to reaffirm the deep ties between the United States and Italy, and show the Italian people our nation's support in their time of need.

I hope the reconstruction efforts will be completed quickly so the region's cultural and artistic heritage will be restored, while homes, businesses, and schools can be rebuilt. Abruzzo is truly a beautiful region and I look forward to its revival.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. STEVE SCALISE

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on Congressionally-directed project funding, I am submitting the following information regarding project funding I requested for Southeast Louisiana as part of the Fiscal Year 2010 Homeland Security Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE SCALISE

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2010 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill

Account: Federal Emergency Management Agency, State and Local Programs

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New Orleans Emergency Medical Services

Address of Řequesting Entity: 1300 Perdido Street, Suite 4W07, New Orleans, LA 70112

Description of Request: I have secured \$750,000 for the New Orleans Emergency Medical Services. The funding would be used to provide a permanent Emergency Operations Center and base of operation for the sole 9–1–1 emergency medical service provider for the city of New Orleans. Secure medication, equipment storage, and training areas are needed to better serve the citizens of New Orleans. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE SCALISE

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2010 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill

Account: Federal Emergency Management Agency, State and Local Programs

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Washington Parish Government

Address of Requesting Entity: 909 Pearl Street, Franklinton, LA 70438

Description of Request: I have secured \$350,000 for the Washington Parish Government. The funding would be used to provide for an Emergency Operations/9–1–1 Multi-Agency Communications Center to coordinate electronic, telephone, satellite and radio communications between law enforcement, fire, EMS, hospitals, and Emergency Management Agencies. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on ear-

marks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2647, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Rep. WALTER B. JONES

Project: U.S. Navy Cancer Vaccine Program Recipient: OncBioMune, LLC, 17050 Med-

ical Drive, 4th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70816 Account: Research & Development, Navy Amount: \$4.000.000

Amount: \$4,000,000

Explanation: The U.S. Navy Cancer Vaccine Program was initiated in 2005 and was the first cancer vaccine program conducted at the Naval Health Research Center. It has received congressional appropriations beginning in FY06. Currently, U.S. military health authorities estimate that in the past year alone, \$42 million was spent on direct health care costs in the military healthcare system related to prostate cancer. Continued development of the vaccine through this project will save the lives of military personnel suffering from cancer as well as reduce health care costs in the military healthcare system.

Rep. WALTER B. JONES

Project: Radar Approach Control (RAPCON) Complex at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base Phase 1

Recipient: Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, 1510 Wright Brothers Ave., Seymour

Johnson AFB, NC 27531

Account: Military Construction, Air Force Amount: \$6.900.000

Explanation: The existing Radar Approach

Control (RAPCON) Complex and Ground to Air Transmitter/Receiver (GATR) at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base are inadequately configured for today's mission and high-tech equipment. Replacing these facilities would improve Air Force operations and safety and save money by sharply reducing the cost of maintaining the existing outdated infrastructure.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE WILSON

Bill Number: H.R. 2647—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of South Carolina

Address of Requesting Entity: 208 Osborne Building—Pendleton Street, Columbia, SC 29208

Description of Request: I have secured \$6,000,000 for the Brain Injury Recovery Clinic at the University of South Carolina. Soldiers returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan are experiencing an increased number of head injuries related to blasts and explosions compared to soldiers of previous conflicts. It is therefore important for us to understand blast injury, its pathophysiology, methods for detect-

ing traumatic brain injury, and how these soldiers can be best treated. Mechanisms of brain injury in war are unlike those of most injuries encountered in civilian life. The University of South Carolina has established a priority focus area on the study of brain injury and developed novel treatment possibilities to treat head injuries. This funding will establish a brain injury recovery clinic for returning soldiers at the University of South Carolina and study better and more efficient ways to treat blast-related head injuries. This research clinic will also provide jobs for the economically depressed Columbia, SC region. Matching funding (\$6M) from the State of South Carolina is available by housing this Brain Injury Recovery Clinic in the newly constructed Discovery 1 research building. This new research building is located in the Innovista portion of the University of South Carolina campus. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE WILSON

Bill Number: H.R. 2647—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010

Account: Other Procurement, Air Force

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: South Carolina Air National Guard

Address of Requesting Entity: McEntire JNGB, 1325 South Carolina Rd., Eastover, SC 29044

Description of Request: I have secured \$2,000,000 for the South Carolina Air National Guard Eagle Vision Upgrade. Eagle Vision (EV) is a USAF mobile satellite imagery collection and processing system assigned to the SC ANG that will be used as a wartime resource in the war on terrorism as well as a counter drug and Homeland Security asset in the United States. Funding would upgrade the EV system at McEntire JNGB to include a 1 meter infrared capability. Emergency planners and responders would be able to look through clouds and smoke with infrared enabling them to plan responses during an emergency instead of reacting afterward. Matching funds are not applicable. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE WILSON

Bill Number: H.R. 2647—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010

Account: Other Procurement, Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Trenton Plastics

Address of Requesting Entity: 601 E Wise Street, Trenton, SC 29847

Description of Request: I have secured \$5,000,000 for Trenton Plastics for the High Mobility Multi-Purpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV). The appropriation of \$5,000,000 for fire suppression kits (fuel tank fire suppression FIRE Panels) will be applied to existing HMMWVs and new production HMMWVs or ECV2s. The FIRE Panel product is applied to fuel tanks and mitigates the fire and secondary explosions that occur when unprotected fuel tanks are attacked by Improvised Explosive Devices, Rocket Propelled Grenades or Explosively Formed Penetrators. FIRE Panels consist of a hard, durable plastic shell (blow molded by Trenton Plastics) that are then filled with "Black Widow", a highly effective dry chemical fire suppression agent. These FIRE Panels can be formed/blow molded to fit any style of fuel tank. Insurgents, over

the past several years, consistently target fuel tanks on vehicles because of the large secondary fires and explosions that they cause. These fires and secondary explosions have increased the number of solider and marine related deaths due to the fires, increased the number of soldiers and marines with severe burn injuries and cause the destruction and total loss of vehicles. By installing FIRE Panels on HMMWVs the Army will experience fewer losses of lives, reduce medical costs for transport, acute care and long term care related to burn injuries and save vehicles. Matching funds are not applicable. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE WILSON

Bill Number: H.R. 2647—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010

Account: Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: South Carolina Research Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 1330 Lady Street, No. 503, Columbia, SC 29201

Description of Request: I have secured \$8,200,000 for the South Carolina Research Authority's Highly Integrated Production for Expediting Reset (HIPER). The funding will drive downstream efficiencies in manufacturing and quality inspection by enabling the utilization of laser scanning technology to significantly shorten the time and lower the cost for resetting and modernizing the military's small arms and crew-served weapons. HIPER will implement a program which ensures the provision of the best and safest weaponry to the warfighter and in the quickest and most efficient way, by replacing parts and resetting weapons more quickly and at reduced cost. This will help keep our troops safe and fully equipped with the optimum defense mechanisms they need to effectively complete their missions, while using cutting-edge technology to reduce costs and lower wait times. To achieve this goal SCRA will be relying on industry and government partners in numerous states, resulting in employment sustained and created via manufacturing and research requirements. Matching funds are not applicable. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE WILSON

Bill Number: H.R. 2647—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010

Account: Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lifeblood Medical

Address of Requesting Entity: 10120 Two Notch Road, Suite 2, Columbia, South Carolina 29223

Description of Request: I have secured \$3,000,000 for the Lifeblood Medical's Human Organ and Tissue Preservation Technology (HOTPT). Funding will be used to continue and advance studies for Oxygen Therapeutics and Extending Room Temperature Organ Preservation so that the technology can be brought to FDA for approval. The use of funds is justified due to the potential of finding the first approved oxygen therapeutics which will solve the world issue of a lack of donated blood for trauma, military and casualty use. The use of funds is justified so that the supply of organs for transplantation can adequately

meet the demand through extending the preservation time at room temperature. Large animal studies have proven successful in both oxygen therapeutics and organ preservation. Prior DoD funds have also proven that the Lifeblood technology can reverse cell damage and render organs that are labeled untransplantable into an acceptable organ for donation and transplantation. Matching funds will be provided by cash on hand, licensing fee revenues, and product sales. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE WILSON

Bill Number: H.R. 2647—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010

Account: Military Construction, Air National Guard

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: South Carolina Air National Guard, McEntire JNGB

Address of Requesting Entity: McEntire JNGB, 1325 South Carolina Rd., Eastover, SC 29044

Description of Request: I have secured \$1.300.000 for the Joint Use Headquarters Building at McEntire Joint National Guard Base. This is the SC Air National Guard portion of the construction money for the SCNG Joint Use Headquarters Building currently funded as part of the FY10 FYDP. Number One on the Chief of the National Guard Bureau's "Essential 10" capabilities list, the Joint Forces Headquarters is the most critical transformation the National Guard has undergone since 2001. What used to be the State Area Command (STARC) and Air Guard State Headquarters, administrative organizations for peacetime control of units, has developed into a sophisticated headquarters and communications node capable of assuming command and control of units from all services and components when responding to a domestic emergency. Tested and proven during multiple National Security Events in 2004, these headquarters were further validated by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. However, the ANG and ARNG state headquarters functions and the TAG Joint Staff are inefficiently dispersed currently. Consolidation in one location will optimize operations and ensure critical Operational and Communications Security. Matching funds are not applicable. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE WILSON

Bill Number: H.R. 2647—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010

Account: Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: AGY Holding Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: 2556 Wagener Rd., Aiken, SC 29801

Description of Request: I have secured \$3,300,000 for the AGY Holding Corporation's Next Generation High Strength Glass Fibers for Ballistic Armor Applications. This program accelerates the development of next generation high strength glass fibers used in composite armoring materials. This means lighter, stronger composite vehicle armor without sacrificing the ballistic protection needed to maximize soldier survivability. Additionally, this program supports the domestic industrial base for armor materials production. Some of the glass fiber used in composite vehicle armors is manufactured outside the U.S. Developing the next generation high strength glass fibers at AGY will reduce dependency on foreign sources for a critical material, and also save U.S. jobs. Next generation high strength glass fibers can also be utilized by the commercial sector to lighten and improve armoring used on law enforcement vehicles and armored bank cars, resulting in better protection for personnel, improved fuel economy, and reduced emissions. Matching funds are not applicable. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE WILSON

Bill Number: H.R. 2647—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010

Account: Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: EngenuitySC

Address of Requesting Entity: 1201 Main Street, Suite 250, Columbia, SC 29201

Description of Request: I have secured \$3,550,000 for EngenuitySC's Fort Jackson Renewable Energy Project. The Fort Jackson Renewable Energy Project will create a "minigrid" for providing renewable power to mission-critical electrical loads at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, using large stationary fuel cells operating on biogas generated from solid waste streams indigenous to the Fort. The project will assist the Army in meeting its onsite renewable energy generation goals, as well as meeting the security goal of segregating critical power requirements from noncritical power requirements, and producing a substantial portion of the critical power requirements on-site. The project will also provide a model for the Department of Defense to use at other installations to achieve these same goals. Finally, it will provide the Army with access to major renewable and alternative energy technology providers and partners through the Columbia region's existing hydrogen and fuel cell partnerships, as well as access to other fuel cell researchers and applied research programs underway in the region. EngenuitySC will contribute non-federal matching funds to the project. Specific match funding for the requested project is pending receipt of federal funding. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE WILSON

Bill Number: H.R. 2647—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010

Account: Operations and Maintenance, Defense Wide

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Celebrate Freedom Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: 455 St. Andrews Road, C-1, Columbia, SC 29210

Description of Request: I have secured \$3,400,000 for Celebrate Freedom Foundation's SOaR Recruiting Initiative. The Department of Defense provided the Celebrate Freedom Foundation with over \$30 million of high technology resources to support education and recruiting. One time funding is necessary to permit the utilization of this technology to further our national interests and to significantly help generate the military recruit's and civilian workforce that our nation needs now and in the future. The program focuses on a broad range of high skilled military occupational vacancies, workforce training, and it provides innovative educational outreach programs in unconventional settings, with a focus

on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Special emphasis on gender and minority role models, both within the military and in the corresponding civilian world are part of the program design to boost aspirations for students who, without this program, would never have access to such modern technology and as a result they are better equipped to make training and educational plans for civilian and military careers. Matching funds will be provided by the project sponsor. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE WILSON

Bill Number: H.R. 2647—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010

Account: Procurement, Defense Wide Legal Name of Requesting Entity: FN Manufacturing, LLC

Address of Requesting Entity: 797 Old Clemson Road, Columbia, SC 29229–4203

Description of Request: I have secured \$4,300,000 for FN Manufacturing to continue production of the Special Operations Combat Assault Rifle (SCAR). The SCAR was selected after a full and open competition. It meets validated U.S. SOCOM requirements for a 21st Century modular battle rifle available in 5.56 mm and 7.62 mm, and with Close Quarter Battle, Long-Range, and Sniper variants. Federal/taxpayer funding of the SCAR program will provide U.S. Special Operations Forces with a far more effective and reliable combat rifle than the current M-4/M-16 family of rifles. In its various modular configurations, the SCAR will replace five different rifles now in use, greatly reducing the need for maintenance and logistics support and associated costs. Matching funds are not applicable. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE WILSON

Bill Number: H.R. 2647—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010

Account: Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Advanced Technology Institute

Address of Requesting Entity: 5300 International Blvd., North Charleston, SC 29418

Description of Request: I have secured \$4,000,000 for Advanced Technology Institute to continue the Vanadium Technology Program. The Vanadium Technology Program funds the research, development and prototype-testing necessary to implement vanadium alloyed steel into warfighter protection and mobility. This funding builds on successes accomplished previously which include: reductions in weight, fabrication cost, and welding costs of 21 percent, 10 percent, and 53 percent respectively, leading to a smaller, higherperforming vanadium steel trailer design for the Army/Marine Joint Light Tactical Vehicle System; a longer span temporary bridge, designed by the Army Corps of Engineers and the University of South Carolina, to bridge road gaps in combat regions like Irag; and, a new class of lighter. longer span trusses and joists, based on vanadium hot rolled steel angle shapes, have been developed and laboratory tested. Matching funds are not applicable. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE WILSON

Bill Number: H.R. 2647—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010

Account: Aircraft Procurement, Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: South Carolina Army National Guard

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 National Guard Rd., Columbia, SC 29201

Description of Request: I have secured \$4,000,000 for the South Carolina Army National Guard Vibration Management Enhancement Program (VMEP). This funding will continue fielding this proven capability on the Army National Guard's AH-64, CH-47, and UH-60 helicopter fleets. VMEP collects and utilizes information derived from onboard sensors to indicate the state and health of the helicopter drive system and rotational components. VMEP enabled the SCARNG to realize a total savings in parts costs over a 12-month period of \$1.4 million, as well as an increase in mission capable rates. These funds would ensure that the South Carolina Army National Guard aviation program stays in the forefront of embedded technology doctrine. Matching funds are not applicable. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE WILSON

Bill Number: H.R. 2647—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010

Account: Other Procurement, Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Dynamic Animation Systems, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 12015 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy, #200, Fairfax, VA 22033

Description of Request: I have secured \$4,800,000 for Dynamic Animation Systems to procure the Virtual Interactive Combat Environment (V.I.C.E.) for the Basic Combat Training Center of Excellence at Fort Jackson. V.I.C.E. is a rapidly deployable turnkey solution that provides maintainable, adaptable systems which the Course Manager will use to more effectively train Soldiers of the Basic Combat Training Center of Excellence in their Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills, including IED Detect and Defeat. V.I.C.E. offers easily reconfigurable solutions that facilitate individual, fire team, and squad level training. Within this framework, V.I.C.E. provides the capability to support rapidly evolving rules of engagement (ROE) and strategic objectives associated with full-spectrum operations. V.I.C.E. allows instructors to efficiently train doctrinal tasks, as well as, tactics, techniques and procedures (TTPs) for combat, peacekeeping, and humanitarian missions. V.I.C.E. also supports the interoperability standards required to leverage the capabilities of existing systems. The funds will procure Virtual Interactive Combat Environment (V.I.C.E.) systems (including hardware, software, installation, support) for Fort Jackson, thereby keeping Fort Jackson on the cutting edge of military training capability. The Course Manager of the Basic Combat Training Center of Excellence at Fort Jackson requires federal assistance in obtaining funding for the immediate fielding of the V.I.C.E. as a needed training capability exemplar for Basic Combat Training. Matching funds are not applicable. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2892, the Fiscal Year 2010 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act.

1) \$750,000 for the North Bend Area Residential Flood Mitigation

Requesting Entity: King County, WA

Address: King County Courthouse, 516 Third Ave, Rm 1200, Seattle, WA 98104

Agency: FEMA

Account: Pre-disaster Mitigation

Funding Requested by: Rep. DAVE REICHERT

Deep and repetitive floods have struck parts of the North Bend area. The Shamrock Park neighborhood, for example, includes several repetitive loss properties as identified by the National Flood Insurance Program. The neighborhood has been repeatedly flooded at different times from different sources including the South Fork Snoqualmie, Ribary Creek, and Clough Creek. The flooding cannot be prevented unless all sources are addressed. A more reliable, cost-effective solution would be to make each home less susceptible to high water.

Although a system of levees protects most homes in the North Bend area from damage during minor floods, the capacity of the levee system is limited. Flows in excess of 20-year highs overtop portions of the levee system and cause damage to neighboring properties. Raising and extending levees is cost-prohibitive, requires demolition of many homes, is incompatible with regulatory protection of floodway conveyance capacity, and fails to address all known flood hazards. Hazards are associated with the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and the South Fork Snoqualmie River, as well as several smaller tributary streams. Levees along these river channels cannot prevent flooding from other sources.

The proposed project will protect public safety and private property by reducing flood hazards to residential areas of the City of North Bend. In addition to these benefits, the project will result in reduced flood insurance claims and reduced need for federal disaster assistance.

The project will result in approximately 80 jobs. These jobs would be in the fields of real estate transactions and contracting jobs to demolish or elevate structures.

This office conducted site visits to meet with representatives from King County to examine the need for this funding.

North Bend Residential Flood Mitigation. The estimated total project cost is \$5,800,000 in FY 2010, with an immediate need of \$1,000,000 to sustain the project by elevating the first 10 homes in the highest risk area. The full project includes elevation of 50 homes, with costs allocated as follows:

Unit Costs for Home Elevations (1): Estimated Construction Costs \$100,000.00 Elevation Certificates \$1,250 Elevation Cost Estimates \$200.00 Geotechnical Analysis \$315