

was distinguished by nation building, the arts, education, and economic growth.

The Republic of Azerbaijan's re-independence in 1991 did not come easily. As independence fervor was sweeping through the former Soviet Republics in 1990, peaceful demonstrations were taking place throughout Azerbaijan. Tragically, on January 1990, then President Mikhail Gorbachev sent troops to Baku. Civilians were no match for the onslaught of tanks and fully armored military personnel. The excessive force resulted in more than one hundred and thirty civilian lives.

The Azerbaijani people eventually prevailed when the Soviet Union collapsed. On August 30, 1991, Azerbaijan's Parliament adopted the Declaration on the Restoration of the State of Independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and on October 18, 1991, the Constitution was approved.

Located in a highly political, dynamic and sensitive region between Russia and Iran, Azerbaijan is a confident member of the Council of Europe, United Nations, Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe, and participates in NATO's Partnership for Peace program.

Azerbaijan is a strategic partner to the United States, and cooperates with the U.S., both bilaterally and multilaterally, (through the GUAM framework (Georgia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, and Moldova) to prevent illegal trafficking and to secure borders Azerbaijani troops, like U.S. troops, are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan on behalf of their country and in support of the global effort against terrorism.

The United States recognized the sovereignty of Azerbaijan in 1918 and again in 1991. I applaud their leadership as a democratic republic and strategic partner in the region and worldwide. Congratulations to all Azerbaijani citizens, and Azerbaijanis around the world, on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of Republic Day.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. EVERETT. Madam Speaker, in accordance with House Republican Conference standards, and clause 9 of House rule XXI, I submit the following information for the record regarding my program requests in H.R. 5658, the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of 2009:

Title: Advanced Hypersonic Weapon Technology Demonstration.

Account: Army RDT&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Westar Aerospace & Defense Group, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 890 Explorer Boulevard, Huntsville AL, 35806 U.S.A.

Description of Request: Provide funding for \$7,000,000 for the Advanced Hypersonic Weapon (AHW) Technology Demonstrator program for the US Army Space and Missile Defense Command to reduce risk and flight test validate critical technologies (hypersonic boost-glide, thermal protection, precision navigation,

guidance and control, and secure 2-way in-flight communication) required to enable the successful execution of the emerging USSTRATCOM mission for prompt global strike. TPS technologies are viewed by USSTRATCOM as the key to executing the prompt global strike mission. The prototype C3 capability would provide missile launch command and control associated with flight test demonstration supporting critical test execution and flight safety. As a potential spiral for weaponization, AHW would provide a ground launched forward-deployed mid-term option to destroy time sensitive/high value targets at long distances with a minimal deployment logistics tail.

Title: Composite Rotorcraft Airframe Development.

Account: RDTE, A.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: GKN Westland Aerospace.

Address of Requesting Entity: 3951 Alabama Highway 229, Tallassee, Alabama 36078.

Description of Request: Provide funding of \$2M for the development of a composite floor sub-structure to be demonstrated on the Black Hawk helicopter. Approximately \$75,000 is for program management, \$50,000 is for engineering planning, \$200,000 is for tooling, \$200,000 for design engineering, \$75,000 is for material purchase, \$500,000 is for generation of material mechanical property testing for use in design/analysis of the test structure, \$400,000 is for process development through part manufacture, \$500,000 is for structure testing. Recent DoD requested changes to the Black Hawk helicopter (H-60) includes Common Missile Warning Systems (CMWS) and Joint Tactical Radio System (JTRS) configurations. Studies have identified the aircraft airframe as the area for potential weight reduction. Lightweight airframe development has been conducted in SARAP (Survivable Affordable Repairable Airframe Program) through the demonstration of a lighter, low cost cabin for the Black Hawk. As part of this technology demonstrator cabin, a floor sub-structure used thermoplastic composite materials to reduce the weight by almost 25% over the baseline metal structure while, at the same time, reducing costs. Further development is required to take full advantage of the savings that composite materials technology can offer.

Title: Close Combat Missile Modernization (Javelin).

Account: RDTE, A.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lockheed Martin.

Address of Requesting Entity: 5500 County Road 37, Troy, AL 37081.

Description of Request: \$10M used to initiate obsolescence management of the guidance section of the Javelin Missile. The various efforts are divided between Raytheon and Lockheed Martin on a 60/40 work share arrangement. The 60/40 work share is divided by the program management office. Raytheon work will be done in Tucson, AZ at approximately \$5.4M of effort. Lockheed Martin work will be done in Orlando, FL at approximately \$3.6M of effort. The work in Orlando will consist of: Trade Studies, Guidance Section System Architecture, Guidance Section Software Architecture, Guidance Section Requirements,

Phase I Design, Phase I Analysis, and Phase I Development Environment. The increase will develop the path forward for a fully funded RDTE effort to enhance Javelin's capability as a system by first enhancing the missile capability to provide longer range, in-flight correction, and beyond-line-of-sight capability. A new Javelin (Javelin II) missile would be manufactured at the LM Pike County operations at Troy, AL.

Title: Space Control Test Capabilities.

Account: RDTE, A.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Davidson Technologies, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 530 Discovery Drive, Huntsville, AL 35806.

Description of Request: \$10M to finalize development and validation of the Space Control Test Capability for the United States Air Force. Of the funds provided approximately \$5 million or 1/2 of the available funding is for final development of a version of SCTC which will join the already developed closed-form version to give a new combined capability to analyze important transient command/control situations (e.g. satellite outages). The combined version provides both closed-form steady-state and transient-event analysis capabilities, builds upon Air Force selected analytical engines, and is already in the hands of the users in support of Terminal Fury. The addition completes the required analytical suite. Approximately \$5 million or 1/2 of the funding is for tool validation. When completed, the combined SCTC tool is the only tool of its type and caliber in the Air Force analytical inventory. Completion of this combined tool in GFY 2009 is needed to provide quantitative data support for acquisition decisions. The tool will provide decision time-lag and throughput data for combination steady-state and transient situations to quantify performance of alternative system implementations. The Air Force will use these performance predictors to make sound, quantitative-based acquisition decisions for upcoming space systems in areas such as OCS, DCS, SSA and communications now and in the future, providing additional AF funding to enhance operational capabilities as required.

Title: Chapel—Fort Rucker, Alabama.

Account: Military Construction, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Congressman TERRY EVERETT (through Army Out-year Budget).

Address of Requesting Entity: 2312 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515.

Description of Request: A \$7.1 million project to construct a chapel at Fort Rucker, Alabama. Construct a standard-design chapel complex featuring a sanctuary (400 seat capacity) and an activity center that is capable of seating an additional 239 people in a separate or combined service. The sanctuary includes a raised pulpit area and a baptismal suite. The facility also includes 15 religious education classrooms, two multi-purpose rooms, blessed sacrament room, sacristy/robing room, choir room, resource center, nursery, restrooms, kitchen, storage, and administrative space for two Chaplains, Education Director and Assistant. Supporting facilities include utilities, electric service; emergency and security lighting; fire protection, detection and alarm systems; paving, walks, curbs and gutters; parking;

storm drainage; information systems; and site improvements. Access for the handicapped will be provided. Heating and air conditioning (54 tons) will be provided with separately-zoned, self-contained units. Anti-terrorism/force protection (AT/FP) measures are included.

Title: Gunfire Detection System for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles.

Account: Army RDTE.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Radiance Technologies.

Address of Requesting Entity: 350 Wynn Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805.

Description of Request: \$9 million for a wide angle weapons detection sensor that can detect, classify and locate a variety of weapon fires including Rocket Propelled Grenades (RPGs), MANPADS, small arms, mortars, tanks and artillery. This Weapons Watch (WW) Technology can process these events in near real time (less than a second) and disseminate the information over existing command and control channels immediately. This sensor, detecting from a variety of airborne platforms can cue other sensors or weapon systems to positively identify and neutralize the hostile weapon system. The basic sensor technology has been demonstrated as part of the Oveivatch ACTD and has also been deployed to support current operations. At less than 30 pounds, it has flown on both manned and unmanned aircraft proving its ability to accurately detect at extended ranges while on the move. The Army Aviation Center is ready to integrate this technology on both manned and unmanned aircraft to provide both enhanced targeting and aircrew survivability. In concert with AMRDEC (Huntsville), PM UAV (Huntsville) and the Directorate of Combat Developments (Ft. Rucker), the contractor will provide simulation software and WW hardware to the USAAVNC for testing and certification through the Aviation Technical Test Center (AATTC). Aviation experts from both the Wiregrass area and Huntsville will develop the techniques, tactics and procedures to fully employ the capabilities of this system.

Title: Study of Warfighting Initiative for Future Technologies and Tactics (SWIFTT-A).

Account: Army RDTE.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC).

Address of Requesting Entity: 6723 Odyssey Drive, Huntsville, AL 35806.

Description of Request: \$3 million will enable completion of a study being conducted with the U.S. Army Air Maneuver Lab, Fort Rucker, AL to develop manned and unmanned air vehicle teaming solutions for current and future war fighter requirements. Additionally, funding will address critical emerging issues in support of Aviation modernization efforts and desired capabilities of Aviation war fighters to expedite the delivery of solutions to the field. Funding will be allocated for the following: (1) upgrade the existing AMBL facility's modeling and simulation tools and infrastructure (10%) and (2) execute local and distributed simulation experimentations (90% labor).

VOLUSIA HONOR AIR GUARDIANS

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, on Saturday, May 17, 2008, 102 Volusia County veterans from the Second World War visited our Nation's Capital as part of the Honor Air program. The trip was made possible through the Rotary Clubs of Volusia County and with the support of sponsors and the 49 Guardian escorts.

It was my pleasure to assist in hosting the veterans during their visit to our Nation's capital. They first stopped at the World War II Memorial to pay tribute to their fellow patriots. In the first visit for all of the servicemen, it was a moving occasion. It was an emotional moment as these heroes stood among the stone columns, fountains and pools that comprise the Memorial.

In the afternoon, the Volusia veterans paid their respects at Arlington National Cemetery. Veteran leaders and I had the privilege to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in a solemn tribute to those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. The day concluded with visits to the Woman in Services Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial and the Iwo Jima Memorial.

As the Congressman from Florida's Seventh Congressional District, it was my honor to play a part in our Volusia County heroes' visit. I would like to acknowledge former U.S. Senator Bob Dole, a fellow World War II hero and Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England who both graciously addressed the group. I ask that the United States House of Representatives join me in expressing our appreciation to the 49 Guardians, who through a sense of duty and at personal expense, escorted the World War II veterans on that memorable day.

The May 17, 2008 Volusia Honor Air Guardians included:

Josephine D. Alexander; Stephen E. Alldredge; Jerry L. Autry; Jerry L. Autry, Jr.; Peter D. Bauer; Roger B. Baumgartner; Ken Bradley; Melina Brannon; David Franklin Brannon II; William Herschel Breneman III; Michael W. Brooks; Joseph Bryant; John F. Cheney; John H. Childress; Leslie Stafford Coggins; Robert L. Doyle II; Geoffrey E. Felton.

Thomas B. Fleishel; William B. Flowers, Jr.; Thomas R. Fowler; Eleanor Gustavsson; John Jeffrey Harting; Raymond H. Heffington; Robert Michael Hill; Randall Jackson; Ben F. Johnson; Russell L. Kelton; Candace Lankford; Gerald H. Lyons; Jeffrey A. Malmberg; Jefferson J. Mancinik; William C. Mancinik; James Mazurak; Clair Roach Metz.

Charles Paiva; Albert J. Razzetti; Alessandra Razzetti; Joseph Frank Rudolph; Thomas D. Smith; Brad Strickland; Theodore J. Surynt; Donaldson Paul Taylor; Carolyn Gantt Teal; Parke Stafford Teal; Kevin Thomas; Warren A. Todd; Alexander B. Veech; Gery Walker; and Douglas Allen Wedekind.

HONORING BOB IDEN

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize to Dr. Bob Iden for his 11 years of outstanding service to Lake Highlands High School and his community.

After graduating from Lake Highlands High School, Dr. Iden attended Kilgore College on a football scholarship and finished his bachelor's and master's degree at North Texas University. Upon graduating, he continued to use his athletic background as a coach and teacher for the Richardson Independent School District for nine years. After working for the administration, Dr. Iden was hired to be the principal at his high school alma mater, Lake Highlands High School.

During his eleven years as principal, Dr. Iden's school received numerous honors under his leadership. In 2002, Lake Highlands High School was named a Blue Ribbon School, one of the highest honors a school can receive. In addition to numerous students being named National Merit Scholars, this year one of his students was named a Rhodes Scholar. Dr. Iden has received national recognition in Newsweek and U.S. News and World Report for his achievements, and he has become a tremendously well-respected and valued member of the Lake Highlands community.

This year Dr. Iden will retire from his career in education. I would like to wish Dr. Iden the best of luck in his future endeavors. While his time as an educator has come to an end, the results of his hard work will no doubt continue to be seen for generations to come.

Madam speaker, on behalf of the Fifth District of Texas, I am honored to recognize Dr. Bob Iden for his devotion to education and for helping to shape a brighter future for our community and our country.

HONORING BARBARA AND EDWARD COGAN

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Barbara and Edward Cogan, educators who both recently retired after more than 30 years of distinguished service. Day after day they energetically taught our youngsters valuable life skills, while raising their family in the great community of Hacienda Heights, California, and volunteering with programs that have enhanced education throughout the 38th Congressional District.

Barbara Ruth Cogan grew up in the great city of Montebello, California, and began teaching in 1970 at Belvedere Elementary School. She later joined the staff of Basset High School in 1975 after receiving her credential in Special Education. Over the past 33 years there she has worked in the OH (Orthopedically Handicapped) department, providing