

rural co-ops. This important provision equitably distributes free allowances between Midwestern states and coastal states, as well as prevents excessive increases in energy costs for my constituents.

Finally, I would like to thank my friends from Iowa, Representatives LEONARD BOSWELL and BRUCE BRALEY, for working to include a provision which adds renewable fuel pipelines to the list of projects eligible for the Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Program. As the representative of a district that produces corn ethanol, biodiesel, and other biofuels, the creation of renewable fuel pipelines would create thousands of local jobs and guarantee efficient and affordable transportation of Midwest energy to the parts of the U.S. which consume the most fuels.

The American Clean Energy and Security Act is broad in scope, focusing on necessary improvements in clean energy and energy efficiency. I hope my colleagues realize that the cost of inaction will be much, much greater if the United States fails to enact a bill that reforms our energy and environmental policies. I encourage its fast passage as it will create millions of jobs, stimulate our economy, and protect our environment.

SALUTING THE NEW YORK DAILY NEWS, AND THE WINNERS OF THE DEAR LADY LIBERTY ESSAY CONTEST

**HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 13, 2009*

Mr. WEINER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the accomplishments of five young people who demonstrate the best of our Nation's values. This not only includes understanding what it means to be a patriotic American, but also understanding what it means to keep a connection with your parents, your grandparents and your great grandparents.

I want to thank these exceptional New Yorkers for taking the time to submit their essays and for understanding what it means to celebrate our country and to celebrate the Statue of Liberty. As the first public visitors to walk up the steps to the crown the Statue of Liberty since September 11th, 2001, I asked these young essayists to try and remember the millions of new Americans that came by that beautiful Lady and what it meant for them.

The Statue of Liberty is more than just a tourist site, it is something that connects us with our immigrant tradition. It is one of those symbols that unify us as Americans. We often are drawn to focusing on our weaknesses, our foibles and our conflicts, but it's good every so often to take a deep breath and remember some of the things that we have to be grateful for. These students and the dozens like them that submitted essays to the Daily News are to be celebrated for taking the time to help us remember why America is great.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the Daily News for keeping the reopening of the crown of the Statue of Liberty on the front page and hammering away in 23 editorials when the Statue of Liberty was closed. You know, as with any campaign, it is not one person banging a drum, it is our whole community. And the Daily News jumped in there

when it was time to figure out how to raise money to reopen the Statue of Liberty, and then when it became clear that the National Park Service was doing worse than dragging their feet, but refusing to open it, the Daily News wouldn't let up. And every time, whether it was passing an amendment or having hearings, every time I ran up this hill in Washington, I knew I had the Daily News behind me. And I think every one else knew—they were either going to be on that Daily News bandwagon, or under it.

When the Statue of Liberty was closed after the tragic events of 9/11, it symbolized Americans coming to terms with new threats, but while every other national monument reopened, the crown remained closed. With the reopening of the Crown on July 4, we were able to once again show our appreciation for the diversity that has always been the foundation of our Nation's strength.

To recognize these young patriots I submit the following essays.

DEAR LADY LIBERTY,

The Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island are both very important in U.S. history because they both changed the lives of many people in and out of the U.S.A. Ellis Island gave great opportunities and hope to people in other countries.

If Ellis Island was never created, then the dreamers (from other countries) who wanted so desperately to come to America and be an American, wouldn't have had their dreams come true. In addition, without Ellis Island, America wouldn't have experienced new cultures, new food and of course new religions.

Personally, to me Lady Liberty expresses the freedom of our beautiful country. With her hand up in the air, holding that torch, she shows that we have won the battle for our freedom! As you can see, Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty will always be an important part of American history.

MONA PLATT.

DEAR LADY LIBERTY,

My name is Anthony Guarino, I am 8 years old. I live in Brooklyn, New York, and I am proud of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

The Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island are important to me because it represents the most important thing that makes our country great and it is "Freedom." The Statue of Liberty is a symbol that all dreams are possible. Ellis Island is important to me because it was a welcoming place for all people wanting the American dream.

Thanks to Ellis Island, my great-grandparents were able to come from Italy by boat, with one thing in mind: an opportunity to improve their children's lives and the lives of their future grandchildren. My great-grandparents' dream of coming to Ellis Island gave me opportunities that many people can only dream of.

I am thankful to France because the Statue of Liberty was their gift of friendship to us. I am thankful to the Statue of Liberty because she gave this friendship back to many other people from different countries all over the world.

I will always be proud when I look at the Statue of Liberty and remember, because of her, I am a proud American.

ANTHONY GUARINO.

DEAR LADY LIBERTY,

I first saw you in the pictures my mom sent me, when I was in the Philippines, three years ago. You looked marvelous! Now when I visit you and see you, I am so proud because I feel that you are my friend.

To me, you are a remembrance of freedom, justice and friendship. You remind me of the

Philippine and American history, when the U.S. returned full leadership to the Filipino people. You remind me of a respectful friendship and intense bonding when my great-grandfather was fighting side by side with the American soldiers during World War II.

You and Ellis Island have a soft spot in my heart. As an immigrant, Ellis Island symbolizes the main gate of liberty and hope. It reminds me of my family's struggle, courage and determination to leave my country and find a future here in the U.S.

Lady Liberty, I feel so proud watching you, being near you and being a part of history. Continue to inspire.

God Bless the USA!

NICA GARANA.

DEAR LADY LIBERTY,

The Statue of Liberty is important to me because I know it is the first thing that my great-grandmother saw when she came to this country. She was only 12 years old, my exact age, and she was fleeing Poland, a country where she was being persecuted.

Poland was not a friendly country for the Jews, like my great-grandmother. She constantly had to worry about being beaten up by policemen for no reason. There were often "pogroms," which were when the people of the town decided to invade the Jewish areas and ransack the homes and kill Jews for no reason as well. The Jews lived in constant fear of being attacked, robbed or killed just because they were Jewish.

My great-grandmother wanted to live in a country and raise her children in a place where there was freedom and no fear. She knew she could walk the streets here with a clear head and a hope for opportunity. When my great-grandmother looked at Lady Liberty, she saw a beautiful woman who held out her arm to welcome her and tell her that her children, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren would live freely and thrive here. So when my great-grandmother saw Lady Liberty and smiled at her, I am sure she felt the statue smiling back at her for more reasons than one.

ALLAN MARCUS.

DEAR LADY LIBERTY,

The Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, home to New York Harbor, hold much importance to me.

I know that millions of people, including my own ancestors from Ireland and Italy who arrived by boat in the late 1800s and early 1900s, made their first stop in this country right on Ellis Island. For all those newcomers, the sight of that beautiful, tall, green statue signified the end of their long, grueling journey and, at the same time, the beginning of a new and opportunistic life here in America.

But for me personally, each time I see that statue, whether I'm crossing the Verrazano Bridge or riding to Manhattan on a ferry, the Lady in the Harbor makes me feel like I'm home, and home here in New York surely is the greatest place to be; how lucky I am.

JULIET SULLIVAN.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JERRY LEWIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 13, 2009*

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican earmark guidance, I am submitting the following: in regards to Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS.

Project Name: Desert Hot Springs

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mission Springs Water District

Address of Requesting Entity: 66575 2nd Street, Desert Hot Springs, California 92240

Description of Request: This project will construct a municipal wastewater collection and treatment system that will eliminate individual wastewater disposal systems that overlie the Mission Creek and Desert Hot Springs aquifers. To accomplish this, the district needs to replace roughly 4000 individual sewage disposal systems that lie in a very concentrated area over the primary inflow of the groundwater that supplies nearly 400,000 people.

Amount: \$100,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS.

Project Name: Hi-Desert Wastewater Collection and Reuse

Account: Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hi-Desert Water District

Address of Requesting Entity: 55439 29 Palms Hwy, Yucca Valley, CA 92284

Description of Request: The mission of Bureau of Reclamation is to manage, develop, and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner. The Hi-Desert Wastewater Collection and Reuse Facility will protect the groundwater quality in the area and provide reclaimed water to be used directly for irrigation and commercial purposes that are normally supplied by potable water. Using reclaimed water to meet non-potable demand will off set the demands for potable water.

Amount: \$100,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS.

Project Name: Seven Oaks Water Conservation Study

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 East Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, California 92408

Description of Request: The rains of the winter of 2005 demonstrated beyond question that water conservation at Seven Oaks Dam can provide a major supplemental source of water for an increasingly water starved region. Unfortunately, by holding water behind the dam the water is degraded so far as to be unusable. Work is being done to determine the appropriate method to improve water quality while continuing to conserve behind the dam.

Amount: \$800,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS.

Project Name: Transfer Authority: Seven Oaks Water Conservation Study

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Provisions

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 East Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, California 92408

Description of Request: The rains of the winter of 2005 demonstrated beyond question

that water conservation at Seven Oaks Dam can provide a major supplemental source of water for an increasingly water starved region. Unfortunately, by holding water behind the dam the water is degraded so far as to be unusable. Work is being done to determine the appropriate method to improve water quality while continuing to conserve behind the dam.

Amount: \$1,500,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS.

Project Name: Santa Ana River and Tributaries Ecosystem Restoration

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Yucaipa

Address of Requesting Entity: 34272 Yucaipa Boulevard, Yucaipa, California 92399

Description of Request: This project will study a flood control and environmental restoration project in Yucaipa, California. This community is located just north of Interstate-10, a major transportation hub that is threatened by 100-year level flooding. The study will look at the viability of detention basins, flood channels, and habitat to reduce the threat downstream.

Amount: \$1,000,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS.

Project Name: Santa Ana River and Tributaries, Big Bear Lake, CA

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Big Bear Municipal Water District

Address of Requesting Entity: 40524 Lakeview Drive, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

Description of Request: This project will implement aquatic habitat restoration in Big Bear Lake. The removal of nutrient laden sediment that has accumulated since the Lake was constructed in 1884 is critical to improving the Lake's water quality, controlling nuisance aquatic plant growth, enhancing the wildlife habitat and maintaining boating and fishing access. The Lake is on the State of California's 303d list of impaired water bodies with listings for mercury, nutrients, and aquatic plants.

Amount: \$800,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS.

Project Name: Upper Mojave River Well Field

Account: Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mojave Water Agency

Address of Requesting Entity: 22450 Headquarters Drive, Apple Valley, CA 92307

Description of Request: The project is one component of a comprehensive effort to ensure a balance water supply in the Mojave region for decades to come. It will balance supply and demand, address basin overdraft, enhance the maintenance of riparian ecosystems and address subarea interaction issues.

Amount: \$100,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS.

Project Name: San Bernardino MWD, CA

Account: Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: San Bernardino Municipal Water Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 North D Street, San Bernardino, CA 92418

Description of Request: The funding requested here will go toward a clean water factory to recycle water for groundwater recharge. It will increase water supply reliability and serves the State's goal to maximize recycled water facilities and its regional water quality plans.

Amount: \$1,000,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS.

Project Name: Southern California Investigations Program (Lake Arrowhead)

Account: Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lake Arrowhead Community Services District

Address of Requesting Entity: 28200 State Highway 189, Building 03, Suite 160, Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352

Description of Request: Lake Arrowhead Community Services District has been working closely with the Bureau of Reclamation to develop an Integrated Water Resources Program (IWRP), which includes, among other alternatives, the development of a surface and groundwater monitoring and management plan. The district is proceeding with implementing the strategies in the IWRP to increase local water supplies with the development of projects, such as groundwater wells, conservation, and recycled water.

Amount: \$1,000,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS.

Project Name: City of Redlands Facilities Upgrades to Improve Energy Efficiency

Account: Department of Energy, EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Redlands

Address of Requesting Entity: 35 Cajon Street, Redlands, CA 92373

Description of Request: The funding will be used to conduct an assessment and to upgrade the heating, ventilation, and cooling systems in the City facilities. Upgrades will enable significant energy savings in energy consumptions and operational expenses. Mandates from federal, state, and local utilities have made it necessary for the City to assess energy consumption.

Amount: \$900,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS.

Project Name: Running Springs Retreat Center Solar Upgrade

Account: Department of Energy, EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Chabad of Running Springs

Address of Requesting Entity: 3500 Seymour Road, Running Springs, CA 92382

Description of Request: In order to reduce energy consumption, the Running Springs Retreat Center will construct solar electric power capabilities on its major service building. The project will save 624,000 kwh of energy from being drawn off the California grid annually.

Amount: \$1,000,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS.

Project Name: Solar Energy Parking Canopy Demonstration Project

Account: Department of Energy, EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Bear Valley Electric Service

Address of Requesting Entity: 42020 Garstin Road, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

Description of Request: The Project entails construction of three parking structures with

solar photovoltaic roof panels in the mountain community of Big Bear Lake. It will be a pilot program, jointly sponsored by Bear Valley Electric Service, the City of Big Bear Lake, and the Bear Valley Unified School District. The goal of the project is to measure the viability of using photovoltaic technology in a mountain community environment for city and commercial purposes.

Amount: \$3,000,000

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 9, 2009*

The House In Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3081) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 3081, the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010. In addition to providing for operations at the State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development, the bill includes important funding for broader diplomatic and development efforts around the world. It provides needed assistance for Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iraq; fulfills the U.S. commitment to assist the security of our ally Israel; and maintains vital support for peacekeeping missions in places like Darfur, Haiti, Lebanon, and Somalia.

I applaud the amendment by Chairwoman LOWEY to restrict military assistance to the Government of Sri Lanka. As the process of rebuilding from that nation's long conflict begins, the United States must ensure that the Sri Lankan Government protects the rights of all its citizens and allows humanitarian assistance to reach all those in need.

Other important provisions in H.R. 3081 will advance global health, including the fights against HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis. The bill makes available \$1 billion each for programs that will improve access to basic education worldwide and provide for global food security and agricultural development. I am pleased that H.R. 3081 provides increased funding to expand the Peace Corps; enhance educational and cultural exchanges; and strengthen microfinance programs that help the world's poorest people, especially women, lift themselves out of poverty.

This is a good bill that will help our Nation accomplish many important tasks. However, there is one area that I believe deserves greater attention, and that role is that science should play in American diplomacy and foreign aid. The fundamental role of science and technology in international development has long been recognized, but over time we have dismantled our staffing and support structure in this area. We must refurbish the science and technology workforce at USAID so that we can effectively address global challenges like

health, poverty, environmental hazards, and food security. U.S. scientists, working alongside their foreign counterparts, can help other countries build the indigenous institutions and expertise that will create sustainable, domestic solutions to pressing issues. At the same time, these efforts generate respect and affinity around the world for the United States, one of the many underappreciated benefits that will accrue from more fully integrating science and scientists into our diplomatic efforts. H.R. 3081 makes important strides toward rebuilding our diplomatic capacity, but as part of that effort, we should focus on enhancing the scientific expertise and capacity at the State Department.

The U.S. also should support more robust scientist exchange programs, which foster lasting ties between individuals and allow societies to share discoveries that advance our collective knowledge. Similarly, international research facilities provide a setting to generate productive science while advancing cultural understanding and building bridges between nations. One example is the Synchrotron-light for Experimental Science and Applications in the Middle East. Known as "SESAME," this project is being completed in Jordan under the auspices of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The facility will bring together Arabs, Israelis, and other scientists from the region to work cooperatively on dozens of simultaneous experiments in fields ranging from biological and medical sciences to archaeology.

The U.S. should vigorously support and participate in these types of initiatives. We have much to offer the rest of the world with respect to science and technology, but we also have much to learn and much to gain by scientific engagement. I look forward to working with the Administration and my colleagues in Congress to strengthen our international efforts and diplomatic capability in these areas.

PROVIDING FOR DESIGN OF SLAVE LABOR MARKER IN CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

SPEECH OF

**HON. PHIL HARE**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. HARE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Con. Res. 135. I commend my colleague from Georgia, Representative JOHN LEWIS, for introducing this important legislation that acknowledges the role slave labor had in the construction of the U.S. Capitol building.

Over four hundred enslaved African Americans performed the backbreaking work of quarrying the stone which now comprises many of the floors, walls, and columns of the U.S. Capitol. They were carpenters, masons, painters, and roofers—all skilled workers who built this important symbol of American democracy, while at the same time were denied their freedom by the evil grasp of slavery.

Mr. Lewis' resolution calls for a marker in the Capitol Visitor Center's Emancipation Hall dedicated to the enslaved African-Americans who helped build the Capitol. This marker would serve as a humble token of appreciation

and teach visitors about this vital part of the Capitol's history.

The American people deserve a government that is honest about its past. It is only by recognizing the past, in all its complexities, that we can fully appreciate what we now have in the present, and build a better future. Slavery in no shape or form shall be acceptable in the eyes of the United States, which is why we must always give thanks and appreciation to the hundreds of enslaved workers who contributed to the making of this building. Though they themselves were denied personal freedom, they courageously constructed a testament to freedom that has represented this great nation for over 200 years. It is time for their efforts to be brought forward from the shadows of history.

I strongly urge all my colleagues to vote for H. Con. Res. 135, and would again like to thank my friend JOHN LEWIS for introducing this important legislation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 13, 2009*

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks that I requested on behalf of local government entities in my congressional district in conjunction with the Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Account: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Norco

Address of Requesting Entity: 2870 Clark Avenue, Norco, CA 92860

Description of Request: The Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act provides \$750,000 for the City of Norco's Waste-to-Energy Facility. Last year, a preliminary feasibility study prepared for the City of Norco showed that thermal conversion of horse manure and bedding material into electricity appears to be a viable proposition, both technologically and financially. The city is now taking steps towards a contract for the design and construction of a manure-to-energy facility. The requested funding will allow the city to design and engineer the project. When complete, the project will allow the city to reduce its carbon footprint by providing an environmentally friendly "green" source of renewable energy to citizens of Norco and surrounding communities. The City of Norco will provide the non-federal cost-share of the project.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Account: Water and Related Resources

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Address of Requesting Entity: 6075 Kimball Avenue, Chino, CA 91708

Description of Request: The Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act provides \$100,000 for the Inland Empire Utilities Agency's Inland Empire Regional Water Recycling Project. The Inland