

to address this need and reduce unemployment through establishment of this workforce training program. By supporting the development of a well-trained home healthcare aide workforce, the organization anticipates providing value to the taxpayer by reducing the rate of hospitalizations and directly reducing costs to the Medicare and Medicaid programs. The full amount of the funding will be used to purchase equipment and develop the curriculum for this training program.

Requesting Member: Mr. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Education—Rehabilitation Services and Disability Research

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Vocational Guidance Services (VGS)—Painesville Center

Address of Requesting Entity: One Victoria Square, #135, Painesville, Ohio 44077

Description of Request: Provide an earmark in the amount of \$100,000 for the Training Enhancements Promoting Jobs for Ohioans with Disabilities project, which implements a training program to provide job skills to people with disabilities and other barriers to the job market. With the nation's unemployment rate approaching 10 percent, there continues to be a need for training to meet the many challenges to employers competing in the global economy, and this project will provide significant value to the taxpayer and those seeking employment who can become taxpayers. The funding will be used to purchase computer equipment and technology, as well as other equipment to carry out the center's curriculum.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 24, 2009*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the U.S. House of Representatives Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding four earmarks I received as part H.R. 3293—Labor—HHS—Education Appropriations Act, 2010:

Doctorate in Nurse Anesthesia Practice Initiative, Texas Wesleyan University, Fort Worth, Texas—Department of Health & Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services—\$650,000

This project will support TWU's new doctorate program of nurse anesthesia practice—the second doctoral program of its kind in the United States, and the only program to be offered 100 percent online—originating from the main campus of Texas Wesleyan University. The objective is to develop a distance learning program that will provide extended education to full-time employed Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists who are located in rural or metropolitan areas of the United States. This project provides education via new technologies, including distance learning methodologies, and addresses the Health People 2010 goal set by HHS to eliminate health disparities.

Texas Wesleyan University is located at 1201 Wesleyan Street, Fort Worth, TX 76105.

AB Christian Learning Center, Stop Six Community Go Center, Fort Worth ISD and

Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce—Department of Education Higher Education (FIPSE)—\$175,000

The Stop Six Community Go Center provides a safe environment in which students can explore higher education and career options, financial aid resources, apply for scholarships and receive counseling services to assist in facilitating a seamless transition from high school to college. This funding will help the Go Center hire another academic advisor and a security guard.

AB Christian Learning Center is located at 5009 Brentwood Stair Road #101, Fort Worth, TX 76112.

City of Fort Worth, Early Childhood Development Program—Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Children and Families (ACF)—Social Services, Early Childhood Matters Initiative—\$425,000

The city of Fort Worth, Texas seeks funds to support key projects that will significantly advance the Early Childhood Matters Initiative. Early Childhood Matters, a community initiative led by the city that impacts the entire region, will help coordinate resources and programs to benefit children up to 5 years of age. Training and materials from early childhood resource centers will be used by parents and child care providers. The funds will be used to continue two existing early childhood resource centers and start up two new locations in facilities in high need neighborhoods. Each neighborhood resource center provides training, support, educational materials and leadership development for parents, children, and child care staff. Together, the 4 resource centers will reach 500 parents, 280 child care staff, and 1,200 children under five years old. Each \$1 expended for early childhood training will result in savings of \$7 per child due to children not being retained a year at school, taking special education classes, or dropping out of school.

City of Fort Worth is located at 1000 Throckmorton Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

Parkland Health and Hospital System (PHHS), Parkland Center for Clinical Innovation, Parkland Hospital, Dallas, Texas—Department of Health & Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services—\$100,000

PHHS proposes to use electronically derived variables to create a model that measures clinical, social, and economic factors that predict patients at-risk for hospitalization, readmission or death in real-time, which would create "e-coordinated" clinical and care management interventions for the highest risk patients and serves lives while improving patient services, increasing productivity, and reducing costs. PHHS request will cover the cost of one Data Analyst, one Technical EPIC programmer, and server technology.

Parkland Hospital is located at 5201 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, TX 75235.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 24, 2009*

Mr. PLATTS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on ear-

marks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman TODD RUSSELL PLATTS (PA—19)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

(1) York College of Pennsylvania—Facilities and Equipment—\$300,000

Account: Higher Education, FIPSE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: York College of Pennsylvania

Address of Requesting Entity: 441 Country Club Road, York, PA 17403

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: York College of Pennsylvania is a private, four-year institution of higher education serving over 5,600 students. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because York College would use this funding to expand their existing Nursing Department. Specifically, funds would be used to refurbish laboratories and purchase equipment related to the project. This is also a good use of taxpayer funds because York College operates one of the largest bachelorette nursing programs in the region. York College's ability to continue providing a pool of highly educated and trained nursing graduates helps fill the critical demand for nurses, both locally and nationally.

(2) Hanover Hospital—Electronic Medical Records Initiative—\$450,000

Account: HRSA, Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hanover Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 Highland Avenue, Hanover, PA 17331

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: Hanover Hospital would use this funding to convert all paper records at the hospital to an electronic medical record system. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because the use of such records is proven to improve clinical outcomes and enables health systems to better define, measure, monitor, and reward quality care. Electronic medical records create efficiencies for patients, physicians, and the hospital.

(3) WellSpan Health of York, PA—Purchase of Equipment—\$100,000

Account: HRSA, Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: WellSpan Health

Address of Requesting Entity: 912 South George Street, York, PA 17403

Description of Request/Justification of Funding: WellSpan Health would use this funding to purchase a remote monitoring system for the York Hospital Emergency Transitional Care Unit, allowing physicians to monitor patients in a distant location without physically leaving the main Emergency Department. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the remote monitoring system would create remote access using video/audio conferencing technology so that a physician could monitor multiple patients at one time. In addition, while caring for a patient in the main emergency department, the physician could answer questions and communicate with patients and families who are waiting in the Emergency Transitional Care Unit, eliminating the constant disruption of walking back and forth.

2009 MISS TENNESSEE STEFANIE  
WITTLER

**HON. ZACH WAMP**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 24, 2009*

Mr. WAMP. Madam Speaker, I rise today a proud Tennessean with the distinct privilege of honoring Third Congressional District resident Stefanie Wittler who has been crowned Miss Tennessee. This is a prestigious award that requires great responsibility and Ms. Wittler is a young lady who is truly up to the task.

Over the next year, this 22-year-old Soddy-Daisy, Tenn., resident will serve as an ambassador and public relations representative for the Miss America Organization. While maintaining the hectic schedule required to meet the responsibilities of the title she now holds, Stefanie will be preparing for the 2010 Miss America Pageant to be held in January in Las Vegas.

Ms. Wittler is a very determined young lady who fought hard for this award in the face of adversity and defeat. She participated in the Miss Tennessee pageant on two previous occasions but remained determined to reach her goal of being crowned Miss Tennessee. Humility is too often mistaken for weakness. Stefanie is a perfect example that, in reality, humility is one of the strongest character traits we can possess. For that reason, Madam Speaker, I stand here today to honor Ms. Stefanie Wittler, the 2009 Miss Tennessee.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 24, 2009*

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, on July 23, 2009, I was not present for rollcall vote No. 637. If I had been present I would have voted "aye."

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 24, 2009*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. 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. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Education, FIPSE—\$100,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alexander City Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Alexander City, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: 120 Tallapoosa Street, Alexander City, Alabama

Description of Request: For the Gateway to Education Scholarship program, including scholarships Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding would be used for an ongoing education and workforce development initiative to provide free tuition to Russell High School graduates to attend Central Alabama Community College in Alexander City, Alabama.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Education, FIPSE—\$100,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Gadsden State Community College, Gadsden, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: 405 Korner Street, Gadsden, Alabama 35903

Description of Request: "for technology upgrades" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding the funding would enhance technology in the classroom and technology infrastructure between Cherokee, Etowah, Cleburne, and Calhoun Counties.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Education, FIPSE—\$250,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Jacksonville State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265

Description of Request: "For purchase of equipment" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding would be used to purchase a Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrum to provide hands-on student learning and understanding of modern chemistry, instrumental methods, and the determination of molecular structures across the discipline and in physics and biology. This piece of equipment also fosters interdisciplinary research and collaborative work.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Education, FIPSE—\$100,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southern Union Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 1000, Wadley, Alabama 36276

Description of Request: "For purchase of equipment" Taxpayer justification—This funding would be used to purchase equipment for the new Technology Center on the Opelika Campus of Southern Union State Community College so that the College may re-train and educate individuals for jobs in high-tech, high-pay careers required by industry moving into the College's Service area.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Health and Human Services HRSA—\$200,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Childersburg Medical Clinic Board

Address of Requesting Entity: 34011 Hwy 280 East Childersburg, Alabama 35044

Description of Request: "for facilities and equipment at the Regional Diabetic Care and Advanced Wound Care Center" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding would be used for construction and equipping the Regional Diabetic Care and Advanced Wound Care Center for Childersburg Alabama and surrounding areas.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA)—Training & Employment Services (TES)—\$200,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind

Address of Requesting Entity: 205 E. South Street, P.O. Box 698, Talladega, AL 35161

Description of Request: Provide \$200,000 to develop a collaborative program with employers incorporating assistive technology and targeting deaf and blind individuals with developmental disabilities for workforce placement. The funding would be used for employer training in disabilities and assistive technology for the deaf and blind. The project's total budget is \$680,000. Specifically within the budget, \$200,000 for salaries, \$250,000 for assistive technology for the deaf and blind, \$20,000 for travel, \$30,000 for employer training in disabilities, \$30,000 matching administrative personnel cost, and \$150,000 for matching assistive technology cost. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA)—Training & Employment Services (TES) Account. The Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for match funding where applicable.

IN HONOR OF CANADA  
CELEBRATING "CANADA DAY"

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 24, 2009*

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of the people of Canada as they celebrate their "Canada Day." The United States and Canada share a unique history of friendship and brotherhood that has intrinsically tied our two people together. Celebration of the founding of Canada is joyous time to celebrate our very special friendship with our neighbors to the north.

Our two nations share a common cultural, historical, and economic past and future. For centuries Michigan has been the focal point of relations between our two nations. A mere eight miles separate downtown Detroit and the great nation of Canada. Detroit and Canada share a unique story that was started by the French explorers as they mapped our shared waterways and continues today.

Canada and the United States share more than a common border. As both our nations have flourished we have developed strong cultural bonds that have greatly contributed to the