

CALLING ON GOVERNMENT OF
VIETNAM TO SUPPORT CITIZEN
ACCESS TO INTERNET

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the number of bloggers and democracy activists who have been imprisoned in Vietnam for distributing their peaceful views over the Internet. The Government of Vietnam continues to restrict websites and blogs that promote democracy, human rights, and speak against the actions of the government.

It has become evident over the past several months that the human rights situation in Vietnam continues to deteriorate. Today, I will be introducing a house resolution calling on the Government of Vietnam to not only release imprisoned bloggers but to also respect the people's right to internet freedom.

This resolution urges the Vietnamese government to support the right of citizens to access websites of their choosing, and to repeal statutes like Circular 07 and Article 88 which restrict the internet in Vietnam. It is time for the Government of Vietnam to become a responsible member of the international community and to respect an individual's freedom of speech, press and political association.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI—

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 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. 3288, The Departments of Transportation—HUD Appropriations Bill for FY 2010.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Requesting Member: Congressman ROY BLUNT

Priority Name: Springfield MO Transit Related Improvements for National Avenue, Monroe Street, Brick City, and John Q. Hammons Parkway

Amount: \$500,000

Account: Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Missouri State University

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

Description of Request: Missouri State University, an authorized recipient of transit funds, will make needed transit related improvements to make accessing transit safer and more convenient in order to increase transit use and reduce vehicle traffic in and around campus. The use of taxpayer funds is justified as decreasing vehicular traffic by increasing transit usage will have a significant impact on safety and the environment.

Priority Name: MODOT Reconstruct I-44/Range Line Road Interchange in Joplin, MO

Amount: \$550,000

Account: IM—Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Missouri Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 3901 East 32nd Street, Joplin, MO 64804

Description of Request: The use of taxpayer funds is justified because this request would fund the redesign and reconstruction of the functionally obsolete and structurally deficient cloverleaf interchange at Interstate 44 and Range Line Road in Joplin. The project would eliminate weaving movements traffic must now perform, and it also would eliminate two structurally deficient bridges.

Priority Name: City of Springfield, MO—West Wye Rail Line Relocation

Amount: \$500,000

Account: Rail Line Relocation and Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Springfield, Missouri

Address of Requesting Entity: 840 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, MO 65802

Description of Request: The funding would be used to fund the design and construction of a new West Wye that will allow relocation and reconfiguration of freight rail traffic. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because completion of the project will have a large impact on safety.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. HALL 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 H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman RALPH M. HALL

Bill Number: 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act 2010

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Federal Highway Administration

Address of Requesting Entity: 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE, Washington DC, 20590

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 for I-69 with Federal Highway Administration. For more than 15 years, the I-69 Corridor has been under development and has been consistently recognized by Congress as a national transportation priority. Funding for this project in Texas will help expand interstate highways 77, 281, and 59, to support local, interregional and international traffic. It will provide direct access to the Port of Houston and relieve congestion for the communities all along the route, providing the most direct route from Mexico and Canada for major commercial centers in the U.S., easing traffic on I-35. Funds will also ensure FHWA and in turn the resource agencies with responsibility for environmental clearances—US Fish & Wildlife and the Army Corps of Engineers—have additional staff to expedite the environmental reviews of projects along congressionally designated High Priority Corridors, including I-69 in Texas which is defined by statute as US 59, 77 and 281. Without such resources, the ongoing delay of environmental clearances will continue to significantly increase the cost of

construction of I-69 and other High Priority Corridors. I certify that I do not have any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman RALPH M. HALL and Congressman MIKE ROSS

Bill Number: 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act 2010:

Account: Airport Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texarkana Regional Airport

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 Airport Dr., Texarkana, AR 71854

Description of Request: I have secured \$750,000 for Texarkana Regional Airport Fire Station Project with the Texarkana Regional Airport. Funding for this project will be used to construct an aircraft rescue fire station to save lives in the event of an aircraft accident. This project would complete an Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) station that has been constructed in four phases using incremental funding (continuing resolutions). Without the remaining funds, the facility is not useable. Until recently, airport firefighters shared an off-airport station with city fire crews. Response times to the airfield from the city station did not meet FAA standards for a commercial service airport. The ARFF crews have been temporarily relocated to a maintenance hangar to meet response timing, but the hangar does not meet FAA standards for an ARFF station. The hangar is located in an area where taxiing aircraft may delay ARFF response and aircraft engine noise limits the firefighters' training, rest and ability to hear the crash phone. I certify that I do not have any financial interest in this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION—

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. KINGSTON. 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. 3293, the Labor, Health & Human Services, Education & Other Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Representative JACK KINGSTON

Request information: H.R. 3293, Department of Health & Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration Account

Recipient information: \$1 million, Southeast Georgia Health System, Carlton DeVooght, 2415 Parkwood Avenue, Brunswick, GA 31522

Description: This program will establish a full spectrum of pediatric and adolescent care, including preventative immunizations and well care for Medicaid and uninsured patients in Glynn, Camden, Brantley, McIntosh and Wayne Counties. This pilot project will allow the system to cut costs of the ER, keeping health care costs down across the system.

Representative JACK KINGSTON

Request Information: H.R. 3293, Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration Account

Recipient Information: \$100,000, Coastal Medical Access project, Pat Kota, 2605 Parkwood Drive, Brunswick, GA 31520

Description: This program will expand clinical care and add new services at CMAP's