

Club of Sault Ste. Marie has worked diligently to provide service to others, to promote high ethical standards, and to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace in Sault Ste. Marie and the surrounding areas.

One of the oldest Rotary Clubs in Michigan, the Sault Ste. Marie club was chartered on January 1, 1919. Since its inception the club has taken an active role in supporting and enriching individuals and projects that make Sault Ste. Marie a positive place to live and do business.

Service projects have been a continuing priority for the club. Each year members honor past president Charlie Graver with the Rotary Graver Auction, which has raised nearly \$150,000 to fund youth projects around the community. In the 1960s the Rotary Club built Rotary Park, where visitors can enjoy the view of the lake carriers in the St. Marys River. Today, Rotarians are rebuilding the park starting with the "Poppink Path" walkway. The club has also helped finance Project Playground and agreed to maintain it with yearly repairs and cleanups.

Recognizing the importance of education, the Rotary Club has established the William Poppink Distinguished Teacher Award given annually to one local elementary and secondary teacher recognized for their outstanding contribution to education. The club also presents students in the area with scholarships through the Sault Rotary Strahl Scholarship Fund. The club has raised thousands of dollars to support the community-based Soo Theatre Project, now teaching more than 400 students the arts and providing shows for the community at the historic Soo Theatre.

The Sault Ste. Marie Rotary Club has also done much for those in the community with intellectual disabilities. Members work closely with Special Olympics to staff events and hold an annual Special Olympics carnival. The club also hosts a Valentine's Day lunch each year for special education students in the area.

The club also reaches out beyond Sault Ste. Marie by giving area students the opportunity to go abroad and learn about new cultures in countries across the world. At the same time the club hosts young people from across the globe that come to Sault Ste. Marie to learn about life in the United States.

Madam Speaker, since the formation of the Sault Ste. Marie Rotary Club, members have continuously upheld their mission of, "Service Above Self." The Sault Ste. Marie area has benefited greatly from members' long tradition of community pride and dedication to fostering the ideal of service through action. Madam Speaker, I ask that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating the Sault Ste. Marie Rotary Club on its 90th anniversary as well as thanking members for their active involvement in the Sault Ste. Marie community.

HONORING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN'S NORTHWESTERN MILITARY ACADEMY

### HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2009*

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor St. John's Northwestern Military Academy and to recognize its 125th anniversary.

St. John's Military Academy was founded in 1884 in Delafield, Wisconsin, by Dr. Sidney T. Smythe with the goal of educating young men in a program of physical, moral and religious education that trained student character as well as mind.

The principles are echoed in the academy's motto, "Work Hard, Play Hard, Pray Hard." Dr. Smythe believed that the way to get the most out of a boy is to challenge him and to make him reach just a little farther than he had supposed his arms could stretch. From its small beginnings, the academy grew steadily as it became recognized as one of the leading schools of its kind in the Nation.

Northwestern Military Academy was established in 1888 in Highland Park, Illinois, by Harlan Page Davidson, whose philosophy of education was remarkably similar to Sidney Smythe. In addition to academic classes, cadets participated in athletics, gymnastics, drill instruction and bayonet practice. In 1911, naval training was added to the academy's program and the name was changed to Northwestern Military & Naval Academy, gaining national recognition as an educational experience with a military emphasis.

In 1995, St. John's Military Academy, and Northwestern Military & Naval Academy joined to become St. John's Northwestern Military Academy, located at the St. John's 110-acre campus in Delafield. Though the emphasis has shifted away from the military arts of an earlier day, the discipline, self-confidence, loyalty and camaraderie remain just as strong today. Shaped by each school's strong history, common goals and similar philosophies, the academy continues its long tradition of education and leadership with honor.

### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2009*

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican adopted standards on earmarks, I submit the below detailed explanation of the cancer research facility.

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

Provisions/Account: Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services Account

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria, located at One Illini Drive, Peoria, Illinois 61605.

Description of Request: The funding would be used finance the construction of a cancer research facility.

### RECOGNIZING BRAD HICKS

### HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2009*

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Brad

Hicks, the president and CEO of the Chamber of Medford/Jackson County headquartered in Medford, Oregon.

Brad has deep and enduring roots in southern Oregon that have grounded his personal and professional life in special ways. He treasures the beautiful Rogue Valley in which he was raised and where he and his lovely wife, Kimberly, have chosen to raise their son, Jonathan. Brad's love of southern Oregon and his steadfast belief in its bright future have driven his chamber career along a steady path of unselfish service to the Rogue Valley.

Brad grew up in Grants Pass, Oregon and graduated with a degree in political science from Southern Oregon State College, now known as Southern Oregon University. After public service as an aide to members of the state legislature and the U.S. Congress, Brad returned home to southern Oregon in 1993 where he began his chamber management career as membership director of the Chamber of Medford/Jackson County. Brad was mentored by a chamber legend, Bill Haas, who taught him the essentials of running an effective chamber.

In 1994 Brad became advertising sales director, and then marketing director in 1995, serving in that capacity until being selected to his current position when Bill Haas retired at the end of 1999.

Under Brad's leadership as president and CEO, the Chamber of Medford/Jackson County has grown to be the largest chamber in Oregon, far surpassing the membership of chambers in much larger communities. The Chamber of Medford/Jackson County has not only grown significantly, it has been recognized repeatedly for its effective service to the community. Theirs is the model that other chambers follow for membership growth, political involvement, and communications with the membership.

Brad gives greatly of himself to his community and to his profession. He has served ably on a long list of local boards, commissions, and philanthropic endeavors. Brad has served on the United States Chamber of Commerce West Institute Board of Regents, the American Chamber of Commerce Executives Board of Directors, and the Northwest Chamber Leaders. Brad is a past president of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, and was named that organization's Chamber Executive of the Year in 2006. Brad was also recently awarded the 2008 Western Association of Chamber Executives' "Executive of the Year" award.

Madam Speaker, Brad Hicks is an impactful leader who makes a difference in his community. He brings considerable skills and experience to his service to others and he never rests in his constant personal and professional growth.

However, it is Brad's latest accomplishment that compels me to address this body today. Through years of hard work and dedication, Brad recently joined a very elite group of chamber executives when he achieved the status of certified chamber executive, or CCE as it is known in the chamber profession. In the past 38 years, fewer than 460 chamber executives have achieved the coveted CCE level. The CCE program is designed to assess a senior manager's knowledge of the four core chamber management areas: management, planning and development, membership, communications, and operations.

The CCE earned by Brad is a national recognition of his commitment to his profession,