

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RESTORE OUR AMERICAN MUSTANGS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 17, 2009

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I want to speak to some of the false statements of my colleagues. It has been said repeatedly that the American people are suffering and job losses are at an all-time high and that this is the Democratic response—to debate a bill about horse welfare. But this bill will actually save taxpayer money. It reforms an inefficient program that wastes taxpayer dollars, and makes it a fiscally responsible program.

My colleagues also say that this bill will cost \$700 million or more. This is unequivocally false. This is simply fear-mongering. The truth is that the bill promotes on-the-range management and reduces the number of horses in costly short-term and long-term holding facilities, partly through more widespread use of fertility control. In FY 2008, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) spent \$36.2 million on its entire wild horse and burro program and the cost of holding wild horses and burros in its facilities exceeded \$27 million—more than two-thirds of the BLM's total budget. The current program is a train wreck, and H.R. 1018 addresses the core problems of this program. By implementing herd reduction with birth control, the U.S. Geological Survey says H.R. 1018 will save taxpayers \$7.7 million a year and the Journal of Wildlife Management says it will save "\$6.1" million a year.

In addition, it has been said that the management of wild horses and burros only affects western states. This is simply ridiculous because every American, not only those in western states, pays tax dollars to a fiscally irresponsible program to manage these horses. H.R. 1018 will save all American taxpayers money by increasing the efficiency of the BLM program.

I have also heard arguments that no one is talking about slaughter and that it should not be a part of the debate. However, it is a fact that the BLM was going to slaughter 30,000 completely healthy horses, not terminally ill ones, because there was not enough space for them. H.R. 1018 will prevent this from happening.

The status quo cannot be allowed to continue. I urge my colleagues to vote yes on H.R. 1018 and no on the Hastings amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LEONARD L. BOSWELL

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mr. BOSWELL. Madam Speaker, I regret missing afternoon and evening votes from the

House on June 20th. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 593, 594, 595.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, I submit the following statement regarding Member Requests Associated with the following bills: The FY2010 National Defense Authorization Act, the FY2010 Military Construction/VA Appropriations Act, the FY2010 Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, and the FY2010 Department of Agriculture Appropriations Act

1. Project—Integrated Electrical Starter/Generator (IES/G)

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Air Force, RDT&E

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: GE Aviation Systems, Electrical Power

Address of Requesting Entity: 740 E. National Rd, Vandalia, OH 45377

Description of Request: The funding would be used to help develop a pre-prototype, sensor-less IES/G to demonstrate the feasibility of supplying both main engine start function and the electrical power necessary to operate all aircraft systems.

2. Project—Production of Nanocomposites for Aerospace Applications

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Air Force, RDT&E

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: NanoSpense, LLC

Address of Requesting Entity: 2000 Composite Drive, Kettering, OH 45420

Description of Request: The funding being requested will transition nano-materials technology into Air Force applications.

3. Project—Open Source Research Centers

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Air Force, RDT&E

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Radiance Technologies

Address of Requesting Entity: 3100 Presidential Dr, Suite 200, Fairborn, Ohio 45324

Description of Request: The funding being requested will provide support to government agencies that are already overburdened with classified research requirements and do not have resources to meet the open source requirements.

4. Project—Tactical Metal Fabrication System (TacFab)

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Army, RDT&E

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: BuyCASTINGS.com, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2411 Crosspointe Drive, Miamisburg, OH 45342

Description of Request: The funding being requested will help Tactical Metal Fabrication (TacFab) System design, develop and build a mobile, containerized foundry, deployable overseas as a companion to RMS, the Army's Rapid Manufacturing System.

5. Project—Replace West Ramp, Phase 2

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Air Force, Mil Con

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

Address of Requesting Entity: Dayton, OH

Description of Request: The funding would be used to remove and replace existing concrete pavement, base, and adjacent paved shoulders at the West Ramp; also relocate underground utilities and warm-up pad. Provide taxiway lighting, blast deflector, drainage and markings, and all necessary support.

6. Project—Nano-Composite Structures Manufacturing Technology Development

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Air Force, RDT&E

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Vector Composites, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 3251 McCall Street Dayton, OH 45417

Description of Request: The funding being requested will enable the nano-composite materials and structures manufacturing technology development and demonstration from this R&D project to meet national defense needs by providing lighter weight and lower cost composite structures manufacturing processes for defense systems applications such as sensor and weapon platforms.

7. Project—Commercialization of High-Rate Polyimide Composites for Military and Commercial Aircraft

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Air Force, RDT&E

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Renaissance Materials Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: 3363 South Tech Blvd. Springboro, Ohio 45342

Description of Request: The funding being requested will make it possible to complete the materials testing database which is essential to all aircraft qualifications that the new, high temperature, high-rate polyimide composite materials will have to successfully pass in order to see use on military and commercial aircraft.

8. Project—Rapid Automated Processing of Advanced Low Observables

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Air Force, RDT&E

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: ATK Aerospace Structures

Address of Requesting Entity: 1365 Technology Court, Dayton, Ohio 45430

Description of Request: The funding being requested will make it possible to develop an automated, cost savings Frequency Selective Surfaces (FSS) process that military combat aircraft and naval vessels rely extensively on

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to provide situational awareness and threat termination.

9. Project—Technical Sensors Integrated Ground Station

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Air Force, RDT&E

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2875 Presidential Drive; Suite 180 Fairborn, OH 45324

Description of Request: The funding being requested will enable the Air Force, through NASIC, to satisfy ODN guidance to transition Tech Sensors into an operational environment.

10. Project—Advanced Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC)

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Air Force, RDT&E

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Advanced Technical Intelligence Center for Human Capital Development (ATIC)

Address of Requesting Entity: 2685 Hibiscus Way, Suite 110, Beavercreek, OH 45431

Description of Request: The funding being requested will enable ATIC to continue and expand its mission to educate future technical intelligence experts while conducting basic research necessary to sustain technology advancements in support of the Intelligence Community and the warfighter.

11. Project—Advanced Meta Materials

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Air Force, RDT&E

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mound Laser & Photonics Center, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 965 Capstone Drive, Suite 308, Miamisburg, OH 45342

Description of Request: The funding being requested will be used to design, model, and fabricate meta material systems that could be incorporated into aircraft antenna designs which could be used to significantly improve antenna technology and performance.

12. Project—The City of Vandalia for airport access road water and sewer extensions

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Vandalia, Vandalia, OH

Address of Requesting Entity: 333 James Bohanan Drive, Vandalia, OH 45377

Description of Request: Funding for this project will go toward the extension of water and sanitary sewer lines west from Peters Pike across the Airport Access Road. The installation of these utilities will increase the value of the property and pave the way for future economic development on the west side of Vandalia adjacent to the Dayton International Airport.

13. Project—Replace West Ramp, Phase 2

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 3082

Account: Air Force, Mil Con

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

Address of Requesting Entity: Dayton, OH

Description of Request: The funding would be used to remove and replace existing concrete pavement, base, and adjacent paved shoulders at the West Ramp; and also relocate underground utilities and warm-up pad. Provide taxiway lighting, blast deflectors,

drainage and markings, and all necessary support.

14. Project—Dietary Intervention, OH

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: RE/FA

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Ohio Agriculture Research and Development Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 1680 Madison Ave., Wooster, OH 44691

Description of Request: This phase of the project is to initiate a trial to: (1) evaluate the ability of freeze-dried black raspberries (FBR) to prevent the recurrence of colorectal cancer; (2) initiate a trial to determine the ability of FBR to prevent gastric (stomach) cancer; and (3) investigate the metabolism of berry ellagitannins and anthocyanins and determine the bioactivity of the metabolites.

15. Project—Holes Creek, West Carrollton, OH

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Corps of Engineers Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Miami Conservancy District

Address of Requesting Entity: 38 East Monument Avenue, Dayton, OH 45402

Description of Request: This project protects approximately 600 homes in West Carrollton, Moraine and Miami Township (Montgomery County) from flooding. Funds will go toward the construction of a levee and floodwall to also protect 13 commercial and industrial properties north of the creek, and purchase three flood-prone properties south of the creek and remove the structures, completing this flood protection project.

16. Project—Ohio Environmental Infrastructure, OH: City of Hillsboro, Highland County, OH

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Corps of Engineers, Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Hillsboro, Ohio

Address of Requesting Entity: 130 N. High Street, Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

Description of Request: Hillsboro, Ohio, located in rural Highland County is in need of updating its Wastewater Treatment Facility and wastewater infrastructure. Specifically, the funds requested would be used for the construction of needed improvements to their wastewater treatment plant and the installation of additional equalization basins. Funds will also be used to upgrade aging water infrastructure for the treatment of waste.

17. Project—Ohio Environmental Infrastructure, OH: Village of Blanchester, Clinton County, OH

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Corps of Engineers, Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Village of Blanchester, Ohio

Address of Requesting Entity: 318 E. Main Street, Suite 302, PO Box 158 Blanchester, Ohio 45107

Description of Request: Blanchester, Ohio located in rural Clinton County, Ohio has a wastewater treatment system which is over capacity. Funds for this project will be used to increase treatment system capacity to assist this community in their compliance with state EPA standards.

18. Project—Miamisburg Mound Energy Park Redevelopment

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Department of Energy, Other Defense Activities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Miamisburg Mound Community Improvement Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: 965 Capstone Drive, P.O. Box 232 Miamisburg, Ohio 45342

Description of Request: Funds for this project will go toward the redevelopment of the Miamisburg Mound, a former Department of Energy facility which is currently undergoing extensive environmental remediation. The site will be redeveloped into a science and technology business park.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "GREEN ROUTES TO WORK ACT OF 2009"

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, Americans have made it clear that they want transportation options. In a recent study by the Pew Charitable Trusts, 52% of Americans support increased funding for bike, pedestrian and public transportation programs. On average, transportation costs are now Americans' second largest expense after housing. This impacts on business owners, as employees spend over 4.2 billion hours stuck in traffic each year—averaging up to almost a week per year per employee. If more Americans commute using alternative modes of transportation, we will see improvements in the economy, workplace productivity, and quality of life.

In order to help communities provide families with more choices and level the playing field for people who want to be less auto-dependent, the federal government must be a better partner in these efforts.

This is why I am introducing the "Green Routes to Work Act of 2009," which will provide consumers with commuting choices. The bill will help companies provide their employees with options, improve service to deal with increased demand and ensure that the federal government leads by example.

As gas prices increase, many Americans are already changing their daily behaviors to decrease fuel costs: taking fewer trips, keeping their cars tuned, even trading in their gas guzzlers for more fuel-efficient models. Through the incentives in this bill, the federal government can support consumers who wish to use environmentally friendly, active transportation modes that save them money in the long run, such as public transit, carpooling, biking, walking and telecommuting.

For too long, the federal government has supported commuters who drove to work, but has not helped those who use other methods of transportation. The passage of legislation last year to allow employers to provide transportation fringe benefits to bike commuters was a good first step. But with a changing climate, expanding waistlines and more congested roadways, it's time for the federal government to become more aggressive in helping to provide choices. This not only makes environmental and public health sense, it makes economic sense: at \$4 a gallon gasoline, American families can save \$5.6 billion

each year on gasoline costs by using transit. Bicycle commuters annually save an average of \$1,825 in auto-related costs, conserve 145 gallons of gasoline, and avoid 50 hours of gridlock traffic.

I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this legislation to support businesses in their effort to provide choices for commuting employees.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

A request to Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSRESS), Special Research Grants Account, to the Animal Fiber Research Program. This funding would assist in the ongoing Wool Research Program. This program is a partnership between the Texas Agriculture Experiment Station in San Angelo, TX, New Mexico State University and Montana State University. This program helps enhance the quality and quantity of wool and mohair produced in this country. In addition, significant efforts are being made to work with small ruminants as a means to control invasive brush which is a major issue in many parts of Texas degrading rangelands and taking precious water. The project is located at 7887, U.S. Highway 87N, San Angelo, Texas, 76901.

A request to Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSRESS), Special Research Grants Account to continue partial funding of the state-of-the-art multidisciplinary research approach at the International Cotton Center at Texas Tech University. The International Cotton Center conducts cotton research programs for cotton production systems and provides market and policy analysis for natural fibers (cotton, wool, and mohair) in an effort to increase profitability and maintain viability of all segments of the U.S. cotton industry in an increasingly competitive and volatile international market. The project research would be centrally located at Texas Tech University, located at 2500 Broadway, Lubbock, Texas 79409.

A request to Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSRESS), Special Research Grants Account, to continue partial funding for the Center for Food Industry Excellence at Texas Tech University. The Center for Food Industry Excellence is a federal and state supported program that conducts systematic development and evaluations of production, processing and preparation methods of food products to achieve a safer and more nutritious food supply. The project research would be centrally located at Texas Tech University, located at 2500 Broadway, Lubbock, Texas 79409.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. 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 10 Energy and Water Development Appropriation Act.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Project name: Wreck Pond Clean-Up

Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: Jacob K. Javits Federal Building, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 2109, New York, NY 10278-0090.

Description of Request: Enable the Army Corps to continue and further its partnerships with state and local officials in the effort to fully clear toxic contamination from Wreck Pond. Overflow contaminants from Wreck Pond pollute the Ocean and such pollution has been responsible for more than 80% of all beach closings on the New Jersey shore. Planned remedies such as dredging will reduce flooding, ensure improved water quality, protect ocean swimmers and prevent beach closings.

Project name: Assunpink Creek Flood Mitigation in Hamilton Township

Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Section 205

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: The Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107-3390.

Description of Request: Investigate flooding problems along the Assunpink Creek in Hamilton Township, NJ—an area which has frequent water control problems and environmental degradation—to save structures and contents from flood damage, alleviate cleanup costs for residents in this highly urbanized setting of the area.

Project name: Assunpink Creek Day Lighting Initiative in Trenton

Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Section 1135

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: The Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107-3390.

Description of Request: The project seeks to day light Assunpink Creek along the Broad Street culvert—which connects various greenway areas and transportation facilities. The corps reports that this will improve anadromous fish migration along Assunpink Creek in Trenton. The project also benefits businesses adjacent to the site and provides recreational, historical and educational opportunities for the community.

Project name: Delaware River Bank Protection, Philadelphia to Trenton

Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Operation and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: The Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107-3390.

Description of Request: Maintain and inspect bank protection works, provide bridge reconstruction and perform maintenance dredging of lower reach and turning basin. This project will restore safe and economical navigating depths in the Florence Township area. Funding will be used for maintenance dredging of lower reach and turning basin and to construct three upland disposal sites, and for disposal area maintenance & construction and placement of rip-rap material.

Project name: New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway

Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Operation and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: The Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107-3390.

Description of Request: Provides a safe, reliable, and efficient navigation channel for the East Coast's largest and the 5th most valuable commercial fishing fleet in the US, as well as nine US Coast Guard Stations. This funding will be used to perform maintenance dredging of the entrance channel.

Project name: NJ Shore Protection for Sandy Hook to Barnegat Inlet

Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: Jacob K. Javits Federal Building, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 2109, New York, NY 10278-0090.

Description of Request: Funding would be used to continue the renourishment phase of the Sandy Hook to Barnegat Inlet, NJ shore protection project. Beach replenishment remedies have been extremely effective in the section of the Jersey shore and ongoing funding is needed to sustain the progress made through the initial successful federal/state shared investment. New Jersey's beaches are a vital recreational and economic resource. Replenishment and sustained maintenance of healthy beaches help protect residents, local businesses, tourist attractions and natural habitats.

Project name: Comprehensive Restoration of the Delaware River

Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: The Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107-3390.

Description of Request: Continue the Delaware River plan formulation and evaluation of alternative solutions and mitigation remedies to the region's problems regarding flooding along the river and tributaries. This project will help alleviate significant flood damage for residents while providing ecosystem restoration, protection and enhancement and restoration of public lands.

Project name: Manasquan River Maintenance

Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Operation and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: The Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107-3390.

Description of Request: Manasquan River connects the New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway with the Atlantic Ocean. This navigation project provides for 2 jetties; a channel 14 feet deep and 250 feet wide from the ocean to the inner end of the north jetty; and a channel 12 feet deep and 100 to 300 feet wide extending to within 300 feet of the railroad bridge. This funding will be used to perform maintenance dredging of the channel.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

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

Requesting Member: JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Investigations

Requesting entity: Brazos River Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 4600 Cobb Drive, Waco, TX

Description: \$300,000 in funding from the Investigations account of the Army Corps of Engineers for the Middle Brazos River. This program will investigate increasing the water supply of the Middle Brazos Basin. The COE and the Brazos River Authority (BRA) are evaluating the feasibility of increasing the water supply of the Middle Brazos basin by raising lake levels (reallocating flood pool storage to water supply). This is a long-term project aimed at developing additional water at existing reservoir sites for future needs. The \$300,000 will be spent by the COE on an interim feasibility study.

Requesting Member: JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Dept. of Energy—EERE

Requesting entity: City of Georgetown, TX

Address of Requesting Entity: 113 E. 8th Street, Georgetown TX 78626

Description: The City of Georgetown is a municipal electric power provider, dedicated to efficiently lowering the cost of energy to the customers within their service area. \$100,000 in funding is for the planning, engineering and development of a solar power project in partnership with GREX and the Life Sciences Center, Georgetown, Texas. This solar project will be used as a template type "pilot project" to encourage other commercial customers inside our service territory to consider installing similar renewable distributed power facilities to help the customer reduce the consumption of power generated by fossil fueled power plants and benefit the city power system by controlling voltage and maintaining power quality.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN ENRIQUE SADSAD UPON RECEIVING THE 2009 MILITARY LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Enrique Sadsad, who has received the 2009 Military Leader of the Year Award, given by the Association of Defense Communities. Captain Sadsad's tireless pursuit of fostering community bonds, developing defense partnerships and effectively leading the Training Air Wing Five for the Naval Air Station Whiting Field has made a lasting difference in the lives of many in my district.

Captain Sadsad effectively fulfills his military mission through superior leadership of Training Air Wing Five. His duties include coordinating fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft pilot training for Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force and pilots from over a dozen different countries. Under Captain Sadsad's direction, the Training Air Wing Five contributes to 10% of all Naval Flight hours flown worldwide. Captain Sadsad still finds the time to go above and beyond his call of duty to actively engage in the community exemplified through his involvement with numerous programs. Chief among them include; the Covenant Hospice Veteran program, American Cancer Society, Habitat for Humanity, Junior Reserve Officer Training Course, Partners-in-Education, Manna Food Bank, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and the Drug Education for Youth program.

Moreover, Captain Sadsad's successful joint venture with County and State Encroachment Partnering has resulted in the acquisition of more than 1,000 acres of conservation easements contributing to the protection of the mission at NAS Whiting Field. In addition, Captain Sadsad has sought to diligently work with resource management to oversee the preservation of several rare, threatened and endangered wildlife species as well as overseeing 2,351 acres of forestland, 317 acres of wetlands, and 742 acres in Agricultural leases.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to thank Captain Enrique Sadsad for his dedicated efforts of training our service men and women and conscientiously working to improve the community of Northwest Florida. Vicki and I send him our best wishes for continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 595, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

IN TRIBUTE TO OBIE V. BRANDON

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Obie Brandon, a dear friend and community leader who passed away last week after a valiant fight against cancer. Obie was a prominent labor leader in the Sacramento Region, and his death leaves a great void in the fight for the rights of working families and the labor movement. As his family, friends, and labor brothers and sisters gather to honor and remember his wonderful life, I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting one of Sacramento's most well-respected figures.

Obie was an admired advocate for the working class citizens and an unapologetic champion for the rights of the underserved and needy. Obie's roots in labor began early in his life with his first career beginning in 1962 as a flour miller for Pillsbury. After the plant closed, he continued his career with United Grocers until he was called for military service in Vietnam. After serving his country for two years in Vietnam, Obie returned to his position with United Grocers. He was a steadfast advocate of labor and continued his support of labor by becoming an active member of the International Longshoremen's Warehouse Union Local 17. He began as the Recording-Secretary for the ILWU Local 17 in 1970 and soon became the Local's President in 1973.

Obie was widely recognized as a tough negotiator and strong advocate for the rights of Union labor members. His ardent support for the labor movement soon caught the attention of Roy Mack of the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 498. Obie later joined Mack on the staff of the Local 498, where only eight months into his membership he was elected Secretary-Treasurer, a position he would hold from 1982 to 1990. Later, along with other labor leaders, Obie helped form the Coalition of Organized Labor Board, an organization of 24 local Unions representing some 150,000 members and committed to bringing Unions together to provide mutual support. He served until his passing as the group's Secretary-Treasurer.

Through his advocacy at the local and state levels, Obie became an important ambassador between labor Unions and Commercial Enterprises. In addition to his work with the UFCW, Obie served as Vice President of the Sacramento Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO. He was a passionate supporter of working class citizens and their rights through labor Unions, and his ardor and commitment to these issues resonated in his advocacy. Obie contributed to the growth and maturity of countless people and was a true champion of the labor movement.

Madam Speaker, as Obie Brandon's wife Kathy, his children Tera Clizbe and Eric Brandon, his three grandchildren, Cameron, Brandon and Taylor, and his friends gather to honor his wonderful legacy and countless contributions, I am honored to pay tribute to him. I ask all my colleagues to pause and join me in paying respect to an extraordinarily loving man, Obie Brandon.

INSTRUCTING MANAGERS IN THE IMPEACHMENT OF JUDGE KENT TO ADVISE THE SENATE THAT THE HOUSE DOES NOT DESIRE FURTHER TO URGE THE ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT

SPEECH OF

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee Task Force on Judicial Impeachment that was directed to inquire whether Judge Samuel B. Kent should be impeached, I rise to discuss the resolution before the House today and urge its adoption.

On June 19, 2009, the House of Representatives voted to impeach Samuel B. Kent, judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, for high crimes and misdemeanors. Four Articles of Impeachment were agreed to without dissent.

On June 24, 2009, I was joined by the other House Managers in this matter in presenting the Articles of Impeachment to the United States Senate, whereupon proceedings were commenced. Later that day, Judge Kent was served with a summons by the Senate Sergeant at Arms, commanding an answer to the Articles of Impeachment. Upon being served, Judge Kent tendered his resignation to the President of the United States, effective June 30, 2009, which was accepted by the President.

On July 6, 2009, the managers on the part of the House advised the Senate, sitting as a court of impeachment in this proceeding, of the resignation and its acceptance, and further advised the Senate that the managers had determined to recommend to the House that the pending impeachment proceedings in the Senate be discontinued.

Given that Samuel B. Kent is no longer a civil officer of the United States, having ceased to be a judge, the managers on the part of the House of Representatives respectfully recommend that the impeachment proceedings pending in the Senate be discontinued.

The resolution before us today instructs the House Managers to return to the Senate, to inform the Senate that, in light of Samuel Kent's resignation, the House no longer seeks to urge the articles of impeachment in trial before the Senate. This will enable the Senate to dispense with the pending trial.

I wish to emphasize that, although the Senate trial has proved unnecessary, the House has fulfilled its purpose of seeking to remove from office a judge who had committed high crimes and misdemeanors rendering him unfit to continue serving.

I would like to thank all my House colleagues for helping bring this matter to a successful result—and particularly my colleague BOB GOODLATTE of Virginia, the Ranking Member of the Impeachment Task Force, for his leadership.

I urge the House to adopt this resolution.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I have received in the Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations Act, the Homeland Security Appropriations Act and the Energy and Water Appropriations Act. Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice, OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alachua County, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 12 South East 1st Street, Gainesville, FL 32601

Description of Request: I have secured \$900,000 for Alachua County, FL. Alachua County will use the funds to provide an integrated, coordinated continuum of care using evidenced-based practices where there will be “no wrong door” to enter treatment. Persons will be assessed and provided with a level of treatment consistent with individual need. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice, OJP—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Devereux Kids Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: 1629 NW 4th Street, Suite 102, Ocala, FL 34475

Description of Request: I have secured \$200,000 for Devereux Kids Florida. The funding will be used by Devereux Kids Florida to provide support services and interdiction on behalf of children has been delegated to regional coordinating bodies and local community-based organizations. Devereux Kids has developed a successful model of providing information, family services and reunification services which currently serves 10 counties. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice, OJP—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: ARISE Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: 824 US Highway 1, Suite 240, North Palm Beach, FL 33408

Description of Request: I have secured \$550,000 for the ARISE Foundation. The funding will be used by the ARISE Foundation to provide Florida Juvenile Justice Staff on a state-wide basis with in depth training and specialized ARISE Life Management Skills lessons to conduct guided group discussions with incarcerated high-risk youth. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: FEMA

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lake County, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 315 West Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778

Description of Request: I have secured \$800,000 for Lake County, FL. The funding will be used by Lake County, FL to provide a desperately needed full-time dedicated Emergency Operations Center for Lake County, FL. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Corp of Engineers—Construction
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Jacksonville Port Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 2831 Talleyrand Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32206

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,000,000 for the Jacksonville Port Authority. The funding will be used by the Jacksonville Port Authority for continuing construction for dredging improvements due to both safety and economic risks posed by the narrowness of the channel, as recommended by the Army Corps of Engineers. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: DOE—EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Central Florida Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: Post Office Box 1388, Ocala, FL 34478

Description of Request: I have secured \$300,000 for Central Florida Community College. The funding will be used by Central Florida Community College to purchase and install equipment to reduce energy losses, use energy more efficiently, and capture energy from natural sunlight. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: DOE—Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition

Address of Requesting Entity: 15 Southeast Osceola Avenue, Ocala, FL 34471

Description of Request: I have secured \$750,000 for the Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition. The funding will be used by the Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition to build upon proven, biologically-inspired technology to create a system-centric defense infrastructure for SCADA systems that will greatly improve their intrinsic resilience to environmental effects and malicious attacks. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I missed the following rollcall votes on July 20, 2009

because I was unavoidably detained while traveling in the district. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote 593 (motion to approve the Journal) and "aye" on rollcall votes 594 (a motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 607) and 595 (a motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 2245).

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on congressionally-directed funding, I am submitting the following information regarding funding included in H.R. 3170—Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Account: ONDCP

Legal Name of Recipient: National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws

Address of Recipient: 1414 Prince Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Description of Request: As also requested by the President, provides \$1,250,000 in directed funding to assist states with their efforts to address diversion of, abuse of, misuse of, and addiction to prescription drugs. The National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws (NAMSDL) is a non-profit organization that serves as a resource for governors, state legislators, drug and alcohol professionals, community leaders, and others striving for comprehensive and effective state drug and alcohol laws, policies and programs. NAMSDL's national network of drug and alcohol experts researches and analyzes model drug and alcohol laws, and facilitates working relationships among state and community leaders and drug and alcohol professionals. The proliferation of addictive pain-relief prescription drugs in Kentucky and across the country necessitates continued funding of NAMSDL programs.

PREVENTIVE MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SCREENING

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, as we continue to craft a meaningful, necessary reform of our health care system, we must continue to embrace prevention, the provision of whole-body care, and the reversal of the current "sick-care" system. With this in mind, I respectfully ask you to ensure that screening for mental health and substance abuse is included as one of the preventative services proposed by the America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009.

The pervasiveness of mental illness and substance abuse in our society continues to be disconcerting. In 2007, over 20 million indi-

viduals were diagnosed with substance dependence or abuse. However, less than 10 percent received treatment for their disorders. By some estimates, the societal health and economic costs of alcohol and drug abuse are estimated at \$366 billion per year. Conversely, screening has an estimated net savings of \$294 per person offered screening.

Extensive data documents that drug and alcohol addiction treatment is as effective as treatment for other chronic medical conditions such as cancer, diabetes, and heart disease. Substance addiction, like cancer, diabetes, and heart disease, is a preventable and treatable chronic disease. Likewise, mental illnesses are among the most expensive and disabling chronic diseases. Severe mental illnesses are estimated to cost the U.S. \$193 billion in lost wages in 2002. The World Health Organization has pronounced mental health disorders to be the leading cause of disability in the U.S. based on burden of disease. Moreover, mental illnesses often accompany and greatly increase the cost of treating other chronic conditions. Tragically, individuals with serious mental illness have a life expectancy of 25 years less than general population.

Currently, mental health and substance abuse screening tools, such as Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT or SBI), are being used effectively in many academic centers, hospitals, trauma centers and community health settings across the country. A cost assessment conducted of SBIRT in Washington State demonstrated a cost savings for the State of \$2 million in Medicaid costs for just 1,000 patients. SBIRT is already effectively being used by the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, and the Center for Medicare Services has also allocated approximately \$300 million for states specifically for reimbursement of SBIRT. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues to ensure that this life-saving preventative strategy is included in the America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009.

INTRODUCING AG TRUCK WEIGHTS LEGISLATION

HON. BETSY MARKEY

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Ms. MARKEY of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to introduce, on behalf of myself and my colleague ADRIAN SMITH of Nebraska, the House companion bill to S. 639—bill to help farmers and ranchers transport their commodities more easily.

Being a member of both the Agriculture and the Transportation Committees, I understand how critical it is that both sectors be able to work together to facilitate the movement of commodities. Representing a largely agricultural district, I know the struggles farmers go through to transport their crops, especially in this time of ever fluctuating gas prices. We need to be doing what we can to relieve farmers of unnecessary transportation rules and regulations when they follow safe and responsible procedures.

When a farmer drives goods of over 10,001 pounds across state lines, they becomes subject to the rules and regulations of commercial motor vehicles. Within their own State, the

farmer is not violating any laws; however, once they become an "interstate carrier" the farmer is then responsible for all of the requirements of an operator of a commercial motor vehicle. These requirements include having a commercial driver's license, Department of Transportation certification on the vehicle, being subject to drug and alcohol testing in addition to having a medical examination certificate, and recording hours of service. For those farmers who are occasionally transporting their goods across state lines and are not driving trucks for a living, these requirements are an unnecessary burden. These costly regulations are taking an unfair toll on farmers and this legislation will correct that. This legislation would exempt farmers from the 10,001 pound definition of a Commercial Motor Vehicle when traveling between States and will reduce undue burdens on farmers.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

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:

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Chair, last week the House voted on legislation, H.R. 3170, the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act of 2010, which included an important provision to reinstate the economic rights of auto dealers whose franchise agreements were recently terminated by GM and Chrysler. Along with 242 of my colleagues, I am a cosponsor of two pieces of legislation that are similar to that provision: H.R. 2743 and H.R. 2796, both known as the Automobile Dealer Economic Rights Restoration Act of 2009.

Unfortunately, I was unable to support the overall appropriations bill, H.R. 3170, due to concerns entirely unrelated to the auto dealer provision. For instance, I am concerned that the bill allows for publicly funded abortions in Washington, DC. For years, there has been a prohibition on taxpayer-funded abortions in the District of Columbia—a ban which restricted the use of both federal and local tax dollars for abortions. However, this bill makes taxpayer funded abortion quite possible.

The legislation also eliminates the DC Opportunity Scholarship Program, a school voucher program which has successfully improved the DC public school system since its inception. Under the bill, no new students will receive funding for this program, which aids low-income children by giving them scholarships of up to \$7,500 to attend nonpublic schools in Washington, DC. The bill also removes the current ban on legalizing medical marijuana in DC.

I strongly believe that the franchise rights of hundreds of dealers across the nation were wrongfully violated throughout the course of the automakers' restructuring, and I believe that the heavy hand of government which

clearly influenced the proceedings had a lot to do with that. I continue to call upon Congressional leadership to bring H.R. 2743 or H.R. 2796 to the floor for an up-or-down vote on their own merits. It should not be tucked into unrelated legislation, from which it can be plucked in conference committee. This is a serious issue and it requires our full attention.

RECOGNIZING 40TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE FOOD AND NUTRITION
SERVICE

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Con. Res. 164, a resolution recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

I'd like to thank my colleague, Rep. JIM MCGOVERN, for introducing this resolution; and for his commitment to ending hunger in America.

As Chairman of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Nutrition, I am proud to stand today in support of the mission of the FNS—to provide access to nutritious foods to needy American families.

Since 1969, the FNS has been promoting sound nutrition and working to end hunger in America.

Every day, 36 million Americans are given access to healthy foods they may otherwise not be able to afford if not for the good work done by so many individuals at the FNS.

I am proud of the numerous improvements we made to federal nutrition programs in the 2008 farm bill.

This includes a \$10 billion increase in funding that puts food on the table for more veterans, elderly, disabled, and needy American families.

But none of these funding improvements would have made a difference if it wasn't for the great work of the FNS and its dedicated staff members stationed across the United States.

In today's terrible economic climate—the mission of the FNS, to prevent hunger in America, is more important than ever.

I urge my colleagues to express their support for the great work of the dedicated Americans at the FNS, and vote in favor of H. Con. Res. 164.

HONORING COMMAND SERGEANT
MAJOR NEIL RUSSELL FOR 38
YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a fellow Georgian, Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Neil Russell, on his retirement after more than 38 years of service in the Georgia Army National Guard. CSM Russell's dedication to duty and service throughout his career has led to numerous ac-

complishments that he will undoubtedly carry with him forever as he moves into the next phase of his life.

CSM Russell began his military career with the Georgia Army National Guard when he graduated high school in 1971, and he has been humbly serving our nation in this capacity ever since. His military education includes the Fire Direction Computer Course, the Equal Opportunity and Race Relations Course, the NCOES Advance and Senior Courses, the Battle Skills Course, the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy Course, the U.S. Army Command Sergeants Major Designee Course, and the Bradley Infantry Crewman Course at numerous military installations across the country. These experiences laid the course for an illustrious career for CSM Russell. He also holds an Associates Degree in Science from Brunswick Junior College and a Bachelor of Science from Excelsior College in Albany, NY.

CSM Russell served in the 118th Field Artillery Brigade in Savannah, GA as a Fire Direction Specialist and Operations NCO until August of 1981, when he was assigned to the Service Battery 2nd Battalion, 214th Field Artillery as the Battalion Supply Sergeant. In May of 1985, he was transferred back to the 118th Field Artillery Brigade. He remained there until September of 1992 when he was transferred to the 1st Battalion, 118th Field Artillery Battalion as the Battalion Operations NCO, and in May of 1999 he was selected and transferred to the 122nd Rear Operations Center (ROC) as the unit Operations Sergeant Major. Finally, in May of 2005, CSM Russell was selected and reassigned as the JFHQ Command Sergeant Major for the Georgia Army National Guard, and he has honorably served in this capacity until his retirement.

CSM Russell trained at the National Training Center in Ft. Irwin, CA with the 1st Battalion, 118th Field Artillery in 1996 and has participated in numerous OCONUS exercises while serving in the 122nd ROC. In November of 2000, he mobilized with the 122nd ROC in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The 122nd ROC became the basis around which a task force was created to establish, coordinate, and manage the civil affairs mission in Afghanistan. In January of 2002, CSM Russell deployed with the task force to Kabul, Afghanistan, and he functioned as the Task Force Command Sergeant Major until June of 2002, when he re-deployed. This task force was awarded the Joint Meritorious Unit Award for exceptional achievement for the period between November of 2001 and July of 2002.

Throughout his illustrious career, CSM Russell has been presented the Georgia State Active Duty Ribbon, the Georgia Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal with Service Star, the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the NCO Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Joint Services Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Bronze Star Medal. Each one of these medals and ribbons signify the admirable service that CSM Russell has graciously displayed in his career in the Georgia Army National Guard.

CSM Russell has made a lasting contribution to the capability of today's United States

Army National Guard. His superior performance of duties highlights the culmination of more than 37 years of honorable and dedicated Army National Guard service. My home state of Georgia and our nation are proud of CSM Russell's exemplary professional competence, sound judgment, and total dedication to duty. He has reflected great credit upon himself and has always upheld the highest traditions of the Army National Guard. I wish Neil and his family all the best in their future endeavors as he enters into a well-deserved retirement after such a distinguished career of service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I am having back surgery, which will require me to miss votes the last two weeks of July. I will be returning, stronger and better than ever, to do my work for the 4th Congressional District of NY when Congress reconvenes in September.

Yesterday, I missed two votes. Had I been present I would have voted.

Rollcall No. 593, on Approving the Journal, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 594, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 607, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 595, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 2245, I would have voted "yea."

THE LIBERAL SLIDE

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, as the polls show disapproval for the Democrat health care up to 44 percent and now more than 43 percent of Americans now see the Obama Democrats as the old-style, tax and spend liberals. The President is starting to take note.

He has delayed the White House release of its mid-year budget review. The administration officials have rescheduled its release to conceal record-breaking deficits. At the same time, the Democrat leaders rush to take over healthcare and they continue to push cap and tax legislation.

Both of these bills will push spending out of control.

The Democrats won't even listen to the CBO Director Elmendorf who said their healthcare bill won't save money but will add to the deficit.

Madam Speaker, the Democrats need to work in a bipartisan way to gain control of our spending to create jobs for the American people.

RECOGNIZING BUREAU OF LABOR
STATISTICS

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 125th Anniversary of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

I have the privilege of serving as the Chair of the Joint Economic Committee, a committee that has a unique relationship with the BLS. The JEC was established by the Employment Act of 1946 to study matters relating to the US economy, so we are indeed a much younger sibling to the Bureau.

For roughly six decades, the Commissioner of the BLS has testified before the JEC in hearings examining the monthly Employment Situation. As Chair, I have welcomed Commissioner Keith Hall and his colleagues to the committee this year as we have closely tracked labor market conditions in the current recession.

The BLS staff is a dedicated group of public servants who themselves do important work for our nation. The numbers they provide represent real people and the trends they report on provide valuable insights into the economic well-being of families across the country.

I look forward to the first Friday of the month to arrive when the Employment Situation shows our economy has stopped shedding jobs and that more Americans are going back to work.

Policy makers from both sides of the aisle rely on the high quality, timely and non-partisan data produced by the BLS to make informed decisions that affect the millions of Americans around the country.

Too often, lawmakers fail to recognize that the data produced by BLS and other agencies are crucial to making meaningful, effective policy. But it is for that reason that I have worked to preserve funding for vital statistical programs at the BLS, like the American Time Use Survey—our most extensive source of data on how Americans are balancing all demands on their time, from work, to child care, to recreational activities.

The JEC has fought for and will continue to fight for the funding that BLS needs to maintain its international reputation for quality data that keeps pace with our always-evolving economy. We could not fulfill our mission in Congress without the hard work of the BLS.

I want to thank JEC Vice Chair SCHUMER, Senate Ranking Member BROWBACK, and House Ranking Member KEVIN BRADY for joining me in this bipartisan concurrent resolution, I hope all of my colleagues will join us in congratulating the Bureau of Labor Statistics on a job very well done for the last 125 years.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican earmark guidance, I am submitting the following in regards to the

Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS

Project Name: University of California, Riverside School of Medicine

Account: HRSA Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of California, Riverside

Address of Requesting Entity: 900 University Avenue Riverside, CA

Amount: \$3.4 million

Description of Request: The funds will be used for renovation of an anatomy lab and a biomedical sciences building that will become part of the planned School of Medicine at the University of California, Riverside. The new School of Medicine will address the severe physician shortage in Inland Southern California, one of the most rapidly growing regions in the country. With the regional physician shortfall is forecast to be high as 53 percent by 2015, the Inland Empire faces a health care challenge of crisis proportions. The regional focus of the medical school's research and clinical enterprises will help mitigate that crisis and will improve health care for the many low- and moderate-income residents of Riverside and San Bernardino counties. The results will be a model that can be applied in areas throughout the nation.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS

Project Name: Salvation Army of San Bernardino Family Services Program

Account: Administration for Children and Families—Social Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Salvation Army of San Bernardino

Address of Requesting Entity: 746 W. 5th Street San Bernardino, CA

Amount: \$160,000

Description of Request: The funds will help the Salvation Army Family Services program provide a full spectrum of community services designed to assist families that struggle with difficult challenges. The funds will also support emergency shelter services to families in crisis. The program serves families throughout the Inland Empire, which has one of the highest foreclosure and unemployment rates in the nation. The economic situation is causing increased demand for these services, at the same time that donations and State funding have declined creating a dire situation for providing services.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS

Project Name: San Geronio Hospital Computed Radiography

Account: HRSA—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: San Geronio Memorial Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 600 N Highland Springs Ave, Banning, CA

Amount: \$340,000

Description of Request: The funds would help purchase a Computed Radiography system to replace x-ray film and create a digital image. San Geronio Memorial Hospital is a not-for-profit community hospital that is serving a rapidly growing area of Riverside County. As Riverside County struggles with high unemployment and foreclosure rates, the hospital is providing more unreimbursed medical care,

making it difficult to meet payroll and impossible to purchase any new equipment. Computed Radiography is the standard of care in diagnostic imaging and has been show to greatly increase patient safety.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS

Project Name: Redlands Community Hospital PET/CT Scanner

Account: HRSA—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Redlands Community Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 350 Terracina Boulevard, Redlands, CA

Amount: \$500,000

Description of Request: The requested funds would help support the purchase of combination Positron Emission Tomography, PET, "64 slice" scanner/Computed Tomography, CT, machine. Currently RCH rents a PET scanner 3 days a week to accommodate patient demand. Redlands Community Hospital is one of a handful of remaining independent nonprofit hospitals in Southern California, and provides annually over \$8 million in charity care to the community. The equipment will help insure access to diagnostic services in the face of rapidly increasing levels of demand.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS

Project Name: St. Bernardine Medical Center Endovascular Suite

Account: HRSA—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. Bernardine Medical Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 2101 North Waterman Ave San Bernardino, CA

Amount: \$500,000

Description of Request: The funds requested will help the hospital renovate space and equip an Endovascular Surgical Suite, which is a specialized surgical room capable of advanced imaging to view smaller, obscure vessels, which leads to minimally invasive surgical procedures. In 2008, the Medical Center performed over 800 vascular procedures and is ranked as one of the top ten by volume in heart diagnostic and interventional procedures within the state of California. St. Bernardine serves one of the fastest growing areas in the state and nation and is located in one of the most densely impoverished areas in Southern California. Current health care capacity and equipment cannot keep pace with the growing demand.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS

Account: FIE

Project Name: We Care San Jacinto

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: We Care San Jacinto

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 West First Street, San Jacinto, CA 92583

Amount: \$100,000

Description of Request: Funds for this project will go toward continuing a program that provides tutoring, homework assistance and after-school classes for low income families at no cost. In the City of San Jacinto, low-income elementary and high school students are faced with gang-related and drug activity in the local community every day. The We Care tutoring program has influenced those who might very well be inclined to drop out of school or not seek secondary education, and

is an important education program for our community.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS

Account: IMLS

Project Name: Cabot's Pueblo Museum

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Desert Hot Springs

Address of Requesting Entity: 65950 Pierson Boulevard, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240
Amount: \$100,000

Description of Request: Funds will be used for preserving artifacts and modern museum collection care at the Cabot's Pueblo museum. Cabot's Pueblo is a unique Hopi-inspired structure handmade by local resident Cabot Yerxa over 24 years. It includes 35 rooms, 150 windows and 65 doors, all crafted from found materials. The museum houses Cabot's collection of Native American pottery, early 20th century photographs and artifacts from his Alaskan adventures. The museum grounds, including a picnic area, are landscaped with native plants and home to many rustic period items—early 1900's tools, machinery and household goods. Project goals also include development of diverse learning programs that provide a greater opportunity for appreciation of regional and natural heritage.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS

Account: IMLS

Project Name: Yucaipa Library

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Yucaipa

Address of Requesting Entity: 34272 Yucaipa Boulevard, Yucaipa, CA 92399-9950
Amount: \$100,000

Description of Request: In a time when residents are relying more on the city's public services, growth in the library usage calls for enhancement of materials and technology. Funds will be used to expand library collections and upgrade technology.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mr. MANZULLO. Madam Speaker, on Monday, July 20, 2009, I was unable to return to Washington in time to vote because of flight delays at O'Hare International Airport. If I was here, I would have voted "no" on rollcall No. 593, "yea" on rollcall No. 594, and "yea" on rollcall No. 595.

HONORING DR. GRAY MULTER

HON. ERIC J.J. MASSA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mr. MASSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a friend and scientist, Dr. Gray Multer. Gray was a marine geologist who dedicated his life to the study and preservation of marine ecosystems.

Born in Syracuse, New York, Gray earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Syracuse University. After receiving his Ph.D.

from Ohio State University, he was a Professor of Geology for 30 years, first at the College of Wooster and then at Fairleigh Dickinson University as the chair of its geology department.

During his life, Gray authored or co-authored over 70 scientific publications, as well as several books. In 2008, he was awarded an honorary membership from the International Society for Reef Studies for his distinguished research and service to society.

Gray was known for his warm demeanor and strength of character, always a teacher dedicated to instilling a love of learning in his students. He also volunteered with Habitat for Humanity in his spare time.

It is to Gray's life and work that I would like to dedicate my sponsorship of the Ocean Conservation, Education and National Strategy for the 21st Century Act, as well as the Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act.

As Gray recognized, the protection and restoration of marine ecosystems is tremendously important in order to halt their irreversible loss. In his memory, I hope that my support for these bills will benefit the ecology of our oceans and help preserve them for future generations.

HONORING CEDAR HILL CITY
COUNCILMAN GREG PATTON

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant and friend of Cedar Hill, Greg Patton. Mr. Patton served on the Cedar Hill City Council from 2000 until 2009. Throughout his nine years on the council, Mr. Patton exemplified the true meaning of public service by always prioritizing the needs of others first. With his retirement from the council, Mr. Patton will be sorely missed but I am confident his presence will continue to shine in Cedar Hill.

In addition to his council duties, Mr. Patton served as a member and chair of the Southwest Dallas County Transportation Committee, served on the National League of Cities Steering Committee for Transportation and Infrastructure Services, and served as an active participant in the River of Trade Corridor Coalition.

Prior to his council tenure, Mr. Patton chaired the Joe Pool Lake Planning Council which resulted in the last lake built in North Texas and the creation of Lake Joe Pool State Park. During the same time, he also served as commissioner and then as chairman of the Cedar Hill Planning and Zoning Commission.

A familiar face in the Cedar Hill community, Mr. Patton is an active member of the Cedar Hill Church of Christ and a member of the Cedar Hill Lions Club. He is also a regular volunteer at the Cedar Hill Food Pantry and served for twenty years on the Cedar Hill Volunteer Fire Department from 1977 until 1997. Among his many other accomplishments, Mr. Patton was the chair of the 1975 City Charter Committee for Cedar Hill.

Mr. Patton's wife, Linda, and two children all deserve a special thank you for allowing him to spend so much time dedicated to the betterment of Cedar Hill. Mr. Patton also has one granddaughter and three grandsons.

Distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring Greg Patton's tireless passion, proven commitment, and years of admirable service to the growth and success of Cedar Hill. I am proud to join the Cedar Hill community in saluting Greg for all of his hard work, and I wish him the best in the next chapter of his life.

HONORING HEIDI REITZ OF
SARTELL, MINNESOTA AS AN
ANGEL OF ADOPTION

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Heidi Reitz of Sartell, Minnesota, one of this year's Angels of Adoption. As you know, this prestigious award from the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute honors people who have given so much of themselves to help children and families find one another.

Even without this award, Heidi would deserve acknowledgment for her extraordinary work bettering the lives of orphans in China as Director of Programs for Love Without Boundaries. I am honored, as a foster mother myself, to make known her hard work to this Congress. Because of Heidi's volunteer efforts, more than 300 children are in loving homes.

The inspiration for her tireless dedication can be found in her own home. Her husband has helped Love Without Boundaries with cleft palate surgeries and two of her six beautiful children were adopted from China. As a volunteer, Heidi has arranged trips for two cleft-lip orphans and helped start a cleft healing home where children awaiting surgery to correct this difficult condition can be properly cared for. Heidi is working to make sure each of these special children are adopted into homes ready and prepared to care for them.

Madam Speaker, Heidi Reitz has done such a service for all of mankind through her tireless dedication to orphan children in China. As families from every country wait to be united with their adopted parents and children, Heidi is giving them every opportunity to complete their family. The Love Without Borders website uses the anonymous quote, "To the world, you might be one person . . . but to one person you might be the world." To the hundreds of children and families, Heidi is "the world" and an Angel in Adoption Award is just a small way we can show our appreciation for her efforts.

HONORING JUDY O'CONNOR

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mr. WU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a woman who has dedicated 27 years to serving the labor community in Oregon.

Judy O'Connor joined the Northwest Oregon Labor Council as an office worker in 1982, and her skills and dedication to the union

movement quickly led to her promotion to office manager. She joined the Office and Professional Employees International Union Local 11 and was an energetic advocate for office secretaries as part of OPEIU's executive committee.

Though she had no experience with the labor movement prior to joining the Northwest Oregon Labor Council, Judy became a tireless activist for union causes. She volunteered for political campaigns, coordinated the council's Speakers in the Schools program, and appeared before the Oregon legislature to testify for improved job safety. She also graduated from Union Counselor course at Labor's Community Service Agency and served as chair of the IBEW and United Worker's Federal Credit Union.

In 1998, Judy was the first woman elected to the position of the Northwest Oregon Labor Council's executive secretary-treasurer, heading the largest central labor council in Oregon. During her tenure as executive secretary-treasurer, she has led over 100 constituent unions in promoting workers' rights through times of economic growth and decline.

Judy will be retiring in September and plans to return to Montana, where she was raised. Oregon will be losing an important voice for workers, but I hope that Judy is able to have some well-earned relaxation. I want to thank her for her service to the labor community here in Oregon and wish her and her family all the best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 594, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

KOREAN WAR VETERANS RECOGNITION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 2632 which encourages the display of the American flag on July 27 honoring National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day.

I want to commend Mr. CHARLES RANGEL of New York for introducing this important resolution further promoting the national recognition of the veterans who fought valiantly in the Korean war. I would also like to recognize the cosponsors for their strong support of House Resolution 2632.

From June 25, 1950, to July 27, 1953, American troops were involved in heavy combat on the Korean peninsula against the invading forces of North Korea and the People's Republic of China. For 3 grueling years, our troops battled alone many other nations' troops in defending the peninsula from being enveloped wholly by communism.

Today, there are roughly 2.3 million veterans still alive today. These men have served our

country at its time of greatest need and have protected our Nation's best interests. It is imperative that our Nation recognizes the service of these veterans and we must honor them with the raising of the American flag on July 27.

As a Vietnam war veteran myself, I personally appreciate the service of my fellow servicemen of the United States Armed Forces. I realize that the sponsor and my good friend Mr. CHARLES RANGEL is also a veteran of the Korean war. He courageously led troops behind enemy lines for 3 days instead of surrendering to the enemy. It is necessary that we honor and remember many of those who fought bravely alongside my good friend. It is important that my fellow veterans from the Korean war are given the utmost respect for their valor and courage.

I would like to once again, thank Mr. CHARLES RANGEL and the cosponsors for creating and supporting this piece of legislation honoring the veterans of the Korean war by raising the American flag on July 27. I strongly urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE AP- PROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, as a former judge who has had the misfortune of observing the life-shattering effects of crimes of sexual violence on the victims as well as their friends and families, I rise today to highlight the importance of the National Sexual Assault Hotline programs in supporting the victims in their recovery from these terrible crimes. An estimated 1 in 6 women will become a victim of sexual assault or rape in her lifetime; and the FBI ranks rape as the second most violent crime (second only to murder, which is classified as the most violent crime).

According to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), which conducts an annual crime survey of the nation's households, we have made some progress in the fight to end sexual and domestic violence over the last two decades. But statistics also suggest that we still have much work to do: at least 200,000 Americans are sexually assaulted each and every year, and only about 40 percent of rape victims ever come forward and report the attacks against them to the authorities, according to DOJ.

Research suggests that those who receive crisis intervention support and counseling services are more likely to cooperate with law enforcement in pressing charges against their attackers. That is why it is so important that we continue to support programs, such as the National Sexual Assault Hotline programs, which help ensure that rape victims (as well as their friends and family members) can receive the information and support services that are so vitally important in one's full recovery from an assault. The National Sexual Assault Hotline, accessible toll free around the clock at 800-656-HOPE, has helped more than 1.2 million callers since the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) created the telephone hotline in 1994. RAINN continues to operate this telephone hotline today, in partner-

ship with close to 1,100 affiliated rape crisis centers located in every state and the District of Columbia, as well as thousands of volunteers across the nation.

In 2006, RAINN also launched the National Sexual Assault Online Hotline, accessible at www.RAINN.org, which has helped close to 30,000 people since its inception. It is the first web-based hotline of its kind for rape victims, offering information and support to those who might be reluctant to pick up the telephone and dial for help. The online hotline, which RAINN created and operates with the assistance of staff at its headquarters in Washington, D.C. and volunteers located around the nation, is designed to reach additional populations (particularly teenagers, males, and even people living in rural, sparsely populated areas) who might not otherwise seek out necessary information and support.

Our colleagues in the Senate specifically recommended \$300,000 for RAINN to carry out the National Sexual Assault Hotline programs, which are federally authorized under Section 628 of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, in fiscal year 2010. Appropriations leaders in this chamber, however, omitted to include a specific amount of funding for RAINN in the House version of the fiscal year 2010 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (H.R. 2847).

I will note, however, that the full House Appropriations Committee, during its consideration of H.R. 2847, did approve report language that is directed specifically at RAINN. This language, which is part of House Report 111-149, calls on the U.S. Department of Justice to continue supporting programs, including hotline programs, that facilitate the delivery of confidential recovery services to rape victims. The inclusion of this committee report language is significant, as it signals Congress' intention that victims of sexual violence should continue to be able to access the National Sexual Assault Hotline programs and the other programs that Congress has authorized RAINN to carry out, with the support of the Office of Justice Programs at the U.S. Department of Justice.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank the members of the Appropriations Committee for accepting this report language, at the request of myself, Congresswoman WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and other members of this chamber. I also want to express my interest in continuing to work with the House and Senate leadership on a final version of the Commerce, Justice Appropriations Act that will ensure that RAINN receives the level of federal support that is necessary to continue operation of the National Sexual Assault Hotline programs in fiscal year 2010.

HONORING MARGARET SANGER

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit an article highlighting the life and work of Margaret Sanger authored by Dr. Ellen Chesler, distinguished lecturer at Hunter College of the City University of New York and Director of the Eleanor Roosevelt Initiative on Women and Public Policy.

Margaret Sanger, who lived from 1879 to 1966, was a nurse, educator, birth control pioneer, women's health activist, and founder of the American Birth Control League which eventually became Planned Parenthood.

Her commitment to improving the health and lives of women was a testament to her belief that all women are entitled to basic health care and the ability to plan their pregnancies, and ultimately control their own destiny.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Margaret Sanger for her tireless efforts on behalf of women and for fighting for those unable to fight for themselves.

MARGARET SANGER—SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

(By Ellen Chesler)

Birth control pioneer Margaret Sanger went to jail in 1917 for distributing simple contraceptives to immigrant women from a makeshift clinic in a tenement storefront in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn, New York. When she died nearly fifty years later, the cause for which she defiantly broke the law had achieved international stature, and she was widely eulogized as one of the great emancipators of her time.

A visionary thinker, relentless agitator, and gifted organizer, Sanger lived just long enough to savour the historic 1965 US Supreme Court decision in *Griswold v. Connecticut*, which established privacy protections as a framework for legalizing basic reproductive rights. Elderly and frail, she watched Lyndon Johnson finally incorporate family planning into US public welfare and foreign policy programs. She saw the birth control pill developed and marketed by a team of doctors and scientists she had long encouraged and found the money to support. She saw a global family planning movement descend from her own international efforts.

The years since have not been as good to Sanger's reputation, even as they have witnessed measurable progress for women in achieving reproductive freedom. Today, outside of a small minority of countries in sub-Saharan Africa and in parts of the Muslim world that are now high-profile exceptions to the global norm, a typical woman bears no more than two children over the course of several years and spends another 30 to 40 years avoiding pregnancy. More than 60 million women around the world use oral contraception daily, a dramatic increase since organized interventions began. The right of women to plan their families remains at least for the time being enshrined in the US constitution and in international human rights law, where it is widely recognized as a necessary condition to improve women's status, and in turn to sustain democratic institutions, promote social and economic progress, and help sustain fragile environments.

Still, universal standards for women's human rights offer no sure cure for violations that persist with uncanny fortitude and often unimaginable cruelty in so many places around the world. Harsh fundamentalisms are resurgent in many countries, where women's bodies remain an arena of intense political conflict, as a perhaps predictable response to the social dislocations resulting from changing gender roles and to the larger assaults on traditional cultures from the many real and perceived injustices of modernization and globalization. Even back at home in the United States, decades of substantial progress by women have fuelled a fierce backlash.

With an intensity that few would have predicted in 1992 when Bill Clinton was elected as America's first pro-choice president, a powerful conservative minority has eroded

abortion rights along with funding for family planning at home and abroad, while dollars have surged instead for abstinence programs known to be ineffective and often harmful. We have tolerated the impunity of daily campaigns of intimidation and outright violence against courageous providers of contraception and abortion, culminating most recently in the tragic assassination of Dr. George Tiller of Kansas. Planned Parenthood affiliates have been repeatedly targeted, and Sanger herself has become a collateral victim of this frenzy, her reputation savaged by opponents who deliberately misrepresent the history of birth control and circulate scurrilous, false accusations about her on the Internet.

A particularly harsh example of this campaign of distortion and outright misrepresentation came in response to recent Congressional testimony by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. Secretary Clinton was chastised for her unwavering support of comprehensive sexual and reproductive health rights and services for women and for having accepted with pride the highest honour of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, its Margaret Sanger Award, a prize bestowed in the past on some of this country's most distinguished supporters of reproductive justice, beginning with the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.

This statement is offered in response to false accusations about Margaret Sanger made on that occasion. It investigates Sanger's core beliefs and major contributions and reexamines, in the face of so much continued controversy, her unquestioning confidence in the power of medicine and science to shape human conduct and alleviate suffering, a confidence that fuelled her interest in trying to make birth control serve as a tool of both individual liberation and social betterment.

SANGER'S CONTRIBUTION AND LEGACY

Margaret Sanger's fundamental contribution was in claiming every woman's right to experience her sexuality freely and bear only the number of children she desires. Following in the footsteps of a first generation of educated women who had proudly forgone marriage in order to seek fulfilment outside the home, she offered birth control as a necessary condition to the resolution of a broader range of personal and professional satisfactions. The hardest challenge in introducing her to modern audiences, for whom this claim has become routine, is to explain how absolutely destabilizing it seemed in her own time.

Even with so much lingering animus toward changes in women's lives around the world, it is difficult to inhabit an era in our own history when sexuality was considered more an obligation of women than an experience from which to derive contentment, let alone pleasure. It is hard to remember that well into Sanger's own time motherhood was accepted as a woman's principal purpose and primary role. It is even harder to fathom that American women just a century ago, were still largely denied identities or rights of their own, independent of those they enjoyed by virtue of their relationships with men, and that this principle was central to the enduring opposition they encountered in seeking access to full rights of inheritance and property, to suffrage, and most especially to birth control. This unyielding principle of male "coverture" defined women's legal identities even with respect to physical abuse in the family, which the U.S. Supreme Court condoned in 1910, denying damages to a wife injured by violent beatings on the grounds that to do so would undermine the peace of the household.

Re-examining this history in the context of the recent expansion of civil and human

rights to incorporate women's rights underscored Sanger's originality as a feminist theorist who first demanded civil protection of women's claims to reproductive liberty and bodily integrity, in and outside of marriage. As a result of private arrangements and a healthy trade in condoms, douches, and various contraptions sold largely under the subterfuge of feminine hygiene, the country's birth rate began to decline long before she came on the scene. But it was she who invented "birth control" as a comfortable, popular term of speech, and in so doing gave the practice essential public and political currency. It was she who first recognised the far-reaching consequences of bringing sexuality and contraception out in the open and claiming them as fundamental women's rights. She won legal protection for birth control, and by winning scientific validation for specific contraceptive practices, she also helped lift the religious shroud that had long encased reproduction in myth and mystery, thereby securing medical and social science institutions—as much as houses of worship—as arbiters of sexual behaviours and values. And from this accomplishment, which many still consider heretical, a continuing controversy has ensued.

When Sanger opened her clinic and deliberately staged an arrest in 1916, she challenged anachronistic obscenity laws that remained on the books as the legacy of the notorious anti-vice crusader, Anthony Comstock, whose evangelical fervour had captured late 19th century Victorian politics and led to the adoption by the states and federal government of broad criminal sanctions on sexual speech and commerce, including all materials related to contraception and abortion. Her critique, however, was not just of legal constraints on obscenity, but also of legal constraints on women's place. In this respect, she also helped inaugurate a modern women's rights movement that moves beyond traditional civil and political claims of liberty to embrace social and cultural ones. She understood that to advance women's rights it is necessary to address—and the state has an obligation to protect—personal as well as public spheres of conduct. It must establish broad safeguards for women and intervene to eliminate everyday forms of discrimination and abuse.

FROM THE PAST TO THE PRESENT

Observing the contorted politics of sexuality in recent years only reinforces one's sympathy for Margaret Sanger's predicament as a wildly polarizing figure in her own day and clarifies the logic of her decision after World War I to mainstream her movement by identifying reproductive freedom, not just as a woman's right, but also as a necessary foundation for broader improvements in public health and social welfare. Her decision to adopt the socially resonant content of "family planning" over birth control, when the Great Depression encouraged attention to collective needs over individual ones and when the New Deal created a blueprint for bold public endeavours, was particularly inventive, and in no way cynical. Nor as some of her harshest critics have since have charged, did she ever define family planning as right of the privileged, but as a duty or obligation of the poor, any more than we do so today when we call for increased public expenditure on it as a matter of simple justice.

To the contrary, Sanger showed considerable foresight in lobbying for voluntary family planning programs to be included among the benefits of any sound public investment in social security. Had the New Deal included public health and access to contraception in its social welfare package, as most

European countries were then doing, protracted conflicts over welfare and healthcare policy in the years since in the United States might well have been avoided. Where she went wrong was only in failing to anticipate the force of the opposition her proposal would generate from a coalition of religious conservatives of her own day, including urban Catholics and rural fundamentalist Protestants to whom Roosevelt Democrats became captive, much as Republicans have become in recent years.

What is a good deal harder to deconstruct and understand is Sanger's engagement with eugenics during these years, the then still widely respectable and popular intellectual movement that addressed the manner in which biology and heredity affect human intelligence and ability. Like many well-intentioned secularists and social reformers of her day, Sanger took away from Charles Darwin the essentially optimistic lesson that men and women's common descent in the animal kingdom makes us all capable of improvement, if only we apply the right tools. Eugenics, in the view of most prominent progressive thinkers of this era, from university presidents, to physicians and scientists, to public officials, held the promise that merit would replace birthright and social status as the standard for mobility in a democratic society.

In this respect, the most enduring bequest of eugenics is standard IQ testing. Its most damning and unfathomable legacy is a series of state laws upheld by a 9 to 1 progressive majority of the U.S. Supreme Court in 1929, including Justices Oliver Wendell Holmes and Louis Brandeis, who in the landmark decision of *Buck v. Bell* authorized the compulsory sterilization of a poor young white woman with an illegitimate child, on grounds of feeble-mindedness that were never clearly established. This decision, incidentally, was also endorsed by civil libertarians such as Roger Baldwin and civil rights advocates, including W.E.B. DuBois of the NAACP, both of whom Sanger counted among her supporters and friends.

For Sanger eugenics was meant to begin with the voluntary use of birth control, but many conservative eugenicists of the day actually opposed the practice on the grounds that the fit should procreate. Sanger countered by disdaining what she called a 'cradle competition' of class, race or ethnicity. She publicly opposed immigration restrictions which grew out of conservative interpretations of a eugenics that reinforced racial and ethnic stereotypes she opposed. She framed poverty as a matter of differential access to resources, including birth control, not as the immutable consequence of low inherent ability or poor character, a view some conservative eugenicists embraced. She argued for broad government safety nets for social welfare and public health, including access to safe and reliable contraception. And she proudly marshalled clinical data to demonstrate that most women, even among the poorest and least educated populations, embraced and eagerly used birth control voluntarily, when it was provided them.

At the same time, however, Sanger did on occasion engage in shrill rhetoric about the growing burden of large families among individuals of low intelligence and defective heredity. Her language had no intended racial, ethnic, or class content. She argued that all women, no matter where they are situated, should be encouraged to bear fewer, healthier children, but her words have since been lifted out of context and tragically misquoted to provoke exactly the kind of intolerance she opposed. Moreover, in endorsing the Supreme Court's decision about compulsory sterilization, and also on several occasions the payment of pensions or bonuses to

women of low intelligence who would with this inducement agree to the procedure, Sanger quite clearly failed to consider the fundamental rights questions raised by such practices or the validity of the aptitude assessments on which determinations of low intelligence were based. Living in an era indifferent to the firm obligation to respect and protect the rights of individuals whose behaviours do not always conform to prevailing mores, she did not always fulfil it.

The challenge for historians has been to reconcile these apparent contradictions in her views. Sanger was actually an unusually advanced thinker on race for her day, one who condemned discrimination and encouraged reconciliation between blacks and whites. She opened an integrated clinic in Harlem in the early 1930s and then facilitated birth control and maternal health programs for rural black women in the south, when local white health officials denied them access to the New Deal's first federally funded services . . . She worked on this project with the behind the scenes support of Eleanor Roosevelt, whose progressive views on race were well known but whose support for birth control was silenced by her husband's Catholic political handlers, at least until he was safely ensconced in the White House for a third term. Historically specific circumstances of this complexity, however, are hard to untangle and convey, and this in large part explains why Sanger's legacy has been so easily distorted by contemporary abortion opponents who believe they can advance their own ideological and political agendas by undermining her motives and her character.

America's intensely complicated politics of reproduction has long ensnared Margaret Sanger and all others who have tried to discipline it. Birth control has fundamentally altered private and public life over the past century. No other issue has for so long captivated our attention or polarized our thinking. As the psychologist Erik Erikson once provocatively suggested, no idea of modern times, save perhaps for arms control, more directly challenges human destiny, which alone may account for the profound social conflict it tends to inspire.

As many scholars of the subject in recent years have also observed, much of the controversy around birth control proceeds as well from the plain fact that reproduction is by its very nature experienced individually and socially at the same time. In claiming women's fundamental right to control their own bodies, Sanger always remained mindful of the dense fabric of cultural, political, and economic relationships in which those rights are exercised. And almost, if obviously not always, the policies she advocated were intended to facilitate the necessary obligation of public policy to balance individual rights of self-expression with the sometimes contrary social and political obligation to promulgate and enforce common mores, rule, and laws.

That Margaret Sanger failed to get this balance quite right in one important respect is certainly worthy of respectful disagreement and commentary, but it is no reason to poison her reputation or to abandon the noble cause of reproductive freedom to which she so courageously and indefatigably dedicated her life.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

(1) \$750,000 for the M Street SE Grade Separation Project Requesting Entity: City of Auburn, 25 West Main Street, Auburn, WA 98001

Agency: Federal Highway Administration
Account: Surface Transportation Priorities
Funding Requested by: Rep. DAVE REICHERT

Project Summary: This request will allow the City to complete right of way acquisition. Once completed, the grade separation will provide indirect economic benefits to the regional Ports of Seattle and Tacoma, and the BNSF railroad; it will also allow continued growth and increased economic impact, which will proportionally increase the number of jobs in the region.

FINANCE PLAN:

Funding Source	Tracking (million)	Anticipated (million)	Secured (million)
City of Auburn			2.2
FY08 Appropriations			0.12
City of Auburn—PWFF	\$2.00		
2010 Appropriations	4.60		
FMSIB—State Funds			6.00
City of Auburn		\$1.20	
BNSF		1.10	
Ports		1.50	
TIB	2.00		
Federal STP Grant	1.70		
Total	10.3	3.8	8.3

Funding Need per Phase:

Phase	Dates	Projected cost (million)
Design and Environmental	10/8 to 1/10	\$2.4
Right-of-Way Acquisition	2/10 to 2/11	4.6
Construction	5/11 to 10/12	15.4
Total		22.4 million

(2) \$360,000 for the SE King County Commuter Rail and Transit Centers Feasibility Study

Requesting Entity: City of Covington, 16720 SE 271st St., Suite 100, Covington, WA 98042, and

City of Maple Valley, 22035 SE Wax Road, Maple Valley, WA 98038

Agency: Federal Transit Administration
Account: Alternatives Analysis
Funding Requested by: Rep. DAVE REICHERT

Project Summary: This project is a feasibility study for bringing commuter rail to one of the fastest growing areas in Southeast King County, Washington. A five-city coalition has formed to study the feasibility of utilizing existing infrastructure to handle the expected traffic growth, and to explore whether small commuter trains could run between Maple Valley-Covington-Auburn on the Burlington Northern Stampede Pass Line. Arriving in Auburn, commuters could connect with the Sounder trains and Metro bus service into Kent, Seattle, and Bellevue. The feasibility study will examine the

capital and operating costs of such a service, design a business model, and examine rider-ship demand.

FINANCIAL PLAN

The funding source is the FY10 Appropriations request, as this public entity can only fund the feasibility study at this time with federal support. Depending upon the amount of funding received, the cities involved will seek submittals of qualifications from consultants experienced in multi-modal (particularly rail), inter-city transportation alternatives.

(3) \$150,000 for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Bellevue, Bellevue Community Center renovations

Requesting Entity: Boys and Girls Clubs of Bellevue, 209 100th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98004

Agency: Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Account: Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Funding Requested by: Rep. DAVE REICHERT

Project Summary:

This project will enable the Bellevue Boys and Girls Club to serve more children in three targeted low-income communities in Bellevue. Adding to the size, utility, and safety of these sites will not only increase the educational and recreational opportunities of youth living in these communities, but will also allow adults access to basic education, employment training and language skills that lead to increased

self-sufficiency, self-esteem and economic wellbeing. Existing community facilities have been used extensively, are outdated, and simply too small to accommodate the growing number of youth that want to use the facilities at each site.

BELLEVUE COMMUNITY CENTER UPGRADE PROJECT
FINANCE PLAN

Hidden Village Cost Estimate		
Building Renovation	\$171,000	
Site work	17,100	
Demo for Addition	7,500	
Subtotal	195,600	
Permits	3,912	
Contractor G.C.	29,340	
Total	228,852	
Eastside Terrace Cost Estimate		
Building Renovation	192,500	
Site work	19,250	
Demo for Addition	7,500	
Subtotal	219,250	
Permits	4,385	
Contractor G.C.	32,888	
Total	256,523	
Spirit wood Manor Cost Estimate		
Building Renovation	284,000	
Site work	28,400	
Demo for Addition	7,500	
Subtotal	319,900	
Permits	6,398	
Contractor G.C.	47,985	
Total	374,283	
Total Community Center Upgrade Project Cost	859,658	
Requested EDI	750,000	87%

BELLEVUE COMMUNITY CENTER UPGRADE PROJECT
FINANCE PLAN—Continued

King County Housing Authority Matching Funds	109,658	13%
Total	859,658	

(4) \$250,000 for the City of Snoqualmie Historic Downtown Main Street infrastructure improvements

Requesting Entity: City of Snoqualmie, P.O. Box 987, Snoqualmie, WA 98065

Agency: Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Account: Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Funding Requested by: Rep. DAVE REICHERT

Project Summary: This project is for improvements to SR 202/Railroad Avenue, three adjacent streets and four intersections within a two-block area of Snoqualmie's historic downtown business district. The project will: improve pedestrian safety and comfort by providing complete, wider sidewalks with curb bulbs and marked crosswalks at intersections; calm traffic by narrowing travel lanes; improve on-street parking for business livelihood; repair and upgrade utilities to support infill and expansion; improve access to transit.

FINANCE PLAN

A. Project Funding and Budget.

	Appropriation	Local funds	Total project
Design Engineering	\$385,000	\$475,000	\$860,000
Right of Way	100,000	120,000	220,000
Construction Management	190,000	445,000	635,000
Construction	2,325,000	2,660,000	4,985,000
Total	3,000,000	3,700,000	6,700,000

B. Local Funding Sources

Source	Public/private	Amount.
City of Snoqualmie	Public	\$1,800,000
Washington State Department of Transportation.	Public	200,000
Developer Mitigation Funds	Private	300,000
Federal Economic Development Administration.	Public	1,400,000
Total		3,700,000

(5) \$9,368,193 for the Bellevue-Redmond Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

Requesting Entity: King County, King County Courthouse, 516 Third Ave., Rm. 1200, Seattle, WA 98104

Agency: Federal Transit Administration

Account: Capital Investment Grants

Funding Requested by: Rep. DAVE REICHERT

This project will construct and operate a 9.25-mile long street-running Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line connecting downtown Bellevue, Crossroads Mall, the Overlake urban center, and downtown Redmond. The corridor already features substantial existing transit investment including three regional transit transfer centers. The Bellevue-Redmond BRT project is intended to complement these facilities. The scope of work includes 12 new stations, real-time bus arrival information, signal prioritization, and 18 low-floor hybrid vehicles. The Bellevue to Redmond RapidRide Bus Rapid Transit corridor will provide frequent all day service and faster travel times.

FINANCE PLAN

Phase	Federal	Local	Total
BRT Corridor	\$2,400,000	\$2,584,369	\$4,984,369
Rapid Ride Passenger Facilities	2,000,000	689,024	2,689,024
Real Time Information System	500,000	107,500	607,500
Bus Acquisition	15,300,000	4,230,676	19,530,676
Total	20,200,000	7,611,569	27,811,569

This office conducted site visits to meet with representatives from all five of the projects listed above.

THE BLAME GAME CONTINUES
WITH REGARD TO CYPRUS

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, Monday July 20, 2009 marked the 35th anniversary of the day in 1974 that Turkey intervened to stop an ethnic cleansing campaign against Turkish Cypriots by militant Greek Cypriots. And as usual, a number of my colleagues have come to the floor of this Chamber over the last few days and weeks to lament the so-called "invasion" of Cyprus by Turkey. For many years I have taken to the Floor to no avail to respectfully ask my colleagues to lay aside the inflammatory rhetoric and stop throwing barbs at the Turkish Cypriots and Turkey in an attempt to lay all the blame for this complicated issue at their door-

step. This year my call takes on an even more urgent ring. All of us in this chamber, Republicans and Democrats, want to see peace and prosperity come to all the people of Cyprus. We may be closer to peace on Cyprus today than at any time since 2004 when the U.N. plan for a settlement (the Annan Plan) won the support of Turkish Cypriots—by a clear majority of 65%—but failed to win the support of Greek Cypriots—who led by their leadership rejected it by even a larger majority of 76%. By continuing to distort the facts though we are potentially undermining our good faith efforts to see this conflict resolved.

Since the rejection of the Annan Plan, the Greek Cypriot side has been trying to argue that the plan "did not meet the interests of the country" and that "it did not provide for guarantees to ensure the complete implementation of commitments under the plan". However, the fact is that impartial European Union diplomats, closely associated with the reconciliation effort, have said publicly and very undiplomatically, that the Greek Cypriot people had been "lied to" by the Greek Cypriot government as to the details of the Annan plan.

As public servants I think the members of this House understand that no compromise worth its salt ever fully meets all of the demands of either side, nor could it do so or it wouldn't be much of a compromise. The fact is that the Annan Plan was a carefully balanced compromise that certainly from the Turkish Cypriot perspective represented immense sacrifices on the part of the Turkish

Cypriots, on such key issues as land, resettlement, property and security. The Greek government and several former Greek government leaders fully supported the plan and the Turkish government was also pivotal in encouraging the Turkish Cypriots to approve the plan. In the end, the only people who were not willing to make the sacrifices necessary to bring peace to this troubled island were the Greek Cypriots. This is a critically important point to reiterate Madam Speaker; when offered the chance to vote for peace which side rejected peace, Turkish or Greek? The answer is Greek.

To their credit, Turkish Cypriots continue to seek a settlement to the issue. This is testament to their hope for the future; and the latest round of direct negotiations between Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots began in September 2008. These talks following a joint statement issued on May 23, 2008 where the two leaders reaffirmed their commitment to a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation with political equality, as defined by relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions. The statement adds "This partnership will have a Federal Government with a single international personality, as well as a Turkish Cypriot Constituent State and a Greek Cypriot Constituent State, which will be of equal status." As recently as June 2009 Turkish Cypriot President Talat declared his support to "find a comprehensive solution to the Cyprus problem as soon as possible and make Cyprus a full-fledged member of the European Union as a unified Cyprus. That is our main target and the ongoing negotiations I hope will lead to an ultimate solution."

Are negotiations proceeding as rapidly and as smoothly as everyone would like; no, but progress is being made. And it is important to remember that the Cyprus conflict is more complex and convoluted than portrayed by many of my colleagues. This conflict did not start in 1974 as many people want to believe. Instead, the origins of the conflict can be traced back to the Greek Cypriot drive for Union with Greece (Enosis), a movement with roots in the waning days of the Ottoman Empire. Even the more modern history of the conflict, stems from the 1950s and 1960s rather than 1974.

The fact is that when the Island of Cyprus gained its independence from Great Britain in 1960, the Republic's constitution specifically defined a power-sharing arrangement which required a Greek Cypriot president and a Turkish Cypriot vice-president, each elected by their constituency.

The fact is that in 1963 Greek Cypriot President Makarios proposed sweeping constitutional modifications which heavily favored the Greek Cypriot community. The changes removed most of the checks and balances which had been built into the constitution to ensure the safety and equal status of the Turkish Cypriots. The inevitable result was a serious deterioration of relations between the two parties which came to a head in December 1963 when armed Greek Cypriots attacked and killed many Turkish Cypriots who were unable to escape. The armed conflict quickly spread with the Turkish Cypriots eventually being forced to withdraw into enclaves to defend themselves. For the next ten years, the campaign of the Greek Cypriots cost the Turkish Cypriots many lives and untold suffering, as well as their equal partnership status in the Cyprus government.

Former United States Undersecretary of State, George Ball, who, among others, was actively dealing with the crisis at the time, remarked in his memoirs entitled *The Past Has Another Pattern*, that Makarios has turned: "This beautiful little island into his private abattoir" (P. 341). Ball went on to say that: "Makarios' central interest was to block off Turkish intervention so that he and his Greek Cypriots could go on happily massacring the Turkish Cypriots" (p. 345).

The fact is that in 1974, Archbishop of Cyprus Makarios—the Greek Cypriot leader at the time—escalated the crisis by embracing Enosis, or Union with Greece, as his election platform. Although Makarios won reelection he also created a power struggle between the military junta in control of mainland Greece and himself for the control over the Island. That power struggle culminated in a coup which forced Makarios to flee Cyprus and renewed ethnic cleansing of Turkish Cypriots.

In his address to the UN Security Council on July 19, 1974, Makarios himself described the coup as "a clear attack from the outside and a flagrant violation of the independence and sovereignty of the Republic of Cyprus".

The fact is that in the face of a bloody coup that not only threatened the independence of Cyprus but also resulted in renewed massacres of Turkish Cypriots, Turkey, which was treaty-bound to act as a Guarantor State, was compelled to undertake action on July 20, 1974. And the fact is that as a result of this legitimate and timely action, Turkish Cypriots were saved from imminent destruction, bloodshed among the Greek Cypriots was ended and the independence of Cyprus was protected.

The fact is that the Turkish intervention was legitimate and was internationally confirmed by, among others, the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe (CACE). CACE resolution 573, dated July 29, 1974, clearly states, "Turkey exercised its right of intervention in accordance with Article IV of the Guarantee Treaty of 1960."

The fact is that Greek Cypriots, having already forestalled UN efforts to resolve the Cyprus issue—and been inexplicably rewarded for it through EU membership—may not truly feel under pressure to seek a just solution as the status quo benefits Greek Cypriots significantly more than Turkish Cypriots.

Madam Speaker, facts are stubborn things; and as the facts in this case clearly show, the crisis on Cyprus is significantly more complex than the "blame Turkey" special interest groups would like people to believe. The facts also show it seems to me that if either side has an incentive to drag its feet at the negotiations; and I'm not suggesting necessarily that either side does, but if one side did, it would be the Greek Cypriots.

It's time for the "blame Turkey" groups here in the United States to end the 'blame game' and redirect their misspent energies towards the real work of reshaping Cyprus into a Cyprus that respects human rights and the fundamental freedoms for all Cypriots. And it's time for the Greek Cypriots and the Turkish Cypriots to demonstrate political will and negotiate in good faith for the future of all Cypriots.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for several votes on Monday, July 20, 2009 due to obligations I needed to attend to in Texas. Nevertheless, I would request that the record indicate that I would have voted "yes" on both H. Res. 607, "Celebrating the Fortieth Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing," of which I am a cosponsor, as well H.R. 2245, the "New Frontier Congressional Gold Medal Act." Each of these bills honors the historic achievement of man's first steps on the Moon, which today still stands as a testament to American ingenuity and an inspiration to millions. Countless young Americans have grown up looking to the stars wanting to be the next Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin or Michael Collins. Though most will never set foot on the Moon, many followed their dreams and pursued careers in science and engineering, careers that have resulted in breathtaking technological advances that have improved the life of each and every American. As we look back on this great achievement, it is my hope that a new generation of Americans will again be inspired by the wonders of space travel and will lead our country into a new era of scientific discovery and space exploration.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
MARJORIE HELEN KNOLL
PALLOTTA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Marjorie Helen Knoll Pallotta, whose unwavering devotion to family, friends, community and country has left an indelible imprint upon our society and has forever touched the hearts of all who knew and loved her well.

Mrs. Pallotta was born in Cleveland, Ohio on April 22, 1923 to George W. Knoll, Jr. and Marie C. Dolan Knoll. She graduated from Notre Dame Academy in 1941 and went on to study at the Cleveland Institute of Music, where she met Rico Pallotta. They were married on April 3, 1948 at St. Clair Catholic Church and moved into a duplex in Cleveland Heights. Together, they lovingly raised five children, Ward, Richard, Ann, Joy and Tom, in a home that radiated love, unity and music. They bought their first house in 1955 in Beachwood village and several years later, the family moved to Bainbridge.

Although extremely busy raising five children, Mrs. Pallotta always found time to volunteer in the community. She was known for many beautiful talents, including her singing, prize winning rug hooking, Scottish Country dancing and Irish red hair. She lent her musical talents, especially her beautiful voice, as a singer in churches and at community events. She regularly sang at weddings, at Suburban Temple, and joined the choir of Grace Lutheran Church in Cleveland Heights for the

production of a record album. Mr. and Mrs. Pallotta also sang together in the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus. At family reunions, Mrs. Pallotta thrilled family and friends with her incredible mezzo soprano voice, singing religious, classical and operatic selections along with Broadway show tunes, most often accompanied by Rico on accordion or piano. After singing the National Anthem at a July 4th reunion in New York, her cousin, Larry Dolan, owner of the Cleveland Indians, asked if she would sing at Jacobs Field. She accepted, and with power and perfection, on June 7, 2002 at the age of 79, Mrs. Pallotta sang a powerful and moving rendition of the National Anthem, as tens of thousands of baseball fans listened with pride.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Marjorie Helen Knoll Pallotta, whose joyous and spirited life reflects unwavering dedication to family, friends and community—framed in love, music and song. I offer my heartfelt condolences to her children, Ward, Richard, Ann, Joy and Tom; to her grandchildren, and to her extended family members and many friends. Mrs. Pallotta's beautiful life brought joy to her family, friends and people in the community, and her love of life, and love she showed to others, will forever be remembered.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

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

(1) \$2,600,000 for the King County, WA for Duwamish and Green River Basin
 Requesting Entity: King County, 516 Third Ave, Rm 1200, Seattle, WA 98104
 Agency: Corps of Engineers
 Account: Construction
 Funding requested by: Reps. DAVE REICHERT, NORM DICKS, JIM McDERMOTT, ADAM SMITH

This project supports the restoration of the Duwamish Green watershed by implementing a range of habitat restoration projects for the recovery of ESA listed Chinook in a high priority watershed. The projects are coordinated to the extent possible with flood protection along the lower parts of the river where regional industrial and manufacturing centers are located. The watershed is the second most populous watershed in Puget Sound and encompasses 15 cities, including part of the city of Seattle, the water supply for the City of Tacoma, forest and agricultural production districts, as well as multiple natural resources and public parks and open space.

Finance Plan:

Project name	Phase	Federal share
Mill Creek	Design	\$250,000
Riverview Park	Construction	3,000,000
Upper Springbrook Creek	Construction	1,000,000
Levee Bank Maintenance	Construction	2,250,000
Total		6,500,000

(2) \$400,000 for Mud Mountain Dam.
 Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (CECS-C), Government Accountability Office Building, 441 G Street, NW, Attn: CECS-C, Washington, DC 20314
 Agency: Corps of Engineers
 Account: Construction
 Funding requested by: Reps. DAVE REICHERT, JIM McDERMOTT, NORM DICKS, ADAM SMITH

A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers flood control dam on the White River, controlling floods in the lower White and Puyallup River valleys. The new dam will replace the 100-year old structure and enable the Corps to meet ongoing fish passage needs for Mud Mountain dam. Replacement of the current structure is necessary to ensure the Corps of Engineers' ability to meet existing and future fish passage responsibilities for its Mud Mountain Dam on the White River.

Finance Plan:

Since this is an Administration request, specifics on the funds and how they will be used will be available from the USACE Seattle District office, once they have arrived at a funding level for FY 2010.

(3) \$3,056,000 for Mud Mountain Dam.

Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (CECS-C), Government Accountability Office Building, 441 G Street, NW, Attn: CECS-C, Washington, DC 20314
 Agency: Corps of Engineers
 Account: Operations and Maintenance
 Funding requested by: Reps. DAVE REICHERT, ADAM SMITH

A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers flood control dam on the White River, controlling floods in the lower White and Puyallup River valleys. The new dam will replace the 100-year old structure and enable the Corps to meet ongoing fish passage needs for Mud Mountain Dam. The Corps of Engineers relies upon the White River diversion dam and trap and haul facilities to enable it to meet its fish passage needs for its Mud Mountain Dam on the White River.

Finance Plan:

Since this is an Administration request, specifics on the funds and how they will be used will be available from the USACE Seattle District office, once they have arrived at a funding level for FY 2010.

(4) \$500,000 for the City of Issaquah, WA for the Issaquah Highlands Zero Energy Affordable Housing.

Requesting Entity: King County, 516 Third Ave, Room 1200, Seattle, WA 98104
 Agency: Department of Energy
 Account: EERE
 Funding requested by: Rep. DAVE REICHERT

FY10 PROJECT REQUEST DOE EERE ASEMBLON, INC.

To build a cutting edge, attached residential green building demonstration project which will be one of the most innovative green housing projects in the Pacific Northwest. The project involves the design, construction, and sale of 10 attached residential homes, built to an extremely green standard. Funding would be used to expand the zero emission project to include an adjacent 150-unit affordable housing project planned by a partnership of the YWCA of Seattle, King County, Snohomish County, and the City of Issaquah.

Finance Plan:

ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS PROJECT FINANCE PLAN

Total Project Cost: \$55.4 million
 Public Sources: \$16.6 million which includes City in-kind value of land and waived fees of \$7.1 million)
 Private (individual, corporate, foundation) donations: \$12 million
 YWCA Loan and Contributions: \$1.8
 Debt via tax-exempt bonds: \$7.8
 Low Income Housing Tax Credit Equity: \$17.2

Given the anticipated schedule, our contractor assumes the construction alone would take 457,000 man hours, which equals 114 FTE for the duration of the project (about 2 yrs). However, since most people would only be on the job for their scope of work, maybe 6 months average duration, it really would employ more like 450+ people. This number does not take into account the support-related positions such as accountants, bookkeepers, attorneys, architects, suppliers, concrete truck drivers, city inspectors, etc. (5) \$500,000 for the City of Redmond for research and development of liquid carriers for hydrogen energy.

Requesting Entity: Asemblon, Inc., 15340 NE 92nd Street, Suite B, Redmond, WA 98052

Agency: Department of Energy
 Account: EERE

Funding requested by: Rep. Dave Reichert

For molecular carrier technology that allows hydrogen to be transported, stored and dispensed in liquid form at ambient temperature and pressure. This will allow the use of the currently available gasoline infrastructure to dispense hydrogen which will then be released on demand for automotive combustion. Existing internal combustion engines can be economically retrofitted for this purpose. With the requested funding we will fully demonstrate all aspects of this process. The ability to incorporate hydrogen into our National Energy schema has been impeded by the cost to store and transport it in refrigerated and pressurized form. We have overcome this obstacle. Their analysis shows that they can install hydrogen stations at ~1/10 the cost of conventional hydrogen systems thereby accelerating hydrogen adoption, more rapidly reducing our dependence on foreign oil, and reducing CO₂ emissions on a 1:1 basis hydrocarbon combustion is reduced.

Finance Plan:

HYDRNOL™ fueling station	Qty	Price	Extension	Total	Purchased equip.
20-Foot Shipping Container	1	10,000	10,000		
Design and Development Charges	1	8,500	17,000		17,000
Fabrication to Specification	2	3,500	7,000		
Painting and Graphics	2	1,200	2,400		
Shipment	2	6,500	13,000		
Site Preparation	2	4,500	9,000		
Regulatory, Inspection, Fire Marshall	2				

FY10 PROJECT REQUEST DOE EERE ASEMBLON, INC.—Continued

HYDRNOL™ fueling station	Qty	Price	Extension	Total	Purchased equip.
Fuel Bladders				58,400	17,000
Design and Development	1	12,500	12,500		
RFQ Prototypes	4	6,500	26,000		
Testing to Destruction for Pressure	4	3,000	12,000		
Redesign	1	5,000	5,000		
Production Bladders	8	5,500	44,000		
Installation and Testing	2	4,000	8,000		
Lifetime Cycle Testing (600 fill cycles)	2	12,500	25,000		
				132,500	0
Fueling Pumps					
Design and Development	1	12,500	12,500		
Prototypes	4	15,000	60,000		60,000
Testing	2	7,500	15,000		
Redesign	1	5,000	5,000		
Production Modifications	6	3,500	21,000		
Testing	1	8,000	8,000		
Human Factors	1	7,500	7,500		
Regulatory, Inspection, Fire Marshall	1	6,000	6,000		
Lifetime Cycle Testing (40,000 fills)	2	15,000	30,000		
				165,000	60,000
Battery Back-up Power System and Conditioner					
Design and Development	1	7,500	7,500		
RFQ Purchased Parts (batteries, inverter)	2	37,800	75,600		75,600
Installation	2	6,500	13,000		
Testing	2	5,000	10,000		
Production Modifications	2	3,500	7,000		
Certification	1	8,000	8,000		
Regulatory, Inspection, Fire Marshall	1	7,500	7,500		
				128,600	75,600
Renewable Energy Power System					
Design and Development	1	5,500	5,500		
RFQ Purchased Parts (. .)	2	32,500	65,000		65,000
Installation	2	7,500	15,000		
Testing	2	4,500	9,000		
Production Modifications	2	3,500	7,000		
Certification	1	10,000	10,000		
Regulatory, Inspection, Fire Marshall	1	5,500	5,500		
				117,000	65,000
Self-Contained Security System					
Design and Development	1	7,500	7,500		
RFQ Purchased Parts (. .)	2	20,000	40,000		40,000
Installation	2	5,000	10,000		
Testing	2	4,500	9,000		
Production Modifications	2	3,500	7,000		
Certification	1	5,000	5,000		
Regulatory, Inspection, Fire Marshall	1	6,500	6,500		
				85,000	40,000
Roll-back Truck for Statewide Demonstrations					
Design and Development	1	7,500	7,500		
RFQ Purchased Parts (. .)	1	46,000	46,000		46,000
Testing	2	4,500	9,000		
Production Modifications	2	3,500	7,000		
				69,500	46,000
Sub-total Hydrogen Fueling Station				756,000	303,600

HYDRNOL™ Conversion and Compression	Qty	Price	Extension	Total	Purchased equip.
20-Foot Shipping Container					
Design and Development Charges	1	15,000	15,000		
Fabrication to Specification	1	8,500	8,500		
Painting and Graphics	1	3,500	3,500		
Shipment	1	1,200	1,200		
ND Site Preparation	1	85,000	85,000		
Regulatory, Inspection, Fire Marshall	1	10,000	10,000		
				123,200	0
Triple-stage Compressors					
Design and Development	1	12,500	12,500		
QTE Triple-stage Compressor to 12,000 ps	1	185,000	185,000		185,000
Plumbing, Valves, Controls	1	90,000	90,000		90,000
Testing	1	12,500	12,500		
Certification	1	10,000	10,000		
Regulatory, Inspection, Fire Marshall	1	10,000	10,000		
				320,000	275,000
Hydrogen Storage Tanks (12,000 psig)					
Design and Development	1	9,500	9,500		
Prototypes	2	30,000	60,000		60,000
Testing	1	7,500	7,500		
Regulatory, Inspection, Fire Marshall	1	10,000	10,000		
				87,000	60,000
Hydrogen Dispensers (5,000 + 10,000 psig)					
Design and Development	1	7,500	7,500		
Purchased Parts	1	90,000	90,000		90,000
Installation	1	6,500	6,500		
Testing	1	5,000	5,000		
Production Modifications	1	3,500	3,500		
Certification	1	8,000	8,000		
Regulatory, Inspection, Fire Marshall	1	7,500	7,500		
				128,000	90,000
Self-Contained Security System					
Design and Development	1	6,000	6,000		
RFQ Purchased Parts (. .)	1	20,000	20,000		20,000
Installation	1	6,000	6,000		
Testing	1	4,500	4,500		
Production Modifications	1	3,500	3,500		
Certification	1	5,000	5,000		
Regulatory, Inspection, Fire Marshall	1	4,500	4,500		

HYDRNOL™ Conversion and Compression	Qty	Price	Extension	Total	Purchased equip.
Roll-back Truck for Statewide Demonstrations				49,500	20,000
Design and Development	1	3,000	3,000		
RFQ Purchased Parts (. .)	1	46,000	46,000		46,000
Testing	1	4,500	4,500		
Production Modifications	1	3,500	3,500		
				57,000	46,000
Sub-total HYDRNOL Conversion and Compression Unit				764,700	491,000

HYDRNOL Fuel Delivery and Vehicle Mods	Qty	Price	Extension	Total	Purchased equip.
Fuel Delivery Truck					
RFQ Truck Works Incorporated Custom	1	80,000	80,000		80,000
Pillow Tanks	3	8,500	25,500		
Testing	1	5,000	5,000		
Modification	1	4,500	4,500		
				115,000	80,000
HYDRNOL Retrofit Kit for Cars and Light Trucks					
Design	1	50,000	50,000		
Prototypes	4	15,000	60,000		60,000
Modification	1	5,000	5,000		
Testing	1	5,000	5,000		
Pre-production	4	10,000	40,000		
Testing	1	5,000	5,000		
Modification	1	7,500	7,500		
E Production	10	7,500	75,000		75,000
				247,500	135,000
Belleuve School Bus Modifications					
Design and Fabrication of Storage Tank	1	5,500	5,500		
Installation of HYDRNOL Retrofit Kit	1	4,000	4,000		
Engine/Air Cleaner Modifications	8	4,000	32,000		
Computer Ignition Timing Modification	1	5,000	5,000		
Testing	1	5,000	5,000		
				51,500	0
North Dakota Chevrolet Silverado Truck					
ND Delivery of Silverado from North Dakota	1	2,500	2,500		
Design and Fabrication of Storage Tank	1	8,500	8,500		
Installation of HYDRNOL Retrofit Kit	1	4,000	4,000		
Injector Modifications	8	4,000	32,000		
Computer Ignition Timing Modification	1	5,000	5,000		
Testing	1	5,000	5,000		
				57,000	0
1988 Corvette Modifications					
Design and Fabrication of Storage Tank	1	5,500	5,500		
Installation of HYDRNOL Retrofit Kit	1	4,000	4,000		
Injector Modifications	8	4,000	32,000		
Computer Ignition Timing Modification	1	5,000	5,000		
Testing	1	5,000	5,000		
				51,500	0
Sub-total HYDRNOL Fuel Delivery and Vehicle Mods				522,500	215,000

FY10 Project request summary DOE EERE Asemblon, Inc.	Total	Purchased equip.
HYDRNOL Fueling Station	756,000	303,600
HYDRNOL Conversion and Compression Unit	764,700	491,000
HYDRNOL Fuel Delivery and Vehicle Mods	522,500	215,000
Total	2,043,200	1,009,600
Overhead—30.0%	612,960	
Travel + Living	24,000	
Grand Total	3,280,160	1,009,600
"In-kind" Contributions		
Design + Development	40,000	
Overhead Expenses	612,960	
Travel + Living	24,000	
Total "In-kind"	676,960	

FY10 Project request summary DOE EERE Asemblon, Inc.

Net Grant Request ##### 25.3%

(6) \$1,000,000 for the University of Washington for biofuels industry development.

Requesting Entity: University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195

Agency: Department of Energy

Account: EERE

Funding requested by: Reps. DAVE REICHERT, JIM MCDERMOTT, ADAM SMITH

Research and development to convert Washington mixed biomass sources into transportation fuels. The center is lacking critical equipment and lab facilities to do the comprehensive research that is necessary to design a commercial scale facility. Acquisition of the required equipment would provide for the establishment of a world class research laboratory and a comprehensive services laboratory that Washington state commercial operations will need to optimize and refine their processes.

Finance Plan:

Item priority	Cost	
Laboratory renovations and modernization	\$1,500,000	½A & ½B"
Processing equipment		
High-Throughput Catalyst Test Reactor	150,000	B
Catalytic Flow reactors (2)	80,000	B
Recirculation high temperature & high pressure	50,000	C
High pressure fuel injection system for fuel analysis	80,000	B
High pressure steam reactor with decompression capability and boiler	500,000	A
2L and 40L Fermenters	300,000	½B & ½C
Large scale autoclave	80,000	C
Large scale high speed centrifuge	40,000	C
Glove box and other miscellaneous supplies	75,000	C
Analytical Equipment		
Variable Temperature Atomic Microscope (STM-AFM)	250,000	B
Infrared spectrometer (including DRIFTS capabilities & IR microscope)	250,000	C
GC-Mass spectrometer	200,000	C
HPLC configured for catalysis research	75,000	B
On line mass spectrometer	50,000	C
GC and Micro GC for fast analysis	100,000	B
Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectroscopy LCMS	180,000	A
X-ray Diffractometry	190,000	C
Elemental Analyzer	80,000	C
Confocal microscope	300,000	B
Fast protein liquid chromatograph	125,000	C
Total	4,655,000	

This office conducted site visits to meet with representatives from all of the projects listed above.

35TH YEAR OF INVASION AND
OCCUPATION OF CYPRUS

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, today I rise, like so many have done before me for 35 years now, and lament the unjust division of the Republic of Cyprus.

For more than 60 years, the United States has extended the hand of friendship to Turkey, offering her material support, offering her military protection and most importantly, engaging our Turkish friend and ally with the respect, admiration, and dignity that emanate from our great Nation's democratic values.

Just a few months ago, President Obama paid a historic visit to Turkey where he called upon the European Union to embrace Turkey's application to join that body of peace loving, democratic nations, and as well, he called for a just and lasting settlement that reunifies Cyprus as a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation.

Last year, upon this remembrance, I commended the noble efforts exerted by the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities to reunify their island republic. Today, 1 year later, I again praise President Dimitrios Christofias and Turkish Cypriot Leader Mehmet Ali Talat for their commitment to peace and unity.

So why then, with Cypriot leadership committed to reunification, Turkey's NATO membership since 1952, United Nations' diplomatic initiatives and the appointment of numerous special American, British and E.U. envoys, does Cyprus remain divided and occupied for 35 years?

For three and a half decades, the international community has unequivocally called for the removal of the 45,000 Turkish troops garrisoned in the occupied north, so that the people of Cyprus may be relieved of the humanitarian hardship and injustice brought on by Turkey's hostile occupation.

In 1975, this Chamber imposed sanctions upon Turkey and refused to allow sales or aid of American military equipment to Turkey, because of its unlawful invasion and occupation of Cyprus. That embargo was lifted by the exigencies of the Cold War, because the Turkish military retaliated against the United States by denying use of strategic military assets located in Turkey.

From the outset of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus to this day, the United Nations has repeatedly called for the removal of Turkish occupation forces and for the respect of the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Cyprus.

Following high level U.N. brokered talks in 1979, Turkey agreed as a confidence building measure to withdraw and handover the uninhabited city of Famagusta to its rightful inhabitants. In this regard, U.N. Security Council Resolution 550/1984 calls for the transfer of the occupied, but uninhabited, city of Famagusta to the United Nations for the orderly resettlement of the city by its rightful inhabitants. To this day, Turkey has reneged on its pledge to comply with the agreements achieved during the high level talks and has completely disregarded the U.N. resolutions on Famagusta.

As recently as May 2009, the U.N. Secretary General placed the blame for the failure to return Famagusta to its rightful inhabitants squarely upon the Government of Turkey. This Chamber has also enacted section 620C(a)(5) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2373 (a)(5)) in support of the United Nations Secretary General's efforts to resettle the occupied, but uninhabited, city of Famagusta by its rightful inhabitants. Turkey, our NATO ally and beneficiary of significant American support, has ignored America's calls for compliance with the return of Famagusta, just as it has ignored the U.N.'s.

Today, Senator CARDIN and Congressman HASTINGS of the Helsinki Commission held a briefing on the destruction of the history, heritage and culture in the occupied north of Cyprus. As that briefing pointed out, despite clear international commitments on the importance of preserving religious and cultural heritage, hundreds of churches, chapels and monasteries in the northern part of Cyprus remain in peril. Thousands of icons, manuscripts, frescos, and mosaics have been looted from sites in northern Cyprus—many ending up on international auction blocks. The United States, the E.U. and the United Nations have all called on Turkey to honor its international obligations and cease and desist from this further hostility to the people of Cyprus. This begs the question, how can Turkey seek to join the European Union, all the while it is destroying the very existence of European history and culture in the north of Cyprus.

The European Union has also called on Turkey to honor its agreement to open its ports and airspace to Republic of Cyprus flagged vessels. Rather than comply with its commitments, Turkey demands that the E.U. engage in international economic activity with the unlawfully occupied north of the island republic. It is incredible that Turkey would refuse to open its ports and airspace and extend legal recognition to a member state of the European Union all the while it seeks to become a full fledged member of that Union.

The United States rightly places great importance in strategically mooring Turkey to the E.U. and America, but I am greatly concerned that Turkey does not share our vision or commitment to the liberal democratic processes that works to ensure global peace and stability. There are no greater advocates for Tur-

key's acceptance into the European Union, than Greece, Cyprus and the United States. Despite the fact that Turkey has bullied and beaten the small island Republic of Cyprus, Cyprus has shown great humanity by demanding of its fellow E.U. members that Turkey should be afforded the right to join the E.U.

The Republic of Cyprus has gone the extra mile to keep its Turkish speaking citizens engaged in its democratic and economic successes, it has gone the extra mile to engage Turkey and normalize relations, and it has gone the extra mile by becoming an advocate of Turkey's entry into the E.U. Unfortunately, Turkey has not responded in kind. To this very day, Turkey violates the territorial integrity of Cypriot seas and air space. It acts to limit the economic activities of the tiny republic and it subjects it to the menacing threat of a massively armed contingent of 45,000 soldiers.

The division of Cyprus is a matter of invasion and occupation, and not as Turkey claims, a matter of inter-communal conflict. On this very point, the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) has held time and time again that Turkey exercises "effective overall control of northern Cyprus through its military presence there . . ." and stresses the point "that Turkey's responsibility under the [European] Convention could not be confined to the acts of its own soldiers and officials operating in northern Cyprus, but was also engaged by virtue of the acts of the local administration . . ., which survived by virtue of Turkish military and other support." There can be no doubt from the rulings of the ECHR that the division of the Republic of Cyprus continues because of the Turkish military occupation.

The Cyprus problem pits American allies against one another and impedes the orderly progress of NATO and the E.U. in a strategically vital part of the world. The time has come for us to ask ourselves, is the Government of Turkey part of the solution or is it the very heart of the problem. How Turkey resolves the division of Cyprus will work to define how Turkey will be engaged by Europe. Should Turkey continue to occupy Cyprus as a post-imperial power with no regard for its prior commitments to international agreements and with no sense of obligation to the very European heritage, history and culture that it must uphold as an aspirant member of the E.U., Turkey will by its own hand foreclose its chances of joining the European Union.

Madam Speaker, Turkey is gambling with more than even the democratic liberties of the people of Cyprus. I fear that should Turkey fail to honor democracy, human rights and the rule of law, Turkey will drift away from the United States and Europe and chart a course that will be openly adverse to the interest of NATO, America and the E.U. It is high time that we engage our ally, while we still can, and ensure a democratic resolution to the division of Cyprus.