

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize and commend the Leadership Training Institute of America for its outstanding contributions to the development of our nation's youth. This organization is changing the world and shaping the future by inspiring Christian leaders to develop their critical thinking skills, study world view agendas and strategies, influence their communities with a Biblical world view, and excel as leaders.

LTIA, headquartered in Fayetteville, Arkansas, is a cultural think tank that provides high school and college age students with training and opportunities in cultural dynamics and leadership values. This organization's mission is to identify, inspire, and instruct students for world view leadership and it has done that with hundreds of youth around the world.

It is imperative for us to have organizations like this that are on the forefront of training youth in world view struggles, which enables them to defend their beliefs and to understand why traditional, conservative values are important to a free and secure society. These are the biblical values that our country was founded on.

The students are encouraged to apply and excel in leadership, critical thinking skills, scientific knowledge, historical facts, world view conflicts and strategies and Biblical wisdom. They are exposed to the major philosophies, views, and issues of our world today and are encouraged to pursue careers in influential sectors of society.

With great pride, I salute the Leadership Training Institute of America for its unrelenting dedication and commitment in training and equipping our youth for the challenges they will face tomorrow in the dynamic and ever changing world.

SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY
DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY SQUAD

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of the Shippensburg University Distance Medley Relay Squad, who won the Division II Track and Field National Championship and who were the top Division II team at the Penn State National Invitational—finishing second with only one Division I team finishing ahead of them in their event.

The team of four posted an awe-inspiring time of 11 minutes and 30 seconds at the Penn State Invitational, crushing the former conference and school records. Junior Mary Dell, junior Shannon Hare, sophomore Abby Huber, and freshman Neely Spence went on to the national championship meet where they also took home the title. They also succeeded in setting a new championship record of 11 minutes and 24 seconds, besting the previous

record of 11 minutes 29 seconds. This exceptional win marks the second indoor track and field championship won by a women's team in Shippensburg University history.

The team has a history of record breaking. Last year the S.U. squad captured the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference record, earning Dell, Huber, Hare and sophomore Jamie McCollum All-American status for their performance at the Division II National Championships. Through strength, perseverance, and devotion the team has proven to be leaders of not only the track and field team, but throughout the University. They have brought much pride to Shippensburg University, the surrounding community, family and friends.

I congratulate the Shippensburg University Distance Medley Relay Squad on their great accomplishments. I am sure that they will all continue to lead and inspire others through their dedication and hard work.

RECOGNIZING MEREDITH BUCK,
2009 RECIPIENT OF THE FLORENCE
NIGHTINGALE AWARD

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Meredith Buck as a 2009 recipient of the Florence Nightingale Medal, the highest international honor in the nursing field. The Medal is awarded by the International Committee of the Red Cross for "exceptional courage and devotion to caring for the victims of armed conflict or other disasters, or exemplary services and a creative and pioneering spirit in the areas of public health or nursing education". Ms. Buck is one of only 28 nurses in the world receiving this honor in 2009.

Ms. Buck joined the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the Red Cross immediately following the attacks of September 11th, and has been dedicated to emergency relief ever since. Locally, she has responded to dozens of disasters, volunteering as a nurse and as a Disaster Action Team responder for various county organizations. Nationally, she has responded to twelve disasters in locations ranging from New York to Texas to Guam.

Ms. Buck has demonstrated remarkable leadership in her field, having served as an instructor for the Emergency Services Department. She is also the co-captain of the Disaster Health Services Team, a group comprised of 126 nurses, nursing assistants, EMTs, and other medical personnel trained to respond to disaster-affected clients utilizing Red Cross medical assistance.

Along with these accomplishments, Ms. Buck has repeatedly proven her dedication to the clients of the Red Cross. From mentoring new volunteers as a back-up on-call nurse every other day of the week to traveling to a disaster site in the middle of the night, Ms. Buck has regularly worked all hours for those in need of her care.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Ms. Meredith Buck for her outstanding commitment to her local community, as well as her country, and am extremely honored to serve as her Congressman.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY 2010 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman LAMAR SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 2487

Account: DOJ—OJP—Byrne

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Austin

Address of Requesting Entity: 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, TX 78701

Description of Request: I have secured \$250,000 for the City of Austin to install security cameras in pedestrian-heavy and high-crime locations. This technology will allow the Austin Police Department (APD) to "expand its police force" by providing the capability to monitor activity from a central location. The requested funding may also be used to purchase temporary storage space for digital evidence obtained from security cameras and to purchase a mobile training facility. Police cameras have been shown to reduce crime and provide video evidence that bolsters the prosecution of criminal cases. APD will use the cameras to fight all crime, with a focus on potentially life-threatening crimes such as assaults and robberies which have recently increased in various City locations. Also, as the department grows, and on-going officer training is needed, the mobile facility will greatly enhance Austin's abilities to meet law enforcement standards. The versatility of the mobile facility would allow for both daytime and night fire training opportunities at a cost that is significantly less than the construction of a full scale range. The City of Austin will match any federal funds that the delegation secures for this project. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman LAMAR SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 2487

Account: DOJ—COPS Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of San Antonio, Texas, Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 214 West Nueva, San Antonio, TX 78207

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,100,000 for the City of San Antonio for the installation of a digital imagery capture and storage system, and in-car video equipment. The first phase will be the conversion of the current photographic evidence from current CD/DVD storage to a dual server and SAN storage system. This system would reside in two separate locations, for security purposes and protection against catastrophic loss. Additionally, current Evidence Unit cameras (photographic and video) would be upgraded to allow for compatibility with the new system. In order to allow instant downloading of evidence, the wireless connectivity between the Evidence Unit vehicles and the servers would be also be upgraded. The second part will be the installation of a video camera and transmitter-activated equipment in each patrol car