

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. 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. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Congressman SAM GRAVES (MO—6)

Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Delta Regional Development Program—\$400,000 for the Chouteau Parkway Conceptual Design in Kansas City, Missouri (City of Kansas City, 4600 E. 63rd Street, Kansas City, MO 64130)

The two-mile section of Chouteau Trafficway between Missouri Route 210 and Interstate I-35 is a vital roadway link in the roadway network between the Kansas City, MO northlands link. Kansas City is beginning design plans for improving and converting the two-lane collector to divided parkway. Federal funds will be used for the planning and conceptual design features, including alternative alignment and widening for the new parkway. Other technical considerations to be included will be drainage improvements; roadway lighting; signing/markings; traffic analysis; utility coordination; and “green” storm water solutions.

Congressman SAM GRAVES (MO—6)

Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Surface Transportation Program—789,000 for U.S. 59/Alabama Grade Separation Project in St. Joseph, MO (City of St. Joseph's Public Works Department, 1100 Federick Avenue, St. Joseph, MO 64501)

This project relieves an existing safety problem at the intersection of Alabama, U.S. 59, and several other local streets. Alabama itself is also one of the principal routes to the Stockyards Industrial Area, a residential area, and Lake Contrary Elementary School. Because this roadway is crossed by a very busy double-track line used by the BNSF and UP, the roadway is closed often and for extended periods of time. When it is closed, the nearest alternative access has to detour several miles to either the north or south. As a matter of public safety, major employment centers and an elementary school are isolated from critical emergency services support. Working with Missouri Department of Transportation (MODOT), the solution designed to address the isolated area is to create an alternative to the at-grade crossing. The solution involves the design and construction of a bridge (with pedestrian access), top span the tracks which will provide full and open access at all times. Federal funds will be utilized to implement this project critical to my constituent's safety and security.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I, KAY GRANGER, submit the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2010, H.R. 3293.

For the project titled “Community Learning Center, Inc., Fort Worth, TX for a job training initiative” in H.R. 3293, Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (ETA)—Training & Employment Services (TES) account, the legal name and address of the requesting entity is the Community Learning Center, 6300 Ridglea Place, Suite 600, Fort Worth, TX 76116. It is my understanding that the \$500,000 in the bill for this project will be used to purchase equipment needed to offer more training to people with disabilities, dislocated and incumbent workers, poor and excluded job seekers, youth offenders, TANF recipients, and people with low basic skills and limited English proficiency. The Community Learning Center provides model educational, training, and employment services designed to lead to better jobs and careers for Texans who need and want them the most. Community Learning Center will provide any required matching funds.

For the project titled “Southwestern University, Georgetown, TX for a summer college preparatory program” in H.R. 3293, Department of Education Elementary & Secondary Education Account, the legal name and address of the requesting entity is Southwestern University, 1001 East University Ave., Georgetown, TX 79626. It is my understanding that the \$443,000 in the bill will be used to enroll first generation, low-income students in a summer college preparation program that allows the students to participate in a faculty-supervised laboratory or field research project. Funds will also be used for teacher training as well as to allow Southwestern students and faculty to participate in summer lab and research projects with high school students and teachers. Southwestern University will provide any required matching funds.

For the project titled “Texas AgriLife Extension Service, College Station, TX for a youth obesity prevention initiative” in H.R. 3293, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention account, the legal name and address of the requesting entity is Texas AgriLife Extension Service, 1500 Research Parkway, Suite 150, 2259 TAMU, College Station, TX 77845-2259. It is my understanding that the \$300,000 in the bill will be used to develop a pilot program in the Fort Worth Independent School District to develop, implement, and evaluate a comprehensive education, research, and outreach program to promote healthy weight. Partners for this project include: United Way FitFuture,

Fort Worth Independent School District, City of Fort Worth, and Texas Parks and Wildlife. The multidisciplinary, community-based approach will build on the strengths of families and communities to achieve this goal. Texas AgriLife will provide a 50 percent match for project funds.

For the project titled “Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth, Ft. Worth, TX for facilities and equipment” in H.R. 3293, Department of Health and Human Services HRSA—Health Facilities and Services account, the legal name and address of the requesting entity is Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth, 1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76104. It is my understanding that the \$300,000 in the bill will be used for the renovation and construction of a 16-bed palliative care unit. Palliative care is healthcare that specializes in the relief of suffering and the achievement of best possible quality of life for patients with advanced illness and their families. It is offered simultaneously with all other appropriate medical treatment. Texas Health Resources will contribute \$2.3 million toward this project, and to date, community contributions total nearly \$840,000.

For the project titled “Texas Wesleyan University, Ft. Worth, TX for facilities and equipment” in H.R. 3293, Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services account, the legal name and address of the requesting entity is Texas Wesleyan University, 1201 Wesleyan Street, Fort Worth, TX 76105. It is my understanding that the \$650,000 in the bill will be used for equipment costs to support the new on-line Doctorate program in Nurse Anesthesia Practice. Specifically, funding will be used to upgrade the network and enhance current audio/visual technologies for curriculum development and deployment to support instructional needs for the new distance learning doctoral program. This funding will allow Texas Wesleyan to provide doctorate level on-line training in nurse anesthesia to the nursing professionals in rural and underserved communities. Texas Wesleyan has dedicated more than \$506,000 toward this project.

For the project titled “Botanical Research Institute of Texas, Ft. Worth, TX to enhance collections” in H.R. 3293, Institute of Museum & Library Services—Museums & Libraries Account, the legal name and address of the requesting entity is Botanical Research Institute of Texas, Inc., 500 East 4th Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102. It is my understanding that the \$500,000 in the bill will be used to purchase equipment such as new archival metal herbarium cabinets for a new facility. The new equipment will allow for a more publicly-accessible facility that will allow maximum use of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT) Herbarium and Library, which are the largest such scientific collections of any independent institution in the southern U.S., with over one million specimens of plants and nearly 100,000 volumes of books and journals. BRIT has raised over \$42 million for this project.

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KOREAN WAR VETERANS
RECOGNITION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I proudly rise in strong support of H.R. 2632, legislation that adds National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, July 27, to the list of days on which the flag of the United States should be displayed. I am particularly proud to have joined my colleague from New York, Mr. RANGEL, who served with great distinction and valor in the Korean War, in being an original cosponsor of this bill.

The Korean War was a major battlefield in the Cold War as American forces and our allies fought so heroically to resist North Korean aggression and prevent communist forces from imposing their rule on the Republic of Korea.

Nearly seven million Americans served during the Korean War period and this legislation offers a fitting tribute to honor their contributions and sacrifices. And there were many. The United States suffered 54,246 casualties and over 8,000 POW/MIAs during this "Forgotten War." H.R. 2632 properly recognizes their efforts and ensures that American courage and resolve in Korea will never be forgotten by authorizing the U.S. flag to be flown at half-staff on July 27.

I urge adoption of the legislation.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

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

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 3170, the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

I am especially supportive of Congressman STEVEN LATOURETTE's amendment to restrict funding to GM and Chrysler if the auto companies follow through with their plans to close dealerships, and I thank Chairman DAVID OBEY of the Appropriations Committee as well as Majority Leader HOYER for their efforts to protect the LaTourette amendment.

The crisis in the automobile industry has devastated Ohio and my district. Statewide, it is estimated that the bankruptcies of GM and Chrysler, with the accompanying dealership closings, will cost up to 8,000 jobs and approximately \$300 million in state income tax revenue. Moreover, the state could lose an additional \$250 million in sales tax revenue.

I cannot stand by arbitrary and capricious decisionmaking that will destroy the communities in my district. Hundreds of employees of

other industries inextricably linked to auto dealerships will also lose their jobs, and the cascade of destruction through the local economy will continue.

We must not let this happen.

RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTIONS OF JOHN WILLIAM HEISMAN TO FOOTBALL

SPEECH OF

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 123, recognizing the historical and national significance of the many contributions of John William Heisman to the sport of football.

John Heisman was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1869 and was raised in Titusville, Pennsylvania where he began playing football as a young boy. At that time, football was not played as it is today, but instead it resembled more of a rugby match. In 1887, Heisman left his home town for Brown University, where he participated in club football with his classmates. However, two years later he transferred to the University of Pennsylvania to pursue a law degree. Even though Heisman was outsized at 5'8", he continued his collegiate career playing varsity football for three years at guard, tackle, center, and as an end.

John Heisman was nearly debilitated from being struck by lightning and in turn had to take his final exams at the University of Pennsylvania orally to achieve his law degree in 1892. From there, he received his first coaching position at Oberlin College, where he led the team to an undefeated season in its second full season at the school. Clearly, Heisman had found a niche in coaching football, and his illustrious career was just beginning.

His coaching career continued with stints at the University of Akron, Auburn University, Clemson University, the University of Pennsylvania, Washington and Jefferson College, and Rice University. However, while his coaching career extended from 1892–1927, his most memorable years were from 1904–1919 when he coached at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, GA. At Georgia Tech, Heisman had an astounding record of 102–29–6, and even held three undefeated seasons with 33 straight wins. Heisman went on to retire from the game he loved and so heavily influenced in 1927 at the age of 62. Even though Georgia Tech is my own alma mater, I think that every football player, coach, and fan will recognize that Heisman's record of achievement deserves our praise.

John Heisman's retirement did not last long as he moved to New York and found time to write about his experiences and served in various advisory positions. Because of his influence on the athletic community there he was asked to serve as the first Athletic Director of the Downtown Athletic Club in New York City on May 23, 1930. While serving in this capacity, Heisman organized and founded the Touchdown Club of New York, and later the National Football Coaches Association.

The Downtown Athletic Club insisted that Heisman design a voting system to honor and

award the best collegiate football player of each year. Because of his humble love and respect for the game of football, he initially did not want to design such a system due to his misgivings about promoting a player over the importance of teamwork. However, he later noted that it would be a consummate team accomplishment to have such an award for one of its players. The first Downtown Athletic Club Award was given to Jay Berwanger in 1935, but John Heisman would be unable to award this distinguished honor to another young man in 1936 as he contracted pneumonia and passed away later that year. Shortly thereafter, the Downtown Athletic Club renamed their renowned trophy after its founder, calling it the Heisman Memorial Trophy.

Mr. Speaker, John Heisman has had a lasting impact on the game of football, and he undoubtedly inspires young men each year. The Heisman Trophy Award is the most sought after accolade in college football, and those who have honorably achieved that distinction will forever remember the accomplishments of the man that bears its name. Heisman molded the game of football to include the "hike" from a center to a quarterback, and he enacted his most notable achievement was enacting the forward pass into the rules of the game; both of which are staples of today's sport of football. I applaud John Heisman and recognize his lifetime of service and accomplishment in the game of football.

I urge all of my colleagues to support this resolution, and I yield back.

TRIBUTE TO RUTH YVONNE
WILLOUGHBY POOLE

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Madam Speaker, this communication is forwarded on behalf of the constituents of Congressional District Three and myself as we pay tribute to the life of Ruth Yvonne Willoughby Poole. We are all saddened that Yvonne is gone, but joyful that she has gone to be with her Heavenly Father.

On this occasion, we join with the immediate family and loved ones in saying farewell and praising God for her life. Yvonne's tremendous character and accomplishments earned her the respect of her family, friends, and community. Yvonne was a role model for so many young people, founding her own real estate brokerage at the age of 29. Her trailblazing in this industry was truly inspirational and paved the way for so many others to succeed. As you experience this tremendous loss, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family, especially Yvonne's son, R. Donahue Peebles Jr., and Yvonne's grandchildren, R. Donahue Peebles III and Chloe Alexandra Peebles.

We are happy to stand with everyone recognizing Yvonne's life on July 27 at 11 a.m. in The Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. There is an emptiness that only those who have lost a close relative can understand. May the sympathy of those who care make the sorrow of your heart less difficult to bear. Along with all residents of Congressional District Three, I extend my best