

Requesting Member: Congressman RICK RENZI.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Operation and Maintenance, Navy (OMN).

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps.

Address of Requesting Entity: U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, 2300 Wilson Blvd., North, Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22201.

Description of Request: The request is \$300,000 for a program that is focused upon development of youth ages 11–17, serving almost 9,000 Sea Cadets managed by adult volunteers. The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps promotes interest and skill in seamanship and aviation and instills qualities that mold strong moral character in an anti-drug and anti-gang environment.

Summer training onboard Navy and Coast Guard ships and shore stations is a challenging training ground for developing self-confidence and self-discipline, promotion of high standards of conduct and performance and a sense of teamwork. Funds will be utilized to “buy down” the out-of-pocket expenses for training to \$85 per week.

The Naval Sea Cadet Corps instills in every Cadet a sense of patriotism, courage and the foundation of personal honor. A significant percent of Cadets join the Armed Services often receiving accelerated advancement, or obtain commissions. The program has significance in assisting to promote the Navy and Coast Guard, particularly in those areas of the U.S. where these Services have little presence, such as Ganado, Arizona, where there is a thriving Naval Sea Cadet Corps program. Accessions related to this program are a significant asset to the Services: Over 2,000 ex-Sea Cadets enlist annually and an average of over 10 percent of U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen are ex-Cadets.

WILD PRATT RIVER ACT

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, at an early age, my dad and mom taught me to walk on the rocks, not the alpine meadows they helped restore in Mount Rainier National Park. It is in that tradition that I have worked in Congress and the Natural Resources Committee to preserve the natural beauty of the Northwest for my children, grandchildren and generations to come.

After 6 years of hard work and community input, wilderness supporters last Friday celebrated the newly designated Wild Sky Wilderness Area near my district in Washington state. It contains over 106,000 acres of national forest in east Snohomish County. Senator MURRAY and Congressman LARSEN exercised great leadership to build such a wide consensus for this effort and have set the gold standard for how to write wilderness legislation in this country.

In this same spirit of preserving our State's pristine old growth and mature forests, rivers, and mountain peaks, today I added my name

as a cosponsor to the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Wild Pratt River Act of 2007 (H.R. 4113). I did so because it is my hope that at some point we are successful in crafting a final bill that is as full and complete as this wilderness deserves. In its present form, the bill would add 22,000 acres of wilderness area to the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area that first was established in 1976.

As we learned with Wild Sky, getting a wilderness bill to the president's desk and signed into law takes a significant amount of effort from stakeholders, consensus from community members and widespread support from lawmakers. Therefore, we must get wilderness area designation right the first time, doing as much as possible to avoid piecemeal efforts to slowly add to wilderness time and again. I do have some concerns that this bill may not yet have reached the maturity and completeness necessary to bring the wilderness area to fruition, in two ways.

First, the boundaries of the wilderness need full consideration. For example, we need to look at whether the absence of the inclusion of the north portion of the Pratt River Valley reduces the ecosystem benefits that this wilderness could accomplish. Areas southeast of the present boundaries deserve similar consideration for comparable reasons.

Second, the success of the Wild Sky Wilderness Act of 2007 demonstrated the importance of being as open and inclusive early in the process in developing the boundaries of the area, as well defining all other aspects of the proposal. I would like to see an even greater effort to engage the full participation of the public.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to add to Washington's prized wilderness areas in the tradition of the Wild Sky.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. RANDY PAUSCH

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Randy Pausch, a courageous and charismatic Carnegie Mellon professor with pancreatic cancer, who has chosen to dedicate his last months to raising congressional awareness about the importance of research for this deadly disease.

Dr. Pausch is an award winning educator, researcher, and computer scientist at Carnegie Mellon University. Considered one of the Nation's foremost teachers of virtual-reality technology, he helped develop a software program called “Alice” that encourages kids, particularly young girls, to become interested in programming. This 47-year-old husband and father of three young children became accidentally famous when his motivational Last Lecture at Carnegie Mellon was leaked onto the Internet and inspired more than six million people.

Dr. Pausch is the epitome of a professor—never turning away from an opportunity to educate others. In his Last Lecture, which he titled “How to Really Achieve Your Childhood Dreams,” he gives wise advice on how to ac-

complish even those seemingly impossible childhood wishes, and ultimately, how to live a full and happy life. Most importantly, this lecture was an opportunity for Dr. Pausch to leave a message for his children that he will not live to tell them himself.

I had the good fortune to meet Dr. Pausch in January of this year when he came with the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network to advocate for a National Plan to Advance Pancreatic Cancer Research. This research is critical given the disturbing statistics showing that only five percent of pancreatic cancer patients remain alive after 5 years of diagnosis. According to Dr. Pausch, he is a “rock star” because he has been living with a disease for over 8 months that claims the lives of most patients within 4 to 6 months of diagnosis. While the survival rates for this lethal disease have remained fairly constant over the last 30 years, few resources have been dedicated to researching new treatments.

With what little time he has left, Dr. Pausch is doing his best to make a meaningful contribution to pancreatic cancer research. In addition to coming to lobby Congress in January, Dr. Pausch returned on March 13 to testify before the House Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education during the public witness hearings. Although he will not benefit from the awareness he is raising for this disease, he has taken time to educate Congress about this disease and ask us to take the necessary steps to begin to change the horrifying statistics.

A man who believes in honesty above all else, Dr. Pausch does not sugarcoat his situation. In spite of his prognosis, he continues to see himself as a “Tigger” instead of an “Eeyore.” He sees each day as another opportunity to impact the lives of others and to share his sage advice about living. He encourages us to “always wait for people to show their good side, no matter how long it takes.” He challenges us to “never give up” and to “remember that brick walls are there to make you realize how badly you want something.” Faced with the seemingly insurmountable brick wall of pancreatic cancer, Randy seizes every opportunity to create precious memories with his wife, Jai, and their three young children: Dylan, 6, Logan, 3, and Chloe who is almost 2.

As a Member of the House Appropriations Committee, I have had the privilege of meeting many impressive people—but Dr. Pausch has been one of the most memorable. My hope is that he will be able to continue to delay the progress of the disease and that his days of good health will continue. Most of all, I hope that Dr. Pausch and his family know that he is an inspiration to us all. Through his lecture and his advocacy, he has not only left behind a legacy for his children, but for the millions of people he has touched with his story.