

later, he was appointed to the Lucas County Sheriff Office as a road deputy. In 1971, Sergeant Murphy traversed to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida to obtain a new position; however, he returned to Toledo, Ohio in 1973. In March of that year, he was appointed to the Toledo Police Department where he served for 35 years. After hard work and dedication to the Toledo Police Department, he was promoted to Sergeant in 1979. Among other achievements, Sergeant Murphy served as the official and unofficial public information officers for 12 years. Additionally he performed duties in patrol, communication, and in the chief of police's office during these years. While I have the honor to acknowledge his years of public service, the citizens of Toledo, OH have given Sergeant Murphy many exceptional reports. From the Toledo/Lucas County Safety Council, he obtained the Citizen Policeman Award in 1975, Certificate of Appreciation in 1976, Good Samaritan Award in 1992, and Heroism Reward in 1996. He was presented a proclamation from the Mayor's office of the City of Toledo in 1998 and 1999. Sergeant Murphy is a U. S. Navy Veteran who fulfilled active duty from 1962 to 1964, completing four years of reserve duty to follow. He is married to Patricia Ann Murphy, has two daughters Robin and Jill and 6 grandchildren. He is a member of Ottawa River Yacht Club, and plays in 3 golf leagues.

All of Toledo thanks Sergeant Murphy for his commitment to public service and helping keep safe the community of Toledo. When an officer in blue goes to work in the morning, that officer never knows if they will return home at night. Our community values and recognizes the valor, patriotism, and community-mindedness of Sergeant Murphy and his colleagues, who protect and serve a broader community beyond their family. May he find happiness and satisfaction as he enters into a new milestone of his life.

BOXING GREAT AND HEAVY-
WEIGHT CHAMPION GEORGE
FOREMAN

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to recognize one of boxing's most feared fighters, Mr. George Foreman. We are near the same age, and I have been a fan since I was a kid.

A product of a less fortunate family, Houstonian George Foreman was in constant trouble with the law. He vowed to make a better life for himself and later joined the Job Corp. While stationed in Oregon, Foreman became infamous for picking fights with fellow trainees. It was then that his fighting skills were noticed and he was introduced to the sport of boxing, which he grew to love. Foreman got his start as an amateur from the AAU in San Francisco.

At the age of 19, Foreman won a gold medal at the 1968 Mexico City Olympic Games. He won his first fight on points and then three fights by stoppage—including the

final title bout against the favored Soviet fighter. After winning the gold, Forman walked around the ring, holding high a small American flag following his victory. Some people chastised him for his display; others, however, lauded him for being a patriotic American during a time of political upheaval and strife. Madam Speaker, this was the most patriotic moment I had ever seen.

Foreman, after an amazing amateur record of 27-0, turned professional in 1969 with a three-round knockout of Donald Walheim in New York. He had 12 fights that year, winning all of them, 11 by knockout. Among the fighters he defeated was Cookie Wallace, who lasted only 23 seconds.

In 1970, Foreman continued his journey toward the undisputed heavyweight title. In 1971, he won seven more fights. After amassing a record of 32-0, Foreman ranked as the number one challenger by the World Boxing Association and Council. In 1972, his string of wins continued with a series of five consecutive bouts in which he defeated each opponent within three rounds.

Still undefeated, and with an impressive knockout record, Foreman was set to challenge undefeated and undisputed world heavyweight champion Joe Frazier. Foreman knocked down Frazier six times in two rounds to win the championship by knockout in one of boxing's biggest upsets. In what was HBO Boxing's first broadcast, the call made by Howard Cosell became one of the most memorable in all of sports: "Down goes Frazier! Down goes Frazier! Down goes Frazier!" Before the fight, Frazier was 29-0, with 25 knockouts, and Foreman was 37-0, with 34 knockouts. Equally memorable was Foreman's final punch, an uppercut, landed with such force that it lifted Frazier off his feet before sending him to the canvas for the sixth and final time. As he had done following the previous knockdowns, Frazier managed to get to his feet, but the referee called an end to the bout.

Nevertheless, Foreman went on to defend his title successfully twice during his initial reign as champion. His first defense, in Tokyo, pitted him against Puerto Rican heavyweight champion Jose Roman. Roman was not regarded as a top contender, and it took Foreman only 55 seconds to end the fight, the fastest-ever knockout for a heavyweight championship bout. Foreman's next defense was against a much tougher opponent. In 1974, he faced the highly regarded Ken Norton who was 30-2, a boxer notorious for his awkward boxing style. Norton's ability to "take a punch" was suspect, and Foreman put him to the test. In an astonishing display of aggression and punching power, Foreman knocked out Norton in just two rounds. The win made Foreman 40-0 with 37 knockouts.

After losing his title to Muhammad Ali in 1974, Foreman remained inactive during 1975. In 1976, he returned to boxing in Las Vegas against Ron Lyle. After a very intense and extensive struggle by both fighters, the fight was stopped and Foreman was declared the winner. For his next bout, Foreman chose to face Joe Frazier in a rematch. Frazier at this point was 32-3 and Foreman was 41-1, but people doubted Foreman's ability. Unable to mount a significant offense, Frazier was eventually

floored twice by Foreman in the fifth round and the fight was stopped. Next, Foreman knocked out Scott Ledoux in three and Dino Dennis in four to finish the year.

Foreman fought five men in one night in a 1975 exhibition. He won five straight knockouts on the comeback trail before being decked and decision-ed by Jimmy Young in Puerto Rico in 1977. Foreman stated that he saw God in his dressing room following the defeat and announced he was going to become a preacher and retire from boxing. He became a born-again Christian, dedicating his life for the next decade to Christianity. Although he did not formally retire from boxing, he did stop fighting, became an ordained minister of a church in Houston, Texas, and devoted himself to his family and his parishioners. He also opened a youth center that bears his name. Foreman continues to share his conversion experience on Christian television broadcasts such as The 700 Club and the Trinity Broadcasting Network, and has joked that Young "knocked the devil out of him".

When Foreman decided to return to the ring to raise money for his church; experts laughed, but he racked up 18 straight knockout victories. He was defeated in a title bid by Evander Holyfield. In 1994, Foreman again shocked the world by knocking out undefeated World Heavyweight Champion Michael Moorer, 39-0, to become champion again at age 45.

Shortly after the Moorer fight, Foreman faced mid-level prospect Axel Schulz of Germany in defense of his remaining International Boxing Federation title. Foreman finished the fight with an unsightly swelling over one eye, but was awarded a highly controversial majority decision. The IBF ordered an immediate rematch to be held in Germany, but Foreman refused the terms and found himself stripped of his remaining title.

In 1996, Foreman returned to Tokyo, scoring an easy win over the unrated Crawford Grimsley by a 12-round decision. In 1997, he faced fringe contender Lou Savarese, winning a close decision in a grueling, competitive encounter. Yet another opportunity came Foreman's way as the World Boxing Council decided to match him against Shannon Briggs in a 1998 "eliminator bout" for the right to face World Boxing Council champion Lennox Lewis. After 12 rounds, there was once again a controversial majority decision, but this time the victory went to Briggs. Foreman had fought for the last time, at the age of 48.

In January 2003, Foreman was elected to the International Boxing Hall of Fame, where he was inducted in June. That same year, he was named boxing's ninth greatest puncher of all time by Ring Magazine.

Foreman said he had no plans to resume his career as a boxer, but then announced in February 2004 that he was training for one more comeback fight to demonstrate that the age of 60, like 40, is not a "death sentence." The bout, against an unspecified opponent, never materialized. Having severed his relationship with HBO to pursue other opportunities, George Foreman and the sport of boxing finally went their separate ways.

Life has definitely gone on after boxing for "Big George Foreman." In addition to becoming the Heavyweight Champion of the World

and an Olympic Medal Winner, Olympic Hall of Famer, he wears the titles of pastor, nationally recognized spokesperson, entrepreneur, author, reality television star, mentor and role model. He has been the face of Meineke Mufflers, and countless homes in the country have the George Foreman Lean Mean Fat Reducing Grilling Machine.

In 2004, Foreman began marketing the George Foreman brand of "Big and Tall" clothes through the retailer Casual Male. He has even appeared as a judge on the second season of the ABC reality television series *American Inventor*. Foreman has four books: *The Autobiography of George Foreman*; *God in My Corner: A Spiritual Memoir*; *Going the Extra Smile*; and *Fatherhood* by George: *Hard-Won Advice on Being a Dad*.

On May 22, 2007, it was announced that Foreman had become a partner in the Panther Racing Indy Car team, in the Indianapolis 500; and on July 16, 2008, TV Land premiered *Family Foreman*, a reality TV show, starring George and his family.

Big George Foreman continues to be extremely active in the community. He encourages young people through his George Foreman Youth Center in Houston, and he built The George Foreman Youth & Community Center in 1984 with money saved from his 8-year retirement. Foreman wanted to create a haven for kids to hang out.

I am proud to recognize my friend whom I admire greatly, Mr. George Foreman, for his accomplishments in and out of the boxing ring. He has repeatedly shown us all that you can overcome all odds and obstacles. He is a shining testament of hard work and determination, and I applaud all of his accomplishments and service to the community.

And that's just the way it is.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 6599, the Fiscal Year 2009 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill.

Requesting Member: Representative LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART (FL-21).

Bill Number: H.R. 6599, Report 110-775.

Account: Military Construction, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: United States Southern Command.

Address of Requesting Entity: 3511 NW 91st Ave., Miami, FL 33172-1217.

Description of Request: I received an earmark of \$81,600,000 for the second increment of funding for the construction of a new headquarters for the United States Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) in Doral, FL. The funding will continue the work of the first installment in which SOUTHCOM received \$100,000,000 in the FY08 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill. The authorization for this funding was included in the H.R. 5658,

the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009, which passed the House of Representatives May 22, 2008. The total cost of the headquarters construction is estimated to be \$237,000,000.

Through the Department of Defense, this project has been undergone an open bid process and the planning, engineering and design phase is well underway. The funds would be used by the Department of Defense to build the new SOUTHCOM headquarters adjacent to the current SOUTHCOM facility in Doral, FL. The land for this facility is under long-term lease from the State of Florida.

RECOGNIZING VARALLO'S RESTAURANT AS IT CELEBRATES 101 YEARS IN BUSINESS

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Mr. COOPER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Varallo's, Nashville's oldest continuously operated restaurant, and offer my heartfelt congratulations on its 101st anniversary.

Founded in 1907 by Frank Varallo, Sr., a former traveling musician who played for the likes of President Theodore Roosevelt, Varallo's Restaurant has been a gathering place for Tennessee's governors and legislators, Nashville's mayors and politicians, musicians and movie stars, athletes and artists, business leaders and students, and anyone who was hungry.

Four generations of the Varallo family have served their world famous "chile"—a special recipe acquired by Frank Varallo, Sr., during his travels in South America. At the age of 14, Frank Varallo, Jr., took over the business upon the death of his father. For more than 70 years, Frank, Jr., served the restaurant's unique three-way "chile" combination to generations of Tennesseans and made a reputation for himself by providing inspirational messages that came to be known as "Thoughts from The Bottom of a Chili Bowl."

Today, great-grandson Todd Varallo, who joined the business shortly after he graduated from high school, operates the restaurant and continues to serve up the "chile" that launched the restaurant's "century of success." The restaurant also continues to be the scene of many negotiations, meetings, conferences and consultations that shape the course of Nashville and Tennessee history.

Madam Speaker, I join everyone in Tennessee's Fifth District in applauding Varallo's Restaurant, and I commend the entire Varallo family for their century-long service to the citizens of Nashville and middle Tennessee.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

Bill Number: H.R. 6599—Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 2009.

Account: Military Construction, Air Force.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Charleston Air Force Base, United States Air Force.

Address of Requesting Entity: Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina, 29404.

Description of Project: Provide \$4.5 million for construction of an addition to C-17 flight simulator complex at Charleston AFB. This addition, which was included in the Administration's Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request, will allow the facility to accommodate a new six-axis flight simulator and loadmaster trainer with space for computers, briefing rooms, component and facility storage and other needed space. Training needs of the aircrews have exceeded the capabilities of the existing three simulators. If this new simulator space is not provided, established training goals will not be achieved at an airbase that currently houses two wings of C-17s currently meeting the needs of our troops deployed abroad.

HONORING SAM BOVA FOR HIS LONGTIME CIVIC EFFORTS IN SUNSET BAY, NEW YORK

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor a longtime businessman and civic leader in the great community of Sunset Bay, New York. Sam Bova has owned and operated the Sunset Bay Beach since the mid 1990s, consisting of two prime waterfront attractions: the Sunset Bay Beach Club, and Cabana Sam's Sunset Bay Grill.

As a businessman, Sam's business provides seasonal work to more than 150 people, and is the source of a tremendous amount of seasonal fun in the area of northwestern Chautauqua County. His management of the Beach provides a tremendously enjoyable atmosphere for local residents as well as those who choose Sunset Bay as their summertime vacation destination.

More than just as a businessman, however, Sam Bova has been a dedicated member of the community in northern Chautauqua County, tirelessly dedicating his time and resources to dozens of local and regional charities. Of particular note is an issue very close to my own heart, Sam has a particular affinity for charities associated with the fight against cancer, and has devoted tremendous efforts in support of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Carly's Crossing for Childhood Cancer, the Roswell Park Cancer Institute and the Leukemia Society. Moreover, Sam's support of our men and women in uniform is well known throughout the community; he has been a consistent supporter of local, regional and state police efforts, local fire and emergency services personnel, and is particularly interested in helping returning veterans to find jobs and opportunities back home in Western New York.