

Nelson's wife, Judy, retired from Y-12 two years ago. They have two daughters and five grandchildren, all living in Loudon County.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WEST END SILVER POINT CHURCH

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of the founding of the West End Church of Christ congregation in Silver Point, Tennessee.

In 1909, Pastor George Phillip "G.P." Bowser relocated the Laurel Hill congregation to Silver Point and established the Putnam County Normal and Industrial Orphanage to provide housing, education, vocation, and religious instruction to the African American children of the region. In 1913, the school became the Silver Point Christian Institute, educating grades one through eight. A small printing press was operated by the school, which led to the development of the Christian Echo—a publication that is still printed today.

By 1915, the church and school combined into the West End Church of Christ Silver Point. A new building was constructed, which still stands to this day. In December 2007, the building was included in the National Register of Historic Places by the U.S. National Park Service.

The geographically isolated Highland Rim area of Middle Tennessee has always focused on small-scale agriculture and timber resources grouped into small towns. Farms were tended by individual families with little outside help. Until the early 20th century, these small communities in Silver Point had few religious organizations and even fewer schools. Classes were often taught in buildings that could not afford proper maintenance or enough supplies for students.

The school that Pastor Bowser established in 1915 provided the young children of the community with educational opportunities never before seen in the area. Though the school closed in 1959, the Church remains active.

Many prominent and nationally-acclaimed leaders have been personally involved with the Church, including Sam Womack, Alexander Campbell, Marshall Keeble, Henry Clay, J.S. Winston, R.N. Hogan, G.E. Stewart, and Levi Kennedy.

Through its 100 year history, the West End Church of Christ in Silver Point has provided a place of identity and congregation for the African American community of western Putnam County. I congratulate the congregation on its centennial anniversary.

SUPPORTING THE MISSION AND GOALS OF NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the observance of National

Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This October 2009, we celebrate the 25th anniversary of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and honor those women who lost their lives to the disease, along with those who are fighting the disease and those who are survivors.

For the past quarter century, October has been dedicated to the awareness and education of breast cancer. This monthly observance, most notably marked by the color pink which is now recognized worldwide as the color of breast cancer awareness, has also allowed us to trace the tremendous milestones in science and innovation that are producing promising results to combat the disease, such as proven better treatment and lower fatality rates.

I am currently a co-sponsor of H.R. 1691: The "Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2009" introduced in this Congress by my colleague from Connecticut, Rep. ROSA DELAURO. The legislation requires health plans to provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations. Currently, the legislation is before the House Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means and Education and Labor. I urge my colleagues to take steps toward bringing this legislation for a vote on the House floor as soon as possible.

This year alone, more than 190,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed among women in the United States, and an estimated 40,170 women are expected to die from the disease. With those statistics in mind, I encourage all women over the age of 40 to put their health first this month. That may mean taking precautionary steps, such as doing yearly mammograms and other early detection procedures.

On this silver anniversary of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, I honor those women who are currently fighting the disease and extend to them my warmest blessings for a speedy recovery.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information in regards to H.R. 2997, the Fiscal Year 2010 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: JO ANN EMERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Missouri-Columbia

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Park DeVille Drive, Suite E, Columbia, MO

Description of Request: Provide \$1,339,000 for the Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute to provide objective, quantitative economic analysis of agricultural policy alternatives. Approximately \$188,000 or 14% will be used to continue a cooperative agreement with the University of Wisconsin relating to

dairy policy; \$340,000 or 25% will be used to conduct analysis of rangeland, cattle and hay, sheep and specialty crops with the University of Nevada—Reno; \$811,000 or 61% will be divided between the University of Missouri and Iowa State University to provide a ten-year baseline and policy analysis for U.S. and world agriculture.

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Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Missouri-Columbia

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Park DeVille Drive, Suite E, Columbia, MO

Description of Request: Provide \$595,000 for the Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute (FAPRI) and the Agricultural and Food Policy Center (AFPC) to provide Congress with information regarding farm financial risk and farm structure and the impacts of alternative agricultural policies on these factors. Approximately \$244,000 or 41% is for FAPRI at the University of Missouri to provide stochastic and deterministic baseline and policy scenarios, and \$351,000 or 59% is for AFPC at Texas A&M University to provide representative farm analysis.

Requesting Member: JO ANN EMERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Missouri-Columbia Delta Research Center

Address of Requesting Entity: Highway 61, Portageville, MO 63873

Description of Request: Provide \$174,000 for the University of Missouri—Delta Research Center to continue research on rice production in the mid-South. Approximately \$140,610 will be for multiple personnel costs, \$29,000 for materials and supplies, and \$5,000 for other costs.

Requesting Member: JO ANN EMERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Missouri-Columbia

Address of Requesting Entity: 214 Middlebush Hall, Columbia, Missouri 65211

Description of Request: Provide \$889,000 for the Rural Policies Institute to provide unbiased analysis and information on the challenges, needs, and opportunities in rural people and places; and to spur public dialogue and help policymakers understand the impacts of public policies and programs on rural people and places. Salaries and fringe benefits \$654,000 or 74%, for Center Investments \$60,000 or 7%, for conferences and events \$50,000 or 6%, for consultants \$25,000 or 2%, for office expenses \$40,000 or 4%, for travel \$60,000 or 7%.

Requesting Member: JO ANN EMERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Missouri-Columbia Delta Research Center

Address of Requesting Entity: Highway 61, Portageville, MO 63873

Description of Request: Provide \$556,000 for continued soybean cyst nematode research at the University of Missouri—Delta Research Center. Of the \$556,000, 85% is for salaries and benefits, the remaining 15% is for

travel, supplies, and costs for a winter seed nursery.

Requesting Member: JO ANN EMERSON
Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service—Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Bootheel Resource Conservation and Development, Inc.
Address of Requesting Entity: 18450 Ridgeview Lane, Dexter, MO 63841

Description of Request: Provide \$207,000 to the USDA—APHIS—Wildlife Services in Southeast Missouri. Of the \$207,000, 80% would be utilized for salaries and benefits, 17% for APHIS—Wildlife Services program support and 3% for vehicle maintenance and fuel. A portion of the operating budget will also be provided by local municipalities, commodity organizations and university support.

Requesting Member: JO ANN EMERSON
Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: General Provision

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Congressional Hunger Center

Address of Requesting Entity: Hall of States Building, 400 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite G100, Washington, DC 20001

Description of Request: Provide \$3,000,000 for the Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellowship Program and the Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellowship Program. Of the \$3,000,000 in funding 54% would be for salaries, benefits, healthcare and other costs associated with the Emerson National Hunger Fellowship Program and 46% for similar costs associated with the Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellowship Program.

Requesting Member: JO ANN EMERSON
Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Agriculture Research Service—Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry

Address of Requesting Entity: 203 Anheuser-Busch Natural Resources Building, Columbia, Missouri, 65211

Description of Request: Provide \$660,000 to support research on viable alternative production and protection options to help revitalize the economic and environmental health of rural farms and communities in Missouri and surrounding states. Approximately, \$438,882 [or 66%] is for salary and fringe to support professional track faculty, research associates, field research specialists, graduate and undergraduate students; \$201,982 [or 31%] for materials and supplies in support of laboratory and field-based research on campus and at five MU farms and centers; \$19,137 [or 3%] for travel.

Requesting Member: JO ANN EMERSON
Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—Research and Education Activities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Center for Grapevine Biotechnology at Missouri State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 9740 Red Spring Road, Mountain Grove, Missouri, 65711

Description of Request: Provide \$422,000 to research the ability of wild grapevines to defend themselves against pathogens, and their capacity to synthesize health-promoting properties. Of the funds available 46% for salary and benefits, 21% for other direct costs including materials and supplies, and 25% for F&A.

TRIBUTE TO BILL HARRISON

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Bill Harrison, the recently retired president of the Coweta County Development Authority, who died September 29 after a battle with cancer.

I had the great privilege of knowing Bill personally. He was a professional, a dedicated husband and father, an avid outdoorsman, and an all-around great guy.

He put his heart and soul into bringing new businesses and opportunities to Coweta County, and that's how he and I became acquainted. He would take business recruits under his wing like a mother hen. He would often bring them into my district office personally, assuring they had a friendly, familiar face in the room and that they got all of their needs met and all of their questions answered. He also saw to it that nothing got lost in translation between us Georgians and our international business partners.

As the Newnan Times-Herald reported upon his death, "Harrison assisted with locations or expansions of numerous companies, including PetSmart, SYGMA Networking, Kingwasong, Winpak Films, D&H Distribution, and MC Pre-cast. He considered the planned location of the Cancer Treatment Centers of America to Coweta County the highlight of his professional career."

It's fitting that his crowning achievement will be a center to fight the ravages of cancer, the disease that took him from us much too soon. The cancer treatment center will bring at least 500 new jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars in economic impact for Coweta County.

When Bill retired this summer, the Times-Herald editorialized: "Bill Harrison is a good guy. If he were in an old western movie, he would be wearing a white hat. . . . When Harrison took the economic development job in Coweta, our community's industry-recruiting effort was a mess. It was fragmented. There was no single go-to person or organization. It had gotten so bad that prospects would simply look elsewhere. That changed after Harrison was hired to preside over the Development Authority and that group became the go-to agency here."

Bill was more than a fierce advocate for the community; he was also a beloved figure. On a web site set up for his family, more than 2,000 people expressed their condolences.

All of Coweta County mourns the loss of our dear friend Bill Harrison. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife of 43 years, Virginia Heitzman Harrison, and their family.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HOWARD CHO, PRESIDENT OF CVE TECHNOLOGY GROUP IN PLANO

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, congratulations are in order for Howard Cho, president of CVE Technology Group in Plano.

It is an honor and a privilege to salute him for winning the distinguished Minority Manufacturer of the Year Award. Presented on behalf of the United States Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency, this prestigious award pays tribute to the minority entrepreneurs who have demonstrated industry leadership, business success, and community impact.

Founded by President Cho in New Jersey in 1986, the company specializes in consumer electronics, has revenues of \$50 million and employs over 1,200 people. In 2002, CVE Technology Group relocated to Plano, Texas, where it now provides refurbishment of cell phones and remanufacturing business with Samsung Telecommunications America, LLC. CVE plans for more growth through continued cellular phone manufacturing, expanding their operation and sales revenue.

In fact, the city of Plano honored Mr. Cho and the company with a citation creating "CVE Technology Group Day."

Economic data demonstrates minority-owned firms are poised to generate long-term employment and economic growth in their communities. Howard Cho's CVE Technology Group in Plano is a shining example of that.

Congratulations again, and thank you, to Mr. Cho and CVE Technology Group in Plano, Texas. I salute you.

TRIBUTE TO BEN LEWIS ATUAHENE

HON. THOMAS S.P. PERRIELLO

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. PERRIELLO. Madam Speaker, Ben Lewis Atuahene—also known as Kofi Kwarteng—was born to Dora Yaa Akyea Kyerematen and Samuel Kwadwo Atuahene on January 23, 1942 in Kumasi, Ghana. He attended Ghana National Secondary School in Cape Coast and briefly worked at the President's Castle in Ghana before moving to London, England in 1965 to study law. In 1969, he was admitted to the Honorable Society of the Inner Temple, and was called to the Bar in 1971. During that same time he met and married the love of his life, Beatrice Achampong, in London. They later moved to New York in 1972, where they started their family. Opportunities arose for the couple in California and they moved with their two daughters, Nannette and Bernadette, to Los Angeles in 1976, where he began work as legal counsel for C & R Clothiers in Culver City. In 1984, he passed the California Bar and immediately began the independent law practice he ran until his untimely death. Ben was an invaluable asset to the Ghanaian community and touched the lives of thousands of people through his legal practice, philanthropy, and mentorship. Ben's untiring generosity, strength of character, determination to succeed, and desire to make those around him realize their full potential survive in his daughters, Nannette and Bernadette, and his grandchildren, Abdeena, Aliue, Alim, and Afia Nyarko. He is also survived by brothers, Yaw Kankam, Oppong, Frimpong, Dixon, Kwame, Ernest, and sister, Eva Atuahene, as well as extended family both here and abroad. Ben will be deeply missed by his family and his