

RE-INTRODUCING LEGISLATION TO
GRANT FEDERAL FIREFIGHTERS
“TRADE TIME”

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to re-introduce legislation from the 110th Congress that would correct a longstanding disparity between professional firefighters who are employed by States, counties, or municipalities and Federal firefighters.

In 1985, Congress amended the Fair Labor Standards Act so that firefighters around the country could engage in a practice called “trade time.” Trade time allows two firefighters, solely at their option and with the approval of their supervisor, to switch shifts without affecting the pay rate of either firefighter. The Congress made this change because firefighters work uncommon schedules involving 24 hour shifts and 72 hour work weeks, followed by a period of time away from the firehouse. Trade time enables firefighters to meet personal obligations such as attending a child’s birthday or assisting a sick family member without exhausting their annual leave. It also ensures that firehouses across the country can maintain staffing requirements and keep our communities safe.

Federal firefighters are not covered under the Fair Labor Standards Act and therefore have been ineligible for trade time. I am introducing this bill to amend Federal employee labor law to fix this problem.

Federal firefighters work side-by-side with their non-federal colleagues, so this is an issue of equity. Correcting this inequity will help Federal agencies recruit and retain firefighters. Just like other firefighters, Federal firefighters risk their lives on a daily basis. They also accept the irregular hours that their jobs require. This legislation merely gives them some modest flexibility to balance that irregularity and meet their family obligations.

I hope my colleagues will support this simple but overdue legislation.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
MARVIN HAROLD “BOBBY”
CALDWELL

HON. TRAVIS W. CHILDERS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. CHILDERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Marvin Harold “Bobby” Caldwell on the occasion of his 85th birthday. Mr. Caldwell was born on July 18, 1924, in the Pleasant Hill community, Alcorn County, Mississippi to Joseph Sidney and Mary Edna Caldwell. When he was six months old, his parents bought a 35 acre farm on which Mr. Caldwell still lives today. Mr. Caldwell learned early how hard life could be. At the age of five, his father was killed after becoming tangled in the gear of a mule and died. By the age of 7, Mr. Caldwell was driving the cotton wagon to the gin to have the cotton baled. Upon arriving at the gin, often the older people would allow him to have his cotton baled first so he could get home before dark.

Hard work as a child paid off and at the age of 21, Mr. Caldwell went to work at E.I. Dupont and Company in New Jersey to work on the production of the Atomic Bomb. Upon returning home to Mississippi, he worked at the Sanford Hosiery Mill until it closed at which time he became a general contractor until retiring. Mr. Caldwell has always had a special place in his heart for children and in 1971 was elected to the Alcorn County School Board on which he served for 36 years. As of today, he is still active in his home church, Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, is a 32 degree Mason, York Rite, Shrine Club and Eastern Star Member.

I thank my colleagues for joining me today to honor Mr. Bobby Caldwell for a life of service and congratulate him on his birthday.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN FLEMING

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. FLEMING. 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. 3183, the “Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.” I have requested funding for the following projects in Fiscal Year 2010:

JBK Johnston Waterway, Mississippi River to Shreveport, LA (CG). Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/Vicksburg Civil Works District. Refinements to the J. Bennett Johnston Waterway channel alignment are necessary to improve the safety and reliability of the navigation channel as well as to reduce maintenance dredging costs, and include reinforcing or capping out existing revetments as well as adding additional contraction structures (dikes) to improve navigation conditions.

JBK Waterway, Mississippi River to Shreveport, LA. (O&M). Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/Vicksburg Civil Works District. FY10 request would provide for basic operations and maintenance and maintenance dredging along the J. Bennett Johnston Waterway in northwest Louisiana. Any remaining funds will be used to address backlog maintenance projects along the waterway.

Red River Below Denison Dam, AR, LA & TX, (CG). Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/Vicksburg Civil Works District. The levees in Louisiana associated with the Red River Waterway project have been incorporated into the Federal System; however, they are old and do not meet current construction standards. FY10 funding would be used to continue design and construction of the Red River Below Denison Dam project (LA, AR & TX), which includes the rehabilitation of levees and revetment reinforcements that threaten the integrity of the levee system. The overall project provides flood protection to about 1.7 million acres, half of which are located behind levees.

Red River Emergency Bank Protection, AR, LA, OK & TX, (CG). Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/Vicksburg Civil Works District. This U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project is located in northwest Louisiana, southwest Arkansas, southeast Oklahoma, and northeast Texas. FY10 funds would pro-

vide for revetment, dikes, or cutoffs for protection of critical infrastructure and land along the Red and Old Rivers between the mouth of Old River at its juncture with the Mississippi River and Denison Dam, Texas.

Bossier Parish Flood Protection Study. Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/Vicksburg Civil Works District. Federal funds would be used to conduct a reconnaissance study investigating alternatives to address water resource problems and needs in Bossier Parish, LA. Funds would be used to complete the reconnaissance phase and prepare and negotiate the Project Management Plan and Feasibility Cost-Sharing Agreement. Project requires 50 percent local match. Local sponsors include; Bossier Levee District, Bossier Parish and Bossier City.

Cross Lake, LA, Water Supply Improvements. Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/Vicksburg Civil Works District. Federal funds will be used to conduct a feasibility study that will evaluate options including additional pumping capacity on Cross Lake at lower elevations as well as new pumping stations and water treatment facilities on the Red River. The holding capacity of the already shallow lake (8.5 ft) is decreasing due to siltation, contributing to increasing difficulty in managing it as a water supply source. This study has been expanded into a regional water resource study to include all of Bossier and Caddo Parishes.

Red River Navigation, Southwest Arkansas, AR (GI). Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/Vicksburg Civil Works District. Federal funds would be used to conduct a reconnaissance study along the Red River in northwest Louisiana, southwest Arkansas, northeast Texas and southeast Oklahoma to investigate the federal interest and possible alternatives for a project to extend navigation from Shreveport, LA, to Index, AR.

Consistent with the Republican Leadership’s policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, this request: 1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress, 2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark, and 3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I also hereby certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN M. McHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. McHUGH. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN McHUGH

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: SUNY Morrisville

Address of Requesting Entity: Post Office Box 901, Morrisville, NY 13408

Description: The purpose of the project is to provide \$200,000 to demonstrate the feasibility of using algae production as a renewable fuel source while incorporating carbon sequestering and aquaponic technologies into one demonstration scale model. Aquaponics is the combination of hydroponics and aquaculture, whereby the waste products of each system are utilized by each other, increasing cost effectiveness.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN MCHUGH

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lewis County Industrial Development Agency

Address of Requesting Entity: 7642 N. State Street, Lowville, NY 13367

Description: The purpose of the project is to provide \$500,000 for upgrades to necessary biomass components that will improve energy efficiency while further reducing already permit compliant emissions by 50 percent.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN MCHUGH

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Council for International Trade, Technology, Education and Communications, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: Box 8561 Main Street, Room 101, Potsdam, NY 13699

Description: The Center for Advanced Ferrite Production in collaboration with Syracuse University Industrial Assessment Center will demonstrate that mature manufacturing industries in the Northeast may be made globally competitive through aggressive investment in energy efficiency measures. This project will be a model for other New York manufacturing businesses.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the House passed version of H.R. 3170, the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. GRESHAM BARRETT

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Provision: Title V, Independent Agencies, Small Business Administration, Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Clemson University

Address of Requesting Entity: Clemson University, Clemson, SC 29634

Description of Request: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide \$100,000 for the Clemson University Advanced Materials Innovation Center. With many manufacturing jobs going overseas, there is a critical need in the United States, and particularly in South Carolina, of incubators such as the Advanced Ma-

terials Innovation Center to accelerate the creation of knowledge-based companies. The United States must also continue to develop new advanced materials to ensure continued military superiority. The Advanced Materials Innovation Center at Clemson's Advanced Materials Center in Anderson County will serve as a research and development campus for start-up companies devoted to cutting-edge research, development, and job creation in the advanced materials fields. The Innovation Center will also house fledgling high-technology companies that focus on such advanced materials as optics, nanotechnology, and biomaterials. These federal funds will be used to develop laboratories at the Advanced Materials Innovation Center. I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of my spouse or me.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 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. 3170, The Fiscal Year 2010 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act contains the following funding that I requested:

Requesting Member: Rep. ZACH WAMP

Account: Small Business Administration—Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name Requesting Entity: University of Memphis

Address: 303 FedEx Institute, Memphis, Tennessee 38152

Description of Request: The University of Memphis requested funding for an entrepreneurial training program to promote new business growth targeting science and technology-based and minority-owned businesses. Federal funding is needed for University of Memphis experts and students to develop business plans, evaluate new technologies and provide legal expertise to small businesses and entrepreneurs. The program will have a significant impact on the economy and encourage investment and jobs in the Memphis metropolitan area and the mid-south region. The University of Memphis received \$685,000 for the entrepreneurial training program.

Distribution of funding:

Salaries and Center Administration 20%

Equipment 13%

Business and Legal Services and Training 47%

Education and Conferences 20%

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION FOR FORT HUACHUCA BROWNIE TROOP 2181

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the leaders and members of Fort Huachuca Brownie Troop 2181, from Si-

erra Vista, Arizona, for their initiative in coordinating and conducting the Fort Huachuca Sun Oven Cook-off. This event will take place on the U.S. Army's Fort Huachuca on Saturday, July 18.

On that day, using specially designed solar ovens and only the power of the sun, the 18 members of Troop 2181 will prepare a spaghetti feast and then cakes for auction. In doing so, they will raise funds to purchase solar ovens for needy members of their community while simultaneously educating people about the benefits and capabilities of solar energy.

Solar energy is the most abundant and widely available energy source on our planet. It is also clean, safe, and affordable. As the United States and other countries across the globe look for ways to secure a more peaceful, prosperous, and sustainable future, solar technologies have an important role to play. I applaud the members of Troop 2181 for their leadership in demonstrating the benefits of solar energy in their community and for using the proceeds to help those in need.

In performing this project, the members of Troop 2181 will learn valuable lessons about the power of public service and the many benefits of solar energy. They will learn about areas where help is needed in their community, and they will learn that they can make a positive difference.

I wish to single out a few people who deserve special recognition for their leadership in making this project a reality: Ken Robinson, Command Information Chief for the Fort Huachuca Public Affairs, was influential in paving the way for this project; Valerie McCaffrey, Chair of Baja Arizona Sustainable Agriculture, helped secure the solar ovens at cost; and Kristen Engasser has performed exemplary service as leader of Troop 2181.

I applaud all of these community leaders for empowering the young people of Southern Arizona and helping them develop critical leadership skills that will allow them to create a better world.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN M. MCHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3170—Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act of 2010

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN MCHUGH

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Account: Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry

Address of Requesting Entity: Bray Hall 224, Syracuse, NY 13210

Description: The purpose of the project is to fund the New York State Forest Community Economic Assistance Program. It would fund dedicated research and outreach for forest-products community businesses and provide assistance with technical manufacturing and financial management issues. It would also