

maintenance of Mount Morris Dam, NY. Failure to fund could result in operating systems failures and structural degradation.

Requesting Member: Congressman CHRISTOPHER LEE (NY-26)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Department of Energy—EERE—Geothermal Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Daemen College

Address of Requesting Entity: 4380 Main Street, Amherst, NY 14226

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$950,000 to implement a heating and cooling system in Daemen College's largest building, housing many administrative, faculty, and staff offices and many classrooms and laboratories.

Of the total amount, \$25,650 (2.7 percent) is for personnel; \$875,900 (92.2 percent) is for construction; and \$48,450 (5.1 percent) is for equipment.

Funds will be used to implement the heating and cooling system. The project will create jobs and educate people on energy efficiency.

Requesting Member: Congressman CHRISTOPHER LEE (NY-26)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Department of Energy—EERE—Other

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Rochester Institute of Technology

Address of Requesting Entity: 30 Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, NY 14623

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$250,000 to fund research to address a critical technology gap impeding the deployment and optimization of next generation autonomous microsystems—the ability to effectively and efficiently power these devices. The focus of this research program to date has been to use the facilities and expertise of the NanoPower Research Labs (NPRL) at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) in power conversion and storage using new materials such as carbon nanotubes and quantum dots to develop and commercialize the next generation of autonomous power solutions.

Of the total amount, approximately \$50,000 (20 percent) is for faculty and staff; \$32,000 (12.8 percent) is for materials; \$48,000 (19.2 percent) is for services; \$3,000 (1.2 percent) is for travel; and \$120,000 (48 percent) is for equipment.

The federal investment will enable the NPRL at RIT to accelerate the translation of its fundamental research into a wide range of applications, particularly for terrestrial solar energy systems. The economic opportunities of this research initiative are also significant for the upstate New York region, which is at a critical juncture in the need to jumpstart and capitalize on emerging industries.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill Number: H.R. 3170, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Federal Buildings Fund

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Judiciary; U.S. General Services Administration (GSA)

Address of Requesting Entity: Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building One Columbus Circle, NE Washington, DC 20544; 1800 F. Street, NW, Washington DC 20405

Description of Request: Provide a judicially directed earmark of \$96,000,000 to construct a new Mobile United States Courthouse, Alabama (approximately \$2,600,000 for additional site acquisition; \$6,000,000 for additional design; \$87,400,000 construction account). The existing courthouse was originally constructed in 1932. There are major security concerns, such as the need to use public hallways and public elevators to transport prisoners, and no holding cells adjacent to the courtrooms. There are HVAC and mold problems in most of the courthouse and a serious lack of space, making it necessary to stack court documents and office supplies in hallways and on stairwell landings. Once GSA constructs the facility, the court will occupy the new courthouse and pay rent to GSA for the building. The Mobile metro area is projected to be among the fastest growing metropolitan areas in the country. The Judiciary FY10 request was \$190,300,000; therefore, approximately \$94,300,000 is needed to complete construction of this ongoing project.

CONGRATULATING THE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER FOR DENTON COUNTY ON THE RIBBON CUTTING OF ITS NEW FACILITY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Children's Advocacy Center for Denton County on the completion and ribbon cutting of its new facility in Lewisville, Texas. After providing justice and healing for abused children in North Texas for over 10 years, the CACDC will now be able to open its doors to more families and children in need.

What began in 1994 as a task force is now a symbol of hope for abused children and their families in Denton County. The brand new 14,000 square foot facility will allow the CACDC to better serve a growing community.

Prior to the formation of the CACDC, there was no adequate facility to care for the victims of child abuse cases. Children often underwent questioning in frightening environments by investigators who were not trained to work with child abuse victims. Today, the CACDC provides resources to child abuse victims and their families, hosts a comfortable environment to counsel abused children, and fights to ensure that abusers are prosecuted. The Center works hard to give children the care and encouragement they need to move past the trauma of abuse.

I am proud of the noble and devoted community leaders, such as the CACDC volunteer

board of directors, Executive Director Dan Leal, and countless others who have helped grow the Center into the safe haven it is today. I am honored to represent the people of the Children's Advocacy Center for Denton County in the 26th District of Texas, and I offer them my congratulations, and endless appreciation.

IN HONOR OF HOMESTEADING AND THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF NORVELT

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 75th Anniversary of Norvelt. This community, located in Mount Pleasant Township in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, was originally named Westmoreland Homestead. It was created to demonstrate how a homesteading community could assist displaced coal miners. In the early 1900s, western Pennsylvania had emerged as the world leader in mining bituminous-coal, but the Great Depression caused the mining industry to falter, causing massive job loss and severe wage reductions.

While driving through impoverished mining towns and witnessing first hand the severe poverty the families were enduring, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt became deeply concerned. Many houses she visited had upwards of ten people sharing one bed and some families were so poor they were living in abandoned coke ovens. Mrs. Roosevelt believed that subsistence housing would provide for a better quality of life for the impoverished citizens. Her husband, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, supported his wife's vision by establishing the homesteading movement in the New Deal. The new homesteading community in Westmoreland County eventually changed its name to "Norvelt" in honor of Eleanor Roosevelt.

In contrast to previous "patch towns," where miners were almost entirely dependent on their employers, the new homestead enabled residents to be self-reliant. The community was 772 acres and sustained 254 homes. The new residents, who came from the older, surrounding communities, assisted in the construction of their new residences and were responsible for the painting.

Each modest house came with a tract of land that enabled families to grow their own food. Every family received several dozen chickens, as well as agricultural tools, trees, and bushes. The First Lady also pushed for each home to have a refrigerator and washing machine, as she believed that everyone deserved to have some comforts in life. Personal garages also served as a symbol of hope that one day each family would own its own car. Every month, families would pay rent which ultimately went towards the purchase of their homes.

Today Madam Speaker, as our country faces economic hardship, we can look to the example of the past residents of Norvelt as they worked hard in the hope of a better future.