

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