

Description of Project: \$1 million to provide 15 South Carolina counties (including Charleston, Georgetown, Berkeley and Dorchester counties) with detailed imaging to assist with emergency response, planning, and other activities to enhance public safety and officer safety. Program will also supplement existing GIS technologies to assist with planning, environmental protection, and other public services.

Requesting Member: HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.
 Bill Number: H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Office of Justice Programs—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Youth Advocate Programs

Address of Requesting Entity: 3422 Rivers Avenue, 2nd Floor, North Charleston, SC 29405
 Description of Project: \$250,000 to build upon existing Youth Advocate Programs in Charleston and Myrtle Beach that develop community-based alternative for high-risk kids that are referred to the program by local courts; program currently has an 82% success rate in South Carolina, reducing costs borne by taxpayers for incarceration and other punitive measures. Project also sees support from local government and private sector.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2892, the Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: FEMA—State and Local Programs

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sarasota County

Address of Requesting Entity: 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota (FL) 34236

Description of Request: I secured \$300,000 for the Emergency Operations Center in Sarasota County.

The funding would be used to help relocate and construct a new Sarasota County Emergency Operation Center.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: FEMA—Pre-disaster Mitigation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Venice

Address of Requesting Entity: 401 West Venice Avenue, Venice (FL) 34285

Description of Request: I secured \$200,000 for improvements to the Emergency Shelter in the City of Venice.

The funding would be used for the installation of a modernized energy generation system that would provide power during storm events that would allow this facility to appropriately serve as a hurricane shelter, and also be designated as a special needs shelter.

HONORING SARA MESLOW AND
 CAMP ODAYIN IN STILLWATER
 AND CROSSLAKE MINNESOTA

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sara Meslow, founder and director of Camp Odayin, headquartered in Stillwater, Minnesota. With facilities in Crosslake, Minnesota, Camp Odayin is the only camp in the Midwest for children with heart disease. This amazing opportunity is made available for just \$25 because of generous donations from individuals, local organizations and medical groups. Sara says, "We wanted something associated with children's heart disease that doesn't have dollar signs after it." I would like to honor Sara and the team at Camp Odayin in front of this Congress that we all may be amazed at the opportunities she provides our children.

Young heart patients from 17 states, Canada and Germany have been to Camp Odayin and many leave feeling completely different about the disease that will impact them the rest of their lives. The object of Camp Odayin, which means "heart" in Ojibway, is to connect kids with heart transplants, congenital defects, artificial valves, abnormal heart rhythms and many other conditions with one another.

Sara shares a very personal connection with the Odayin campers. As a teenager, she learned that she had a heart condition that sometimes caused her heart to beat wildly and later received a Medtronic defibrillator to control the condition. After volunteering at a camp for children with heart disease in California and with some prodding from her mother, Sara began exploring options for a camp in Minnesota.

Camp Odayin held its first session in 2001 with 53 campers. Now in their eighth summer, they have expanded to three sessions and are expecting 240 campers. The camp sessions are available for ages 8 to 17 and are as normal as any summer camp with swimming, archery, horseback riding, canoeing, crafts and of course, general fun. The advantage is that medical professionals and health specialists make up many of the volunteer staff allowing children needing extra attention and care to participate in activities they would otherwise sit out on at other camps. Nurses attend every activity, regularly monitor medications and staff an infirmary that is similar to a hospital intensive care unit. This level of medical care is not available at any other camp in the Midwest.

I had the privilege of learning about Camp Odayin from one of the many children blessed with this opportunity. This young girl was just thrilled to have been to a camp where many of the kids were dealing with the same problems she had. It is obvious the joy that Sara has brought to hundreds of children and I rise today to honor and applaud her work empowering the children that are the future of America, regardless of their health, status or ability.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. McKEON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding Member priority requests I received as part of H.R. 2892, the "Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010."

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

Bill Number: H.R. 2892, the "Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010"

Account: Predisaster Mitigation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Santa Clarita, CA

Address of Requesting Entity: 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Suite 300, Santa Clarita, CA 91355

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$500,000 for seismic retrofits to the City of Santa Clarita, CA's Emergency Operations Center. This project would assist the City of Santa Clarita with seismic upgrades to its City Hall building so that it may serve as the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The funding would help purchase and install Special Concentrically Braced Frames, incorporating lessons learned from the Northridge earthquake of 1994, during which the City of Santa Clarita's City Hall building, which serves as the Santa Clarita Valley's Emergency Operations Center (EOC), sustained extensive damage. These enhancements will allow Santa Clarita's City Hall to serve as the City's primary EOC in the event of a significant seismic event.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JAMES E. MITCHELL

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service to the community of Mr. James E. Mitchell, as he assumes the presidency of the Winchester, Virginia, chapter of the Lions Club.

Mr. Mitchell is a retired school teacher who has dedicated his career to public service. As the first African American president of the Winchester Lions Club, he will work with local agencies and residents to provide services to those with sight and hearing impairments as well as providing scholarships to local high school students.

In his 35 years as an educator, Mr. Mitchell also served his community as an active member of the Lions Club. He has held numerous leadership positions in his 20 years as a member of the organization. Mr. Mitchell is also a Melvin Jones Fellow, a highly honored humanitarian award in the Lions Club given only to those who demonstrate a strong record of community service. He has also participated in numerous "White Cane" events to aid the visually impaired.

Mr. Mitchell is a valued member of not only the Lions Club, but the entire Winchester community which he has served for close to four