

across the nation for this momentous occasion. We are very fortunate to live in a country that is rich with diversity and culture including a thriving Greek-American community. The Pan Icarian Brotherhood has passed down Greek traditions and practices. Greek-Americans have made invaluable contributions to their communities throughout the United States by participating in community service, social groups and sharing their history.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of the Pan Icarian Brotherhood of America on the occasion of their 106th Supreme Convention in Cleveland, Ohio and in recognition of the significant contributions Greek-Americans have made to our country.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE OF STAN SYGITOWICZ

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, after nearly 25 years of service on the Sedro-Woolley Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, Chair Stanley Sygitowicz will retire June 18 from the board.

Throughout his tenure on the board, Mr. Sygitowicz had a particular passion for ensuring that SWHA housing was updated and improved to the best possible standards. Over the past decade alone, the housing authority invested more than \$1.6 million in capital improvements to ensure that our low-income neighbors—be they families, seniors or people with disabilities—live in high quality affordable housing.

At Hillsvew, SWHA's 60-unit mid-rise for seniors and individuals with disabilities, Mr. Sygitowicz was regularly known to go above and beyond the duties of his board membership. He always made sure he knew each resident personally, and for many years, he organized an annual holiday party for the building. He exemplified and fostered a spirit of community.

For his commitment to the vulnerable residents of Sedro-Woolley, I offer my sincere congratulations to Mr. Sygitowicz, whose cheerful, easy-going manner belied a quarter century of can-do leadership and dedicated community service. He leaves a legacy of caring and high standards that few can match.

IN HONOR OF DR. BRUCE GRUBE

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the achievements of Dr. Bruce Grube, an educator and leader whose impact extends far beyond the confines of any college campus. After serving since 1999 as the 11th president of Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, GA, Dr. Grube has announced his retirement set to commence at the end of this month.

Prior to his ten-year tenure at Georgia Southern, Dr. Bruce Grube gained a wealth of experience serving at multiple schools across

the country. Not only was he the president of St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minnesota, but he was also the provost at California State Polytechnic University in Pomona and Colorado State University in Pueblo. In the classroom, Dr. Grube earned the admiration and respect from colleagues and students alike, imparting his knowledge as a professor of political science on countless undergraduates. As an undergraduate himself, Dr. Grube attended the University of California in Berkeley, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree. He followed his studies with a PhD in Government from the University of Texas in Austin.

In the larger community, Dr. Bruce Grube has been a prolific public speaker at national conferences and has been published in myriad academic journals, including *The Journal of Politics* and *The American Political Science Review*. He is an active member in community, national, and international organizations including Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Beta Delta, and the Golden Key Honor Societies, to name a few. In addition, Dr. Bruce Grube participates in an array of professional associations including the American Association for Higher Education, the American Association for State Colleges and Universities, and the American Association of University Administrators, among others.

Dr. Grube's upcoming retirement can only be described as bittersweet. During his tenure as President at Georgia Southern University, enrollment increased 22.7 percent to a record 17,764 students. Two colleges were founded during his term; the College of Information Technology and the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health. Various new degree programs were initiated. For example, it is now possible to receive a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, a Masters of Public Health, a Doctorate in Psychology, or partake in the web-based Masters in Business Administration program. He also began extensive academic, housing, athletic, and administrative renovation projects totaling more than \$150 million.

Dr. Bruce Grube will continue as a professor of Political Science for the 2010-2011 academic year and as a mentor and consultant to up-and-coming university presidents within the University System of Georgia. However, his time as president of Georgia Southern University will not be forgotten.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 2647, The National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2010.

Project Name: Electromagnetic Research and Engineering Facility

Amount: \$3,660,000

Requested By: ROBERT J. WITTMAN (VA-01)

Account: Military Construction (MCN)

Intended Recipient of Funds: Naval Activity South Potomac, Dahlgren, Virginia, Dahlgren, VA 22448

Project description and explanation of the request: This project will provide an addition to

the Electromagnetic Research and Engineering Facility (EMREF). This addition is required to facilitate the Directed Energy Technology Office at Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD) to meet its mission in Directed Energy research, development of prototypes and engineering development model systems and in fielding these prototypes to the warfighter. This project will provide laboratories and analysis spaces for wideband RF, High Powered Microwave, Pulsed Power and high energy laser systems engineering and development. This project provides necessary access to a maritime boundary layer environment and therefore is sited along the Potomac River Test Range. This project will house 25-30 engineers and scientists some of whom will be new hires. This project was developed because it represents the lost scope of another military construction project, P295, that was approved in Fiscal Year 2006. Due to high bids, only about 75% of the original facility could be built. This project provides the remaining 25% (6,500 SF). Funding will be used for electrical facilities (\$120,000), mechanical facilities (\$110,000), paving and site improvements (\$30,000), site preparations (\$110,000), demolition of previous buildings (\$230,000), anti-terrorism/force protection measures (\$180,000), information systems (\$60,000), built-in equipment (\$60,000), and technical operating manuals (\$40,000). I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

RECOGNIZING PATTI GILMORE OF HUTTO, TX

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Patti Gilmore with the City of Hutto, Texas for her countless hours of volunteerism to the Team Hutto, Adopt-a-Unit Program.

The cities of Hutto and Taylor, Texas jointly adopted the 1-4 ARB Unit out of Fort Hood, Texas last year providing the deployed troops and their families with supplies, encouragement and a sense of family from their neighboring cities in Texas District 31. Patti has been instrumental in obtaining donations, organizing events and providing support to the deployed troops and their families. Her acts are a sign of true patriotism to our great nation and to the men and women who serve our country.

It is an honor to recognize Patti, and she continues to be a true inspiration through her acts of support and dedication.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of

H.R. 2647, The National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman KAY GRANGER

Priority Name: UH-60 Rewiring Program—Army National Guard

Authorized Amount: \$5 million

Account: Aircraft procurement—Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Inter-Connect Wiring

Address of Requesting Entity: 5024 West Vickery Blvd, Fort Worth, TX 76107

Description of Request: The use of taxpayer funds is justified because the UH-60 rewiring program is a vital recapitalization of critical aviation assets within the Army National Guard. Replacing Kapton insulation used in aircraft wiring harnesses during modification, work order and retrofit is a key component. After many years of use, Kapton insulation becomes old and brittle and can lead to wet or dry arcing. Arcing can lead to intermittent or catastrophic failures. The only solution for this potential problem is to replace the wiring harnesses with new wiring harnesses.

Priority Name: Mobile Firing Range for TXARNG

Authorized Amount: \$1.5 million

Account: Training Devices, Nonsystem

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texas Army National Guard

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 5218, Austin, TX 78763

Description of Request: This funding will be used to procure a Mobile Firing Range for the Texas National Guard. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because the TXANG currently does not have access to any indoor ranges that can be used to fire the M16/M4 which is the current armament for 90% of the soldiers within the Texas Army National Guard. The Mobile Firing Range will allow soldiers to train with their assigned weapons at home station. The value added is soldiers can train more than once a year during their annual qualification. The ability to have mobile ranges allows for them to be collocated as needed to support deploying unit needs. This system is a training and force multiplier due to the negation of travel and lodging, and staging needed when conducting this training on a military facility.

Priority Name: Field Deployable Hologram Production System

Authorized Amount: \$4.8 million

Account: Research, Development, Test And Evaluation, Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Zebra Imaging

Address of Requesting Entity: 9801 Metric Boulevard, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78759

Description of Request: The Enhanced Holographic Imager (EHI) program is completing development of a compact production unit that produces 3D holographic imagery for mission planning and intelligence purposes for U.S. forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because the Army now requests a self-contained, field-deployable EHI production system to accelerate imagery delivery to combat forces. This authorization will be used to fund an EHI post-processing unit and a transportable production facility, with the completed Field Deployable Hologram Production System operational within a year of receiving funding.

Priority Name: Replace Joint Base Communications Building

Authorized Amount: \$6.17 million

Account: Military Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: NAS JRB FT WORTH

Address of Requesting Entity: NAS JRB FT WORTH, Fort Worth, TX 76127

Description of Request: This funding will be used to provide adequate facilities to house and support the communications hub for NAS JRB Fort Worth. The terminal/switch room in this facility provides the single connecting point for all on-base communications and their interface to all off-base systems. The Navy and the Air Force have personnel in this facility and manage communications systems for all of the tenant commands. The base has seen increases in communication volume due to links with off-site data systems and new tenants (e.g. 8th Marine Corps Division Office), as well as increased information security requirements. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because these conditions force increases in the amount and complexity of the equipment. Existing space will not accommodate growth requirements for the terminal/switch room, threatening a loss in communication functionality base-wide.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. BLUNT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2647, The National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROY BLUNT

Priority Name: JSOW—ER

Authorized Amount: \$6.5 million

Account: Joint Standoff Weapon Systems

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: LaBarge, Inc

Address of Requesting Entity: 1505 S. Maiden Lane, Joplin, MO 64801

Description of Request: JSOW is a GPS-guided air-to-ground weapon designed to attack a variety of targets in day, night and adverse weather conditions. The 70+ mile range of JSOW allows launch aircraft to stand off beyond the range of most Surface-to-Air missiles. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because there is a need for weapons with greater standoff. A new variant of JSOW (JSOW—ER Block IV) would have a range and lethal capability equal to or greater than SLAM—ER and would satisfy the warfighter's need at less than half the cost of SLAM—ER. An existing engine from the Miniature Air-Launched Decoy program will be used to extend the range of JSOW—ER to more than four times of the current glide version.

Priority Name: Lithium Ion Storage Advancement for Aircraft Applications

Authorized Amount: \$4.2 million

Account: Force Protection Applied Research

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: EaglePicher Technologies

Address of Requesting Entity: 1215 W B St., Joplin, MO 64801

Description of Request: Protection of Li-Ion power systems is absolutely necessary on all

current chemistries to prevent catastrophic failures due to over charge, over discharge and temperature excursions. In conjunction with the necessary safety aspects of the power system, a management function is necessary to achieve maximum performance. Maximum performance is achieved by monitoring individual cell voltages, temperature and currents and using this information to control each cell's charging based on environments. By managing the system at the cell level, premature power system degradation and failure can be greatly reduced. This translates into reduced maintenance costs, increased battery life, increased performance and overall increased safety. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because the results from advancements in overall safety and chemistry not only provide safety for aircraft applications but can also be transitioned to the commercial, industrial, military as well as consumer product industries. The next generation of energy storage can be achieved. In addition, by leveraging the results from efforts on current projects, advancements toward new technologies can be realized sooner. These batteries have significant weight and power density advantages over legacy technologies that are currently in use.

Priority Name: Long-Loiter, Load Bearing Antenna Platform for Pervasive Airborne Intelligence

Authorized Amount: \$8 million

Account: Aerospace Technology Dev/Demo

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Missouri State University/QuintiQ North America

Address of Requesting Entity: 901 S. National Ave., Springfield, MO 65804

Description of Request: This funding will be used toward a revolutionary approach to the realization of truly load bearing antenna arrays. In addition to load bearing antennas, the DF hardware will be structurally integrated such that weight is minimized. DF algorithms have been developed and modifications for the severe conditions in Afghanistan will be used as a baseline. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because this new, affordable, antenna platform will significantly increase the DF capabilities of the Zephyr platform. This will enable rapid deployment and affordable assets in theater, adding significantly to the nation's assets.

Priority Name: Short Range Ballistic Missile Defense

Authorized Amount: \$20.5 million

Account: Ballistic Missile Defense Terminal Defense Segment

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: LaBarge Inc

Address of Requesting Entity: 1505 S. Maiden Lane, Joplin, MO 64801

Description of Request: SRBMD is a joint Missile Defense Agency (MDA) and Israel Missile Defense Organization program to develop and deploy a cost-effective broad-area defense for use by both countries' militaries and Israeli civilians against ballistic missiles, large caliber rockets and cruise missiles. The joint program objective is to develop the Stunner interceptor to be common to both militaries for maximum return on investment. The Army has indicated its intention to integrate the Stunner into current and planned missile defense systems. The program successfully completed a critical flight test in February 2009 and two additional tests are scheduled this year. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because the additional funding requested will support qualification and transition to production beyond the