

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.