

Description of Request: Provide \$3,000,000 to develop a blast-on-vehicle test device for use in evaluating survivability-based military vehicle designs. This program will provide a cost-effective and time-efficient alternative to full-scale live-fire testing. It will provide a test capability in support of the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV) program and future military vehicle development programs.

With the introduction of survivability-based design criteria in light tactical vehicles, the test and evaluation requirements of new vehicle designs are more extensive. Therefore, the objective of this program is to design a test structure analogous to the civilian automotive safety community's Heidelberg sled tests. Whereas the Heidelberg sled tests simulate the loading conditions of a vehicle crash, the blast-on-vehicle test device will simulate the loading conditions of road-side or under-carriage explosion.

Requesting Member: Congressman K. MICHAEL CONAWAY.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Navy, RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Angelo State University.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2601 W. Avenue N., San Angelo, Texas 76909.

Description of Request: Provide \$1,000,000 for Angelo State University and Texas State University Systems' Center for Hetero-Functional Materials (CHM). CHM will help meet the need within the Department of Defense for the development of new materials to create "single-chip-devices" as conventional semiconductor manufacturing technology is reaching its maturity and its rate of innovation has saturated. These new devices require many types of built-in hetero-functionality, simply not available or achievable using conventional semiconductor/materials technology. The CHM provides the infrastructure and resources required for research and development of new materials and processes that will be required for the fabrication of next generation devices. These hetero-functional materials and structures will allow devices to be built on a single chip, thereby reducing costs and size while enabling more versatility than is currently achievable. The Office of Naval Research (ONR) deemed the CHM as critical to developing next generation devices for the military. CHM received support and funding in Fiscal Year 2008.

HONORING CONGRESSIONAL CERTIFICATE OF MERIT RECIPIENT
NICHOLAS JAMES SHELBURNE

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the successes and achievements of Nicholas Shelburne, who has received the Congressional Certificate of Merit award at Belton High School in Belton, Texas. Nicholas has shown exceptional leadership qualities through his involvement in numerous activities which makes him a great candidate for this award.

Integrity and energy for leading in a positive direction are trademarks of Nicholas. A natural leader, he is the ultimate role model for others and he excels in everything that he is involved in. Nicholas' work ethic and diligence set him apart from others.

I congratulate Nicholas Shelburne for his achievements in school and in his community and am proud to represent such talented and dedicated people in the 31st District of Texas.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam Speaker, for the information of our colleagues and my constituents, I want the RECORD to reflect how I would have voted on the following votes I missed this session.

On rollcall 134, to pass S. 2733, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 154, on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 1605, providing for the consideration of H.R. 5501, the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act, I would have voted "no."

I would have done so because defeating the previous question would have allowed the House to consider an amendment dealing with the appropriations earmark process. I support reforming that process and think that the House should at least debate changes to it, although I reserve judgment on whether I would have supported the specific language of the amendment since it was not debated.

On rollcall 158, passage of H.R. 5501, Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 162, passage of H.R. 2464, The Wakefield Act—I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 163, passage of S. 793, Reauthorization of the Traumatic Brain Injury Act—I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 182, on the Flake amendment to H.R. 2537, to bar use of funds provided under that bill for Congressional earmarks, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 183, to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 886, Expressing sympathy to the victims and families of the tragic acts of violence in Colorado Springs, Colorado and Arvada, Colorado, as a cosponsor of the resolution I would have voted "yes."

As the resolution reminds us all, on Sunday, December 9, 2007, a troubled individual was responsible for killing several innocent people and injuring others at, first, the Youth With a Mission facility in Arvada and, a few hours later, at the New Life Church in the Colorado Springs area—where he was fatally shot by Jeanne Assam, a volunteer private security guard.

The resolution rightly commends Ms. Assam and the quick response of local first respond-

ers in the city of Arvada and in Jefferson County as well as those in El Paso County and Colorado Springs who, assisted by Federal authorities and medical professionals limited the danger to the church and local community. And it offers the heartfelt condolences of the House of Representatives to the victims and families of these tragic acts of violence in Colorado and conveys our gratitude to Jeanne Assam, city and county officials, as well as the police, fire, sheriff, Federal authorities, and emergency medical teams whose quick response saved lives.

On rollcall number 185, to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3548, as amended, the Plain Language in Government Communications Act, as a cosponsor of that measure I would have voted "yes."

H.R. 3548 requires Federal agencies to use plain language in Government documents related to obtaining a service or a benefit. It responds to the fact that Government documents often are complex and difficult to understand, particularly when they are not written clearly. To address this problem, President Clinton in 1998 issued a memorandum that, in part, required Federal agencies to use plain language in all documents that explain how to obtain a benefit or service. However, while a few agencies still maintain plain language programs, efforts to promote plain language have waned. H.R. 3548 defines plain language and requires agencies to use plain language in any new document that explains how to obtain a service or a benefit or that is relevant to obtaining a service or a benefit. The bill ensures that many of the letters, forms, and other documents that people receive from the Government will be written in a clear, understandable way. Under this bill, for example, the Social Security Administration would be required to use plain language in letters that provide beneficiaries information about Social Security.

I joined in cosponsoring the bill because I think it is important for those of us in Government to do more to communicate clearly with our employers, the American people, and I hope that the Senate will join the House in giving prompt approval to the legislation.

On rollcall number 331, to pass H.R. 6081, the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall number 332, to pass H.R. 6074, the Gas Price Relief for Consumers Act, I would have voted "yes."

IN HONOR OF BRIAN FOSS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Brian Foss in his retirement as the Port Director of the Santa Cruz Port District. Brian served the Port District for 34 years, managing Santa Cruz Harbor, as well as the Santa Cruz Port.

After graduating from the University of Southern California in 1964, Brian spent the next 22 years serving as a pilot for the United States Coast Guard, and as a Lieutenant Colonel Combat Rescue Pilot for the California