

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JOHN LINDER**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 2009*

Mr. LINDER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding that I requested as part of H.R. 3288, the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Representative JOHN LINDER

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Account: Federal Highway Administration Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Georgia Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 2 Capitol Square, S.W., Atlanta, GA 30334

Description of Request: This project will allow the Georgia Department of Transportation to make modifications to the I-85 interchange at Pleasant Hill Road. This will ease congestion and enhance access to I-85 for through traffic along Pleasant Hill Road. According to the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation, "the modifications will allow the interchange to meet increasing traffic demand along Pleasant Hill Road for travel across I-85, as well as to provide access to/from I-85 at adequate levels of service." Funding for this project will provide for preliminary engineering, environmental documentation, and right of way planning/acquisition phases to keep this plan on schedule and ease congestion.

MARKING PATH'S AWARD OF THE  
2009 CONRAD N. HILTON HUMANITARIAN PRIZE

**HON. JIM McDERMOTT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 2009*

Dr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I am proud and very pleased to rise today to inform the House of Representatives that the Washington State-based international nonprofit organization PATH has received the 2009 Hilton Humanitarian Prize—the world's largest humanitarian award—for its work to improve human health around the world. This annual award of \$1.5 million from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation acknowledges and advances the work of organizations dedicated to the relief of human suffering. Today, the Prize recognizes PATH's use of innovative technologies to solve global health problems. PATH is making an enormous difference in the health and lives of people around the world, and this award very appropriately affirms that work.

Headquartered in Seattle since its inception in 1977, PATH has helped to make Washington State an emerging center for global health solutions and life-changing innovations. PATH works in more than 70 countries to

tackle the most critical health issues, from malaria to HIV/AIDS to deadly childhood diseases. PATH shares its experience with policymakers and government partners through staff in its Washington, DC, and Bethesda, Maryland, offices.

PATH has pioneered sustainable, culturally relevant solutions to vexing health problems, enabling communities worldwide to break longstanding cycles of poor health. By collaborating with diverse public- and private-sector partners, PATH helps provide appropriate health technologies and vital strategies that change the way people think and act, and these changes, in turn, significantly improve global health and well-being.

PATH has received long-term support from the U.S. government throughout its life to develop health technologies for low-resource settings. It makes sure that industrialized-world solutions can be modified to serve developing countries and thereby maximize health equity. PATH has adapted, developed, or co-developed more than 85 technologies designed to improve the health and lives of people in low-resource countries, even in the most remote areas of the globe.

PATH's work to protect the lives of families and communities addresses international goals for improving maternal, newborn, and child health. For example, PATH paired the drug oxytocin—which can protect women from postpartum hemorrhage, the leading cause of maternal deaths—with its own invention, the Uniject device, a prefilled, single-use injection system. This combination allows women who give birth in rural health clinics or at home to receive a lifesaving dose of medicine when they desperately need it for survival. PATH also worked with a U.S. company to develop a small sticker called the vaccine vial monitor that changes color when temperature-sensitive vaccine has been exposed to heat, which often happens in resource-poor areas challenged with keeping medicines cool. This simple sticker means health workers don't have to guess whether vaccine has been damaged, and families can be assured their children are receiving potent, and often life-saving, vaccine.

These technologies are just two examples of how PATH provides imaginative solutions to ensure that important medicines and critical health interventions reach the people who need them most.

Profound health inequities persist around the world, but PATH's enlightening work shows us that solutions are at hand to solve the world's greatest health challenges. Please join me in applauding PATH's outstanding achievements and its selection as the winner of this year's Hilton Humanitarian Prize.

## HONORING REGINALD PALMER

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 2009*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Reginald R. Palmer. Sadly, Mr. Palmer passed away on August 3rd. His funeral was held in Flint, Michigan on August 15th.

Reginald Palmer was a member of Canaan Baptist Church, and served Our Lord, Jesus

Christ, through the Unity Choir and Canaan's Male Chorus. He was an attentive, conscientious member of his Church. His faithfulness to his Church community was a hallmark of his life.

His enthusiasm, hard work and resolute belief in a better world led him to become active in our political process. Reginald served as the Vice Chairperson for Precinct 20 and he knew and helped many of the residents of that area. He worked tirelessly for many years to elect candidates that would improve the lives of everyday citizens. Many elected officials, including Vera Rison, benefitted from Reginald's wisdom and loyalty. I have counted him among my supporters for many years and I will miss his insight and counsel.

He leaves behind his wife, Rosemary; daughters, Talishiya and Regina; and sons, Manus and Marshall; along with many other relatives and friends that bear witness to the good and fruitful life he lived.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and pay tribute to the passing of a great human being, a devoted servant of Our Lord, a determined worker for a better tomorrow, an excellent and loyal friend. I will deeply miss Reginald Palmer and it is with great sadness that I mourn his passing.

## HONORING MS. BETTY WRIGHT

**HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 2009*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize and honor Ms. Betty Wright, South Florida's very own recording artist who continues to contribute greatly to the musical landscape of not only Miami-Dade County, but of the Nation through her artistry and musical talent. She has influenced a generation of female singer-songwriters, as well as the world of hip hop.

A native Miamian, Ms. Wright was born on December 21, 1953. She began her music career with her family in a gospel group called the Echoes of Joy. In 1965, she began switching to R&B music when she was only 11 years old. She released her first album, *My First Time Around*, in 1968. Her first hit single was "Girls Can't Do What Guys Can Do." Toward the end of 1971, Ms. Wright's single "Clean Up Woman" became a Top 5 Pop and R&B hit, which later influenced artist, Mary J. Blige's "Real Love" with the sample of its guitar riffs. The single also influenced R & B group, SWV's single "I'm So In To You"; Afrika Bambaataa's song, "Zulu War Chant"; and Sublime's "Get Out!" remix. Additionally, R&B artist, Beyoncé has sampled "Girls Can't Do What The Guys Do" for her hit "Upgrade U."

Ms. Wright's other noted singles are "Tonight is the Night" (1974) and "Where Is the Love" (1975). "Where Is the Love" won a Grammy for Best R&B Song in 1975. After experiencing a brief slump in the early 1980s, she rebounded and found her own record label, Ms. B Records. In 1988, she made music history by becoming the first woman to have a gold record on her own label with the release of *Mother Wit*, which featured two of her most famous hits, "No Pain No Gain"

and the "After the Pain." On both songs, Ms. Wright displays her upper register capabilities and seven-octave range. In 2001, she released a compilation album, *The Very Best of Betty Wright*. Her first studio album, *Fit for a King*, was also released the same year.

Currently, Ms. Wright continues to record music and mentors several young singers. She has done vocal production for the likes of Gloria Estefan, Jennifer Lopez and Joss Stone.

Madam Speaker and my colleagues, I ask that you join me in honoring Ms. Betty Wright, a true beacon of hope and musical talent from the 17th Congressional District of Florida. She is an outstanding American worthy of our collective honor and appreciation. It is with deep respect and admiration that I commend Ms. Wright for sharing her beautiful talents with the rest of us. Through all of her adversity she continued to grace us with her gift of song.

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RECOGNIZING FRANK N. BARRETT  
OF CRYSTAL RIVER, FLORIDA

**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 2009*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Frank N. Barrett of Citrus County, Florida. In a couple of days, Frank will do something that all of us strive to do, but that very few of us will ever accomplish, celebrate his 100th birthday.

Born September 10, 1909 in East Orange, New Jersey, Frank is the oldest of seven children. He owned and operated a chemical and machinery business in Connecticut before he and his family moved to Florida more than 25 years ago. Frank is the loving father to six children, 11 grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren!

Frank loves to dance and has fond memories of teaching his wife and dancing partner of 52 years, Ingrid, the Tango.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in honoring Frank N. Barrett for reaching his 100th birthday. I hope we all have the good fortune to live as long as him.

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HONORING SHERYL BERRY

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 2009*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Sheryl Berry upon being named by the Madera District Chamber of Commerce as a 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award Honoree. Mrs. Berry was recognized on Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at the Fifth Annual Lifetime Achievement Awards and Installation Dinner.

Sheryl Berry was born at Dearborn Hospital in Madera, California to Bob and Merrill Howe. During her childhood she was surrounded by her brothers and cousins. Work and community service began at a young age for Mrs. Berry. At five years old, she became a member of Camp Fire and she had her first job at the age of eight, licking postage stamps at the family-owned business, TECO. She graduated from Madera Union High School and attended Fresno State.

Mrs. Berry has dedicated her entire life to family, career and community. As a worker for the family business, TECO, she became known for her high business standards, strong sense of loyalty to the customers and further creating a highly successful business. After forty years, Mrs. Berry retired from managing the business, allowing her to spend even more time in the community and with her family.

The Camp Fire experience was a lasting commitment for Mrs. Berry. She continued

with the organization through her high school years. In 1971 she became an active member of Algeria Guild for Children's Hospital Central California, where she served as treasurer, secretary and president in 1976. She remains an active member of the guild and recently received her thirty-five year pin. As her children were growing up, they became involved with 4-H and Mrs. Berry was right along with them, as the boys began their own beef cattle projects. She served as the project leader for eighteen years in the areas of citizenship, cultural exchange, outdoor camping and sewing. Mrs. Berry also served as the 4-H Co-Camp Director for ten years.

In 1985 Mrs. Berry became involved with the Madera County Historical Society, where she is the current president and has maintained that position for ten years. Through her involvement with the Historical Society, she became involved with the Madera Method Wagon Train. She has traveled trails with the Wagon Train through the Madera County foothills, to Stockton, California and to Houston, Texas.

For her community activities, Mrs. Berry has received multiple awards and honors including, the 1987 4-H "Outstanding Community Club Leader," Madera District Fair 1988 "Homemaker of the Year," California State University, Fresno Ag One "Women in Agriculture, Common Thread Award" in 2000 and the Madera County Historical Society "Presidential Fume Award" in 2005. Mrs. Berry has a life long history of working to create a better community in Madera.

Mrs. Berry has been married to Randy for thirty-three years. She has four sons and eleven grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Sheryl Berry upon being honored with the Madera Chamber of Commerce 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mrs. Berry many years of continued success.