

15%] will be used for equipment; \$390,000 [or 10%] will be used for Auburn's Tech Transition Licensee; \$195,000 [or 5%] will be used for pilot scale commercial filter fabrication; \$390,000 [or 10%] will be used for supply chain software and business model development; \$195,000 [or 5%] will be used for supply chain software IP protection and management. This project directly supports the war fighting capabilities of the entire U.S. military and a wide range of current and future combat platforms.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R. 3326, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010. The entity to receive funding is NanoBlox, Inc., 800 Wood Street, Clarion, PA 16214, in the amount of \$2,000,000. Funding will be used for the domestic production of nanodiamond for military applications.

SUPPORTING VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 483 Supporting the goals and Ideals of Veterans of Foreign Wars Day.

Nearly 110 years ago, what was then known as the American Veterans of Foreign Service was established to advocate for the rights and benefits for veterans of the Spanish-American War and Philippine Insurrection. That organization later became the Veterans of Foreign Wars, which was chartered by Congress in 1936.

Since then, the VFW's voice has been instrumental in establishing the Veterans Administration, creating a GI bill, developing the national cemetery system and the fight for compensation for Vietnam vets exposed to Agent Orange and for veterans diagnosed with Gulf War Syndrome.

Today, the VFW is a strong advocate for today's servicemen and women returning from the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan—assisting combat wounded veterans receive compensation for their injuries and helping to create a 21st Century GI Bill.

VFW's Operation Uplink hosts free call days every month of the year, so troops can call home—at no charge—from Internet cafes throughout Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait.

The VFW provides grants to meet the needs of servicemen and women faced with hardship as a result of military service—they award more than \$3.4 million in scholarships and incentives to worthy students and VFW Posts often sponsor Farewell and Welcome Home Activities.

The reason that we are free today is because brave men and women have answered our nation's call in our time of need. They have sweated, bled and sacrificed for our freedom.

And as it is written on the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C, freedom isn't free—the cost is readily apparent in the rows of crosses in Arlington, where many generations of American warriors have been laid to rest.

We owe our veterans a debt that can never be fully repaid, but I personally want to thank them for your service and sacrifice. I will continue to work to ensure that our veterans get the care, help, and benefits they so richly deserve.

Let us remember our obligations to our nation's veterans, as Abraham Lincoln said in his Second Inaugural Address, "to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan." The VFW has been there for our nation's veterans for over 110 years, and I'm proud to support this resolution.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I was unavoidably delayed and missed the votes on:

1. H. Res. 593—Recognizing and celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the entry of Hawaii into the Union as the 50th State
2. H.R. 1376—Waco Mammoth National Monument Establishment Act of 2009
3. H.R. 1121—Blue Ridge Parkway and Town of Blowing Rock Land Exchange Act of 2009

I respectfully request the opportunity to record my position. Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on these votes.

At this time I would ask for unanimous consent that my position be entered into the RECORD following that vote or in the appropriate portion of the RECORD.

IN RECOGNITION OF KEVIN LEONARD, JR. AND SHAWN LEONARD

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, I wish to recognize the heroic efforts of two brothers, fourteen-year-old Kevin Leonard, Jr. and twelve-year-old Shawn Leonard.

Last summer in July of 2008, while the two boys were riding bicycles near their home in Kittanning, Pennsylvania, they saw a man drowning near the Kittanning Riverfront Park. They quickly swam into the Allegheny River where they began to help the victim. Eventually, a nearby fisherman provided life jackets and the boys were able to use them to keep the man afloat while they waited for professional rescue crews to arrive.

While many their age would have been content to let others act, the selfless courage exhibited by these fine young men helped to

save another's life. Their quick thinking and reaction was also invaluable as it allowed the man to stay afloat while waiting to be taken back to shore.

In honor of their life-saving effort, the two were presented outstanding citizenship awards by the Pennsylvania State Police.

Madam Speaker, I wish to conclude my remarks by congratulating the Leonard brothers for their fine act of bravery and for their awards. The selfless qualities exhibited by these two young men inspire us all to help others who are in need. I hope that their hard work will be an example for many.

SUPPORT FOR VETERANS' BILLS

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to express my support for several veterans' bills that are on today's legislative calendar under suspension of the rules. Before I proceed, I would first like to thank the sponsors of the legislation and the Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, Mr. FILNER and Mr. BUYER, for working together to bring this legislation before the House today. As the number of veterans returning from their deployments in the Global War on Terror increases, it is imperative that those of us on the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and all Members of Congress, continue working to improve benefits for our veterans and ensure that they and their families receive everything that has been promised to them. I am proud to be an original Cosponsor of H.R. 3219, the "Veterans' Insurance and Health Care Improvements Act," as well as H. Res. 483, which supports the goals and ideals of Veterans of Foreign Wars Day. H.R. 3219 contains numerous measures and technical corrections to modernize many of the life insurance and health care benefits that are received by disabled and non-disabled veterans. This bill also brings overdue recognition to many World War II veterans who have yet to receive their rightful recognition and benefits compensation from the United States government, including but not limited to the Flying Tigers of WWII and the Women Airforce Service Pilots of WW II (WASPs). H. Res. 483 supports the goal and ideals of Veterans of Foreign Wars Day, September 29th. Since 1899 the VFW has been advocating and fighting for the rights and benefits of our veterans, making invaluable contributions to the national dialogue surrounding how to care for those who enable us to live in safety and peace. It is also my privilege to be a cosponsor of H.R. 1293, the "Disabled Veterans Home Improvement and Structural Alteration Grant Increase Act of 2009," which makes much needed increases in the amounts our service-connected disabled veterans can receive to make alterations to their homes that enable them and their families to live the most fulfilling lives possible. I would also like to thank, once again, Chairman FILNER and Congressman MICHAUD for their bills H.R. 2770 and H.R. 3155, respectively, both of which I supported in Committee, and which represent a step in the right direction for improving veterans' benefits and care. It is my hope that the House Committee on