

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE IN THE STORIED HISTORY OF THE TRI-CITY RECORD

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a cornerstone of our community, the Tri-City Record, which is currently celebrating its 25th year with Anne and Karl Bayer at the helm. Since its founding as the Weekly Record in 1882, the Tri-City Record has been a lifeline for southwest Michigan, reliably keeping folks informed on significant news and community events.

What began as the Weekly Record became the Watervliet Record in 1884. Through the years, with only a handful of owners, the newspaper grew to report not only on news in the city of Watervliet, but also the surrounding communities of Coloma and Hartford. A century after the first name change, the newspaper was purchased by Anne and Karl Bayer in 1984, and soon became the Tri-City Record.

Under the Bayer family's stewardship, countless residents have come to rely upon the Tri-City Record to stay connected with the community and keep up on current events. I commend the Tri-City Record's rich tradition of excellence and proud history of reporting to Coloma, Hartford, Watervliet and across the State of Michigan.

As the newspaper industry across the Nation has been strained during the digital age, the Tri-City Record continues to be a jewel in our corner of southwest Michigan. I salute Anne and Karl Bayer and the entire staff on reaching this milestone and wish them continued success for many years to come.

Twenty-five years later and still going strong, the Bayers represent a most important chapter in the storied history of the Tri-City Record.

THANKING JOHN BRANDT FOR 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a broadcasting icon in western Nebraska, John Brandt. Yesterday, Ogallala joined together to thank John for his 40 years of broadcasting service to the area.

A 1963 graduate of Superior High School in Superior, Nebraska, John has been a fixture on the airwaves for listeners in my district since December of 1969.

Never one to shy away from the hard-hitting questions, John earned his reputation as being a tough but fair interviewer, whose only motivation was to provide his listeners with the most up-to-date information available.

He has given back to the Ogallala community in so many ways and I fully expect this service to continue. I wish him well as he continues to serve the community and our State as a whole.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2996—Interior and Environment Appropriations Act, 2010:

1. Project Name—Walkkill River National Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition Project
Requesting Member—SCOTT GARRETT
Bill Number—H.R. 2996, Interior and Environment Appropriations Act, 2010

Account—U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Land Acquisition

Requesting Entity—U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service/Walkkill River National Wildlife Refuge, 1547 County Route 565, Sussex, NJ 07461

Description of the Project—This funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund will further consolidate refuge ownership and important habitat, increase recreational opportunities within the refuge, and maintain the water quality in the Highlands region of New Jersey. The national wildlife refuge system was created to ensure protection of ecologically sensitive wildlife species and the Walkkill River NWR was added to the system because of the importance of the biodiversity along the river. Adding these 237 acres to the refuge would also meet the criteria of the Land and Water Conservation Fund by providing additional opportunities for public recreation, outdoor education and research, and by protecting open space and habitat for wildlife, including endangered and threatened species, in our rapidly developing state.

Description of the Spending Plan—(\$1,400,000)

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Total—\$1,400,000

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, I was absent from votes on December 14, 2009 due to a medical appointment. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 969 and "yea" on rollcall 970.

JASON FABINI'S SERVICE IN THE NFL

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

Mr. SOUDER. Madam Speaker, today on the floor of the House of Representatives I would like to recognize the amazing accomplishments of Jason Fabini of Indiana. As an eleven year veteran of the National Football League Jason was a member of three teams, playing under five coaches. Mr. Fabini began his football career in Fort Wayne, Indiana at Bishop Dwenger High School. A standout high-school athlete, Mr. Fabini was recruited to play football at the University of Cincinnati.

As a Cincinnati Bearcat Fabini truly developed his skills, and prepared for a lengthy career in the National Football League. While at Cincinnati, Fabini was a three-time All-Conference USA selection. As a sophomore, Fabini started every game and was named to the third-team All National Independent list. His growth continued when, in his junior year, he received Cincinnati's top award for an offensive lineman—the John Pease Award. In the 1997 season Fabini helped lead the Bearcats to their first bowl-game victory in 47 years.

In the 1998 NFL Draft, the New York Jets selected Jason Fabini as their fourth round pick. As a rookie for the Jets, Fabini started all sixteen games. In his second season with New York, Jason suffered a setback when he tore his ACL in a game against the New England Patriots. While Fabini was forced to miss the last seven games of his second season in the NFL due to his knee injury, he persevered and returned to the field ready to play the following season. In 2000, when Jason Fabini returned to the Jets' starting offensive line, he led the offensive to a tie with the Indianapolis Colts for fewest sacks allowed, 20. In recognition of Fabini's return to play after his injury, the New York Jets awarded him the Ed Block Courage Award in 2000. While with the New York Jets Fabini paved the way for Curtis Martin, RB, to rush over 1,000 yards in seven consecutive seasons, 1998–2004, and in 2004 helped Martin set a club record for most yards rushed in a single season, 1,697 yards. In 2004, Fabini started his 100th career game against the Arizona Cardinals.

In 2006 Fabini went to play for the Dallas Cowboys. During his year with the Cowboys, Fabini played fifteen games for Dallas.

In 2007 Jason Fabini signed with the Washington Redskins, a Dallas rival. As a Redskin, Fabini played in all sixteen games, starting in 13 of them. His versatility as a lineman was truly an asset for Washington and helped Clinton Portis, RB, rush for over 1,200 yards. In 2007, in a game against his old team, the New York Jets, Fabini lead the offensive line to block for 296 yards, the third-highest single-game rushing total in Washington Redskins' history.

In February of 2009 Fabini was inducted into the University of Cincinnati Athletics Hall of Fame.

Jason Fabini has had a long, successful football career. He played in over 152 games, starting over 129 of those games. Throughout his career, Fabini started in eight postseason