

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 southeast.

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