

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING THE EBENEZER MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF HALLANDALE, FLORIDA ON ITS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church of Hallandale, Florida, on its centennial anniversary. In 1909 the church was founded under a rubber tree and counted only three students in its Sunday School class. Since then it has grown into a pillar of the community with broad outreach to those seeking spiritual guidance, religious education, social linkages, and help with their lives.

Throughout the past 100 years Ebenezer has stood up for the disadvantaged and disenfranchised, offering those in need of help comfort, care, and assistance. As the oldest church in the community, Ebenezer has been at the forefront of social and political changes in south Florida. The church and its members were active in the Civil Rights Movement and played an important role in the desegregation of the Broward County school system in the 1960s. The church and its leaders have continued the fight for equal rights and equal opportunity.

Although the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church is no longer located in my congressional district, I am pleased to call its leaders and members my friends. The community of Ebenezer has been there for me at many points in my life and I am grateful for their support and friendship these many years.

Madam Speaker, for 100 years now the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church has ably served the community around Hallandale, Florida. Under the leadership of its past pastors, and its current leader, the Reverend Joe C. Johnson, the church has expanded its membership, performed good works in the south Florida region, and uplifted the members of its community. I wish the church, its leaders, and its members the best of luck in their future endeavors.

HONORING THE VALLEY FORGE BAPTIST TEMPLE AS IT CELEBRATES ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Valley Forge Baptist Temple as the congregation celebrates its 25th Anniversary.

Since its founding in 1984, "The Caring Church" has expanded to accommodate the growing congregation. After holding double Sunday-morning services, a new 32,000

square foot auditorium, nursery and office wing was built in 1996.

Valley Forge Baptist Temple supports more than 160 missionary families and organizations worldwide. Through the faith promise commitments and contributions from its members, the Church uses these funds to help evangelize the world.

Pastor Scott Wendal, Sr. has led the Church for the last 25 years, ministering and serving the people of the community. And the fruits of his labor are a growing congregation and vibrant, innovative programs that enrich lives and strengthen families.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Valley Forge Baptist Temple and in honor of all members past and present.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE OF COLONEL GARY L. PLUMB

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today in recognition of the service of Colonel Gary L. Plumb, Commander of the 46th Test Wing at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. Colonel Plumb retires today after 27 years of humble service to this great Nation in the United States Air Force, and I am proud to recognize his vast contributions to national security.

Colonel Plumb grew up in Loveland, Colorado. After graduating from Thompson Valley High School, he joined the Air Force and accepted an appointment at the United States Air Force Academy. He graduated from the Academy with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering and received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force on 2 June, 1982.

After earning his wings and graduating number one in his Pilot Instructor Training Class, Colonel Plumb began his flying career as an instructor pilot at Reese AFB, Texas. Upon graduating Lead-in Fighter Training, Colonel Plumb flew the F-16 while assigned to the 496th Fighter Squadron at Hahn Air Base, Germany. A graduate of the United States Air Force Test Pilot School, he then flew experimental test missions in the F-16 and F-4 while assigned to the 39th Flight Test Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. From there, he attended Air Command and Staff College and then received an assignment to the F-16 System Program Office in Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio where he was Chief of F-16 Combat Capability Development.

Identified as a proven leader, Air Force leadership selected him to command one of the most important squadrons in the Air Force, the 411th Flight Test Squadron. After taking command of the 411th Flight Test Squadron at Edwards AFB, he led developmental flight test for the Air Force's newest fighter, the F/A-22.

The Colonel was then selected to attend the prestigious Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington, DC. Following this assignment Colonel Plumb was selected for a joint assignment where he was assigned to the Joint Warfighting Center, Joint Forces Command, Suffolk, Virginia. The Colonel has commanded at the flight, squadron and group level. He is a Command Pilot who has accumulated over 3,400 flight hours in over 30 different aircraft.

Colonel Gary L. Plumb is currently the Commander, 46th Test Wing, Air Armament Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. With over 4,200 military, civilian, and contractor personnel, the Test Wing's primary mission is developmental testing and evaluation of conventional munitions, command and control systems, egress systems, and navigation and guidance systems. The Test Wing manages 26 modified test aircraft; 185,500 square miles of land and water test ranges, plus facilities in six different states. His leadership as the Commander of the 46th Test Wing will ensure the Eglin range complex, a national resource, remains productive and vibrant for years to come. The weapon systems tested in Northwest Florida today maintain U.S. military superiority, provide the equipment and resources for the men and woman serving this Nation to accomplish their missions, and keep them safe.

He is married to the former Robin Church, and together they have three children—U.S. Air Force Captain Jacquelyn Perr; U.S. Army 2d Lieutenant Daniel Plumb; and U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Alexander Plumb.

During his 27 years in the military, he spent almost 8 years serving the Air Force in the First Congressional District of Florida. His tireless work has benefited our community enormously. I'm pleased to hear we will continue to profit from his leadership in the Northwest Florida community as he retires in Niceville.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Colonel Plumb for his excellent leadership and extraordinary service to the United States Air Force. His contributions to national security will continue to benefit the Nation. From all the constituents of Florida's First Congressional District, I would like to congratulate him on his retirement and wish him well in his future endeavors.

HONORING DR. TAMMIE LEE DEMLER

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN LEE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. LEE of New York. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Tammie Lee Demler of Wheatfield, NY, for recently being awarded the prestigious Bowl of Hygeia for her outstanding pharmacy service and leadership in our community.

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For nearly 50 years, the Bowl of Hygeia award program has been a vehicle to encourage pharmacists to excel beyond their standard job duties and pay back their communities through exceptional public service. Dr. Demler is a well deserving recipient of this award.

Currently, Dr. Demler is the Director of Pharmacy Services for the Buffalo Psychiatric Center. She additionally serves as the Program Director for the Post Doctoral Pharmacy Residency Program at the University of Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

In addition to her impressive career, Dr. Demler's leadership has been recognized by her peers as she was the first woman elected President of the Pharmacists Society of the State of New York in the organization's 125-year history.

Dr. Demler's dedication to the community has included participation as the Erie County Site Staging manager for the Specialized Medical Assistance Response Team (SMART), organizing the world class Taste of Buffalo as a member of the Board of Directors and Restaurant committee. In addition she has been able to use her professional skills in pharmacy to host her own TV segment on WNY Tonight.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of the her dedication to our community and improving the lives of Western New Yorkers, I ask this Honorable Body to join me in congratulating Dr. Tammie Lee Demler for being awarded the prestigious Bowl of Hygeia award.

INTRODUCING THE ESTABLISHING GRANTS FOR COLLEGE ACCESS AND COMPLETION PROGRAM

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Establishing Grants for College Access and Completion Act of 2009, a bill to increase the number of low-income students from underserved populations and disadvantaged backgrounds who enter and complete college.

It is well established that students from low-income families are 30 percent less likely to have access to higher education, but the disparity in graduation rates are more pronounced: only 20 percent of the lowest-income students are projected to graduate with a bachelor's degree by 2012, compared to 68 percent of the highest income students.

This bill would authorize Federal funding for the Grants for College Access and Completion program, a competitive grant program to support innovative and effective approaches that are currently improving college-going and college-graduation rates for low-income, high-promise students. Eligible organizations would need to show a proven track record of success in increasing the number of students from low-income and disadvantaged populations who enter and remain in college, and have an independent scholarship program supported by non-Federal dollars. Any eligible organization, under this bill, would be able to enter into partnerships with other entities to

improve their ability to effectively reach low-income and disadvantaged students.

This bill was written to use taxpayers' money wisely. The Federal grants would be used to provide mentoring, academic support, and supportive services to prepare low-income students to attend institutions of higher education, with 15 percent of the funds coming from non-Federal sources. This bill does not provide any money for scholarships; rather, it will be required that the grantees have established and successful scholarship programs. Finally, the bill has an annual reporting requirement of grantees, so that the Secretary can keep close track of their performance.

For example, efforts are currently underway and proven to improve graduation rates of this student population. A Washington State-based foundation, the College Success Foundation, formerly the Washington Education Foundation, is leading the way, by encouraging low-income and disadvantaged students to pursue higher education, and providing them with support and mentoring services to ensure their continued success in college.

Almost 90 percent of today's fastest growing jobs require some postsecondary education. Students who do not attend and graduate from college are increasingly finding themselves shut out of well-paying jobs. Statistics show that an individual without a high school diploma will earn approximately \$1,100,000 less in their lifetime than an individual with a bachelor's degree. Finally, statistics show that the children of college graduates, and even their children's children, are more likely to go on to graduate from institutes of higher education. Should my bill become law, and help students attend and graduate from college, their expected lifetime earnings will more than pay for the little sums of money appropriated through this legislation.

I urge my colleagues to consider this important bill.

HONORING DR. ABE SILVERSTEIN

HON. CONNIE MACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. MACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Abe Silverstein, an American engineer who played an important part in the United States space program.

Dr. Silverstein was born in 1908 in Terre Haute, Indiana, and earned a B.S. in mechanical engineering (1929) and an M.E. (1934) from the Rose Polytechnic Institute. In 1929, Dr. Silverstein was hired by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) at the Langley research center to work on the design of the Altitude Wind Tunnel. While there, he also directed research which led to increased high-speed performance of most of the combat aircraft of World War II. His work contributed to development of present day supersonic aircraft.

Dr. Silverstein helped at NASA headquarters to help with the space flights of Project Mercury and the Apollo program. He was also chair to the government commission The Silverstein Committee.

Dr. Silverstein received several awards for his work. In 1984, NASA named him an "Elder Statesman of Aviation." On August 14, 1997, Dr. Silverstein was the recipient of the Guggenheim Medal for significant contributions to the advancement of flight. He later retired to Ohio and spent his winters in Cape Coral.

I would like to recognize Dr. Silverstein for his contributions to this country and we are proud of all his accomplishments. His lifetime achievements are truly commendable.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN CYPRUS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor today to urge the U.S. to join in the efforts to reach a peaceful solution to the dispute in Cyprus.

The United States, United Nations, United Kingdom, European Union are just a few countries and international organizations who have long been engaged in the efforts to bring about a negotiated compromise to the dispute in Cyprus. I feel it is time that such an agreement is reached. Moreover, I'm pleased that at the end of last year, the Greek Cypriot Leader, Demetris Christofias, and Turkish Cypriot Leader, Mehmet Ali Talat, began U.N.-sponsored peace talks to try to find a solution to the ongoing situation in Cyprus.

I believe this Administration should also take an active role to bring about a solution that would be beneficial for both Cypriot communities. This ongoing disagreement pits two NATO allies, Greece and Turkey, against each other, and therefore, we must quickly find a mutually agreed upon solution.

Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, Philip Gordon, testified that "resolution of the Cyprus problem will have a tremendous impact on the region by strengthening peace, justice, and prosperity on the island, advancing Turkey's European Union accession, improving NATO-EU cooperation and removing a source of friction between two NATO Allies, Greece and Turkey."

I agree with the Assistant Secretary Gordon's sentiments and hope the Administration takes the appropriate actions to ensure that an accord is achieved. Any agreement must lead Cyprus to an independent government where both Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities have equal political rights similar to the 1994 Annan Plan. The Annan Plan would have set up a confederation of two component states—the Greek Cypriot State and the Turkish Cypriot State. Both Cypriot communities would be joined together by a federal government mirrored after the Swiss federal model. The plan included a federal constitution, constitutions for each constituent state, and a string of constitutional and federal laws. It also provided for a Reconciliation Commission to bring the two Cypriot communities closer together and resolve outstanding disputes from the past.

Such a bi-zonal and bi-communal agreement is the best approach and I urge the Administration to actively participate in the peaceful re-unification process in Cyprus.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3170) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Chair, today I rise today in support of the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010, and to commend Chairman SERRANO and the subcommittee for their hard work in crafting this bill. I urge my colleagues to support it.

This bill will fund many of the agencies we rely upon to protect consumers, taxpayers and investors, which has become so increasingly important over the past year. The housing, financial services and economic crises have created a tidal wave of repercussions, all of which have substantially increased the burdens and demands on these agencies. Therefore, I am pleased to support the increased funding in this bill for these purposes.

For example, the bill includes more than \$1 billion for the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), an increase of \$76 million from Fiscal Year 2009. This funding will enable the SEC to hire an additional 140 investigators, attorneys, and analysts, and thus substantially increase its enforcement capacity. We need to do more to improve the effectiveness of the SEC than simply adding staff, but this is a very important first step.

In addition, the bill includes \$292 million in funding for the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), more than \$30 million more than was provided, in Fiscal Year 2009. The FTC is responsible for investigating and prosecuting unfair and deceptive trade practices, including foreclosure rescue scams, and predatory payday-lending, credit-repair and debt-collection services, all of which have been rampant during the current crisis.

Also included is \$113 million for the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), a modest increase from Fiscal Year 2009 which will help the CPSC continue to protect the American people from dangerous and unsafe products. Although the CPSC continues to work through implementation issues related to the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act, I support the Act, and the CPSC's continuing efforts to implement it in a fair and equitable manner, and the funding included in this bill will enable it to do that.

The bill also includes increased funding for the Inspectors General of the Department of the Treasury (\$30 million), the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (\$38 million) and the SEC (\$4.4 million), to enhance their respective abilities to ensure that the agencies are functioning effectively and without wasting taxpayer dollars. In addition, it requires the Department of the Treasury to report to Congress on the progress of the entities overseeing the Troubled Assets Relief Program (TARP) in implementing their recommendations for TARP reform, and protecting taxpayer investments.

To help stimulate the economy, the bill includes almost \$850 million, an increase of more than \$230 million, in funding to the Small Business Administration (SBA). These funds will enable the SBA to provide \$28 billion in new loans to small businesses despite the continuing credit crunch, as well as \$25 million in new micro-lending. In addition, it provides \$110 million for Small Business Development Centers and \$8 million for technical assistance to low-income small business owners.

It also includes \$244 million, an increase of \$137 million from Fiscal Year 2009, for Community Development Financial Institutions, which help provide credit to low-income communities. The funding includes \$80 million to launch a competitive grant program for the purpose of renovating and developing low-income housing.

And I am particularly pleased to say that, despite attempts in committee and on the floor to cut this funding in half, the bill includes \$100 million in Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funding to enable states to improve the administration of elections and protect the integrity of the vote count. Voting is the foundation of our democracy—it is the right through which we preserve all others. Everything of value must be auditable, and that is especially true of our votes. That is why it is so important that states using paperless systems have all the funding they need to convert to paper ballot voting systems before the next general election, and that all states have the funding they need to conduct audits of electronic vote tallies.

Although it has been argued that the states have not claimed all of their appropriated HAVA funding, and that they therefore must not need it, this argument disregards an important fact. In order to claim their HAVA funding, States must first appropriate 5 percent matching funds from their own coffers. This was extremely challenging in 2008, given the crushing fiscal burdens on States simply to meet their basic fiscal needs. And Fiscal Year 2009 bill that appropriated additional HAVA funding was not enacted into law until March 2009; therefore, it is too early to determine how many states will be able to begin appropriating the required matching funds as the economic recovery progresses. Therefore, it is not that the states do not need this money; it is that they cannot afford it. This is why my Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act of 2009, which would require paper ballot voting systems and routine random audits as a national standard, removes the matching funds requirement.

In 2010, seven entire states and counties in a dozen others will not be able to independently verify the electronic tallies in their elections unless they use their HAVA funding to deploy accessible paper ballot voting systems now. Every jurisdiction in the country that has made a voting system change since 2006 has done this. It is time to make it a national standard. I thank the Subcommittee Chairman SERRANO for his staunch support for and defense of this funding, and for engaging in a colloquy on the floor with me about it earlier today.

This bill funds many agencies that play a critical role in protecting consumers, investors and taxpayers, and in stimulating the economy, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

RESTORE OUR AMERICAN MUSTANGS ACT

HON. LOIS CAPP

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mrs. CAPP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1018, the Restore Our American Mustangs Act. This timely legislation would help ensure the safety of wild horses and burros while saving the American tax payers millions of dollars. This is commonsense legislation that will establish a humane process for managing the large population of free-roaming horses and burros in the West.

The American horse is a symbol of the American West, yet we have failed to responsibly manage this great animal. The current BLM management system consists of forcing these wild horses to roam land that is too small to support them and then rounding up excess horses to be sold, adopted, or slaughtered. This process is inhumane, ineffective, and very expensive.

This bill will improve our current system in several ways.

First, the BLM currently rounds up thousands of perfectly healthy horses and places them in holding facilities to await adoption or slaughter. By strengthening the adoption process and utilizing contraception methods, as this bill proposes, we will drastically reduce the number of excess horses, thus reducing the need for the expensive holding facilities.

Second, this legislation will close a loophole that allows horses and burros to be sold for slaughter. While there are no slaughter houses in the United States, this loophole allows people to buy excess horses and ship them to Mexico to be slaughtered. This is clearly not the intent of the current law and we must close this shameful loophole.

Third, this bill will save the tax payer millions of dollars. Holding facilities are very expensive. In fact, in 2008 alone, the BLM spent a third of its budget, \$27 million, on the upkeep and operation of holding facilities.

And finally, this legislation will end the BLM's practice of constantly reducing the range size for wild horses and burros. Specifically, this bill urges the BLM to restore wild horses to the full 19 million public land acres that were originally designated for their habitat.

Mr. Speaker, the Restore Our American Mustangs Act is good legislation for both wild horses and tax payers. We must pass this legislation and implement these humane policies to protect this symbol of the American West.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in the supporting this timely legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, on Friday July 17, 2009 I was unable to be in Washington, DC due to a funeral and thus missed rollcall votes No. 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, and 592. Had I been

present, I would have voted "yea" on No. 578, 579, 580, 581, 583, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590 and "nay" on No. 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 591, and 592.

HONORING JAMES CULBERTSON

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN LEE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. LEE of New York. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate James Culbertson of Dansville, NY on being named New York State's County Clerk of the Year. This is a true testament to his remarkable contributions to improving the lives of the people in Livingston County.

Mr. Culbertson is currently in his fourth term as Livingston County Clerk. In 2008, Culbertson was named President of the New York State Association of County Clerks and is the second Livingston County Clerk to ever hold the position.

Mr. Culbertson has significantly reduced red tape for Livingston County residents by implementing and perfecting a state-of-the-art records management system. This achievement made Livingston the state's first county to offer a complete, comprehensive records solution to benefit its constituents.

Thus, Madam Speaker, in recognition of his steadfast dedication to improving the lives of Livingston County residents, I ask this Honorable Body to join me in congratulating Mr. Culbertson on being named New York State's County Clerk of the Year.

LAKE COUNTY ELECTRICIANS
JATC GRADUATES

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great sincerity and admiration that I offer congratulations to several of Northwest Indiana's most talented, dedicated, and hardworking individuals. On Friday, July 31, 2009, the Lake County Electricians Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC) will honor the class of 2009 at their annual Apprentice Completion Banquet, which will be held at the Avalon Manor Banquet Hall in Merrillville, Indiana.

This year, the Lake County Electricians JATC will be recognizing and honoring twenty-nine graduates who have completed the apprentice training. This year's graduates are: Jake Archambault, Jennifer Batka, Bryan Bogacz, Brett Bormann, Steve Brumley, Kelly Carlson, Jonathan Chariton, Noble Dennie, Jake Duttlinger, Andrew Filipowski, Theresa Gibbs, Josh Hardebeck, Nick Hardesty, Matt Marcese, Justin Marcotte, Joe Michaels, Jonathan Moran, Jon Moyado, Mike Nelleman, Ben O'Neill, Jon Orzachowicz, Chris Roark, Kyle Spicer, Jason Tampuskas, Joe Thomas, Nick Trinidad, Andy Vlachos, Arnell Washington, and John Yaksic.

Northwest Indiana has a rich history of excellence in its craftsmanship and loyalty by its tradesmen. These outstanding graduates all exemplify these traits. They have mastered

their trade and have demonstrated their loyalty to both the union and the community through their commitment, hard work, and selfless sacrifice.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these committed, hardworking individuals. Along with the other extraordinary men and women of Northwest Indiana's unions, these individuals have contributed in many ways to the growth and development of the economy in Indiana's First Congressional District, and I am very proud to represent them in Washington, DC.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

SAVANNAH HARBOR EXPANSION, GA

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Corps of Engineers—Construction
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers, Savannah District

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 West Oglethorpe Avenue, P.O. Box 889, Savannah, Georgia, 31402

Description of Request: Savannah Harbor Expansion Project construction funding to develop plans and specifications and the Project Partnership Agreement required before construction can start to deepen the harbor channel from the current 42 foot channel to a depth of as much as 48 feet.

ATLANTIC INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, GA

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Corps of Engineers—Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers, Savannah District

Address of Requesting Entity: West Oglethorpe Avenue, P.O. Box 889, Savannah, Georgia, 31402

Description of Request: dredging trouble spots on the waterway and for general maintenance of the Georgia portion of the Intra-coastal Waterway

ATLANTA ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE, GA

Requesting Member: Congressman Jack Kingston

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Corps of Engineers—Construction
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers, Mobile District

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628

Description of Request: sewer system repairs

BIOFUELS, BIOWATER AND BIO MATERIALS, UGA

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: DOE-EERE Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Georgia

Address of Requesting Entity: Athens, GA
Description of Request: to develop biomass processing, biochemical and thermochemical technologies, and train the future workforce so they can satisfy the needs of a growing new industry

GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BIODIESEL RESEARCH
Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: DOE-EERE
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Georgia Southern University

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 8158, Statesboro, GA 30460

Description of Request: research in the formulation, generation, transfer and combustion of bio-fuels that will combine multiple disciplines (Biology, Chemistry and Engineering) to address the production requirements for viable and sustainable energy substitutes derived from non-food biomass sources.

RECOGNIZING THE CREW OF THE
RB-47H SHOT DOWN OVER INTERNATIONAL WATERS BY THE SOVIET UNION ON JULY 1, 1960

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major Willard Palm, Captain Freeman B. Olmstead, Captain John McKone, and the crew of the RB-47H shot down over international waters by the Soviet Union on July 1, 1960. This recognition is well-deserved and highlights the unending service and integrity of our men and women in uniform.

The plane was crewed by Major Willard Palm as Aircraft Commander; Captain Freeman B. Olmstead as pilot; Captain John McKone as navigator.

Freeman B. Olmstead was born in Elmira, New York, and brought up in a devout Episcopal family. He earned a bachelor's degree in history from Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio. He entered active duty with the Air Force in 1957.

McKone was a native of Tonganoxie, Kansas, and he graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in history in 1954. He entered active duty on March 15, 1955.

On July 1, 1960 a United States Air Force RB-47H based at Forbes Air Force Base, Kansas, departed from Brize-Norton Royal Air Force Base in England. The flight's planned route kept the plane over international waters.

A MiG-19 fighter intercepted the American bomber over the Barents Sea. The MiG eventually opened fire on the RB-47H. Olmstead and McKone successfully ejected and survived only to be picked up by a Soviet fishing vessel. The aircraft commander, however, perished in the Barents Sea.

Ten days after the shootdown, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev announced that they

had shot down the bomber and captured the two crewmen. The pair were imprisoned in Moscow's Lubyanka prison, and accused by the Soviets of espionage, punishable by death, for allegedly violating the Soviet sea frontier.

Shortly after the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy, Premier Nikita Khrushchev extended an offer to free Olmstead and McKone quickly—but with three terms later agreed to.

After 7 months of imprisonment and interrogation the guards drove Captain Freeman B. Olmstead and Captain John McKone to the American Embassy. They were handed over to U.S. officials to be reunited with their families without having disclosed any information to the Soviet government.

As a member of the Committee on Armed Services, I am continuously struck by the integrity of our servicemembers. With examples like Captain Freeman B. Olmstead and Captain John McKone, it is clear where this integrity comes from.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I, KAY GRANGER, submit the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3183, the Energy & Water Appropriations bill for FY2010. For the project titled "Central City, Fort Worth, Upper Trinity River Basin, TX," which received \$7,200,000 in H.R. 3183, Corps of Engineers Construction Account, the legal name and address of the receiving entity is U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, 819 Taylor Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102. It is my understanding that the Corps of Engineers will use funds for bypass channel construction, valley storage construction, and geotechnical exploration. The aging levee system is no longer adequate to provide protection for an area adjacent to downtown Fort Worth that is undergoing revitalization. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recommends in the final Environmental Impact Statement an integrated, comprehensive solution for flood control in this area to include transportation, environmental restoration and community redevelopment components in constructing a 1.5 mile flood-control bypass channel. Local cost share for the project is over \$180 million.

For the project titled "Farmers Branch, Tarrant County, TX," which received continuing authority in H.R. 3183, Corps of Engineers Sec. 206 account, the legal name and address of the receiving entity is U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, 819 Taylor Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102. The goal of this project is to improve the channelization of Farmers Branch flowing through the center of White Settlement, TX, to mitigate major flooding problems affecting family residential properties and commercial entities. The recommended plan consists of a grass and rock-lined channel between White Settlement Road and Las Vegas Trail. The City has passed bonds totaling \$11.5 million for the project.

For the project titled "Upper Trinity River Basin, TX," which received \$500,000 in H.R.

3183, Corps of Engineers Investigations Account, the legal name and address of the receiving entity is U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, 819 Taylor Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102. Preliminary watershed-wide feasibility investigations identified 88 measures for more detailed study in the Upper Trinity River Basin. Subsequently, seven interim feasibility studies have been initiated with 11 cities, one county, and one special district to undertake more detailed studies for the purposes of addressing flood risk management, ecosystem restoration and recreation opportunities within these areas. It is my understanding these funds would be used to continue these ongoing studies to protect the water supply for approximately 1.6 million people.

INTERPRETING H.R. 2454

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit my view regarding Congress's intent to allow Direct Service Industries served by the Bonneville Power Administration to receive allowances under Section 782 of H.R. 2454.

The definition of "electricity local distribution company" in Section 783 does not include federal power marketing administrations such as the Bonneville Power Administration. I believe that Congress intends that Direct Service Industries served by Bonneville on the date of enactment of this Act are part of eligible industrial sectors and may receive allowances under Sections 782(e) and 764 of this Act.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this clarification, and thank you to Representative JAY INSLEE of Washington for his work in securing protections for energy-intensive, trade-exposed industries in energy reform legislation.

INTERPRETING H.R. 2454

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support for Representative RICK LARSEN's interpretation of Section 782 of H.R. 2454. As a principal author of legislative provisions in H.R. 2454 to protect energy-intensive, trade-exposed industries, I too believe that Congress intends that Direct Service Industries served by Bonneville on the date of enactment of this Act are part of eligible industrial sectors and may receive allowances under Sections 782(e) and 764 of this Act.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this clarification.

INTRODUCTION OF THE BROWNFIELDS REMEDIATION PERMANENT TAX INCENTIVE ACT

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. BECERRA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the "Brownfields Remediation Permanent Tax Incentive Act" with Representative PAUL RYAN. This legislation will provide a permanent tax incentive for developers to clean up polluted properties, clearing the way for new economic development in our communities.

Brownfields are neglected or abandoned land sites whose redevelopment is complicated by the potential presence of hazardous substances. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that there are over 450,000 of these sites in the United States. From abandoned warehouses and shuttered gas stations, to former factory sites and abandoned residential buildings, these sites could be put to productive use if developers undertook environmental remediation efforts to prepare them for redevelopment.

Such remediation efforts can bring diverse benefits to our communities. In addition to reducing exposure to hazardous substances, they can create jobs through new construction projects, grow local tax bases, and help revitalize neighborhoods whose economic development efforts are weighed down by abandoned structures and housing blight. Brownfield remediation is also an environmentally sound policy that encourages developers to use existing developed land rather than starting new construction on undeveloped land or farmland.

However, brownfields redevelopment is often an expensive and unpredictable undertaking. The Brownfields Remediation Permanent Tax Incentive Act would encourage developers to tackle these important projects by making the existing Section 198 brownfield tax expensing provision permanent, thus providing a measure of certainty and facilitating long-term planning for those interested in undertaking these important cleanup projects.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the Brownfields Remediation Permanent Tax Incentive Act to help rehabilitate these properties that would otherwise lie vacant, and spur economic investment and job creation in our communities.

HONORING DOMINIC MAZZA

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN LEE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. LEE of New York. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated public servant who I am proud to call one of my constituents. Dominic Mazza, who has served as Livingston County Administrator for more than 20 years, has given much of his life to serving the people of New York State.

Prior to serving as County Administrator, Mr. Mazza held various financial positions

throughout New York State. He assisted with federal and state aid issues for the City of Syracuse and was the Director of Financial and Administration for the City of Cortland. In 1975, he graduated Magna Cum Laude from the State University of New York at Utica where he received a Bachelors of Science degree in Business and Public Administration. In addition, Mr. Mazza also received a Master's degree in Public Administration in 1985 from the prestigious Maxwell School of Public Affairs of Syracuse University.

Thus, Madam Speaker, I ask this Honorable Body to join me and the people of Livingston County in thanking Mr. Mazza for his outstanding service and wish him well as he begins his much-deserved retirement.

THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 35th anniversary of the division of the Island of Cyprus.

Thirty-five years ago, Turkish troops invaded and occupied the island of Cyprus and divided a community. While time may heal all wounds, the wounds of the division of Cyprus remain fresh today with thousands of Turkish troops continuing to occupy the northern third of the Island.

The Republic of Cyprus is a member of the European Union, a strong ally of the United States and a stable democracy in the Mediterranean. The Republic has opened the benefits of EU citizenship to both Greek and Turkish Cypriots on both sides of the divide. Since 2003 there has been confidence building exchanges and partnerships between the two communities and the residents have the ability to travel freely between the Republic of Cyprus and the occupied North.

With all these positive developments happening, some things still remain all too intractable. The number of Turkish troops in the North is the same as those present thirty-five years ago, and Greek religious sights in the North still suffer from neglect. Communities may be free to travel but the Island is still divided based on ethnicity.

Bringing the Greek and Turkish communities together in a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation is the goal of President Obama, the European Union and most importantly it is the goal of the Cypriot people. On the thirty-fifth anniversary of the division of Cyprus, I urge both Cypriot President Demetrios Christofias and Turkish Cypriot leader Mehmet Ali Talat to redouble their efforts to insure the removal of Turkish troops, free movement between the Greek and Turkish communities and for a final end to the division of the Island. The time is now for us as a Congress and with our President's commitment to move Cyprus to a future of peace and prosperity.

RECOGNIZING THE ARC OF GREAT-
ER PRINCE WILLIAM/INSIGHT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Arc of Greater Prince William/INSIGHT, Incorporated (The Arc) and the support they provide for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The Arc is an affiliate of The Arc of the United States and The Arc of Virginia and is a tireless advocate for the rights and full participation of all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Arc provides support services to residents of the community that help to realize the organization's broader mission.

The assistance provided by The Arc in raising a child with disabilities begins early in life with their child care services. Children ages 6 weeks to 21 years can seek therapeutic and educational activities at the Muriel Humphrey Center in Dale City, Virginia. At the Robert Day Child Care Center in Manassas children enjoy recreational activities that encourage healthy socialization and friendship. Recognizing the added stress and time commitments that accompany raising a child with disabilities, The Arc offers "Parents Night Out" and respite care programs. Prince William families are not alone and have a dedicated and capable partner in The Arc of Greater Prince William.

The Arc extends its support beyond high school education with a number of programs designed to give adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities a well-rounded life experience. In the vocational services program individuals are taught ground maintenance, lawn care and janitorial skills. At The Arc's "Spinaweb" facility in the Town of Occoquan, weavers produce fabric for clothing and other woven items.

Young adults are encouraged to continue to develop their social skills through bowling leagues and various recreational activities. The Arc has nine group homes which allow adults to enjoy an independent and less structured living environment. These programs afford individuals the opportunity to grow and develop their skills and social networks. This is an opportunity that would not be so readily available without The Arc.

This year, The Arc of Greater Prince William celebrates its 45th Anniversary. Since 1964, the organization has built a remarkable infrastructure of programs and facilities. The residents of Prince William are served well by the diverse and comprehensive selection of assistance programs offered by The Arc.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding the efforts of The Arc of Greater Prince William/INSIGHT, Incorporated on behalf of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. I would like to express my personal gratitude for their work and my admiration for the mission they seek to accomplish.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, due to a family member's medical condition on July 17, 2009, I missed a number of votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following:

"No" on table Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair, rollcall No. 573;

"No" on ordering the Previous Question, rollcall No. 574;

"No" on agreeing to the Resolution Rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 1018, the Restore Our American Mustangs Act, rollcall No. 575;

"No" on agreeing to the Hastings of Washington Part B Substitute Amendment, rollcall No. 576;

"No" on passage the Restore Our American Mustangs Act, rollcall No. 577;

"Aye" on agreeing to the Heinrich amendment, rollcall No. 578;

"Aye" on agreeing to the Cao amendment, rollcall No. 579;

"Aye" on agreeing to the Blackburn amendment, rollcall No. 580;

"Aye" on agreeing to the Campbell amendment, rollcall No. 581;

"Aye" on agreeing to the Flake amendment, rollcall No. 582;

"Aye" on agreeing to the Flake amendment, rollcall No. 583;

"Aye" on agreeing to the Flake amendment, rollcall No. 584;

"Aye" on agreeing to the Flake amendment, rollcall No. 585;

"Aye" on agreeing to the Flake amendment, rollcall No. 586;

"Aye" on agreeing to the Flake amendment, rollcall No. 587;

"Aye" on agreeing to the Hensarling amendment, rollcall No. 588;

"Aye" on agreeing to the Hensarling amendment, rollcall No. 589;

"Aye" on agreeing to the Hensarling amendment, rollcall No. 590;

"No" on motion to recommit with instructions, rollcall No. 591; and

"No" on passage making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies, FY 2010, rollcall No. 592.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I rise today to submit the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies FY10 Appropriations Act.

The following earmarks were requested by my office and are listed for funding in this bill: State Route 99 Interchange Improvement Project, CA

Requesting Member: DANIEL E. LUNGREN

Bill Number: FY10 Transportation, HUD Appropriations

Account: FHA—Transportation and Community & System Preservation

Requesting Agency: City of Galt

Requesting Agency Address: 495 Industrial Drive, Galt, CA 95632

Amount: \$500,000

Funding this project will provide for the reconstruction of the Central Galt (C Street)/SR 99 Interchange, which is critical to relieve congestion, improve regional transportation mobility, and ultimately alleviate a deficit in adequate emergency services access.

This project represents an appropriate use of taxpayer funds by elevating the ingress and egress of a major trade corridor to standards of safety commensurate with the impacts to the effected community.

International Drive Extension/Folsom South Canal Bridge, CA

Requesting Member: DANIEL E. LUNGREN

Bill Number: FY10 Transportation, HUD Appropriations

Account: FHA—Surface Transportation Priorities

Requesting Agency: City of Rancho Cordova

Requesting Agency Address: 2729 Prospect Park Dr., Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Amount: \$500,000

The International Drive Extension and Folsom South Canal Bridge project will construct a new six-lane extension of International Drive from Kilgore Road to Sunrise Boulevard. The waterway creates a barrier that cuts the City in half from north to south.

This project represents an appropriate use of taxpayer funds by facilitating the crossing of a U.S. Bureau of Reclamation waterway which bisects the City of Rancho Cordova, allowing emergency service access across this present barrier.

ADA Infrastructure Improvements

Requesting Member: DANIEL E. LUNGREN

Bill Number: FY10 Transportation, HUD Appropriations

Account: Housing and Urban Development (HUD)—Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Requesting Agency: City of Citrus Heights

Requesting Agency Address: 6237 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621

Amount: \$450,000

Disability access is limited in several identified locations throughout the City of Citrus Heights, and the City has been and continues to be the subject of lawsuits from advocates in the disability rights community. This funding will cover the cost of new ADA-compliant infrastructure. Citrus Heights is nearly 100% built-out, extinguishing the stream of development fees which might normally provide for this infrastructure improvement.

This project represents an appropriate use of taxpayer funds by providing for the elevation of city facilities to meet the requirements of ADA compliance.

LETTER FROM THE HIGH-PERFORMANCE BUILDINGS CAUCUS RE: ENERGY AND WATER APPROPS OF 2010

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I submit the following letter:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, July 15, 2009.

Hon. DAVID R. OBEY,
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations.

Hon. ED PASTOR,
Acting Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development.

Hon. JERRY LEWIS,
Ranking Member, Committee on Appropriations.

Hon. RODNEY FRELINGHUYSEN,
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development.

DEAR CHAIRMEN AND RANKING MEMBERS: As members of the High-Performance Buildings Caucus, we commend your work on the Energy and Water Appropriations Act of 2010. This Act makes investments in all areas of energy and makes critical investments in our nation's infrastructure. Of those investments, we hope you will give priority consideration to the Energy Efficient Buildings Systems Hub.

As a Caucus, we have consistently advocated for investments in a particular element of our nation's infrastructure—our built environment. Each year our nation's homes, offices, schools, and other buildings consume 70 percent of the electricity in the U.S., emit 39 percent of the nation's carbon dioxide emissions, and our citizens spend approximately 90 percent of their time indoors. Investing in the research and development of high-performance building technologies can have a direct impact on decreasing our nation's carbon footprint, reducing costs and improving building energy efficiency.

In light of these facts, the Department of Energy fiscal year 2010 budget introduced a request for eight Energy Innovation Hubs, each focused on a specific national energy related topic. These Energy Innovation Hubs would function in a new structure modeled after the research laboratories involved in the Manhattan Project Labs, Lincoln Labs at MIT that developed radar and AT&T Bell Laboratories that developed the transistor.

According to the Department of Energy, the proposed Energy Efficient Building Systems Hub would:

Develop systems-based approaches to designing commercial and residential buildings that integrate windows and lighting, natural ventilation and HVAC, thermal inertia, on-site energy generation and other factors. Develop building design software with imbedded energy analysis to assist architects and engineers in adopting new technologies for conserving energy. Develop automated operating platforms for real-time optimization of the building control systems, analogous to computer optimization of automobile engine performance.

We understand that during difficult economic and budgetary times, we must be especially careful with federal research investments. It is because of our strong belief in the benefits of energy efficiency gains that we believe that this Energy Innovation Hub will offer the best return for our investment.

While we understand the concerns of the Appropriations Committee regarding possible redundancies within existing initiatives, we hope to work with the Committee and the Department of Energy to address

these specific concerns before moving forward. It is our hope that as this legislation moves forward, we will be able to work with you to address this important issue.

Sincerely,

Russ Carnahan, Co-Chair, High-Performance Buildings Caucus; Judy Biggert, Co-Chair, High-Performance Buildings Caucus; Earl Blumenauer, Paul Hodes, Dave Loebsack, Bill Foster, Jay Inslee, Edolphus Towns, David Wu, *Members of Congress.*

H. RES. 529, CONDEMNING THE VIOLENT ATTACK ON THE UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 529, which condemns the violent attack on the United States Holocaust Museum on June 10, 2009 and honors the bravery and dedication of Museum employees and security personnel. I also rise to extend my condolences to the family and friends of Stephen Johns who died as a result of this horrible attack.

On June 10, 2009, 89-year-old James von Brunn walked into the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and opened fire, killing security guard Stephen Johns. This act of violence led to the death of an innocent and admired security guard and wounded an institution meant to remind us where the spread of hatred can lead. Thankfully, the courage and quick action of the museum's security guards prevented further injury and death.

Words of bigotry and racism cannot be ignored; too often they end in hateful actions. From the recent murder of abortion provider Dr. George Tiller to the shooting of two soldiers at a military recruitment center in Arkansas, hate too often materializes into violence with devastating effects for American families and communities. All of us must take it upon ourselves to end the ignorance and false beliefs that lead to discrimination, bigotry and worse. That is the mission of the Holocaust Museum and it is a mission and a message which now rings louder and clearer than ever.

The assault against the Holocaust Memorial Museum, its employees and patrons is also a painful reminder of the public safety threat we face from gun violence. The United States must work harder to bring an end to gun violence.

Madam Speaker, my thoughts are also with all those who have been victims of hate as well as those who dedicate themselves to increasing tolerance within our communities. I join my colleagues in supporting H. Res. 529.

THE CONTINUING SITUATION ON THE ISLAND OF CYPRUS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring renewed attention to the ongoing situation on the island of Cyprus.

On May 23, 2008, the Turkish Cypriot leader, Mehmet Ali Talat, and the Greek Cypriot leader, Demetris Christofias, reaffirmed their commitment to a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation with political equality as defined by relevant Security Council resolutions. This will include a federal government with a single international personality as well as a Turkish Cypriot constituent state and a Greek Cypriot constituent state, both of equal status.

If the process to reach a settlement is derailed, I'm concerned that it will take years to resuscitate negotiations. The issues facing the two communities are difficult, but they are not insurmountable.

Five years ago, the inhabitants of the island participated in a referendum put forward by the United Nations under Secretary General Kofi Annan. The Annan Plan, to which it is often referred, foresaw a bi-communal, bi-zonal federation based on political equality. Unfortunately, it was overwhelmingly rejected by Greek Cypriots in 2004 despite vast support by Turkish Cypriots.

The Annan Plan was the product of intense negotiations conducted under the auspices of the United Nations Secretary General between the Turkish Cypriots, Greek Cypriots, Turkey, and Greece. It was the first plan since the conflict began to be submitted for public approval. In addition, it struck a fair compromise between the two sides on the island and was supported by both the United States and the European Union. Had it been accepted, it would have brought about a resolution to this longstanding separation of the island and contributed to political stability in this region of the world.

I was hoping the outcome would meet the fundamental interests of the parties, including economic and political security for all Cypriots, and put an end to the island's division. However, with the rejection of the Annan Plan by the Greek Cypriots, I must ask my fellow colleagues to join me in continuing to work with good faith and determination to build a brighter future for all the people of Cyprus. The international community should keep the promises made in 2004 to end the isolation of the Turkish Cypriots, given their support for a negotiated settlement.

Madam Speaker, the leaders on both sides of this conflict will require a strong political will to overcome the difficult issues that the process to reconciliation necessitates. The United States should do all it can to support this process and avoid any steps which would undermine the leaders of the various parties.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations Act, the FY 2010 Transportation Treasury Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, and the FY 2010 Education, Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Section 205

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Hopkinsville

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 North Main Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42241

Description of Request: Funding will be used to study the South Fork of the Little River to reduce 100 year flood levels in Hopkinsville by 2.6–4.9 feet. The agency that should provide the funding is the Corps of Engineers and the account is Section 205.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Paducah

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 South 5th Street, Paducah, KY 42001

Description of Request: Funds will be used (\$44,000) for the rehabilitation of the current flood control system will involve repair/replacement of pumping station equipment, corrugated pipes, concrete, and other appurtenant features. This is considered a levee safety issue. This project was authorized in the 2007 Water Resources Development Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: O and M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 625 Catlett Street, Hickman, KY 42050

Description of Request: This funding (\$44,000) provides for maintenance of an off-river harbor channel extending from the main channel of the Mississippi River along the City. Annual dredging is necessary to ensure maximum efficiency of the Harbor. This project will provide vital economic development and community growth.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Other Defense Activities—Health, Safety, and Security

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Department of Energy

Address of Requesting Entity: Department of Energy Washington, D.C. 20585

Description of Request: This funding (\$1,000,000) will be used to assess the health of DOE contract workers in Paducah, KY to detect selected occupational illnesses at an early stage. This funding will help screen for health problems, which will save taxpayers' money in the long-run. The agency that should provide the funding is the Department of Energy and the account is Other Defense Activities—Health, Safety, and Security.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Nashville Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 1070, Nashville, TN 37202

Description of Request: This project consists of constructing a completely new lock and dam structure, which is vital to the movement of goods through the inland waterways system. The project will have an average annual benefit of \$70.7 million when completed. Expanding Kentucky Lock will help protect hun-

dreds of jobs and help ship products promptly to more than 23 other states. The agency that should provide the funding (\$1,000,000) is the Corps of Engineers and the account is Construction.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Nashville Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 1070, Nashville, TN 37202

Description of Request: The rock foundation under the dam continues to deteriorate and foundation seepage pressures have increased, which prompted the Corps to begin this major rehabilitation. Catastrophic failure of the dam could result in loss of life and massive destruction of property downstream. The agency that should provide the funding (\$123,000,000) is the Corps of Engineers and the account is Construction.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Louisville Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 59, Louisville, KY 40201

Description of Request: This strategic reach of the Ohio River provides a connection between the Mississippi River, Tennessee River, and Cumberland River. More tonnage passes this point than any other place in America's inland navigation system. Traffic at the Olmsted project is projected to exceed 113 million tons by 2020. This project will facilitate the movement of goods throughout the country. The agency that should provide the funding (\$109,790,000) is the Corps of Engineers and the account is Construction.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: FY 2010 Labor, Health and Education Appropriations Bill

Account: Elementary and Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Reading is Fundamental

Address of Requesting Entity: 1825 Connecticut Ave. NW Washington, D.C. 20009

Description of Request: Reading Is Fundamental enhances child literacy by providing millions of underserved children with free books for personal ownership and reading encouragement from the more than 18,000 locations throughout all fifty states, Washington, D.C., Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: FY 2010 Labor, Health and Education Appropriations Bill

Account: Higher Education (Includes FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Breathitt Veterinary Center (BVC)

Address of Requesting Entity: 715 North Drive, Hopkinsville, KY 42240

Description of Request: The funding (\$350,000) will be used for teaching and Laboratory Equipment purchase, installation, and maintenance at the Breathitt Veterinary Center in Hopkinsville, KY. Currently, the BVC is a Biological Safety Level (BSL) 2 facility, employing over 50 people, but serving a 150 mile radius to research, diagnose, and report bioterrorism and high impact disease agents in the food supply.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: FY 2010 Labor, Health and Education Appropriations Bill

Account: Higher Education (Includes FIPSE)
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Western Kentucky Community and Technical College
Address of Requesting Entity: 4810 Alben Barkley Drive, Paducah, KY 42002

Description of Request: Western Kentucky Community and Technical College is proposing to develop a skilled crafts training center in Graves County, Kentucky. Funds have been dedicated to purchase the facility, but federal funds are needed for equipment purchases to enhance automotive and diesel technology programs to facilitate training in the automotive industry, which will help attract businesses to the area. (\$250,000)

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: FY 2010 Labor, Health and Education Appropriations Bill

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: McLean County Fiscal Court

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 127, Calhoun, KY 42327

Description of Request: The McLean County Fiscal Court will utilize this project to assist the community and local school children increase their educational opportunities by purchasing equipment necessary for educational purposes for the Livermore Community Library. Funds (\$150,000) will be used to purchase computers, teaching equipment, and develop training seminars to facilitate educational opportunities throughout the County.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: FY 2010 Labor, Health and Education Appropriations Bill

Account: Higher Education (Includes FIPSE)
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Madisonville Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 127, Calhoun, KY 42327

Description of Request: Funds (\$100,000) will be used to purchase instructional equipment to support full implementation of Advanced Industrial Integrated Technology (AIIT) associate degree program developed to provide the multi-skilled maintenance technician demanded by modern manufacturers. The AIIT curriculum can serve as a national model for the effective web-enhanced delivery of technical training.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: FY 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill

Account: Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Monroe County Fiscal Court

Address of Requesting Entity: 1194 Columbia Avenue, Tompkinsville, KY 42167

Description of Request: Funds (\$250,000) will be used to construct a new market facility that would facilitate economic development and provide added benefits to the local community.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: FY 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill

Account: Buses and Bus Facilities
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lake Cumberland Community Action Agency

Address of Requesting Entity: 23 Industry Drive, Jamestown, KY 42629

Description of Request: Funds (\$70,000) will be used to install emergency radios in buses that transport senior citizens to and from their medical appointments in an area that is currently undergoing a Dam safety rehabilitation project, which increases the need for emergency communications.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: FY 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill

Account: Buses and Bus Facilities
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Audubon Area Community Services

Address of Requesting Entity: 1800 West Fourth Street, Owensboro, KY 42304

Description of Request: The Bus maintenance facility is needed to help maintain and protect the safety of people who are using this service for transportation purposes. Funding (\$1,350,000) will be used to construct this facility.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: FY 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill

Account: Buses and Bus Facilities
Legal Name of Requesting Entity:

Address of Requesting Entity: 1100 South Liberty Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240

Description of Request: Pennyrile Allied Community Services works to reduce and eliminate poverty by providing the opportunity for education, training, and work. One main way this mission is accomplished is through transporting people. Funding (\$500,000) will be used to purchase on-board security cameras and enlarge and renovate the transit facility on site.

LET'S ENCOURAGE CHARITABLE DONATIONS

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I recently introduced legislation (H.R. 3248) intended to simplify the charitable giving rules for automobile donations.

As you know, in 2004, Congress enacted legislation that imposed new reporting requirements on individuals and charities for automobile donations. This legislation has had the unintended consequence of reducing the number of automobiles donated to charities in my district. The corresponding loss in revenue and reduction in services offered by these charities has hurt the San Diego region.

To correct this situation, my bill will exempt certain charities from the reporting requirements of the 2004 law. My bill is targeted only

to those charities that operate "in-house" vehicle donation programs and that retain at least 80% of the proceeds from their vehicle donation programs.

I invite my colleagues to join me as co-sponsors of this legislation to simplify the vehicle donation process for charitable organizations across the United States.

EARMARK DECLARATIONS

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I rise today to submit the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies FY10 Appropriations Act.

The following earmarks were requested by my office and are listed for funding in this bill: Aerospace Museum of California Foundation, Inc., McClellan, CA for maintenance of collections

Requesting Member: DANIEL E. LUNGREN
Bill Number: FY10 Labor, HHS, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations

Account: Institute of Museum and Library Services—Museums and Libraries

Requesting Agency: Aerospace Museum of California Foundation, Inc.

Requesting Agency Address: 3200 Freedom Park Drive, McClellan, CA 95652

Amount: \$930,000

This project will provide for the repair of seven aircraft, six of which belong to the Federal Government. There are 150 retired military people that are volunteering their time to repair the aircraft. The volunteer contribution is equal to \$620,512.

This project represents an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as it provides for the maintenance of property of the U.S. Government, partnering with volunteer contribution to deliver a maintained educational resource, expounding the importance and history of our aeronautical endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, due to a personal medical condition on July 7, 2009 I missed two votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following:

"Aye" on Directing the Architect of the Capitol to place a marker in Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center which acknowledges the role that slave labor played in the construction of the United States Capitol, and for other purposes. (rollcall No. 478)

"No" to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide an annual grant to facilitate an iron working training program for Native Americans. (rollcall No. 479)

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE KOREAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many contributions of the Korean-American Association of Northern Virginia.

The 11th Congressional District of Virginia is blessed by the significant racial, ethnic and religious diversity of its residents. The entire community is enriched by this diversity and benefits greatly from the sharing of cultural customs and traditions. The Korean-American community is a vibrant part of this tapestry and an integral part of the community.

A large percentage of the businesses in the 11th District of Virginia are owned and operated by Korean-Americans and provide jobs, goods and services to the local residents. The work ethic displayed is consistent with so many immigrant groups who have come before and who have contributed to building the United States of America into a great country. Quite often, members of the Korean immigrant community will work multiple jobs in order to succeed and provide homes for their families. Education is highly prized and sought. Honesty, integrity and dignity are values that are instilled at a young age and continue to develop throughout life.

However, transitioning into a new life in a new country can often be overwhelming. Language, customs, educational systems, even the way a person shops for food, can be confusing and frightening. A guiding hand can help address these difficulties.

The Korean-American Association of Northern Virginia, KAANV, provides assistance to ease this transition. This organization works with members of the Korean community to teach the skills that are necessary to function and thrive. The KAANV provides numerous services, one being the KAANV Vocational School which offers classes in English and Spanish, in vocational trades such as electrical licensing, plumbing and pharmaceutical technician, and in job seeking skills such as resume writing and employment examination preparation. The Vocational School educates roughly 700 people each year and gives them the tools that they need in order to become productive members of society.

In addition to the Vocational School, the KAANV sponsors an Annual Job Fair which brings employers, job seekers and employment counselors together under one roof. This year, the Sixth Annual KAANV Job Fair will include employers from both the private and public sectors and is expected to attract the participation of nearly 2,000 area residents.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the Korean-American Association of Northern Virginia for the invaluable services that it provides to the community and for the life changing impacts that its services have on the lives of so many of our family members, neighbors and friends.

LETTER FROM THE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COALITION RE: ENERGY AND WATER APPROPS OF 2010

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I submit the following letter:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, July 15, 2009.

Hon. DAVID R. OBEY,
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations, Rayburn House Office Building, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC.

Hon. ED PASTOR,
Acting Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, Rayburn House Office Building, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN OBEY AND ACTING CHAIRMAN PASTOR: As members of the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition (SEEC), we thank and commend you for your continuing leadership in making the investments in clean energy and energy efficiency technologies that are essential for a transition to a cleaner, more prosperous and independent American energy future.

As a Coalition we believe firmly in the advancement of the technologies that will provide cleaner, more economically and environmentally sustainable energy to every segment of our economy. Further, as members of SEEC we have fought continuously for investments in research and development of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies that will spawn a new American clean energy economy that will create jobs, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and arrest the progression of global climate change.

In a meeting on June 16th, 2009, Secretary of Energy Steven Chu expressed to our members his desire for a new American energy future. As a part of his visionary plan to bring this future to reality, the Secretary called for the creation of eight "Energy Innovation Hubs" for the advanced research and development of the energy technologies that will allow America to lead the world in a twenty-first century energy economy.

Under the Energy and Water Appropriations, Fiscal Year 2010 legislation, funding has been allocated for the Department of Energy to establish one Energy Innovation Hub. According to the Department of Energy, this Hub would be chartered for the research and development of "Fuels from Sunlight" technologies. While we stand with the Secretary of Energy in supporting the research and development of game-changing, twenty-first century fuel technologies, we would like to express support for the establishment of a second Energy Innovation Hub—using existing funding appropriated to the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy—for the research and development of "Energy Efficient Building Systems".

The creation of an Energy Innovation Hub to research and develop advancements in increasing the energy efficiency of buildings is a high priority for the Secretary and the Department of Energy. As a nation, our built environment accounts for 40 percent of our carbon dioxide emissions, and consumes 70 percent of the electricity from our electric grid. A lack of energy efficiency contributes to higher energy prices and greater green-

house gas emissions for homes and for businesses in every state. Greater and more widespread energy efficiency in buildings would result in lower energy prices, less greenhouse gas emissions, and less wasted use of our energy resources. Therefore, we would like to work with the Committee on Appropriations, the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and the Department of Energy to realize the creation of an Energy Innovation Hub to research and develop Energy Efficient Building Systems.

Sincerely,

THE MEMBERS OF THE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COALITION,
Russ Carnahan, Jared Polis, Jay Insee, Paul Hodes, Paul Tonko, Tammy Baldwin, Martin Heinrich, Betsy Markey, Donna Christensen, Peter Welch, Bruce Braley, Mike Honda, Jim McDermott, Ben Ray Lujan, Jim Himes, David Loebsack, Members of Congress.

CYPRIOI NEGOTIATIONS

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the ongoing negotiations between Greek Cypriot leader Demetris Christofias and Turkish Cypriot leader Mehmet Ali Talat. I commend their efforts to advance a peaceful resolution to the decades-old conflict in Cyprus, and I encourage the Obama administration, and others in the international community, to continue to support and facilitate these efforts.

After decades of failed attempts to unite Cyprus, leaders Christofias and Talat reopened direct negotiations in September of 2008. They have made notable progress. Most recently, the two communities agreed to the opening of the Limnitis/Yesilirmak Gate. U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Matthew Bryza, described this event as a "concrete contribution to accelerating the efforts of the parties to find a solution."

Confidence building measures such as the opening of the Limnitis/Yesilirmak Gate are very important steps in the negotiating process. As physical barriers to reunification are removed, so to are the psychological divisions between the Cypriot communities.

Deputy Assistant Secretary Bryza stated that "We've never been at a point like this where the Cypriot people themselves, their leadership, have designed the ideas that are on the table, without any outside assistance." He expressed his confidence that a solution by the end of 2009 is possible. The international community must stand ready to assist both parties as this process moves forward.

I am encouraged by the application of these confidence building measures taken by the Cypriot leaders as a means towards a permanent solution. I urge the Obama administration and the international community to do all it can to unify the island.

RECOGNIZING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF TURKEY'S ILLEGAL INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, tonight I join my colleagues on the House floor to commemorate the somber 35th anniversary of Turkey's illegal occupation of Cyprus.

On July 20, 1974, Turkey began its brutal invasion of Cyprus, which forced nearly 200,000 Greek Cypriots to flee their homes—making one-third of the Cypriot population refugees in their own country.

Today, Turkey occupies the northern third of the island. It is one of the most militarized areas in the world, with more than 43,000 Turkish soldiers trying to maintain the status quo of the illegal occupation.

The U.S. must do our part to nurture steps towards a united Cyprus. As a member of the Hellenic Caucus, I have joined many of my colleagues in calling on the Administration and the Department of State to urge Turkey to demonstrate that it has the political will necessary for constructive negotiations. A successful settlement effort must take on ground realities into consideration: the two Cypriot communities have a history of living peacefully together. A solution will be a reunified Cyprus that is a bi-zonal and bi-communal federation.

A solution must flow out of the interests of the Cypriots themselves. It is the Turkish Government that needs to show a genuine interest in resolving the dispute. It is in Ankara that leadership must be taken to signal to Turkish Cypriots that they can be free to negotiate a solution. Removal of thousands of Turkish troops from Cyprus is essential to that solution.

When Cypriots were forced to flee their homes 35 years ago, a large number of their properties were unlawfully distributed to tens of thousands of illegal settlers from Turkey. Today, 35 years later, Greek Cypriots, who continue to own these properties, are prevented by Turkey from returning and enjoying their homes and properties.

This past April, the European Court of Justice, ECJ, ruled that the judgment of a court in the Republic of Cyprus must be recognized and enforced by all other EU-member states even if it concerns land situated in the Turkish-occupied areas of Cyprus.

The ECJ landmark ruling reaffirms the territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus and once again upholds the undeniable right of all Greek-Cypriots: That they remain the sole owners of properties that were illegally stripped from them.

It is an outrage that approximately 5,000 Cypriot-Americans who own property in the occupied area, but who have no legal recourse. Since Cypriot-Americans cannot return to their illegally-seized property, I believe they should be allowed to seek financial remedies with either the current inhabitants of their land or the Turkish Government itself.

Last Congress, I introduced the bipartisan American Owned Property in Occupied Cyprus Claims Act. Through this legislation, Americans who are being denied access to their property and even their ancestral homes will finally be able to seek restitution. I will once again introduce a similar bill.

While there are many difficulties, hopeful signs of progress do exist. There is ongoing integration that takes place between Greek-Cypriots and Turkish-Cypriots as a result of the nearly 13 million crossings along the cease-fire line that have occurred over the last five years.

Madam Speaker, as we commemorate the 35th anniversary of Turkey's illegal invasion and occupation of Cyprus, I remain hopeful a united Cyprus can become a reality.

RECALLING THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recall the tragic anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus that occurred on July 20, 1974.

Thirty-five years ago, Turkey attacked the Republic of Cyprus. Tragically, the legacy of that brutal act—43,000 Turkish occupation troops on Cypriot soil—continues to this day. Turkish troops, in blatant disregard for the Rule of Law and the basic rights of the Cypriot people, continue to illegally divide the island into two areas. As a result, the Republic of Cyprus is one of the most militarized areas in the world.

I strongly urge both sides to fully comply with the guiding principles of the July 8, 2006 agreement. This agreement sought to establish working groups to operate together to reunify Cyprus into one bizonal, bicommunal federation. Since September 3, 2008, the leaders of the two communities have held more than 35 rounds of direct talks and those talks are continuing regularly. The July 8 agreement is an important achievement that has given both parties the framework to work toward a permanently unified and free Cyprus.

I commend the opening of Ledra Street in Nicosia that occurred on April 3, 2008 and the recent agreement between the Turkish and Cypriot leaders to open the Limnitis crossing point to Kokkina. These are positive steps toward realizing the goals of the July 8 agreement and toward liberating the Cypriot people.

While the international community may certainly support the Cypriot and Turkish leaders as they work toward a solution, the solution to the illegal occupation of Cyprus must be solved by the Cypriots themselves and any solution must serve the interests of the people of Cyprus. A solution cannot be imposed by outside parties or subject to arbitrary timelines.

Madam Speaker, I remain committed to the goal of a united and free Cyprus. After thirty-five years of illegal occupation, the Cypriot people deserve to be free from division and oppression at last.

REGARDING FURTHER SENATE PROCEEDINGS IN THE SAMUEL KENT IMPEACHMENT MATTER

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. GOODLATTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support this resolution urging the Senate to end further proceedings to remove Samuel Kent from his judicial office.

On June 18, 2009, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly voted to impeach Judge Samuel Kent by adopting four, separate articles of impeachment without a single "no" vote.

This House vote was the result of (1) a thorough investigation into Judge Kent's misconduct by the House Judiciary Committee's Task Force on Judicial Impeachment, (2) an investigatory hearing on the matter; (3) a Task Force meeting at which it made a formal recommendation to the full Judiciary Committee that Judge Kent should be impeached, and (4) a full Committee markup of the articles of impeachment.

Indeed, the evidence clearly showed that Judge Kent's misconduct merited the serious step of impeachment. Judge Kent lied to the FBI and DOJ about the nature of his sexual misconduct with court employees. In addition, he pled guilty to felony obstruction of justice and to committing repeated acts of non-consensual sexual contact with court employees. He was sentenced to 33 months in prison for committing felony obstruction of justice, and on Monday, June 15th, he reported to prison and began his prison term.

However, because the Constitution provides that federal judges are appointed for life, Samuel Kent, despite the fact that he was sitting in prison, continued to collect his taxpayer-funded salary of approximately \$174,000 per year, continued to collect his taxpayer-funded health insurance benefits, and continued to accrue his taxpayer-funded pension.

Citizens of the U.S. have a right to a fair and impartial judiciary. The House vote to impeach Judge Samuel Kent sent the strong message to all federal judges that the House of Representatives will carry out its Constitutional duty to root out abuses of power in the federal judiciary.

After the June 18th vote, the Senate began preparations for trial to convict Kent and remove him from office. On June 30, 2009, facing a public trial in the Senate, Judge Kent finally resigned from office. As a result of the swift action by the House and Senate, Samuel Kent is no longer a federal judge and he will no longer collect his taxpayer-funded salary or benefits while sitting in federal prison, nor will he do so after his release.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Adam Schiff, the chairman of the Task Force on Judicial Impeachment, for his leadership in this effort, along with all the Members of the Task Force on both sides of the aisle. As Ranking Member of the Impeachment Task Force, I appreciate the fact that this effort has been undertaken in an extremely bipartisan fashion. I would also like to thank Chairman CONYERS and Ranking Member SMITH for their comprehensive, yet expeditious and bipartisan consideration of the articles of impeachment in the full Judiciary Committee.

Now that Samuel Kent is no longer serving as a federal judge, there is no longer a need for the Senate to remove him from office. Therefore, I support this resolution urging the Senate to end further proceedings in this matter.

35TH COMMEMORATION OF THE
TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, 35 years ago today, Turkish forces invaded the sovereign nation of Cyprus, killing 5,000 Greek Cypriots and displacing nearly 200,000 as refugees in their own country. This blatant disregard for international law and lack of respect for a country's right to self-determination is made even worse by the fact that Turkish occupation of the northern segment of Cyprus continues to this day.

35 years represents an entire generation of Cypriots expelled from their homes; their property taken, family members missing, and religious artifacts vandalized and destroyed. Nearly 37 percent of the island of Cyprus remains under Turkish military control, insistent on an illegitimate sovereignty that is unrecognized by any nation but Turkey.

The legitimate, internationally recognized Republic of Cyprus stands firmly for peaceful resolution of the conflict. Cyprus wishes only to unify the island as a bi-zonal, bicommunal federation, in which Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots are free to travel and participate in their own government. This path to a resolution calls for a single citizenship, a single sovereignty, and two politically equal communities.

More than 35 rounds of talks between the parties have occurred since September, 2008, signaling slow progress toward this mutually-agreeable solution. Peaceful crossings between the two segments of the island have occurred. Yet, negotiations are consistently delayed and thwarted by Turkey, who must draw down its troops and free the Turkish Cypriot leaders to negotiate within the agreed-upon framework.

The solution to proceed with a bi-zonal, bicommunal federation is, most importantly, Cypriot in design. Cyprus must be the author of its own path forward. Yet, the United States can and must do more to encourage our ally, Turkey, to support the process and the reunification of the island. Resolution will remove a major barrier to Turkey's accession to the EU, but it cannot be rushed by artificial timetables. We must provide support and assistance to the process and those working to move it forward.

The House took a step in encouraging reunification by allocating \$11 million for scholarships and activities that promote reunification and peace in Cyprus in the State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Act that passed this month. I hope that we might follow this step with additional support and assistance towards this important goal.

LETTER FROM THE HIGH-PERFORMANCE BUILDING CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS COALITION RE: ENERGY AND WATER APPROPS OF 2010

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I submit the following letter:

HIGH-PERFORMANCE BUILDING
CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS COALITION,
July 15, 2009.

Chairman DAVID OBEY,
Committee on Appropriations, House of Representatives, H-218 U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC.

Ranking Member JERRY LEWIS,
Committee on Appropriations, House of Representatives, 1016 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC.

Re DOE Energy Efficient Building Systems Hub

DEAR CHAIRMAN OBEY AND RANKING MEMBER LEWIS: As you consider appropriations for the Department of Energy that will impact the energy use associated with buildings, the members of the High-Performance Building Congressional Caucus Coalition (HPBCCC) indicated below, strongly encourage providing funding for the implementation of an innovation hub for energy efficient building systems.

High-performance buildings, which address human, environmental, economic and total societal impact, are the result of the application of the highest level design, construction, operation and maintenance principles—a paradigm change for the built environment. The U.S. should continue to improve the features of new buildings, and adapt and maintain existing buildings, to changing balances in our needs and responsibilities for health, safety, energy efficiency and usability by all segments of society.

Within the private sector, we have made considerable gains toward the design and construction of energy efficient buildings and equipment. In further pursuit of the nation's energy goals and to fully realize the results of private sector innovation, we look forward to working with you and the Department of Energy to establish public-private partnership programs (including the Energy Efficient Building Systems Hub) to effectively develop and implement energy savings technologies and practices.

The High-Performance Building Congressional Caucus Coalition (HPBCCC) is a private sector coalition of leading organizations from the building community formed to provide guidance and support to the High-Performance Building Caucus of the U.S. Congress. The High-Performance Building Caucus of the U.S. Congress was formed to heighten awareness and inform policymakers about the major impact buildings have on our health, safety and welfare and the opportunities to design, construct and operate high-performance buildings that reflect our concern for these impacts. Fundamental to these concerns include protecting life and property, developing novel building technologies, facilitating and enhancing U.S. economic competitiveness, increasing energy efficiency in the built-environment, assuring buildings have minimal climate change impacts and are able to respond to changes in the environment, and supporting the development of private sector standards, codes and guidelines that address these concerns.

Sincerely,

American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-conditioning Engineers

(ASHRAE); Glass Association of North America (GANA); AEC Science & Technology; National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA); National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS); The Carpet and Rug Institute; American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO); Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors-National Association (PHCC); U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC); International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC); National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC); Green Building Initiative (GBI); American Institute of Architects (AIA).

Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI); Portland Cement Association (PCA); International Code Council (ICC); Architecture 2030; Center for Environmental Innovation in Roofing; Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA).

Green Builder Media; International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD); Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA); Alliance to Save Energy (ASE); Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance (SPFA); Green Mechanical Council.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF DR. JEROME KARLE, PH.D., AND DR. ISABELLA L. KARLE, PH.D.

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a lifetime of service to our Navy and Marine Corps as well as to our nation from the husband and wife team of Dr. Jerome Karle, Ph.D., and Dr. Isabella L. Karle, Ph.D. They both will be retiring on July 31, 2009, from the Naval Research Laboratory after a combined 127 years of federal service. The longevity of their impressive service is surpassed only by the remarkable nature of the scientific contributions that they have made.

The career of Dr. Jerome Karle began with the Manhattan Project and continued when he joined the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) in 1944. Dr. Jerome Karle, an internationally renowned chemist and defense scientist, made great contributions to our country's defense and well-being. His work involved the determination of the atomic arrangements in materials and their implications. He and his colleagues developed new methods to determine those arrangements, which have been universally adopted throughout the world. This research occupies an almost unique position in science because the information it provides is used continuously in other fields. His work in the development of direct methods for the determination of crystal structures was recognized with the prestigious Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1985. He holds honorary degrees from six prominent universities and has served as the chairman of the Chemistry Section of the National Academy of Sciences. He has received the Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Award, the Secretary of the Navy Award for Distinguished Achievement in Science, the President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian

Service, and the Presidential Rank Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service. More recently, in 2004, he was honored as one of only nine Department of Defense career civilian employees featured in a Pentagon "Civilian Hall of Fame," a permanent exhibit that will be open for new inductees every ten years.

Dr. Isabella L. Karle, who also worked on the Manhattan Project and joined her husband at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory in 1946, pioneered research that occupies a special place along the frontier of scientific progress. Her work provided the basis for ensuing methodologies which are now used for a broad range of military and civilian applications, from improved propellants, more powerful explosives, and more effective sensor systems to novel anti-cancer drugs, antibiotics and decontaminating agents. In addition, her research has led to a vastly improved understanding of the properties of several classes of crystalline materials, including several families of metal alloys and a lengthy list of organic substances. More specifically, Dr. Isabella Karle is responsible for the development and

extensive application of a method for determining essentially equal-atom crystal and molecular structures by X-ray analysis. The method transformed analyses that were previously characterized by tedious frustration and abortive efforts to one of systematic processes. From a small number of structure analyses being published in the 1960s, her procedure has led to the analyses and publication of many thousands of structures of complicated molecules annually. All of the present computerized programs for X-ray structure analyses are based on her fundamental work known as the Symbolic Addition Procedure. Its high success rate has had a profound effect on the practice of organic and biological chemistry. Her work to determine accurately and with dispatch the three-dimensional arrangements of atoms in a very broad range of substances has been recognized with the prestigious National Medal of Science. She holds honorary degrees from eight prominent universities; The Benjamin Franklin National Memorial's Bower Award and Prize for Achievement in Science, The Franklin Institute; the Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Award;

the Paul Ehrlich Prize, National Institutes of Health; the American Peptide Society's Merrifield Award; the Gregory Aminoff Prize, Royal Academy of Sciences (Sweden); and the Ralph Hirschmann Award in Peptide Science, American Chemical Society. In 2004, the University of Michigan honored both Drs. Jerome and Isabella Karle with the "Jerome and Isabella Karle Collegiate Professorship of Chemistry."

The pioneering research of Jerome and Isabella Karle occupies a special place along the frontier of scientific progress because the information provided by ensuing methodologies is now used for a broad range of military and civilian applications. Their groundbreaking work truly affirms the idea that the pursuit of fundamental knowledge, by a cadre of government scientists working in a defense mission environment, is of enormous value to national security. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Jerome Karle and Dr. Isabella L. Karle for their exemplary service to our nation.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2009 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 22

9 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Samuel Louis Kaplan, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco, James B. Smith, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kenneth E. Gross, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, and Miguel Humberto Diaz, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Holy See, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the semi-annual monetary policy report to the Congress.

SD-106

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine advertising trends and consumer protection.

SR-253

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Samuel D. Hamilton, of Mississippi, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

SD-406

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine job creation and foreign investment in the United States, focusing on assessing the EB-5 Regional Center Program.

SD-226

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Raymond M. Jefferson, of Hawaii, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, and Joan M. Evans, of Oregon, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Congressional and Legislative Affairs.

SR-418

1 p.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the role of agriculture and forestry in global warming legislation.

SR-325

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the Children's Television Act for a digital media age.

SR-253

Judiciary

Crime and Drugs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine metal theft, focusing on law enforcement challenges.

SD-226

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine foreign aid and development in a new era.

SD-419

Energy and Natural Resources

National Parks Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 635, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 715, to establish a pilot program to provide for the preservation and rehabilitation of historic lighthouses, S. 742, to expand the boundary of the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, to redesignate the unit as a National Historical Park, S. 1270, to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, S. 1418 and H.R. 2330, bills to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing Camp Hale as a unit of the National Park System, and H.R. 2430, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

SD-366

3 p.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Deborah Matz, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board.

SD-538

JULY 23

9:30 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled "The Public Transportation Extensions Act of 2009"; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine establishing a framework for systemic risk regulation.

SD-538

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., of Utah, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, John Victor Roos, of California, to be Ambassador to Japan, Jonathan S. Addeleton, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Mongolia, Teddy Bernard Taylor, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, and Martha Larzelere Campbell, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

10 a.m.

Judiciary

Administrative Oversight and the Courts Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the reconsideration of bankruptcy reform.

SD-226

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine balancing work and family in the recession.

210, Cannon Building

10:30 a.m.

Judiciary

Crime and Drugs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 845, to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to allow citizens who have concealed carry permits from the State in which they reside to carry concealed firearms in another State that grants concealed carry permits, if the individual complies with the laws of the State.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine the future of the OSCE Mediterranean Partners for Cooperation.

210, Cannon Building

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine D.C. public schools, focusing on education reform.

SD-342

Energy and Natural Resources

Water and Power Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 637, to authorize the construction of the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System in the State of Montana and a portion of McKenzie County, North Dakota, S. 789, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility and suitability of constructing a storage reservoir, outlet works, and a delivery system for the Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation in the State of California to provide a water supply for domestic, municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes, S. 1080, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and S. 1453, to amend Public Law 106-392 to maintain annual base funding for the Bureau of Reclamation for the Upper Colorado River and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023.

SD-366

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters.

S-407, Capitol

JULY 28

10 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Alexander G. Garza, of Missouri, to be Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer, Department of Homeland Security.

SD-342

JULY 29

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine veteran's disability compensation.

SR-418

10 a.m.

Foreign Relations

Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Pakistan's internally displace persons (IDP) crisis.

SD-419

JULY 30

10 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine a comprehensive strategy for Sudan.

SD-419