

Of all her accomplishments, however, Mrs. Wynne was most proud of the legacy of her family. Those who know her well can attest that family was her first love. Born one of eight children and married 51 years, Mrs. Wynne certainly understood family. And as an enthusiastic Alabama football fan, she made certain that each of her children and grandchildren attended the University of Alabama. In the company of those most dear to her, she graciously entertained guests, and friends knew her as the epitome of a hospitable, Southern lady. It is said that rarely a day went by that she did not welcome visitors into her home.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a gracious host; a devoted family figure; and a respected woman of Mobile. Hallie will be dearly missed by her family—her daughter, Hallie Wall; her son, William W. Wynne, Jr.; her son, Phillip Andrew Wynne, Sr.; her granddaughters, Nancy Wynne Wall and Hallie Elizabeth Wynne; her grandson, Phillip Andrew Wynne, Jr.; a sister, Evelyn Botter Biretta Wilson; and a number of nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews—as well as the countless friends she leaves behind.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this difficult time.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. 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 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

The Electric Power Research Institute, Palo Alto, CA—\$1 million to develop ultra fast power processor for Smart Grid. Silicon Power located in Malvern, PA is a partner on this project.

FISCAL SOLVENCY OF CERTAIN TRUST FUNDS

SPEECH OF

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Budget Committee and House Financial Services Committee, one of my top priorities is to get the job engine running again in America. Over the past year, Congress has spent over \$1 trillion to get the economy moving again, but 2.6 million Americans have lost their jobs since President Obama took office and we have the highest unemployment rate in 25 years. Clearly, Washington Democrats' plan for economic recovery has been an abject failure.

I support policies that will provide struggling Texas small businesses with tax relief, enabling small businesses, which create 2 of every 3 jobs in America, to begin hiring workers. But we also must ensure that those who

have lost their jobs through no fault of their own have a temporary safety net to help them weather this economic storm. That is why I voted for H.R. 6867 on October 3, 2008. H.R. 6867 provides up to 59 weeks of unemployment compensation benefits, and I was pleased that it was signed into law on November 21, 2008.

The House recently considered H.R. 3357, which transferred \$7 billion from the General Fund to the Highway Trust Fund to cover a projected shortfall of funds. This legislation also would provide funds for the Unemployment Trust Fund.

I support those provisions that would ensure the Unemployment Trust Fund, which is the funding mechanism for federal unemployment compensation benefits, has the resources it needs. In these tough economic times, I know how important unemployment benefits are to those who have lost their job. I do not, however, support provisions of H.R. 3357 that would transfer \$7 billion from the General Fund to the Highway Trust Fund, as this would add \$7 billion to the deficit and send the bill to our children and grandchildren. While I support a first-class highway system and would not want to see the Highway Trust Fund run short of funds, simply adding \$7 billion to the deficit was not the solution to the Highway Trust Fund's problems. This \$7 billion is on top of an \$8 billion transfer in 2008 and the \$27 billion provided to the Highway Trust Fund in the so-called stimulus bill.

Unfortunately, Members of Congress have wasted billions of taxpayer dollars on transportation earmarks over the last decade, helping lead to the depletion of the fund. While not all earmarks are bad, too many have diverted funds from the fund to pay for the Bridge to Nowhere, parking garages and bike paths. Had Members of Congress spent Highway Trust Fund money more wisely, we may not have been forced to replenish the fund.

Even though I support the Unemployment Trust Fund provision of H.R. 3357, at a time when the federal government is running a record debt in excess of \$11 trillion, a projected record deficit of \$1.8 trillion, and a 9.5 percent unemployment rate that is the highest unemployment rate in over 25 years, I simply could not support a bill that would borrow \$7 billion and send the bill to future generations.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 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. 3326

Project name: Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) Simulation Integration Laboratory

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: RF PRODUCTS, INC.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1500 Davis Street, Camden, NJ 08103

Description of Request: Provides additional operational connectivity capabilities onboard aircraft that work to ensure the safety of ground personnel and prevent unplanned events including fratricide and wrong target hits. This capability will allow more information to be transmitted to the aircraft, such as an injured soldiers' medical record, or to the ground forces, such as real-time enemy locations.

Project name: Marine Mammal Detection System to Support Navy Training

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Navy Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Integrated Systems Solutions, Inc. (ISSI)

Address of Requesting Entity: Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division, Route 547, Building 195/Hangar 6, Lakehurst, NJ 08733

Description of Request: Providing the Navy with new technology to track marine mammals in coastal training areas from the air—providing habitat protection, offering environmentally enhanced tracking alternatives and saving training time and money. The funding will be allocated as follows: \$1,618,477 for salaries; \$148,715 for expendables such as aviation fuel; \$83,800 for direct travel; \$107,864 for direct material such as sensors and other electronic equipment; and \$41,144 for support equipment vehicles.

TEXAS H. CON. RES. 38

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, at the request of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas, I am officially entering Senate Concurrent Resolution 38, as passed by the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009 of the State of Texas, into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas, During the Vietnam War, the United States military sprayed more than 19 million gallons of Agent Orange and other herbicides over Vietnam to reduce forest cover and crops used by the enemy; these herbicides contained dioxin, which has since been identified as carcinogenic and has been linked with a number of serious and disabling illnesses now affecting thousands of veterans; and

Whereas, The United States Congress passed the Agent Orange Act of 1991 to address the plight of veterans exposed to herbicides while serving in the Republic of Vietnam; the Act amended Title 38 of the United States Code to presumptively recognize as service-connected certain diseases among military personnel who served in Vietnam between 1962 and 1975; this presumption has provided access to appropriate disability compensation and medical care for Vietnam veterans diagnosed with such illness as Type II diabetes, Hodgkin's disease, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, chronic lymphocytic leukemia, multiple myeloma, prostate cancer, respiratory cancers, and soft-tissue sarcomas; and

Whereas, Pursuant to a 2001 directive, United States Department of Veterans Affairs policy has denied the presumption of a service connection for herbicide-related illnesses to Vietnam veterans who could not