

Address of Requesting Entity: 16 Green Street, Suite C, Warner Robins, Georgia 31093.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2M for the Information Modernization for Processing with Advanced Coating Technologies (IMPACT) Program to complete development of high velocity oxygenated fuel repair techniques for the C-5 aircraft slat and flap tracks, which are currently non-repairable and are unavailable for purchase. USAF is projecting they will potentially ground C-5 aircraft due to a shortage of slat track sets beginning in 2009, which could negatively affect the war effort. The IMPACT Program will mitigate this risk. Approximately \$1.25M is for engineering services, \$375,000 is for manufacture and testing, \$200,000 is for purchase of raw materials, \$140,000 is for purchase of equipment, and \$35,000 is for training and certification. ES3 will contribute on-site personnel, engineering services, and other items to support this effort.

Spending levels may be adjusted accordingly for the level of funding agreed to in conference.

Bill Number: FY09 Department of Defense Appropriations Bill.

Account: OP, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Meggitt Training Systems.

Address of Requesting Entity: 296 Brogdon Road, Suwanee, Georgia 30024.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$5M to the Army National Guard to continue to upgrade its fielded Combined Arms Marksmanship Trainers (CATS) to the U.S. Army Validated FATS 5. Approximately \$1M (or 20%) of the funds will be used to replace and upgrade the computer simulation hardware and software needed to allow the Guard to train to the U.S. Army standard. The remaining \$4M will be used to purchase new weapon simulators to support the ever-increasing pre-deployment and sustainment training requirement. Spending levels may be adjusted accordingly for the level of funding agreed to in conference.

Bill Number: FY09 Department of Defense Appropriations Bill.

Account: O&M, Army NG.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Georgia ANG CRTG.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1401 Robert B Miller Jr. Dr, Garden City, Ga 31418-7299.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 to support Atlantic Thunder Joint Training Events. Approximately \$160,000 will be used for JICO (Joint Interface Communications Officer) support providing Link-16 network management for all Atlantic Thunder Joint Training Events and unit level Link-16 "spin-up" training preceding real world deployments throughout the year. Approximately \$340,000 will be used for EW (Electronic Warfare) support services for Atlantic Thunder Joint Training Events and to support miscellaneous pre-deployment "spin-up" training and other test and training activities throughout the year. This EW support includes providing an opposition force operating real SAM (Surface to Air Missile) systems against units in training.

This plan will be adjusted accordingly to the final funding level provided for in the agreement.

Bill Number: FY09 Department of Defense Appropriations Bill.

Account: RDT&E, Air Force.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mercer Engineering Research Center.

Address of Requesting Entity: 135 Osigian Blvd, Warner Robins, GA 31088.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$4,000,000 to continue development of a comprehensive Condition Based Maintenance Plus (CBM+) program for the U.S. Air Force C-130 fleet in concert with the Air Force High Velocity Maintenance Program. Approximately \$2,000,000 [or 50%] is for development of condition-based maintenance scheduling programs for both field-level and depot maintenance; \$800,000 [or 20%] for developing recommendations for employment of appropriate sensor technologies; and \$1,200,000 [or 30%] for comprehensive, Reliability Centered Maintenance-based analyses of the C-130 structures and systems. The Department of Defense and the US Air Force have directed implementation of CBM+ strategies to improve maintenance agility and responsiveness, increase operational availability, and reduce life-cycle total ownership costs. Completion and implementation of a comprehensive CBM+ program for the C-130 will achieve the goals of the DoD and Air Force by providing tailored maintenance actions based on actual aircraft condition information, with actions timed to match the needs of individual airframes, and forecasts of required maintenance and replacement parts as well as optimum timing of inspection and maintenance actions reducing unscheduled maintenance and overall operating costs. This plan will be adjusted accordingly to the final funding level provided for in the agreement.

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#### HONORING VERA B. RISON

#### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2008*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, on February 27, 2003 at the occasion of Vera Rison's retirement I asked the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating her with the following:

... Vera Rison is one of my dearest friends. I treasure her wisdom, her common sense, and her ability to go to the heart of a dilemma and seek a solution. The many years she spent working at Genesee Memorial Hospital gave Vera insight into the problems faced by average families. She has never stopped working to ease the burdens faced by so many. Through the positions she held as chair of the Service Employees International Union Local 79, director of human resources at Amy Jo Manor Housing Complex, the Genesee County Community Mental Health Board, the Substance Abuse Services Board and the Jobs Central Workforce Development Board, Vera has always maintained her vision and commitment to a better future for everyone.

Through her work as a Genesee County Commissioner and a State Representative, Vera was able to see some of her ideas become concrete, working plans. She sponsored a bill to reduce the number of abandoned

houses. She also was the driving force behind the renovation of the Amy Jo Manor Housing Complex. In addition, Vera worked tirelessly for individuals in trouble. She frequently advocated on behalf of persons sentenced to prison. She arranged for basic services to be provided for the handicapped and devoted many hours to ensuring the uninsured received health care.

The Genesee District Library paid Vera an awesome compliment when they named the Beecher branch of their library the "Vera B. Rison Library." It is a tremendous tribute that the library, where all persons of every age can come and improve their minds and lives through knowledge, is named for the woman who spent a lifetime witnessing the potential in all persons and pushed them to achieve their personal best.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring a dear friend, Vera Rison. She is an inspiration to me and I wish her the best as she starts the next phase of her life.

These words are as true today as they were 5 years ago. Vera Rison has stood at the forefront in the fight for justice in our community. As a County Commissioner and as a State Representative she has worked for the welfare of the community as a whole and as individuals within that community. In her empathy for children, the homeless, workers, and the disenfranchised, Vera has given her time, energy and love to help each person achieve their life goals. The list of persons and organizations benefiting from Vera's help is extensive.

Madam Speaker, Vera Rison is one of the true giants of the Flint community. On October 3, Canaan Baptist Church will honor this remarkable woman at a reception in her honor. As a member of Canaan Baptist Church, Vera lives her faith daily with enthusiasm, joy, and pride. I am grateful for her friendship and her leadership and I pray that she will continue her work for many years to come.

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#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2008*

Mr. DREIER. 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. 2638, the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009:

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638, the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Army, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) Account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Chang Industry.

Address of Requesting Entity: 968 West Palomares Avenue, La Verne, California 91750.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$3,200,000 to develop Fire Shield, an Active Protection System (APS) with the guidance of the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center

in Warren, Michigan. Fire Shield would be used to protect armored vehicles from the blast effects and the plasma jet of rocket propelled grenades (RPG) by detecting and destroying incoming projectiles. Approximately \$112,000 is for identifying and refining the operational requirement; \$2,120,000 is for system development; \$320,000 is for materials and equipment; \$648,000 is for testing and evaluation. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Army RDT&E account.

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638, the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Army, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) Account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Tanner Research.

Address of Requesting Entity: 825 South Myrtle Avenue, Monrovia, California 91016.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,600,000 to complete development of a Dual-Mode Micro Seeker (radio frequency/electro-optical (RF/EO)) being developed with the U.S. Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center at Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey. This funding seeks to improve the accuracy of gun-launched and small missile interceptors used on current and emerging defensive weapons systems. Approximately 12 percent (\$192,000) will be used for RF signal processing development; 34 percent (\$544,000) for monolithic microwave integrated circuits and complementary metal-oxide-semiconductor integrated circuit development; 24 percent (\$384,000) for EO avalanche photodiode (APD) circuit development; 18 percent (\$288,000) for RF seeker integration; and 12 percent (\$192,000) for EO seeker integration. The Dual-Mode (RF/EO) Micro Seeker will provide ground-based defensive systems with low-cost gun-launched and small missile interceptors with the accuracy needed to counter incoming rocket, artillery and mortar threats. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Army RDT&E account.

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638, the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Air Force, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) Account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Advanced Projects Research, Incorporated.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1925 McKinley Avenue, Suite B, La Verne, California 91750.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$800,000 to continue testing and development of the Wavelength Agile Spectral Harmonic (WASH) Oxygen Sensor with the guidance of the U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory in Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The WASH Oxygen Sensor intends to measure oxygen concentration in military high-performance fuel tanks. This Cell Level Battery Controller monitors and controls charge and temperature at the cell level of military battery energy storage systems. Approximately \$76,800 will be used for project management;

\$117,400 for engineering analysis; \$220,000 for engineering design; \$146,800 for hardware fabrication and assembly; \$176,000 for test engineering; \$9,500 for material and hardware; and \$53,500 for subcontracts. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Air Force RDT&E account.

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638, the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Air National Guard, Operation and Maintenance account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Gentex Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 11525 Sixth Street, Rancho Cucamonga, California 91730.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$800,000 to supply Air National Guard aircrews with approximately 888 MBU-20A/P Oxygen Masks with Mask Lights. The oxygen mask's unit price is approximately \$900 per unit. The MBU-20A/P was approved for fleetwide implementation in an effort to standardize to a common enhanced oxygen mask. Approximately, 34 percent (\$272,000) of the funding is for manufacturing labor; 4 percent (\$32,000) is for sustainment and systems engineering support; 6 percent (\$48,000) is for inspections and tests; 20 percent (\$160,000) is for general and administrative; 35 percent (\$280,000) is for material; 1 percent (\$8,000) is for packaging handling shipping and transportation. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Air National Guard, Operation and Maintenance account.

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638, the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Air National Guard, Operation and Maintenance account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Hope.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1500 East Duarte Road, Duarte, California.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,000,000 for the Advanced Molecular Medicine Initiative (AMMI), which is being developed under the guidance of the Naval Medical Research Center in Silver Spring, Maryland. This funding will be used for AMMI, an innovative molecular-targeted therapy that allows for a more effective and less toxic treatment of cancer at the molecular level by targeting drugs specifically to the affected cells, rather than the conventional entire body approach. Approximately 25 percent (\$500,000) is for research; 18.75 percent (\$375,000) is for genotyping; 12.5 percent (\$250,000) is for microarrays; 18.75 percent (\$375,000) is for proteomics; 12.5 percent (\$250,000) is for X-ray crystallography and 12.5 percent (\$250,000) is for computing. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Navy, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation account.

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## HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of United States Navy Lieutenant Dan Coder, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to his country.

For the past 24 years, Lt. Coder has served faithfully and honorably. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy after graduating from Ogden High School in 1981. He was stationed onboard the USS KITTY HAWK from 1981 to 1985. He worked in the Deck Department, Operations Department and was promoted to Yeoman 2nd Class Petty Officer. In 1985 he returned to school and left the Navy. In 1987, while serving in the Iowa National Guard, Lt. Coder decided to return to the Navy and make a career out of it. During the same year, he also married his wife, Lisa, and the couple welcomed their first of four children.

During his career, Lt. Coder was promoted numerous times, from Yeoman First Class Petty Officer to Chief Petty Officer, Limited Duty Officer, Lieutenant Junior Grade and Lieutenant. He also earned the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation and Achievement Medals, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (with Bronze Star), and Global War on Terror Expeditionary and Service Medals.

I commend Lt. Dan Coder for his many years of loyalty and service to our great nation and the State of Iowa. It is an immense honor to represent Lt. Coder in the United States Congress, and I wish him, his wife Lisa, and their four children many more happy and healthy years together.

HONORING JEFFREY ROBERT  
COOK

## HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jeffrey Robert Cook of Missouri. Jeffrey is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jeffrey has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jeffrey has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jeffrey Robert Cook for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.