

he was the first African American to serve as Health Educator for the District of Columbia Health Department. He was the first African American to be elected to the Montgomery County, Maryland Board of Education and served for many years on the Board of Visitors for the Maryland School for the Deaf.

From 1966 to 1994, Mr. Daugherty worked for the U.S. Public Health Service in a variety of positions. He was committed to improving the Nation's health care, particularly the underserved—rural and urban poor and minorities, coal miners, migrant workers, and incarcerated individuals. For his dedicated and tireless efforts, he received numerous awards and recognition, including the U.S. Public Health Service's "Administrator's Award for Excellence." The Mississippi Medical and Surgical Association honored Mr. Daugherty for his "dogged determination and work with divergent groups in a leading role to establish many community health centers throughout Mississippi and the South in the 1960s and 1970s—a time when racial injustice was one of the main barriers that separated black Americans from adequate health care."

In 1975, Mr. Daugherty was one of five co-founders of "Blacks in Government" and served as the first chairman of the national organization. This organization was formed to address the needs of African Americans in public service with the goal of promoting excellence in public service, equity in all aspects of American life and opportunity for all Americans.

Montgomery County, Maryland, declared July 28, 2009, "James Harden Daugherty Buffalo Soldier Day." Mr. Daugherty also was recognized for his contributions by Maryland's Governor and was recently interviewed by Smithsonian Magazine and National Public Radio.

Mr. Daugherty is a man of courage and integrity who has been a role model through his inspirational life of service to our Nation, especially to the underserved and needy. Mr. Daugherty's desire to share his story in his memoir allows all of us to benefit from his experiences.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mr. James Harden "Pat" Daugherty for his life of achievement and service.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 7, 2009

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, I am submitting the following: in regards to my bill, H.R. 1854 to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 to modify an environmental infrastructure project for Big Bear Lake, California.

Agency: Army Corps of Engineers
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Big Bear Department of Water and Power
Address of Requesting Entity: 41972 Garstin Drive, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

Description of Request: The city of Big Bear Lake delivers its potable water from 70 year old 2-inch diameter pipes that have led to declining water quality at the faucet, massive unaccounted for water loss, and most dangerously—low water pressure.

Because of this lack of water pressure the city does not have the capability to effectively fight a fire of size within city boundaries. Big Bear exists within the San Bernardino National Forest one of the most high risk zones for wildfire in the State of California. It has also led to rampant power consumption to move water through the system making Big Bear Lake the second highest rate payer in the region.

This bill will modify an existing authorization for Big Bear Department of Water and Power and reduce the previously authorized amount by \$3,000,000.

Amount: \$9,000,000

RECOGNIZING THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE TENNESSEE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD'S 278TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 7, 2009

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, two days ago, thousands of Tennessee's finest men and women boarded buses and began the first leg of a long journey that will eventually lead them to the other side of the globe. Tennessee's largest National Guard unit, the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, has received its orders and begun its deployment—first to Camp Shelby, MS, and then on to Iraq.

The 278th has proven itself to be an essential part of our Nation's Army. Without the citizen-soldiers that make up today's National Guard, our ability to defend ourselves and our allies would be severely diminished. A long deployment is very difficult, however, and for many of these soldiers this is not their first deployment. I hope these soldiers know how valuable, essential, and honored their service to our country is.

I specifically think today of Troop A, 278th Support Squadron, based in Lobelville, Tennessee. These fine men and women were appropriately honored by their community on December 4, and I know will fulfill the high expectations placed upon them by their commanders and perform admirably.

I ask my colleagues to lift up the 278th ACR in prayer, to honor the sacrifice their service represents, and support their families in every way possible.

IN HONOR OF LEE MATHEWS

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 7, 2009

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of Mr. Lee Mathews, the Director of Edison Job Corps Academy in Edison New Jersey, who passed away November 29, 2009 at the age of 57. Mr. Mathews served as an anti-drug advocate and spokesman for youth issues in his position as Director of Edison Job Corps Academy, and previously in his position as Director of the South Bronx Job Corps Center. Both institutions were nationally recognized, and Mr. Mathews had himself been recognized with the

National Award for being involved with the most innovative Job Corps Program in his last 3 years with Edison Job Corps.

When ResCare took control of the Edison Job Corps Center in November 1995, the center was rated 100 out of 109 and had an exceedingly poor image in the community. Mr. Mathews was able to improve the performance of the center to over 110 percent of the Department of Labor standard. Under the helm of Mr. Mathews, the program rose to prominence, ranking 21st out of 123 in the country.

By establishing relationships with companies like Aamco Transmission, Roto Rooter, and AT&T, Mr. Mathews revolutionized Edison Job Corps Academy's vocational training and made it into a model program that Job Corps programs nationwide are seeking to imitate and follow.

While the death of Mr. Mathews comes as a great loss to Job Corps, it comes as a greater loss to the State of New Jersey. His efforts and advocacy for youth issues will be greatly missed, though his legacy will live on through his accomplishments and work.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in celebrating the life of Mr. Lee Mathews, as our State remembers his determination and excellent service.

HONORING RONALD McDONALD CHARITIES OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 7, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Ronald McDonald Charities of the Central Valley upon 25 years of service. The organization will celebrate its 25th anniversary on Saturday, November 14, 2009 at the Third Annual Red Heart Ball held in Fresno, California.

Ronald McDonald Charities of the Central Valley operates the Central Valley Ronald McDonald House that is affiliated with Children's Hospital Central California. The current house was built in 2001 and is adjacent to Children's Hospital. The 3-winged home has 18 bedrooms with multiple recreation and relaxation rooms. The house provides services for the families of the patients at Children's Hospital. These services include home cooked meals, private bedrooms and bathrooms, playrooms for children, recreational activities, toiletries and laundry materials, emotional support and clothing when necessary. It has been found that being just steps away from their sick child, along with the services offered, reduces a tremendous amount of stress for families and the patients. Further, children who are near their families while ill are more likely to heal faster.

Currently, the Ronald McDonald House runs at 99 percent occupancy. In recent years, hundreds of families have been turned away. With fundraisers, amazing support from the community and a recent 8-acre land donation adjacent to Children's Hospital, the Ronald McDonald House is looking to create a larger home in the future to meet the increasing demands for the services that they provide.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Ronald McDonald Charities