

of science, learning and applying the best instructions and strategies available. Most importantly, Pamela listens intently to the needs of her students and shares her awareness with colleagues.

Pamela is also credited with leading Maine School Administrative District 59's success in obtaining and implementing two consecutive science grants from the Maine Mathematics and Science Alliance. She has served on the Leadership Design Team since its inception in 2004, spearheading the integration of formative assessment probes, new science literature and science notebooks in a program that provides science kits to kindergarten through fifth grade classes. She piloted the new strategies developed under the grants and shared her successes with the K-12 Science Design Team, which led to the creation of a professional development plan for the entire district science staff.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Pamela Thompson for her life-long dedication and service to her community and the education of Maine's students.

HONORING THE BOURBON COUNTY
HIGH SCHOOL BAND FOR WIN-
NING CLASS A CHAMPION IN THE
BANDS OF AMERICA NATIONAL
COMPETITION

HON. BEN CHANDLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. CHANDLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of a special group of students in my congressional district. In November, the Bourbon County High School Marching Colonels became Class A champion at the prestigious Bands of America Grand Nationals competition for the second year in a row, placing first out of 91 marching bands from across the nation. I am proud to be able to address the accomplishments of such a talented group of students who are more than deserving of our recognition.

The Bourbon County High School Band, led by directors Eric and Nadine Hale and Kevin Akers, has enjoyed great success recently. In addition to their national championship—a prize considered to be the most prestigious award a marching band can win—they won the Class AAA title at the Kentucky Music Educators' Association championship just one week earlier. At the national championship, the 80-member band had the honor of performing for 25,000 people at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. Winning one championship would be quite an accomplishment for any band, but that the Bourbon County Band has now won back-to-back national titles shows just how talented this group of young men and women is.

Madam Speaker, the Bourbon County Marching Colonels' unprecedented success is truly deserving of praise and recognition. I believe that educating our young adults in music and the arts is important in continuing to foster our great American culture, and it is with great pride that I rise today to acknowledge the successes of these extremely talented and accomplished young men and women.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure information for project requests that I made and which were included within H.R. 3326, the "Department of Defense Appropriations Act, FY2010."

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: OP—Army

Project Amount: \$5,000,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: TN Army National Guard, Houston Barracks, 3041 Sidco Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37204

Description of Request: The funding would be used to allow Army National Guard trainers (both fielded and yet-to-be procured) to network together on a Combined Arms virtual battlefield.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JAMES B. FARR

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, on December 31, 2009, the House of Representatives will lose one of its most senior and valuable staff members—Mr. James B. Farr. Jim will be retiring after 38 years of service in the House of Representatives, during which time he served on the Committee on the Judiciary and, most recently, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, where he is the Financial Clerk.

Thirty nine years ago, as a young man from southern Maryland, Jim decided to leave the tobacco farm founded by his grandfather and seek a job on Capitol Hill. This was quite an adventure for a country boy who had grown up tilling the land. Proudly, the farm is still in the family, but no longer grows tobacco.

Following his graduation from Prince George's Community College with a degree in personnel and business management, Jim headed for Washington, D.C., where he landed on the doorstep of Congressman Emanuel Celler from Brooklyn and Queens, New York, the longtime former Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. Jim was hired by Mrs. Dick, the Staff Director of the Committee, and began working as a clerk in the publications office where he sorted mail, answered the phones, referred bills and assisted in hearing preparation. It was shortly after his arrival on the Hill that he met his future wife, Christine Lynn Wills, who had moved to the Washington, D.C., area from West Virginia. Christine Lynn and Jim have been married for 31 years and have two lovely daughters—Michelle and Jennifer.

Jim's career on the Hill also progressed. In February 1973, he became the Judiciary Committee's publications clerk, where he was responsible for maintaining the Committee's documents. Three years later, Jim was promoted to be the Committee's financial clerk where, under the guidance of the Committee Chairman, he prepared, maintained and

oversaw the Committee's budget. Jim was so talented, and his services so highly prized, that he was retained by Chairmen Peter Rodino, Jack Brooks and Henry Hyde. In 2001, when the late Rep. Hyde became Chairman of what was then known as the House International Relations Committee, he asked Jim to move with him and serve as financial clerk for that Committee. There, Jim once again became an indispensable figure, helping to ensure the smooth functioning of the Committee and easing the transition to the late Chairman Tom Lantos and, subsequently, to me.

Mr. Farr has served the Congress under both Democratic and Republican leadership with great distinction and integrity. His service epitomizes the finest qualities of government service. We are all grateful for that service and for the example he has provided to generations of new committee staff whom he has mentored. He will now retire and spend more time with his family and more time on the farm, where third and fourth generations of the Farr family now reside. Thankfully, despite his years of dedicated and impressive service, Jim wears his years easily, and we wish him much good will as he pursues his favorite hobbies of boating, fishing, and hunting.

Good luck and thank you Jim from a grateful House of Representatives.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. 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. 3288, the Departments of Transportation, HUD, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project Name: Maniilaq Association in Kotzebue, AK, for establishing a cancer treatment center

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: Maniilaq Association, P.O. Box 256, Kotzebue, AK 99752

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: There are high rates of cancer among AK Natives and a cancer center located in rural Alaska would allow for screenings, early detection and local treatment.

Appropriated Amount: \$500,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Equipment \$500,000

Project Name: Denali Commission in Anchorage, AK, to support health projects and economic development activities for the arctic region

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: Denali Commission, 510 L Street, Suite 410, Anchorage, AK 99501

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: The funding would be used to support health projects and economic development activities for the arctic region under the Denali Commission Act of 1998.

Appropriated Amount: \$10,000,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Programming \$10,000,000