

said. "We work smart, and we know how to get things done."

In addition to his work with the Korte Company, Ralph Korte has been involved with the creation and implementation of several initiatives on the SIUE campus. These initiatives include: the addition of the Construction Program in the fall of 1979; the construction of the Ralph Korte Stadium in 1993; the donation of the Ralph and Donna Korte Classroom, the creation of the Ralph and Donna Korte Fund for Leadership and Innovation in Business Education in 1999; and the launch of the SIUE Construction Leadership Institute in 2004.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Korte for his achievements in business and receiving this honor from Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. WAMP. Madam Speaker, as a leader on earmark reform, I am committed to protecting taxpayers' money and providing greater transparency and a fully accountable process H.R. 3082, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for 2010 contains the following funding that I requested:

Requesting Member: Rep. ZACH WAMP

Bill Number: H.R. 3082

Account: Army

Legal Name Requesting Entity: Fort Campbell, Kentucky

Address: 39 Normandy Avenue, Fort Campbell, Kentucky

Description of Request: There is inadequate chapel space at Ft. Campbell. The current facilities are scattered across the entire installation in several substandard World War II buildings that are in disrepair. The construction of a chapel complex will provide every Fort Campbell soldier, their family members and retirees a quality facility in which to worship and practice their religious faith. As overseas deployments remain high, an increasing number of soldiers and families will rely on the chapel to support their spiritual needs. The local Clarksville Chamber of Commerce has strongly advocated for a new chapel on Ft. Campbell.

Distribution of funding:

Chapel—72 percent

Antiterrorism/Force Protection Measures—16 percent

Infrastructure (electric, water)—11 percent

Supervision, Inspection and Overhead—16 percent

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding a request for funding I made of the House Appropriations Committee for inclusion in H.R. 3082 the Military Construction—Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2010.

Specifically, the project will be included in Title 1, Military Construction—Army.

H.R. 3082 includes \$10.2 million for Phase 2 of the Ballistic Evaluation Facility in the Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Act. The entity to receive the funding for this project is the United States Army, specifically the Armament Research Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC) located at Picatinny Arsenal, Picatinny, New Jersey, 07806-5000.

The actual design and construction will be executed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The funding will be used for planning, design and construction of a state-of-the-art Ballistic Experimentation Facility (BEF) for Large Caliber Armaments at Picatinny Arsenal. This process will produce a one-of-kind research and testing facility which will reduce Army's operational overhead and maintenance costs and improve safety for Army employees. The use of U.S. taxpayer funding is justified because this construction will provide near-term and long-range benefits to the joint warfighter—Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force.

HONORING SOUTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL PIASA BIRDS SOFTBALL PROGRAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the achievements of one of the top softball programs in Illinois.

Last month, the Piasa Birds of Southwestern High School took second place in the Illinois High School Association's state finals. It was the third time in four years that Southwestern reached the finals, and it tied for the best finish in school history. The Piasa Birds finished the year with 28 wins and four losses. They won an extra-inning thriller against West Carroll in the semifinals before falling to Olympia in the state championship.

I want to congratulate head coach Erin McAfee and assistant coach Michelle Woelfel on their achievement. Most of all, I want to congratulate the members of the 2009 Southwestern Piasa Birds state runner-up softball team: Amanda Hany, Niki Davis, Lizzy McAfee, Rebecca Wolff, Amanda Roberts, Samantha Boucher, Sydney Shelton, Ashley Jenkins, Ellie Thomas, Shauni Hernandez, Amanda Mitchell, Megan Smith, Samatha Davis, Katie Trombetta and Leslie Davis.

They have represented themselves, their school and the community very well, and I join with the other members of this House in wishing them continued success both on and off the field.

CONGRATULATING SYCAMORE SCHOALS STATE HISTORIC AREA

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sycamore Shoals

State Historic Area on their play "Liberty!" being recognized by the Tennessee General Assembly as the official outdoor drama of the State of Tennessee.

"Liberty!" has been performed annually during the month of July for 31 consecutive years. "Liberty!" tells the story of Tennessee's frontier beginnings by portraying the relationships between the American settlers and the native Cherokee Indians.

Hundreds of gifted local volunteers come together at the location where these historic events actually occurred and celebrate the lives of the people and depict important episodes that helped shape the heritage of this great state and country.

I want to congratulate and sincerely thank all of the volunteers that contribute their time and efforts to "Liberty!" for honoring our great state of Tennessee.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union has under consideration the bill (H.R. 2997) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to the Flake amendment to cut potato research.

Potatoes are an important part of our national diet and potato farming is an important part of our national economy.

The \$1 million included in this bill for Potato Research goes directly to developing potato varieties that provide profitable, sustainable production for the grower, and a healthy, inexpensive food supply for American consumers.

In Skagit County in my district, over 13,000 acres are devoted to potatoes.

However, late blight disease is a constant threat to my local farmers, and growers use the research provided them by this program to minimize their losses.

Washington state is second only behind Idaho in potato production in the country producing over 9 billion pounds of potatoes every year.

The economic value of the potato industry to Washington is approximately \$3.5 billion supporting nearly 20,000 farming jobs. These jobs can be found across our state, and it is critical that we protect them.

The potato breeding program in the Pacific Northwest, the target of this amendment, is a partnership among the USDA Agricultural Research Service, the University of Idaho, Oregon State University, Washington State University, and the potato commissions of the three states.

For every dollar invested in the Northwest Tri-State Potato breeding program, a value of

\$39 results in improved quality and increased production.

Mr. Speaker, this funding is important to my district, my state, and our country—and I urge a “no” vote on this amendment.

HONORING CHRISTOPHER M. PACK

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christopher M. Pack, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1692, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Christopher has been very active with his troop participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Christopher has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Christopher M. Pack for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING CHATHAM GLENWOOD
HIGH SCHOOL TITANS BASEBALL
PROGRAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a group of talented student-athletes from Chatham, Illinois.

The Chatham Glenwood High School Titans defeated the LaSalle-Peru Cavaliers in a 2–1 game to advance to the Illinois High School Association Class 3A state baseball championship. The Titans finished runners-up after a hard fought championship game.

My congratulations go to Head Coach Pat Moomey and assistant coaches John Hyde and Kyle Moomey for their work with this outstanding group of student-athletes. But most of all, I want to congratulate the members of the 2009 Chatham Glenwood High School Titans state champion runners-up baseball team: Nino Mattera, Derek Piper, Jake Ingold, Derek Crouch, Ryan Williams, Jacob Reese, Connor Bryant, Ben Parks, Tim Sullivan, Michael Fiaush, Max Xanders, Phillip Maton, Jake Fulks, Matt Green, Jared Turner, Tristan Molumby, Aaron Hearn, Bryce Sablotny, Jake Lance, Zack Joos, Patrick Woerner, Chris Sekardi and Dallas Henderson..

They have represented themselves, their school and the community in an exemplary fashion, and I want to join with the other members of this House in wishing them the best of luck in their future endeavors, both on and off the field.

HAYLEY AND DERRIC SMITH
AGGIES FOREVER

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to congratulate Hayley and Derric Smith on their marriage on Saturday, May 23, 2009.

Hayley is from Bridgeport, Texas and Derric is from Hobbs, New Mexico. The two met in college while attending Texas A&M. Hayley graduated with a Communications degree in 2008 and Derric earned an Agriculture Leadership and Development Degree in 2007. After graduation they both moved to Washington, D.C. where Derric proposed to Hayley in Statuary Hall located in our nations Capitol.

Derric has been accepted to law school at Southern Methodist University in the fall of 2009 and Hayley and Derric will be moving to Dallas, Texas. While I know Hayley and Derric will go on to achieve great things, I will miss Hayley's spirit, work ethic, and Texas pride that comes from an Aggie graduate.

Hayley has truly been an asset to my office over the last year. I know that she looks forward to getting back to the great state of Texas and hoping the Aggies can pull off an upset over the Texas Longhorns at some point.

The commitment that Hayley and Derric have to each other will only get stronger as they begin a new chapter in their lives together. I would like to congratulate them again on their marriage and wish them the very best in all of their future endeavors.

And that's just the way it is.

EARMARK DECLARATIONS

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 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. 3082—Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Navy
Legal Name of Receiving Entity: MCSF Blount Island, FL

Address of Receiving Entity: Channel View Boulevard Jacksonville, FL 32226

Description of Request: I have secured \$3,760,000 in funding in H.R. 3082 in the Navy Account for the Port Operations Facility at MCSF Blount Island, FL.

The purpose of this funding is to construct a new multi-story waterfront operations support facility to include a container operations office, harbor security office and a multiple user waterfront operations building.

This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it would support the MCSF Blount Island, FL facility which is responsible for the United States Marine Corps' Maritime Prepositioning Ships (MPS) Maintenance Cycle operations and oversight of the Marine

Corps Prepositioning Program-Norway (MCPPN).

There are no matching funds required or allowed for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 3082—Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Navy
Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Naval Air Station Jacksonville

Address of Receiving Entity: Roosevelt Blvd Jacksonville, FL 32212

Description of Request: I have secured \$5,917,000 in funding in H.R. 3082 in the Navy Account for the P-8A Multi-Mission Maritime Aircraft (MMA) Facilities Modification at NAS Jacksonville, FL.

The purpose of this funding is to upgrade the existing airfield facilities to support the operation and maintenance of the new P-8A Multi-Mission Maritime Aircraft (MMA).

The MMA is programmed for a phased replacement of the P-3C aircraft between 2011 and 2018. NAS Jacksonville has been identified as a main operating base for this phased replacement. Modification of existing facilities is required to support this new mission.

There are no matching funds required or allowed for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 3082—Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Navy
Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Naval Station Mayport

Address of Receiving Entity: Mayport Road Jacksonville, FL 32228

Description of Request: I have secured \$29,682,000 in funding in H.R. 3082 in the Navy Account for Wharf Charlie Repair at Naval Station Mayport.

The purpose of this funding is to recapitalize Charlie One (C-1) Wharf by reconstructing the 608 foot general purpose berthing wharf with a new second deck wharf.

This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because failure to recapitalize C-1 Wharf will result in increasing steel deterioration of the bulkhead, formation of holes and loss of backfill material. Loss of material will cause voids, failure of wharf deck paving, potential utility outages from broken piping. Resultant live load restrictions would eliminate crane and truck operations on the wharf.

Wharf C-1 could no longer be effectively used as an ordnance handling berth which would severely restrict weapons on load/off-load within the Mayport basin, require increased ships movements within the basin and could possibly delay ships operational schedules.

There are no matching funds required or allowed for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 3082—Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Navy
Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Naval Station Mayport

Address of Receiving Entity: Mayport Road Jacksonville, FL 32228

Description of Request: I have secured \$46,303,000 in funding in H.R. 3082 in the