

At the age of 100 years, his life is a testament to the fact that we can all accomplish amazing feats regardless of age or station.

On behalf of myself and the residents of Minnesota's Fifth Congressional District, I want to offer Mr. Henry E. Bauer the thanks of a grateful country and community and the best wishes for a very happy 100th birthday.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
THE WEST PARK UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the West Park United Church of Christ, as they celebrate one hundred and fifty years of faith, hope and community service throughout the neighborhoods of Kamm's Corners on Cleveland's west side.

West Park United Church of Christ was founded in 1859 by nine individuals, including Charter members and community leaders Benjamin Mastick and Lavinia Trisket. The Church was established to serve as a haven of faith and a center for community outreach, through which diversity is embraced and social programs and community groups expand and thrive. The Church quickly became and continues to serve as an anchor of strength for the Kamm's Corner community.

Since 1859, the members of the West Park United Church of Christ have strengthened the community by encouraging diversity and reaching out as messengers of hope, peace and comfort. Since its founding, the church has witnessed major renovations and expansion over the years and today, the church has 320 members, all of whom are active community volunteers. Members have volunteered as aides at Fairview Hospital, tutors at local schools, and workers at homeless shelters, emergency food pantries, and the Meals on Wheels program.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the West Park United Church of Christ of Cleveland and their members as they celebrate 150 years of faith, community and public service throughout Cleveland's Kamm's Corners neighborhood.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, due to being unavoidably delayed, I missed the vote on final passage on H.R. 2647 (Roll No. 460). I would have voted in favor of H.R. 2647, had I been present to record my vote. I was present for votes on the previous question, the rule, and amendments; each of which reflect my strong support for this bill.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. LOBIONDO. Madam Speaker, as per the requirements of the Republican Conference Rules on earmarks, I secured the following earmarks in H.R. 2997:

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Rutgers University Marucci Center for Blueberry and Cranberry Research and Extension

Address of Requesting Entity: 125A Oswego Road, Chatsworth, NJ 08019.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$451,000 for the Cranberry/Blueberry Disease Project for research on breeding and pest management will provide continued support for the \$50 million a year industry. Past research has found bacterial anti-adherence mechanisms helping to fight urinary tract infection and dental caries, and other antioxidant properties. A major effort within the breeding program aims to enhance these health beneficial properties.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

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

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: State of New Jersey, Department of Agriculture

Address of Requesting Entity: 369 S. Warren Street, P.O. Box 330, Trenton, NJ 08625

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for the New Jersey Gypsy Moth Pest Management Program to support and enhance gypsy moth control on affected communities and public lands. Funds will be used to cost share aerial treatments borne by local municipalities; for outreach in developing a Web-based interactive online map showing the distribution of gypsy moth in New Jersey and proposed treatment areas; and for technical support for salaries for field scouts and vehicle operation.

CONGRATULATING JEFF OLSEN

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and record my strong and enthusiastic support for Jeff Olsen, a constituent of mine who is being recognized by the American Legion for his patriotism.

Olsen, a resident of South Elgin and local sanitation worker, collected discarded American flags along his route to properly dispose of them. He would fold and carefully package each flag before giving them to the local American Legion to destroy them in the traditional ceremony.

To date, Olsen has saved and donated over 250 American flags to the American Legion. Many of his colleagues at the Elgin Waste Management office also work to ensure that

American flags which are improperly disposed of are treated with the utmost respect; however, the number of flags discovered by Olsen is nothing short of remarkable.

Olsen was honored by both the local American Legion and Elks Lodge with an Americanism Award in recognition of his actions on June 14, 2009, Flag Day. His actions should be recognized as not only a caring act of patriotism, but also as an effort to raise awareness to the general public on how to properly dispose of an American flag. As a lasting symbol of freedom and democracy, the American flag should be treated with nothing less than great care and respect.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Olsen on his award, and extend my deepest gratitude for his efforts. I can only hope that his story will inspire others to take similar action.

HONORING THE 350TH ANNIVERSARY OF QUOGUE, NEW YORK

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, in these fast-moving times, it is a comfort to know that some wonderful places are in no hurry to change. I rise today to celebrate the 350th anniversary of the community of Quogue, a picturesque village on the South Shore of Long Island.

European settlement in Quogue began in 1649 when Englishman John Ogden purchased a large tract on Shinnecock Bay from Chief Wiandance Sachem to establish farming and grazing lands. By the 1800s, residents of New York City had begun to discover Eastern Long Island's rustic natural beauty and pleasant climate, establishing summer communities and boarding houses.

While Quogue prospered with the arrival of seasonal visitors, it retained a quaint charm and family atmosphere that is still recognizable today. In fact, Quogue is known as the "Quiet Hampton" to distinguish it from its more famous—and hectic—neighbors to the east.

Madam Speaker, small towns like Quogue represent the best of the American community spirit. I am happy to offer its citizens my best wishes for a successful anniversary celebration and for a long future as a true American original.

IN HONOR OF THE THOMAS F. MCCAFFERTY HEALTH CENTER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Thomas F. McCafferty Health Center and in recognition of the staff and volunteer's commitment to providing quality health care services continues to serve the needs of the residents of Cleveland's west side for nearly four decades.

The McCafferty Health Center opened in 1971 and was named for well-known physician, Dr. Thomas F. McCafferty. The Center continues the mission of Dr. McCafferty in tailoring medical services to meet the needs of

those in the surrounding communities who may not otherwise have access to quality health care services.

The McCafferty Center, a bilingual clinic, provides health care in the areas of family practice, pulmonary, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, and cardiology, as well as social work and nutrition services. Within these areas are clinics for women's health, veterans, TB testing, testing and counseling for STD and HIV/AIDS and free vaccinations for infants, children, and teens.

The Center serves over 32,000 patients a year, over half of whom are Hispanic. Evident in their programs and clinics, the Center has a legacy of embracing the community's vibrant diversity, including a concerted effort in outreach and service to Cleveland's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered community. Additionally, the Center's Community Advocacy Program works to remove legal barriers that may exist to improve the health outcomes of their patients.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor of the staff and volunteers of the Thomas F. McCafferty Health Center, whose collective and individual commitment to providing quality health care continues to uplift the lives of countless individuals and families throughout Cleveland's west side community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR.
BRUCE PHILLIPS DAVIS

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Bruce Phillips Davis, a devoted husband, father, and Veteran; and to mourn him upon his passing at age 44.

Bruce was born on March 18, 1965. He attended Lincoln Elementary School, Frost Junior High, Bentley High School and Cleary University, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Business. He became a consultant with DTE Energy, a position in which Bruce excelled for twenty years. Following in his father's and brother's courageous footsteps, Bruce heeded a higher call of service and joined our United States military; and nobly served us and defended human freedom during Operation Desert Storm. A lover of life whose company brought joy to all he knew, Bruce enjoyed numerous outdoor activities and giving back to his community through his memberships in the Fraternal Order of Eagles and American Legion.

On July 6, 2009, Bruce succumbed in his ongoing struggle with pulmonary hypertension. He will be remembered as a father devoted to his family, especially his wife, Penny, and daughter, and to his many nieces and nephews. Bruce was a wonderful man, kind to all he encountered; and he will be truly, and sorrowfully missed.

Madam Speaker, during his lifetime, Bruce Phillips Davis enriched the lives of everyone around him. As we bid farewell to this wonderful individual, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning his passing and honoring his years of loyal service to our community and country.

Goodbye and God Bless, "Tiger!"

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

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

Rodale Institute, Kutztown PA—\$349,000 for crop-rotation research to improve air, soil and water quality.

EARMARK DECLARATION

REP. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. REHBERG. 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. 3082—Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 3082

Account: Army NG

Name and Address: Montana Army National Guard, 1956 Mt Majo Street, Fort Harrison, Helena, MT 59636-4789

Description: An increased number of Periodic Health Assessments has led to serious overcrowding of waiting areas, exam rooms, treatment facilities and administrative areas at the Fort Harrison Troop Medical Facility in Helena, Montana. This overcrowding presents both a risk to patient safety and patient privacy as required by HIPAA. The \$1.75 million in funding will be used to expand and renovate the current facility to handle the increased patient load and improve both safety and patient privacy.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

City of Kingsland, Kingsland, GA

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: H.R. 2996, FY2010 Interior and Environment Appropriations

Account: EPA-STAG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Kingsland, GA

Address of Requesting Entity: 107 South Lee Street P.O. Box 250 Kingsland, GA 31548

Description of Request: expand water and sewer infrastructure for the purposes of a new affordable housing development. Project would spur economic development in an underserved area.

Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District, Atlanta, GA

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: H.R. 2996, FY2010 Interior and Environment Appropriations Account: EPA-STAG

Proposed Recipient: Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District

Address of Recipient: 40 Courtland Street, NE Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Description of Request: 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.

COMMENDING THE SERVICE OF
REAR ADMIRAL GARY T. BLORE
AS ASSISTANT COMMANDANT OF
THE UNITED STATES COAST
GUARD

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, I rise to recognize Rear Admiral Gary T. Blore for his distinguished service as the Assistant Commandant for Acquisition and Chief Acquisition Officer for the United States Coast Guard. Having completed his tour at Coast Guard Headquarters, he has now assumed command of the Coast Guard's 13th District, located in the Pacific Northwest.

Admiral Blore took the helm of Coast Guard acquisition programs at a time when these programs were facing significant challenges. Early procurements in the Deepwater program—a multi-billion dollar program intended to repair or replace the Coast Guard's air and surface assets—had failed.

Additionally, the decision made years earlier to manage the Deepwater procurements outside the service's existing acquisition management structure had created serious oversight and even morale challenges.

The Coast Guard needed to completely revamp its acquisition management systems to create a structure equal to the size of its acquisition initiatives and capable of effectively overseeing its contractors and obtaining best value for the expenditure of taxpayer resources.

Admiral Blore has ably led that change and, working closely with the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, has modernized the Coast Guard's acquisition management systems.

His leadership guided the reorganization of several stalled projects that have now produced an unprecedented number of urgently needed capital assets for the Coast Guard, including modern helicopters, airplanes, boats, large cutters, and sophisticated shore, air and sea-based command and control systems.

Responding to the extensive criticisms of the early Deepwater effort and the Rescue-21 program, Admiral Blore led the organization of a new Acquisition Directorate. He issued and updated a Blueprint for Acquisition Reform, which continues to guide the creation of acquisition management systems within the new Directorate. Further, he oversaw the successful