

awareness of this growing problem in the general public. The School of Law is committed to human rights dedicated to training the next generation of human rights leaders and advocates through its LL.M. and J.S.D. Programs in Intercultural Human Rights, and through the direct services of the Human Rights Institute.

A three-week winter academy is proposed to be held annually on the STU campus. It will include lectures and training on practical issues (such as how to identify victims of human trafficking, how to collect data on human trafficking, how to diversify treatment of victims for different cultures, laws and relief services available, etc.) simulating different agency work governmental and non-governmental, with potential visits to pertinent agencies to gain hands on experience. The participants interested in receiving a certificate on human trafficking will sit for a final exam. In order to increase the community outreach goal of the program, a free lecture open to the public at large, will be offered that will focus on the local human trafficking problem. The last segment of the academy will be a mini-conference where local and/or national voices, and the best experts in the field will be featured.

Requested by Rep. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN
Bill number: H.R. 2487

Account: Department of Justice, Byrne Discretionary Grants

Amount: \$500,000

Project: City of Miami Beach Afterschool Gang and Drug Prevention Program

Requested by: City of Miami Beach. 1700 Convention Center Drive Miami Beach, FL 33139

The primary goal of the Teen Club is to prevent and reduce delinquent behavior and keep the community's at-risk youth in a positive environment to foster personal growth and encourage teens to become well-rounded individuals through the accumulation of new skills, awareness, and knowledge. Moreover, the program's aim is to promote health relationships that facilitate social skill development, decrease teen substance and alcohol abuse, and increase quality programming offerings that appeal to teenage youth. As a result, the participants involved in the Teen Club are less likely to entertain outside and detrimental participation in other unsupervised activities, including involvement in gangs and/or drugs. Current enrollment figures demonstrate more participants return for subsequent years in the program.

Requested by Rep. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN
Bill number: H.R. 2487

Account: Department of Justice, Juvenile Justice

Amount: \$500,000

Project: ARISE Life-Management Skills Intervention/Re-entry Program for High Risk Youth

Requested by: The ARISE Foundation. 824 US Hwy 1 North Palm Beach, FL 33408

ARISE serves approximately facilities in all 23 Florida congressional districts, including the Miami Dade Juvenile Detention Center in Miami. Over 156,618 hours of Life-Skills lessons have been taught at this facility. A recent study by Professor Mark A. Cohen, Vanderbilt University, December 2007, demonstrates why it is so important to target high-risk youth. Year by Year Costs Imposed by High Risk Offenders Cohen shows that the cost of one offender with at least six police contacts from

childhood to age 32 totals \$3,172,998 in 2007 dollars. In other words, saving one child saves taxpayers more than 3 million. By comparison, the ARISE program costs \$1.70 per hour per youth. Stopping the cycle of crime and gang violence by helping this population learn the skills necessary to succeed in life is an investment in our children and in our communities, with the potential to save millions of dollars tomorrow.

Requested by Rep. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN
Bill number: H.R. 2487

Account: Department of Justice, Juvenile Justice

Amount: \$200,000

Project: At-Risk Youth and Child Abuse Prevention Program

Requested by: Ohel Children's Home and Family Services. 4233 Sheridan Road Miami Beach, FL 33140.

This program engages at-risk youth in elementary and high schools to enhance their social and emotional functioning, as well as prevent and treat risky behaviors, including those that often lead to addictions and violence. The program includes school-based services, community education, and teacher training. The programs interact with student and include the use of role playing, small discussion groups, videos and modeling exercises that use current topics of discussion. Training is provided for teachers, guidance counselors and principals, and workshops for parents emphasize communication with children. Through community seminars, Ohel offers public forums for parents, educators, and community leaders on topics including self esteem, conflict resolution (bullying, anger management, etc.), relationship building (social skills training, peer pressure, etc.), and prevention of at-risk behaviors such as addictions, eating disorders, gambling and abuse. This program is a valuable use of taxpayer funds in that it prevents at-risk behaviors from spiraling into juvenile delinquency. In addition, the program assists children who are the victims of abuse or who are confronted with challenging circumstances in their lives so that these experiences do not lead to ongoing, destructive behavior. Further, the program benefits the federal government by putting at-risk kids back on a successful track and thus saving significant federal expenditures by keeping them out of the juvenile justice system.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT STEPHENSON,
MICHIGAN TEACHER OF
THE YEAR

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Robert Stephenson on his selection as Michigan's 2009–2010 Teacher of the Year.

Over his 15-year teaching career, Robert Stephenson has helped to inspire and enlighten students across Mid-Michigan. Stephenson, a third grade teacher at Wardcliff Elementary School in East Lansing, was selected from 20 regional finalists statewide. The award recognizes excellence in teaching and aims to provide teachers with the opportunity to interact with policymakers, provide a public

voice for educators, and focus public attention on the importance of teachers.

Using a hands-on approach, Stephenson's classroom activities engage students at a higher intellectual level. He is a role model to all his students and colleagues as he uses new and innovative teaching techniques to provide students a better learning experience.

Stephenson joins a unique class of teachers from Mid-Michigan. He is the fifth teacher from Mid-Michigan to receive this award in the last 29 years, and the fourth from Michigan's Eighth district in the last 10 years.

Madam Speaker, education is the cornerstone of our future and great teachers lay the foundation for our comminutes. I wish to extend my gratitude to Robert Stephenson for his many years of service to the students in Michigan. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Stephenson for his years of dedication to teaching and his recent selection as Michigan's Teacher of the Year.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure and certification information for one project authorization request that I made and which was included within the text of H.R. 2647—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Project: High Density Power Conversion and Distribution Equipment

Project Amount: \$5 million

Account: Research and Development—Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: L-3 Westwood Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: 12402 East 60th Street Tulsa, OK 74146.

Description of Request: Navy power switchboard technology has remained essentially the same for nearly 50 years. This technology is passed largely on past Navy applications (with lower power needs) and commercial practices (which are less volume and weight sensitive). The Navy's power needs (e.g., sensors, weapons, house loads) have escalated and the newest power architecture designs have added additional concerns (e.g., higher frequencies), but the size and weight of the power distribution equipment are still limited. The inline switchboard technology simplifies the switchboard arrangement to greatly decrease size, weight, and lifecycle cost. In summary, this will provide the Navy with technology that will result in \$0.25M/per year per destroyer/cruiser in maintenance savings plus an additional \$1 million per ship in overhaul savings. Additional savings are estimated in size and weight at 50 tons per ship and a space savings of 1000 sq.ft. Fuel savings due to the decreased weight are anticipated to be significant given the cost of fuel.