

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. HARPER. 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. 2996—Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman GREGG HARPER

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Project Name: Mississippi State Natural Resources Economic Enterprises Program

Project Amount: \$350,000

Agency: Fish and Wildlife Service

Account: Research Management

Recipient and Address: Mississippi State University, P.O. Box 9800, Mississippi State, MS 39762

Description of Request: The integrated extension—research program promotes a sustainable/profitable conservation ethic among landowners, managers, and communities that includes recreational enterprises with fish, wildlife, and forest/agricultural land. It is imperative that we (1) have a long-term interdisciplinary research program, (2) monitor economic impact to rural communities, (3) develop educational curricula and training materials, and (4) demonstrate successful integrated wildlife—forest—agricultural business strategies to promote rural development and family farm incomes.

### RECOGNIZING THE PASSING OF W.A. JAKE JERNIGAN

#### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. W.A. “Jake” Jernigan, a Northwest Florida leader who passed away on October 9, 2009. Jake Jernigan spent his life serving our community and our country, and I am proud to honor his lifetime of dedication and service.

Born on October 20, 1919 in Baker, Florida, Jake Jernigan was the second child of Walter and Addie Cobb Jernigan. He lived on the Cobb family farm until moving to Crestview, Florida to attend grade school. In 1937, Jake enrolled at the University of Florida. However, the call of duty interrupted his education, and Jake joined the United States Army to serve during World War II. After his distinguished military service, he returned to the University of Florida where he met the future Senator George Smathers, working as a volunteer on Smathers’ student body president campaign.

After graduating in 1942 with a degree in education, Jake returned to Crestview and

taught for a short time at Laurel Hill before founding the Jernigan Insurance Agency and the Jernigan Construction Company. In 1950, he married Claire Covell of DeFuniak Springs, Florida. Jake developed the first affordable housing subdivision in Crestview in 1954 and he also founded the First National Bank of Crestview in 1956, where he served as its first chairman for ten years.

Jake also continued his life of public service as a member of the Crestview City Council and as a founder of the Okaloosa County Island Authority. In 1950 and again in 1960, he served as his old friend George Smathers’ Northwest Florida Senate campaign chairman. Later in 1960, he served as John F. Kennedy’s Northwest Florida campaign chairman.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize the life of Jake Jernigan. He will always be remembered by all of us in Northwest Florida as a true community leader. My wife Vicki and I offer our continued prayers for his children, Jill, Jan, Jack, Jenny, Tracey, and George, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire extended family as we remember and honor the life of Jake Jernigan.

### CONGRESSMAN BROWN THANKS MEMBERS OF THE CHARLESTON TEA PARTY AND ALL RESI- DENTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA’S FIRST DISTRICT WHO PARTICI- PATED IN THE HEALTH CARE “HOUSE CALL” ON WASHINGTON

#### HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to personally thank members of the Charleston Tea Party and all residents of South Carolina’s first district who took time out of their busy schedules and made the long bus trip to Washington to participate in the Health Care “House Call” on Washington on Thursday, November 5, 2009.

I was proud to stand with my constituents on the steps of the Capitol as we voiced our opposition towards the Democrats’ health care bill. I greatly appreciate the time and effort of my constituents who are dedicated to the future of health care in South Carolina and I am proud to say I voted no on H.R. 3962.

### AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE FOR AMERICA ACT

SPEECH OF

#### HON. KURT SCHRADER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, November 7, 2009

Mr. SCHRADER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have cast an historic vote to overhaul

America’s failing health care system today. Controlling escalating health care costs is essential to getting our nation’s fiscal picture under control. For the first time in our country’s history it has brought consumers, businesses and providers to the table in a united effort to control costs, make health care affordable and improve our health outcomes. I have always said that if you like your current health care you need to be in favor of reform because you will not be able to afford that same level of care if the status quo persists.

H.R. 3962 prohibits exclusions based on preexisting conditions. It forbids the cancellation of your health care because you have suffered an illness or injury. It makes sure that everyone shares appropriately in the benefits and costs of affordable health care reform. Americans will no longer be one illness or job loss away from bankruptcy. It guarantees basic benefits for all Americans and allows competition across state lines to reduce costs.

H.R. 3962 makes major reforms in our health care delivery system that we have not had the political courage to do for years. Major improvements in Medicare and Medicaid save over \$400 billion while still expanding services to our seniors. I am pleased the House bill contains a section on Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER). However, I believe the CER provisions contained within the bill could use significant improvement to ensure the research that is conducted is protected from undue political influence from the government. Earlier this year I introduced H.R. 2502, the Comparative Effectiveness Research Act of 2009. My bill reinforces a core principal of health care that patients and doctors should be making medical decisions. It would establish an independent institute charged with coordinating and guiding comparative effectiveness research programs. By streamlining access to the latest medical research, doctors can make sound decisions that will improve the health of their patients and ultimately lower costs by reducing the number of redundant and ineffective treatments. This is the approach that has guided CER efforts in the Senate and it is my intention to work closely with the House leadership and the conference committee to ensure any final compromise establishes a public-private institute outside of government to guide the research and ensure it will be independent, credible, and protected from political influence.

It begins to emphasize, and pay for early, intervention and prevention to keep people healthy and reduce costs. H.R. 3962 puts \$34 billion is put into wellness and prevention programs and developing the primary care network needed to provide timely service to all Americans. Rural America also gets particular attention in the bill with loan forgiveness and incentive programs.

America’s senior citizens do particularly well under this legislation. In addition to modernizing and reducing costs, Medicare improvements allow seniors to keep more assets and still access subsidies. The new bill fixes the donut hole sooner and allows more drug price-

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