

funding will be used to design and construct a 30,400 square foot Technology Education Center that will offer courses designed to ensure that the local workforce meets the needs of local industry. A quarter of the building space will be designated as an incubator for local industries to work with students to conduct research in order to develop new products and/or manufacturing processes that will strengthen local businesses while providing hands-on training to students. This is a beneficial use of taxpayer funding because this effort will ensure that the local workforce meets the needs of local employers and that local businesses have access to a facility that allows them to conduct research that will strengthen their business models.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, on Monday, July 13, 2009, I was not present for votes because I was attending a meeting with President Obama in the Oval Office.

Had I been present for roll call 530, The Motion to Adjourn, I would have voted "aye."

URGING THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT A RESOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS CONFLICT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call on the Obama administration to support efforts to bring about a negotiated resolution of the Cyprus conflict and reunification of the country as a federal bizonal, bicomunal, with a single sovereignty, international personality and citizenship. This formula is based on several UN Security Council resolutions and serves as the basis for ongoing talks between Cypriot President Demetris Christofias and the Turkish Cypriot leader, Mehmet Talat.

As my colleagues know, the road to a final settlement over the past few decades has been fraught with difficulty. Numerous earlier diplomatic initiatives were launched, but in the end failed. Ultimately, a negotiated resolution of the conflict must be by the Cypriots, for the Cypriots and one that enjoys the support of Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots alike. There is a strong desire by younger generations from both communities to experience the rebirth of a Cyprus where the rights of all are respected and all can participate in the national life of their country.

As a member of both the Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues and the Congressional Caucus on U.S.-Turkish Relations and Turkish Americans, I am gratified that the leaders of both the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities have stated their mutual commitment to work towards a final settlement, and have continued their discussions accordingly. While the administration is cur-

rently observing developments and has offered its support if called upon by both communities. It is my hope that it will seize this opportunity to offer and make the resolution of the Cyprus issue a priority. At a time when so many of the world's disputes seem intractable, I believe the Cyprus dispute is one area where, working together, we can truly bring hope and change to a place and people that have longed for it for decades.

Madam Speaker, I hope the United States can play a supportive and active role in making a final settlement possible and encourage others to do likewise. Meanwhile, as President Christofias and Mr. Talat and their teams grapple with an array of tough issues it is my hope they seek to overcome the legacy of the past 35 years and build a brighter future for all Cypriots.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure information for project requests that I made and which were included within H.R. 3183, "Making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes."

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Project Amount: \$500,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: NTRCI, 2360 Cherahala Boulevard, Knoxville, TN 37932

Description of Request: NTRCI will conduct over-the-road, heavy vehicle testing and research to validate the benefits and reliability of the Legacy rotary engine to demonstrate the capability of the Legacy engine to deliver greater fuel efficiency and thus lower consumption and reduced emissions for the \$7 billion Class 8 heavy vehicle engine market.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, Pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of HR 2997, the Agriculture Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2010. I would note that many of my Michigan colleagues signed a letter requesting these amounts.

APPLE FIRE BLIGHT

Department: Agriculture

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University

Address of Requesting Entity:

Description of Request: Fire Blight is a major threat to Michigan's apple trees and has

reduced apple acreage in Michigan by an astounding 24%. Michigan and New York researchers are taking aggressive measures against fire blight including development of blight-resistant varieties and new, environmentally responsible control strategies. Finding ways to control and curb fire blight is of critical importance to apple growers in my district and elsewhere. This research is very promising, and its results will help apple growers significantly increase their yields.

Amount: \$346,000

Financial Breakdown: Approximately, \$148,000 is for the salaries of laboratory and field research personnel; and \$36,000 is for materials and supplies. Michigan State University has obtained funding from the Michigan Apple Committee and industry sources and will continue to fund the fire blight research at MSU at a level of \$52, 500 in FY09.

PHYTOPHTHORA RESEARCH

Department: Agriculture

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Michigan State University

Address of Requesting Entity:

Description of Request: Researchers at Michigan State University are leaders in the fight to control *Phytophthora capsici*, a fungal-like pathogen that lives in the soil and causes numerous plants to rot. *Phytophthora* management has been complicated by its longevity in soils (10 or more years), its ability to spread in water, its resistance to key fungicides and lack of disease resistant varieties. Michigan State University has developed new techniques for control and resistant varieties. However, losses caused by *Phytophthora* have become so large throughout the nation in recent years that the economic viability of the vegetable industries in many states is at risk, and more research is necessary. Since 1996, researchers have leveraged private, state and federal funds to significantly advance disease management. The widespread crop loss caused by *Phytophthora capsici* will be lessened, keeping family farms and their communities viable. Spread of *Phytophthora* to new sites will be stopped. Ways to remediate/treat infested ground and water sources will be identified. Integrated management strategies that emphasize cultural methods and environmentally friendly practices will be developed.

Amount: \$346,000

Financial Breakdown: This money will provide \$346,000 in funding for *Phytophthora* research at Michigan State University. Approximately 85 percent of the funding will go to researchers, technicians and students. Approximately 15 percent will be used for materials, supplies and administration. Michigan State University has received outside sources of funding for *Phytophthora* research as well. This funding is consistent with the authorized purpose of the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. FRANK D. LUCAS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Mr. LUCAS. Madam Speaker pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of