

other institutions and has distributed gifts to thousands of children during the holiday seasons.

The corporate and individual supporters of the foundation include Metropolitan Lumber Company, Mr. Robert Gans, and the Croton Watch Company. Concert Chairmen Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gans, Mr. Avi and Dr. Laura Greenbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Rothman, Mr. Mark Selden and Patti Shlesinger.

On Saturday night August 1st, 2009 at the Sullivan County Community College, Lock Sheldrake, New York, the Moses and Aaron Foundation under the Honorary Chairmanship of Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel, will sponsor its thirteenth Barmitzva Summer "Chazak-Strength" Concert honoring and paying tribute to special and outstanding children and their families. The Guests of Honor will be the Special and Outstanding children, many of whom will perform with the entertainers on stage. More than forty organizations, camps and schools serving the physically and mentally disabled children will be represented.

The Chazak Concert and the Moses and Aaron Foundation's other programs demonstrate a caring and compassionate concern for the quality and dignity of life of others and merit the appreciation of all those who have benefited from its services.

The program will feature a musical tribute in memory of Mr. Izzy Taubenfeld of Sameach Music, a lifelong friend and member of the Chazak family.

The Moses and Aaron Foundation was founded in memory of Rabbi Dr. Maurice I. Hecht of New Haven, Connecticut, and Aaron Kaploun, both of whom led lives of exemplary community service. It is in this sentiment of communal dedication that the Moses and Aaron Foundation has devoted itself to serving the needs of a unique group in the community.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the Moses and Aaron Foundation an organization which exemplifies the generosity of spirit in American Society.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican adopted standards on earmarks, I submit the below detailed explanation of the Crop Production and Food Processing, Peoria, IL.

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

Provisions/Account: Agriculture Research Service, Salaries and Expenses

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is U.S. Department of Agriculture National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research (NCAUR), located at 1815 N. University Street, Peoria, IL, 61604.

Description of Request: This project conducts non-destructive and wet chemical analysis for soybean, wheat and new crop germplasm for the entire U.S. This research program directly supports 75 public soybean breeders for the assembly of a genetic database for soybeans and wheat.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. 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—Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requested by Rep. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

Bill number: H.R. 2892

Account: FEMA, Emergency Operations Center

Amount: \$200,000

Project: Monroe County Emergency Operations Center

Requested by: Monroe County, Florida, 1100 Simonton Street; Suite 205 Key West, FL 33040.

Currently, there is not an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located in Monroe County that meets the existing state guidelines for an EOC. Monroe County is located in an area of high potential and historical hurricane landfall. Without a facility that meets the current EOC guidelines there is a life safety risk to emergency management staff who remain in the County during an event such as a hurricane. Presently, the EOC staff occupies a substandard, multipurpose government building which fails to meet structural requirements. The current structure risks that there might not be an operational facility for recovery efforts should there be an event such as a hurricane.

Requested by Rep. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

Bill number: H.R. 2892

Account: FEMA, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fund

Amount: \$600,000

Project: City of Miami Stormwater Project

Requested by: City of Miami, Florida, 3500 Pan American Drive Miami, FL 33133

Flooding caused by future hurricanes and storm events can lead to severe infrastructure damage and water quality degradation within the projects drainage basin. The City of Miami Stormwater Project will significantly mitigate flood conditions caused by local storms and will result in a reduction of flood damage and an increase in public safety for the City of Miami by implementing stormwater drainage projects throughout the City. This project will also help control the discharge of stormwater into the Miami River and Biscayne Bay and will improve the overall water quality of Miami's waterways.

Requested by Rep. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

Bill number: H.R. 2892

Account: FEMA, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fund

Amount: \$500,000

Project: Jackson Health System Hurricane Mitigation Structural Reinforcement

Requested by: Jackson Health System, 1161 NW 12th Avenue, Miami, FL 33136

Jackson Health System (JHS) operated by Miami-Dade County's Public Health Trust and is the county's sole public health system; the primary provider for the county's indigent and uninsured and its sole trauma center. When a hurricane warning is issued, JHS serves as an emergency evacuation shelter for medically at risk individuals. Florida consistently has the greatest risk for a direct hit by a hurricane of

any other location in the U.S. Given the anticipated demands placed on the Ryder Trauma Center in the event of a direct hit of a high category storm, it is imperative that the building be structurally safe, adequately secured, and operationally functional. This funding will be used to structurally reinforce and fortify the trauma center through an exterior skin upgrade. The current construction is unsuitable for a threat of a higher category storm. This project is wholly consistent with Federal and agency missions to provide pre-disaster mitigation assistance to critical public entities who serve as vital providers of emergency services. The frequency and foreseeable nature of natural disasters striking densely populated Miami-Dade County make the project a natural priority for federal participation in protecting a safety-net institution such as the Ryder Trauma Center.

ALEXANDRA JOY MASSA

HON. ERIC J.J. MASSA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. MASSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to address this esteemed body regarding a young woman who at this moment, in my home town of Corning, New York, is preparing to close an important chapter in her life. Alexandra Joy Massa has spent the last decade growing into the beautiful young woman that she is today, working tirelessly to achieve exceptional grades, to excel in sports and in theater, and to serve her community through multiple volunteer efforts. Alexandra is my daughter, and today is her graduation day from high school, a monumental moment in her life and in the life of her parents. It's impossible to believe that eighteen years have passed since she became a part of my life, and that soon she will be heading off to college.

Many of my colleagues have children of their own and they understand all too well the joys, fears, hopes, and anxieties that come with parenthood. Raising my daughter has caused me many frustrated days and sleepless nights, but I wouldn't have traded a minute of them for the world.

Alexandra has brought lots into my life and the lives of those around her, with her warm sense of humor and generosity of spirit. These are beyond measure. Words do not allow me to convey how proud I am of my daughter, of all that she has accomplished in her life, and all that she will become in the coming years.

Now, like all parents, I will have to let go and watch as my little girl leaves home and goes off into a world where her father isn't there to watch over her. She will no longer have to seek my or her mother's permission to stay out late with friends or to go to a movie. She will never again have to listen to my lectures. I can only hope she chooses instead to listen, if only to humor her old man. She has become the adult that her mother and I hoped she would become: independent and intelligent, perceptive and engaging, considerate, compassionate, and kind. Where my little girl stood only a short time ago, a woman now stands, ready to take on the challenges of the world.

It is a bittersweet moment, and a moment of immeasurable pride. In the future, Alexandra

Massa will accomplish whatever she sets her sights upon. I ask only that she always remembers that her father will always love her with that special love only a father can have for a daughter, that only a parent can have for their child.

Thank You, Madam Speaker.

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF OFFICER BRANDON SIGLER OF MOBILE, ALABAMA

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of one of Alabama's finest who recently made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of his city and the people he protected.

Mobile Police Officer Brandon Sigler was killed in the line of duty earlier this month. Officer Sigler was shot while responding to a domestic disturbance. He was off-duty trying to break up a fight in the parking lot of his apartment complex.

Brandon Sigler was a bright light in the Mobile Police Department as well as in his community. Brandon attended McGill-Toolen High School and was a graduate of Murphy High School. He played football at Tennessee Tech University and Delta State University. Brandon graduated from Faulkner University in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. He served as an officer in the Mobile Police Department for less than two years and, in that short time, he became known as an outgoing and positive individual. He always had a smile, a smile by which so many came to know him.

Mobile Chief of Police Phillip Garrett told the hundreds of people who attended Brandon's funeral, "In his short years, he meant a lot to a lot of people. And every one of them talked about his smile."

Madam Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to take a few moments to pay tribute to Officer Brandon Sigler of the Mobile Police Department. I ask that you remember him as a man who always put other people first. He was a young man who loved his family, friends, and community with unquestionable devotion. The city of Mobile has lost a true role model and hero.

We should also remember Brandon's parents, Nina Gordon and Herman Woods; his brothers, Timothy and Joel Gordon; his sisters, Sarita and Adrienne Woods; and his fiancée, LaKenda Craig; her daughter, Katlyn McCormick; and his colleagues at the Mobile Police Department—as well as his many other family members and friends. We should keep all of them in our prayers and ask that God will comfort them through the difficult days ahead.

Officer Brandon Sigler was an honorable and courageous man who died serving the city of Mobile. May he rest in peace.

EARMARK DISCLOSURE

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on congressionally directed funding, I am submitting the following information regarding funding included in H.R. 2997, the House Agriculture Appropriations bill of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: CSREES, Special Grants

Legal Name of Recipient: University of Georgia College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences

Address of Recipient: 101 Conner Hall, Athens, GA 30602

Description of Request: Funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 will be used to advance farm energy efficiencies by coupling advanced information, communication and control technologies with improved plant materials, by-product use and energy capture conversion techniques.

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations

Legal Name of Recipient: Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Address of Recipient: 4310 Lexington Rd, Athens, GA 30603

Description of Request: Funding in the amount of \$2,423,000 will help farmers address existing and emerging water supply issues with on-farm water storage.

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: CSREES, Special Grants

Legal Name of Recipient: University of Georgia College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences

Address of Recipient: 101 Conner Hall, Athens, GA 30602

Description of Request: Funding in the amount of \$209,000 will allow for the development of new cultivars which combined with pre- and post-harvest management practices will increase production efficiency and improve quality of fruit delivered to consumers.

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: CSREES, Special Grants

Legal Name of Recipient: University of Georgia College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences

Address of Recipient: 101 Conner Hall, Athens, GA 30602

Description of Request: Funding in the amount of \$346,000 will provide for the development of Web-based systems and in-field practices to provide water conservation alternatives that are distinct, direct and economical.

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: ARS, Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Recipient: ARS National Peanut Research Lab, Dawson, GA

Address of Recipient: 1011 Forrester Drive SE, Dawson, GA 39842

Description of Request: Funding in the amount of \$1,200,000 will be used to produce the best management practices that will lead to water conservation.

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: CSREES, Special Grants

Legal Name of Recipient: University of Georgia College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences

Address of Recipient: 101 Conner Hall, Athens, GA 30602

Description of Request: Funding in the amount of \$178,000 will be used to evaluate new disease management tactics for control of Phytophthora blight. No treatments or combination of measures exist to effectively suppress Phytophthora losses which often devastate the production of vegetable crops.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

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

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

Project Name: Minor Use Animal Drug Program

Amount: \$429,000

Account: Research & Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011

Description of Request: The Minor Use Animal Drug program is used to identify animal drug needs for minor species and minor uses in major species, to generate and disseminate data for safe and effective therapeutic applications and to facilitate FDA approval for drugs identified as a priority for a minor species or minor use.

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

Project Name: Northeast Iowa Community-Based Dairy Foundation

Amount: \$159,000

Account: National Institute of Food & Agriculture

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Northeast Iowa Community-Based Dairy Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: 1527 Hwy. 150, S., Calmar, IA 52132

Description of Request: The Dairy Education project aims to increase the success of American dairies by providing education on production technology, environmental stewardship, marketing and competitiveness. The project has goals of retaining, growing and fostering the development of the industry. The dairy industry is a major component of the Midwest's economy and the project aims to develop successful farms that are vital to local communities.