned, with Monsignor Michael F. Hart as Pastor, to St. James of the Marches Church in Totowa, NJ, where he has remained ever since. He has served with many parochial vicars including Father Francis J. Duffy, Father Dennis O'Brien, Weekend Associate Father James Dolan, S.J., Father Paul Iovino, Father Joseph E. Murphy, Father Marc Mancini, Father James P. Bono, Father Damian Breen, O.S.B. Father Nicholas Gregoris and Father James Cerbone, S.D.B.

Monsignor Hart was called from this life on June 18, 1990, and soon after Father Boland was appointed as Pastor of St. James. On October 10, 1993, he was honored with the title of Monsignor.

During his time at St. James alone, Monsignor Boland baptized 1,364 infants, witnessed 470 marriages, administered First Eucharist to 2,864 children, attended 37 confirmations, and grieved with 1,249 families. He has made innumerable sick calls and communion visits. Over the 37 years he has served there, he has been involved in many activities of the Parish and of the greater Totowa community as well. He has attended not only graduations, Religious Education Classes and Rosary Altar Society meetings and events, but walked 37 May Crownings, attended 37 swearing in ceremonies for the Totowa Borough Council, and countless Boy and Girl Scout and Knights of Columbus events. He is the Chaplain of the Totowa Fire Department and was Dean of the Mid-Passaic Deanery for ten years beginning in February 1995.

Throughout his years of service, Monsignor Boland has helped to deepen the faith of many, and teach them more about their religion. His dedication to learning and expanding his own knowledge is exemplary.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to learning about and recognizing the efforts of individuals like Monsignor Boland.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Monsignor Boland's family and friends and parishoners, all those who have been guided by him, and me in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable service of Monsignor Richard A. Boland.

CONGRATULATING ALEC KOHLI
FOR EARNING THE CONGRES-
SIONAL AWARD GOLD MEDAL

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Alec Kohli, a resident of Scottsdale, Arizona, and a constituent of my district. Alec has earned The Congressional Award Gold Medal, the United States Congress' award for young Americans. The Congressional Award recognizes outstanding young people from all over the nation, and Alec has gone above and beyond by committing a tremendous amount of time and effort to attain the Award's highest ranking possible—the Gold Medal.

In order to be considered for the Congressional Award, individuals must achieve goals set in four exclusive program areas: Voluntary Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition or Exploration. Alec has excelled in all areas, first completing over 400 hours of Voluntary Public Service by participating as an Environmental Proctor at Exeter Academy, as a youth mentor to underprivileged youth, and as an Eagle Scout. For Personal Development, Alec attended a five-week summer program at Stanford University, where he worked on improving his math and analytical abilities as well as his leadership and time management skills. In the Physical Fitness category, Alec focused on sports and fitness activities, and measured his progress over a three-year training period by his ability to run one mile in six minutes and forty-five seconds. Finally, for his Expedition, Alec attended Camp Philmont in the mountains of New Mexico.

Alec is an exceptional young man, and sets a great example for Arizona's youth. I would like to express my appreciation for his contributions to the community, and I hope you will join me, Madam Speaker, in congratulating Alec on his phenomenal accomplishments.

RETIREMENT OF MR. GEORGE
DALLEY

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Ms. FUDGE. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Mr. George Dalley on his exemplary service to the United State House of Representatives. Mr. Dalley is retiring this year after thirty years of service to Chairman RANGEL. Throughout his tenure in Congress, Mr. Dalley provided a wealth of information to CBC members and was a strong advocate for a more responsive approach to Africa, the Caribbean, and Central America.

Having an informed, passionate and committed staff makes a significant difference for a Member of Congress. Mr. Dalley has been such a staffer for Chairman RANGEL. As a journalist once wrote, "Dalley is the guy in Rangel's office who sees every piece of paper the boss sees. He's the one Rangel seeks out when he needs an answer." The trust and collegiality between these two men is indeed a rare and valuable commodity.

Even in his well-deserved retirement, I am sure he will maintain a busy schedule advocating for the causes in which he so passionately believes. As Mr. Dalley continues to raise his voice in support of human rights around the world, I wish him the best in his retirement from the House of Representatives.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE 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 H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

I requested two projects in H.R. 2997.

\$300,000 for the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences Shellfish Aquaculture Development Program and the Cedar Key Aquaculture Association located at P.O. Box 89, Cedar Key, FL 32625. These funds will be used to conduct multi-disciplinary research into struggling aquaculture programs.

\$1,033,000 for the study of Subtropical Beef Germplasm by the SubTropical Agricultural Research Station located at 22271 Chinsegut Hill Road, Brooksville, FL 34601. The 3800 acre USDA research facility conducts multi-disciplinary research aimed at boosting efficiency, safety and environmental responsibility for the cattle industry of Florida and the south-east.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.
Bill Number: H.R. 2892, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: FEMA, State and Local Programs
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Dorchester County

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 Johnston Street, St. George, SC 29477

Description of Project: Construct and equip a new emergency operations center to enhance response by first responders and survivability of critical equipment in a county that contains significant critical infrastructure, including I-26, and is in close proximity to Charleston's military bases and ports.

Requesting Member: HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.
Bill Number: H.R. 2996, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: National Park Service, Save America's Treasures

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Dorchester County

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 Johnston Street, St. George, SC 29477

Description of Project: Repairing standing wooden tents at this historic meeting compound that were damaged as a result of arson, and facilities upgrades allowable under program rules; Cypress Historic Meeting Compound, which was founded in 1794, is on the National Register of Historic Places and has been recognized as one of the last "Great Awakening" religious compounds. National Register Number: 78002504.

Requesting Member: HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.
Bill Number: H.R. 2997, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture, SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Clemson University

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 Sikes Hall, Clemson, SC 29634

Description of Project: Funds will be used to support the continued development of fruit tree genomics at Clemson University that currently underpins the future of competitive specialty crop agriculture in South Carolina and the U.S. This work identifies, characterizes and manipulates the genes and gene actions that control: the normal growth and development of fruiting trees, natural resistance genes to both abiotic and biotic stresses, genes that influence the progression of disease in the trees (e.g. peach tree short life), and genes controlling quality and yield of fruits. This research provides the pipeline for future fruit tree improvement and sustainability. Clemson is at the heart of fruit tree genomics research in the U.S. Project has been funded in past appropriations acts.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit documentation consistent with the Republican Earmark Standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Services (CSREES)

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: University of Florida—Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF-IFAS)

Address of Receiving Entity: 700 Experiment Station Rd., Lake Alfred, FL 33850

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,217,000 in funding in H.R. 2997 in the Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Services Account for University of Florida—Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences.

The purpose of this funding is support the continuing citrus canker and greening research by UF-IFAS to improve technologies for treatment and detection, methods of movement and containment, and means to control and eliminate these devastating citrus diseases.

Federal funding, in addition to state and grower contributions will help improve technologies for treatment and detection, methods

of movement and containment, and means to control and eliminate devastating citrus diseases and disease vector. This project is eligible to receive a federal grant under the Department of Agriculture, Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Services (CSREES) Account.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to state for the record that I was on an official leave of absence from the U.S. House of Representatives on the account of illness and unable to vote on rollcall vote No. 328 to H.R. 2410 taken on June 10, 2009. Had I been present for this vote, I would have voted nay.

As an ardent supporter of the unborn, I am strongly opposed to this legislation, which among many issues created an Office of Global Women's Issues that could advocate for abortions around the world. I believe that life begins at conception and could not support this legislation without safeguards that ensure that abortion is not promoted.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. DENT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding a project that is listed in H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010:

Bill Number: H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010

Account: National Institute for Food and Agriculture, SRG

Title: Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resources

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pennsylvania State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802

Description of Request: Funding for this project will support a collaborative research and education program between the Pennsylvania State University and the Rodale Institute that will help diverse farm operations better adopt sustainable farming practices. The project will increase field research and demonstration to enhance the exposure of farm advisors and farmers to sustainable cropping system practices. Practices to be further investigated and field-demonstrated include: crop species and cultivars for inclusion in crop rotations that improve the performance of sustainable and organic cropping systems, especially for the Northeast; fine-tuning of management guidelines for mechanical control of cover crops and weeds in conservation and no-tillage systems to reduce or eliminate herbicides; factors that better promote conserva-

tion of biological control organisms and beneficial soil microorganisms for weed seed predation and management of other pests; and practices that increase soil organic matter.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 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. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Provision: Title I

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—Extension

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "Oklahoma State University"

Address of Requesting Entity: 107 Whitehurst Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$209,000 to fund the Pilot Technology transfer services and engineering assistance to small, rural manufacturers with the goal of improving their profitability and enhancing the economy in rural communities. More specifically, 25 percent of these funds be used for Oklahoma State University's Corporate Extension office to fund the salary and benefits for one Applications Engineer, 25 percent of the funds would fund the Rural Enterprises Institute, and 50 percent of the funds would fund a companion program at Mississippi State University.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Provision: Title I

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—Special Research Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "Oklahoma State University"

Address of Requesting Entity: 107 Whitehurst Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$223,000 for the expanded Wheat Pasture project to develop science and technologies, uniquely adapted wheat varieties, decision-support economic models, and extension education programs to increase profitability of the many dual-purpose wheat enterprises (i.e. wheat grain and stocker cattle) in Oklahoma and the southern Great Plains and strengthen the economies of rural communities. More specifically, 60 percent will be used for staff salaries to conduct the program; 33 percent will be for the annual land lease where field trials are conducted; and 7 percent will be used for field supplies, vehicles and maintenance and other miscellaneous expenses.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Provision: Title I

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—Special Research Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "City of Norman, Oklahoma"

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "Oklahoma State University"

Address of Requesting Entity: 107 Whitehurst Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$177,000 for the Integrated Production Systems for Alternative Crops to develop and refine crop management techniques that enable environmentally sound and economically feasible production of alternative crops that will best utilize natural resources as they produce organically grown vegetable crops and crops for the bio-fuel industry. The research and educational program includes organic production practices, pest management strategies and weed control using organically approved practices and chemical agents. The work is conducted at the Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Lane, Oklahoma. All the funding will be used for the technician, researcher and student salaries needed to carry out the program.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DEAN HELLER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. HELLER. 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. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Natural Resources Conservation Service—Conservation Operations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Carson City, Nevada

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 N. Carson Street, Suite 2, Carson City, NV 89701

Description of Request: \$375,000. Carson City suffered a devastating wildfire in July 2004. Over 8,700 acres reaching across the entire west side of Carson City were burned. This devastation removed all vegetation, and destroyed a large stand of timber. The eastern flank of the Sierras remains burned and barren. These mountains are extremely steep, and severe erosion continues to occur. Carson City therefore faces threats from flooding and potential debris flows, as well as severe damage to surface water supplies. This federal funding will help to continue critical reforestation work, which is necessary to control erosion, prevent flooding, and restore the areas destroyed by the fire.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding received in my district as part of H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Stephen F. Austin Medicinal and Bioactive Crop Research Project. Stephen F. Austin State University, Box 6078 SFA Station, Nacogdoches, Texas 75962, \$280,000, in the National Institute of Food and Agriculture RE/FA account, for the continuation of medicinal and bioactive crop research at the National Center for Pharmaceutical Crops. The initiative seeks to discover anti-cancer agents from plants and develop new crops for securing nationally strategic pharmaceuticals. Successful implementation of this research will improve human health, secure the U.S. supply of critical pharmaceuticals that currently come from foreign suppliers, and establish high value crops to revitalize the U.S. rural economy, while ultimately saving and improving America's lives.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure and certification information for two project funding requests that I made and were included within the text of H.R. 2847—The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Project 1

Project: Law Enforcement Interoperability/Regional Expansion Project
Project Amount: \$200,000
Account: COPS Technology
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Tulsa Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 600 Civic Center, Tulsa, OK 74103

Description of Request: Funding will be used to greatly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of public safety services in the City of Tulsa, and surrounding area. It will promote greater cooperation, collaboration, and operations among municipal, county, state, railroad, and tribal law enforcement agencies in the Tulsa area. The system will enable better cooperation among law enforcement agencies as part of the project includes developing a wireless broadband network with Internet-based applications: e.g., enabling helicopter video of pursuit suspects to all patrol cars; quickly sharing suspect photographs with all local and surrounding agencies.

Project 2

Project: Bartlesville Police Department Mobile Data Technology
Project Amount: \$800,000
Account: COPS Technology
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Bartlesville Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 East Hensley Blvd, Bartlesville, OK 74003

Description of Request: Project improves community safety, enhances law enforcement's ability to prevent crime, decreases response times to emergency calls, and dovetails with Department of Homeland Security and Department of Justice initiatives to help coordinate information sharing between agencies.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. KING of New York. 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. 2892—the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETER T. KING

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: Domestic Nuclear Detection Office
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New York City Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 Police Plaza, New York, NY 10038

Description of Request: \$40 million will be used to pay for the implementation of a unified strategy for defending the New York City region, including the surrounding New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut jurisdictions, against radiological and nuclear threats. The program, sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security's Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO), is designed to create a detection and interdiction architecture for radiological materials.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. BLUNT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2997, the Department of Agriculture Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2010.

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Natural Resources Conservation Service—Conservation Operations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southwest Missouri Resource Conservation and Development, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 283 US Highway 60 West, Republic, MO 65738

Description of Request: \$287,000 is provided for the Upper White River Basin to provide additional conservation technical assistance to support the South Missouri Water Quality Project staff for a water quality program in southern Missouri. The Upper White River Basin is located in the Ozark Highlands region with approximately 6.8 million acres of the basin located in Missouri. Technical assistance includes forestry conservation, urban nutrient management and storm water planning, watershed planning and assessment, and water quality information and education activities. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because this watershed has experienced tremendous population growth in the last decade that has resulted in an increase in nonpoint source pollution pressure.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROB BISHOP

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. 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 Interior-Environment Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP

Bill number: H.R. 2996

Account: Land Acquisition

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Western Rivers Conservancy, located at 302 N. Last Chance Gulch, Ste. 404, Helena, MT 59601

Description of project: \$500,000 to purchase a 700-acre property to add to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge.

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP

Bill number: H.R. 2996

Account: Save America's Treasures

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Salt Lake City Mayor's Office, 451 South State St., SLC, UT 84114

Description of project: \$150,000 to restore the Albert Fisher Mansion and re-landscape the grounds surrounding the building.

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP

Bill number: H.R. 2996

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Weber County, Utah, located at 2380 Washington Blvd, Ogden, Utah 84401

Description of project: \$500,000 to assist in providing detention basins, improved canal development and maintenance, and culvert replacements to better handle capacity problems.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2997—Agricultural, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill number: H.R. 2997—Agricultural, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, Fiscal Year 2010

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Research and Education Activities, Other Federal Administration

Legal name of requesting entity: Southeast Climate Consortium

Address of Requesting Entity: Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306

Description of Request: I have secured \$2,494,000 for the Southeast Climate Consortium Application of Climate Forecasts in the

Southeastern United States. The Consortium reduces economic risks and improves social well-being by providing climate information that is integral to agricultural decision-making. The program seeks to develop flood forecasting methods to help farmers and producers plan for reducing risks of economic losses and environmental damage; develop partnerships and methods for incorporating climate forecasts and other climate information into agricultural and water policy decisions; and begin development of a prototype decision support system for the application of climate forecasts to water resource management, especially for agricultural water use.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to state for the record that I was on official leave of absence from the U.S. House of Representatives on account of illness and unable to vote on rollcall vote 420 to H.R. 1016 Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act of 2009 taken on June 23, 2009. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted "aye."

I strongly support our nation's servicemen and women and their families and realize the debt of gratitude that our nation owes the men and women who defend our country. As Representative for the first Congressional District of Oklahoma, I remain committed to providing them with the resources necessary to ensure they receive the funding and care they deserve. My colleagues and constituents can rest assured that I will continue to support initiatives which ensure those who serve our country to guard our freedom are treated with nothing less than the highest level of dignity and respect.

AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY AND SECURITY ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, today, our nation takes a historic step toward a clean energy economy. The American Clean Energy and Security (ACES) Act will revolutionize American energy policy, combat climate change, and provide a unique opportunity to revive our economy and create millions of clean energy jobs.

Some key provisions of the bill include a requirement for electric utilities to meet 20 percent of their electricity demand through renewable energy sources and energy efficiency by 2020, a cap-and-trade global warming reduction plan designed to reduce economy-wide greenhouse gas emissions 17 percent by 2020, and a new building efficiency standard requiring new buildings to be 30 percent more efficient by 2012 and 50 percent by 2016. These and other provisions will encourage new renewable requirements for utilities, stud-

ies and incentives regarding new carbon capture and sequestration technologies, energy efficiency incentives for homes and buildings, and grants for green jobs.

In my home state of New York, clean-energy investments will create tens of thousands of jobs. A total of \$150 billion in clean-energy investments across the country is estimated to result in about \$10 billion in investment revenue and 109,000 jobs in New York State. These additional jobs in the New York labor market would have brought the state's unemployment rate down to 4.3 percent from its actual 2008 level of 5.4 percent.

In addition to creating millions of new jobs, the ACES Act will make our nation more energy independent. Under this legislation, we can significantly reduce our dependence on foreign oil by promoting renewable energy, including wind, solar, geothermal, and biomass energy. New clean energy and energy efficiency technologies, along with more efficient vehicles, will also help reduce our need for oil.

Now, you'll hear some say that this bill will tax individuals for using energy. The truth is that the energy-efficiency and consumer protection provisions in the ACES Act will actually cut the electricity bill for an average New Yorker by around \$5.60 every month. In these tough economic times, the ACES Act is both environmentally sound and economically responsible.

I thank Chairmen WAXMAN and MARKEY and Speaker PELOSI for their leadership in negotiating this important bill, and I am pleased to vote in favor of it.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on member requests, I am submitting the following information regarding the earmarks I received as part of the FY10 Agriculture Appropriations Bill:

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF FORTENBERRY

Bill Number: H.R. 2997, FY10 Agriculture Appropriations Bill

Account: Special Research Grants

Project Name: Drought Mitigation

Amount: \$469,000

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: University of Nebraska-Lincoln located at 202 Agricultural Hall, Lincoln, Nebraska 68583

Description: This funding is for the National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC) which conducts research and educational programs on drought mitigation and planning for drought. The project has assisted numerous states and municipalities in developing drought plans and implementing drought response action teams. The Center has received national visibility for providing information on the severity of drought throughout the United States. Both print and electronic mass media routinely use Center produced materials in their news stories on the drought.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 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. 2997, "Making appropriations for the Departments of Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes."

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Project Amount: \$1,000,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Tennessee, 114 Morgan Hall, 2621 Morgan Circle, Knoxville, Tennessee 37996.

Description of Request: This funding will be used for producing crop plants that can be used directly as early-warning sentinels for the detection of plant diseases.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to state for the record that I was on official leave of absence from the U.S. House of Representatives on account of illness and unable to vote on rollcall vote 460 to H.R. 2647, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 taken on June 25, 2009. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted "aye."

I strongly support our nation's servicemen and women and their families and realize the debt of gratitude that our nation owes the men and women who defend our country. As Representative for the first Congressional District of Oklahoma, I remain committed to providing them with the resources necessary to ensure they receive the funding and care they deserve. My colleagues and constituents can rest assured that I will continue to support initiatives which ensure those who serve our country to guard our freedom are treated with nothing less than the highest level of dignity and respect.

HONORING THE LSU AGCENTER RICE RESEARCH STATION

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. BOUSTANY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the LSU AgCenter Rice Research Station in Acadia Parish, Louisiana, situated 2 miles east of Crowley, which celebrated its 100th year in operation on July 1.

Since 1909, the Rice Research Station continues to provide invaluable information, innovative techniques and new varieties of rice to

help Gulf Coast rice farmers feed the world. Originally a partnership between Acadia Parish, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, it was the first experimental rice research station in the country.

Now operating under the LSU AgCenter, scientists and farmers work in tandem to contribute to improvements in rice growing. A significant part of the center's funding comes from the Louisiana Rice Research Board, which receives a voluntary payment from area rice sales to ensure the station's work continues.

Rice farmers along the Gulf Coast face difficult conditions as weather and disease can devastate even the most promising crop. However, Louisiana's agricultural communities persevere and possess a richness of culture matched by none. The state's rice industry added \$550 million to Louisiana's economy in 2008 alone. Rice farming will continue to be a way of life for thousands in Louisiana thanks to the work done at the Research Station.

Again, congratulations to the LSU AgCenter Rice Research Station at Crowley, Louisiana, for helping rice farmers throughout the Gulf Coast for 100 years and counting."

HONORING MECHANICVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. SCOTT MURPHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. MURPHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I am honored to rise today to congratulate the Mechanicville High School Softball team who, in addition to winning an impressive five New York State titles in Class C this decade, have recently captured the Class B State Championship.

The Red Raiders faced tough competition, in addition to quite a bit of rain, to pull out a 3–1 victory against Fredonia at Waterloo High School. I would especially like to recognize the impressive performance of sophomore Anna Arceneaux, who allowed just one run while winning two games in the final four.

Arceneaux's efforts were aided by freshman Alysa Russell and sophomore Kelsey Hines, two of the team's most outstanding hitters. Leading Mechanicville's young team to victory was head Coach Dan Arceneaux, who will have the opportunity to repeat this success next year with the same roster of outstanding athletes.

On behalf of the citizens of the 20th District of New York, we congratulate the Mechanicville Red Raiders softball team and their coaches for an outstanding display of teamwork and athleticism.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. FRANK D. LUCAS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. LUCAS. 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. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service, Research and Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Whitehurst, Stillwater, Oklahoma, USA

Description of Request: I have received \$209,000 for the Pilot Technology Transfer project. This funding will be used to provide technology transfer services and engineering assistance to small, rural manufacturers with the goal of improving their profitability and enhancing the economy in rural communities.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service, Research and Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Whitehurst, Stillwater, Oklahoma, USA

Description of Request: I have received \$274,000 for the Animal Waste Management project. This funding will be used to develop sustainable, environmentally safe, and ecologically healthy animal waste management practices in semiarid ecosystems that contribute to economic development in rural communities.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service, Research and Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Whitehurst, Stillwater, Oklahoma, USA

Description of Request: I have received \$839,000 for the Biomass-based Energy Research project. This funding will be used to find an alternative to traditional fuel sources, and to enhance rural economic development through the use of plant materials. A consortium of three universities (Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma University, and Mississippi State University) is working to refine and commercialize a unique gasification-fermentation process utilizing biomass to produce liquid fuel.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service, Research and Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Whitehurst, Stillwater, Oklahoma, USA

Description of Request: I have received \$223,000 for the Expanded Wheat Pasture project. This funding will be used to develop science and technologies, uniquely adapted wheat varieties, decision-support economic models, and extension education programs to increase profitability of the many dual-purpose wheat enterprises.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service, Research and Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Whitehurst, Stillwater, Oklahoma, USA

Description of Request: I have received \$382,000 for the Food Safety project. This funding will be used to conduct research and testing to develop rapid and efficient methods for detecting and controlling food borne pathogens throughout the food chain from point of origin to consumption.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service, Research and Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Whitehurst, Stillwater, Oklahoma, USA

Description of Request: I have received \$177,000 for the Integrated Production Systems project. This funding will be used to conduct research to develop and refine crop management techniques that enable environmentally sound and economically feasible production of alternative crops that will best utilize natural resources as they produce organically grown vegetable crops and crops for the biofuel industry.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service, Research and Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Whitehurst, Stillwater, Oklahoma, USA

Description of Request: I have received \$174,000 for the Preservation and Processing Research project. This funding will be used to emphasize research, development and implementation of integrated cropping, harvesting, storage and processing systems to facilitate new crop endeavors and assist new business development, to maintain and improve profitability for horticulture.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to state for the record that I was on an official leave of absence from the U.S. House of Representatives on the account of illness and unable to vote on rollcall vote 477 to H.R. 2454, the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009. Had I been present for this vote, I would have voted "nay" as the bill represents a partisan step in the wrong direction and a massive energy tax on the American people.

I was pleased to vote against H.R. 2454 when it was considered before the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Like many

Americans, I believe that we have a shared responsibility to work to ensure clean air, clean water and a healthy environment for today but also for future generations. However, we also know that the national energy tax proposal which passed the House is not the way to do it. Being good stewards of our planet should not be a partisan issue; it is something that benefits us all.

As I have said from the start, H.R. 2454 is nothing more than a backdoor attempt to implement a massive national energy tax that will result in higher energy prices, less jobs, and a greater dependence on foreign sources of oil. The oil and gas industry employs 1.8 million people across the nation and represents a large portion of the economy in my district. I cannot support any bill that will eliminate these jobs or ship them overseas.

I also remain deeply concerned that the bill, if enacted into law, will force American manufacturers and other energy intensive industries to relocate to other countries such as China or India. These countries are not subject to limits on greenhouse gas emissions, and H.R. 2454 would place the United States at a competitive disadvantage.

Families and small businesses already are struggling during this recession, and increasing their direct and indirect energy costs to the tune of thousands of dollars per year will only make matters worse. Given our troubled economy, Congress should reject plans for a national energy tax through this deeply flawed bill and work across party lines on a plan to create jobs, lower energy costs, and establish a cleaner, more reliable energy future.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican Leadership standards, I am submitting the following information regarding projects I received funding for as part of H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Agency: National Institute for Food and Agriculture

Account: Special Research Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Address of Requesting Entity: 102 Agriculture Hall, East Lansing, Michigan 48824

Description of Request: This bill provides \$147,000 for Improving the Sustainable Production of Specialty Crops (Improved Fruit Practices). This grant is a valuable use of taxpayer money because the research will be used to assist growers in producing high quality fruit, dry beans, and sugar beets with environmentally sound, safe, and effective pest control methods and management approaches. Approximately, \$91,140 is for salaries and expenses, and \$55,860 is for lab maintenance and equipment. In addition to the federal funds provided by this grant, this re-

search is supported by personnel, equipment, and facilities funded by the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station and Michigan State University Extension.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Agency: National Institute for Food and Agriculture

Account: Special Research Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Address of Requesting Entity: 102 Agriculture Hall, East Lansing, Michigan 48824

Description of Request: This bill provides \$346,000 for Controlling Fire Blight Disease of Apple Trees. This grant is a valuable use of taxpayer money because the research will be used to develop blight-resistant varieties and new, environmentally responsible control strategies to combat this disease. This grant will be split between Michigan (which receives approximately 36 percent) and New York (which receives approximately 64 percent). For Michigan, approximately \$99,648 is for the salaries of laboratory and field research personal; and \$24,912 is for materials and supplies. Michigan State University is working to obtain funding from the Michigan Apple Committee, the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station, project GREEN, and from other industry sources.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Agency: National Institute for Food and Agriculture

Account: Special Research Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Address of Requesting Entity: 102 Agriculture Hall, East Lansing, Michigan 48824

Description of Request: This bill provides \$266,000 for Sustainable Agriculture: Expanding and Refining the Ecosystem Base (Sustainable Agriculture). This grant is a valuable use of taxpayer money because the research will be used to assist farmers on sustainable agriculture practices, which will help farmers manage their crops for improved yields, while reducing fertilizer and pesticide use, and stemming nutrient losses to ground and surface water. Organic farming concepts are also addressed. Approximately, \$151,000 is for salaries of researchers; \$15,000 is for travel expenses; \$10,000 is for farmer stipends; \$25,000 is for materials and supplies; and \$65,000 is for communication and outreach. Michigan State University expects to leverage at least \$150,000 in state, local, and private funds to expand the impacts of the special grant.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Agency: National Institute for Food and Agriculture

Account: Special Research Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Address of Requesting Entity: 102 Agriculture Hall, East Lansing, Michigan 48824

Description of Request: This bill provides \$346,000 for Phytophthora Capsici research. This grant is a valuable use of taxpayer

money because the research will be used to study the fungal-like pathogen that lives in the soil and causes plants to rot. Vegetables such as cucumbers, pumpkins, squash, watermelon, cantaloupe, tomatoes, zucchini, peppers, eggplants and lima and snap beans are particularly susceptible to rot caused by Phytophthora. This funding will go towards salaries of researchers, laboratory and field equipment, travel expenses, and publication or results. This program receives other federal/state/local/industry funding.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Agency: Natural Resources Conservation Service

Account: Conservation Operations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Great Lakes Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 2805 S. Industrial Hwy, Suite 100, Ann Arbor, MI 48104-6791

Description of Request: This bill provides \$404,000 for the Great Lakes Basin Program for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control, which was authorized in the 2002 Farm Bill. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer money because it will protect and improve Great Lakes water quality by controlling erosion and sedimentation; limiting the input of associated nutrients and toxic contaminants; and minimizing off-site sources of damage to harbors, streams, fish and wildlife habitat, recreational facilities and the Basin's system of public works.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 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. 2997, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman TIM MURPHY

Bill Number: H.R. 2997, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Business Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence

Address of Requesting Entity: Posvar Hall, Room 1800, Pittsburgh, PA 15260

Amount: \$500,000

Description of Request: The funding will be used to address the needs of the agricultural sector in the region to improve business practices, marketing strategies, and profit management. The University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Business Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence will develop a model agricultural entrepreneurship program for sustainable agricultural production in emerging areas such as hydroponics and soilless controlled environment agriculture.

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 University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Business Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence appropriation is of particular interest to my district and importance to my constituents.

IN CELEBRATION OF PASTOR
JOHN RICE FOR 39 YEARS OF
SERVICE AS PASTOR

HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the service of Pastor John Rice of Chicago Heights, Illinois. Pastor Rice has served his boyhood church, St. Bethel, for 39 years. Since he began his tenure, St. Bethel has flourished, with its membership growing to over 300 families. The church has been able to undertake many new projects under

Pastor Rice's leadership, including the construction of the Bethel Community Center. The construction of the community center and the growth of the church would not have been possible without the tireless efforts and faith of Pastor Rice.

I have had the good fortune of working with Pastor Rice and have seen his work first hand. He has touched many lives, including the underprivileged, for whom he is a tireless champion. St. Bethel Church and the community of Chicago Heights are long indebted to Pastor Rice for his great service.

On June 28, 2009, Pastor Rice will be honored at St. Bethel. He will be accepting much deserved praise on that day. It is with great pride that I recognize all of his many accomplishments and wish him a continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to state for the record that I was on official leave

of absence from the U.S. House of Representatives on account of illness and unable to vote on rollcall vote 328 to H.R. 2410, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011 taken on June 10, 2009. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I am strongly opposed to the irresponsible spending increases contained in the bill and favored a Republican substitute which was offered at the committee level which saved nearly \$2.84 billion dollars, while tightening sanctions against Iran, adding new measures to increase foreign military funding for Israel, and supporting missile defense for Israel. In a time of national financial uncertainty, I believe it is irresponsible to create unnecessary new programs and pass such large funding increases. In addition, I have significant concerns about the potential for taxpayer funded abortions that could result from the passage of this legislation.