

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Republican Conference standards on earmarks, I submit the following information regarding a project included at my request in H.R. 3326, the Fiscal Year 2010 Department of Defense Appropriations Act:

Requesting Member: Congressman JIM JORDAN (OH-04)

Bill: H.R. 3326

Account: Army Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDT&E)—Combat Vehicle and Automotive Advanced Technology

Requesting entity: Joint Systems Manufacturing Center, 1161 Buckeye Road, Lima, Ohio

Project title: Friction Stir Welding Program

Description: With federal assistance in fiscal years 2005, 2006, and 2009, the government-owned Joint Systems Manufacturing Center in Lima, Ohio, has developed better methods of fusing metals used in large combat vehicle manufacturing. These methods are proving to be stronger than results achieved through traditional arc welding, resulting in stronger superstructures. The \$3 million included for this program in H.R. 3326 will help perfect friction stir welding technology for current and future vehicle production, reducing procurement costs to the government.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks as well as in accordance with Clause 9 of Rule XXI, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks for my Congressional District as a part of H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Requesting Member: The Administration and Congressman BILL POSEY

Project Funding Amount: \$4,600,000

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Corps of Engineers, O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers.

Address of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District Office, 701 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville, Florida 32207-8175

Description of Request: This funding will be used by the US Army Corps of Engineers to provide annual operation and maintenance of the channel at Port Canaveral, Florida.

Consistent with Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for entities unless the use of the funding is consistent with the specified pur-

pose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman BILL POSEY

Project Funding Amount: \$900,000

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Corps of Engineers, Investigations
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Canaveral Port Authority.

Address of Requesting Entity: Canaveral Port Authority, 445 Challenger Road, P.O. Box 267, Cape Canaveral, Florida, 32920.

Description of Request: This funding will be used by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Port Canaveral has completed a Section 203 report, which has been submitted to the Corps for consideration. The Corps can then start Preconstruction, Engineering, and Design (PED), which is cost-shared with the non-Federal sponsor 75/25. The non-federal sponsor is prepared to provide their 25% match. The recommended improvements to the channel are urgently required to provide adequate channel capacity and safety.

Consistent with Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for entities unless the use of the funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman BILL POSEY

Project Funding Amount: \$600,000

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Corps of Engineers, Construction
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Brevard County, Florida.

Address of Requesting Entity: Brevard County, Florida, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Building A-219, Viera, Florida, 32940.

Description of Request: This funding is will be used by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to begin construction of the first phase of re-nourishing the Mid-Reach section of the Brevard County Storm Damage Protection Project. The federal, state, and county governments have already completed the Northern and Southern section of this project. This funding will help provide the federal portion of funding toward this authorized federal project. This funding will enable the Corps to dredge sand to be placed in the Mid-reach the following year. The County has funding set aside and available for this project, and this is a top priority for the state.

Consistent with Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for entities unless the use of the funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES J. BRUNO FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE KANKAKEE TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT & THE KANKAKEE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, on August 14, 2009, friends, family, and colleagues of James J. Bruno will gather to celebrate his 27½ years of service to the Kankakee Township Fire Protection District and the Kankakee City Fire Department. Today I join the chorus of praise for Jim's service.

After the unfortunate death of his father of a heart attack, Jim took the opportunity to devote himself to saving lives by joining the Kankakee Township Fire Protection District. Just 6 years after becoming a fire fighter, he rose to the rank of Lieutenant and was the first paramedic in the department. In 1988, Jim joined the Kankakee City Fire Department. In 1990, Jim received the Distinguished Service Award for his role in rescuing a heart-attack victim from her burning home. With the help of his partner, Steve Born, Jim entered a blazing home, located the woman, hoisted her on his shoulders, and carried her to safety. She made a full recovery. This was an obvious act of heroism. What is less obvious, but no less important, are the lives Jim saved through countless inspections he conducted of homes and businesses as well as the education programs he participated in that prevented fires. Prevention efforts like the ones Jim participated in have been highly effective. Since 1982, deaths due to fires in the home have decreased 36 percent. Firefighters like Jim have made our communities much safer.

Jim has been an active labor leader for over 20 years. He has performed many roles in the Kankakee Firefighters Union including Chaplin and Executive Board Secretary. He completed many labor trainings on how to participate in productive grievance and arbitration hearings. Jim has been an effective advocate for hard-working firefighters.

Jim is also a compassionate father and husband. Jim is a proud supporter of his wife, Captain Stacey Ann Bruno, who will begin her second tour of duty in Iraq in September. He is a loving father of three teenage children.

The 11th District and the community of Kankakee owe Jim Bruno a debt of gratitude. I am proud to represent him and all the wonderful firefighters around my district in Congress. I wish Jim the best of luck as he enters retirement.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010, H.R. 3293.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER
H.R. 3293

Department of Education, Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Ouachita Parish School Board located at 701 St. John Street, Monroe, LA 71201.

The Northeast Louisiana Family Literacy Interagency Consortium; \$400,000. The Northeast Louisiana Family Literacy Interagency Consortium (NELFLIC). NELFLIC is requesting funding so that more families can continue to be served, and served more effectively, by securing staff and resources. NELFLIC is determined to enhance its services to provide flexible, year-round hours and to target special populations more intensely than ever before. The English as a Second Language services to be offered in Union and West Carroll parishes can double the number of participants in each site. Serving the incarcerated population in Richland parish incurs significant expenses due to the dynamics of the program and to ensure that children can participate sufficiently in appropriate services. In order to serve the high school population in Lincoln parish, the Even Start center must have highly qualified personnel available to work with the children from 7:20 to 3:35 five days per week. Funding is requested to retain the staff at each site and to provide transportation and other support services to accommodate the flexible schedules and growing population of participants. Expanding services or the service area will help to empower families to gain literacy skills, build strong families, earn a living wage, and move toward self-sufficiency.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER
H.R. 3293

Department of Education—Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Institute for Student Achievement, One Hollow Lane, Suite 100, Lake Success, NY 11042

Institute for Student Achievement; \$150,000. ISA is requesting \$150,000 in funding to continue its partnership with the Point Coupee Central Prep High School located in the Point Coupee Central High School building. Point Coupee Central Prep High School opened in September, 2008 with a cohort of grade nine students. It will grow one grade per year until it serves students in grades 9 to 12, at which time the Point Coupee Central High School will be phased out. ISA will remain in partnership with EBR throughout the entire school development period. A clear, explicit set of non negotiable principles defines the ISA research-based school reform capacity-building model. With its strategic partner, the National Center for Research, Education, Students and Teaching (NCREST) at Columbia University, ISA facilitates the implementation of these principles through coaching and professional development. Additionally, ISA provides technical assistance, administrative guidance, and formative student assessments in writing and mathematics which inform instructional practice, program advocacy and program assessment.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER
H.R. 3293

Department of Health & Human Services Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)—Research & Demonstration.

PACE Greater New Orleans, 4201 North Rampart, New Orleans, LA 70117.

PACE Greater New Orleans, for facilities and equipment; \$500,000. This project is for \$4 million to allow PACE Greater New Orleans, Franciscan PACE and CHRISTUS Health

to expand and develop additional PACE services and space on the Westbank of Jefferson Parish as well as in Monroe and Alexandria so they may be able to serve more elderly and offer them an alternative to institutionalized care. Expansion of service personnel and capacity could allow PACE New Orleans to serve 150 more elderly, PACE Monroe approximately 124 and PACE Alexandria approximately 125. The Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) is a capitated benefit authorized by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA) that features a comprehensive service delivery system and integrated Medicare and Medicaid financing. The program is modeled on the system of acute and long term care services developed by On Lok Senior Health Services in San Francisco, California. The model was tested through CMS (then HCFA) demonstration projects that began in the mid-1980s. The PACE model was developed to address the needs of long-term care clients, providers, and payers. For most participants, the comprehensive service package permits them to continue living at home while receiving services rather than be institutionalized. Participants must be at least 55 years old and be certified as eligible for nursing home care by the appropriate State agency. However the average age of a PACE recipient is 75. The PACE program becomes the sole source of services for Medicare and Medicaid eligible enrollees.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER
H.R. 3293

Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services.

CHRISTUS Health St. Francis Cabrini Hospital, 3330 Masonic Drive, Alexandria, LA 71301.

CHRISTUS Health St. Francis Cabrini Hospital for an electronic medical records initiative; \$400,000. CHRISTUS St. Francis Cabrini has undertaken an initiative to lower the cost of care by leveraging communication and health information technology, with an emphasis on using these tools to improve access and lower costs for the under- and uninsured. The project will reduce inappropriate use of the emergency department while providing a care team to help coordinate their care and provide a medical home. Reducing the cost of care requires investment in health IT infrastructure. This project began almost a year ago by deploying community health workers using all manual processes. This activity will automate the process of data collection, information sharing and increased communications with the clients to reduce inappropriate utilization, improve access and reduce costs, all while helping them to better care for themselves. Internal funding is lacking due to competing priorities. Funds will be used for investing in core infrastructure needs that will become operating costs in future years but at a much lower level.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER
H.R. 3293

Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services.

CHRISTUS Health System, 9830 Jennifer Lane, Shreveport, LA 71106.

CHRISTUS Health System for a rural health initiative; \$350,000. School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs) enable CHRISTUS Health to provide primary and preventative health care

services to children and adolescents in Louisiana, many of whom are among the working poor. Besides immunizations and physical examinations, SBHCs provide well-child care, dispensation of over-the-counter and prescribed medicines, routine lab tests, management of chronic conditions, and initial care for acute illnesses and injuries. The centers provide mental health services including individual, family, and group therapy. SBHCs emphasize prevention as well as early identification and treatment of physical and mental health concerns. Prevention programs concentrate on proper nutrition, dental hygiene, exercise, and the elimination of substance abuse, use of tobacco, teenage pregnancy, violence, and suicide. CHRISTUS Health sponsors and operates 25 of the 62 SBHCs in Louisiana. With earmark funds of \$350,000, these centers could address such critical health issues as childhood and adolescent obesity. The money could also help the centers provide more dental services and expand mental health services.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER
H.R. 3293

Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services.

Richland Parish Hospital, 407 Cincinnati Street, Delhi, LA 71232.

Richland Parish Hospital for facilities and equipment; \$1,025,000. This request would increase access to vital preventive and diagnostic health care services in Northeast Louisiana through the use of one-time funding to purchase Digital Mammography and 16-Slice Computerized Tomography (CT) Scan machine and a Mobile Unit to transport the equipment throughout the region. This will particularly impact the low-income, under and uninsured residents of the most rural areas of the region, who so many times do not have the resources to travel to the larger urban areas to obtain these services. Currently, a resident must travel at least to Monroe to obtain these services, which is over 60 miles away from many of the communities in the most northeast part of the state. RPH is a participant in the LA Rural Health Information Exchange Network and was the first hospital to be linked with the LSU Health Sciences Center (LSUHSC-S) in Shreveport. If they are able to obtain this equipment, they will be able to transmit these tests to the specialists at LSUHSC-S. Many of the low-income, under and uninsured patients are referred to LSUHSC-S for specialty care. Due to the lack of resources, patients may very well forego treatment until the condition is much more serious.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER
H.R. 3293

Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services.

University of Louisiana at Monroe, 700 University Avenue, Monroe, LA 71209

University of Louisiana at Monroe for facilities and equipment, including purchase of a mobile dental unit; \$840,000. The University of Louisiana at Monroe College of Health Sciences Department of Dental Hygiene proposes the purchase of a mobile dental unit for use throughout the northeastern portion of the State of Louisiana. The use of this mobile unit would enhance the teaching capabilities of the dental hygiene program and would provide a

critically needed service to patients unable to access regular dental/dental hygiene care. The mobile dental unit would serve the delta area of Louisiana which has been designated an economically and socially depressed area, which in the past has been approved for federal development funding. The mobile unit would benefit underserved patients who lack the financial resources and/or transportation to obtain proper dental care. The unit would be staffed by a dentist, dental assistant, dental hygienist and dental hygiene students who would work with local public health offices to coordinate services.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER
H.R. 3170
SBA

Grambling University, 400 Main St., Grambling, LA 71245

The primary goals of the Greater North Louisiana Community Development Corp are to: a) stimulate creation, attraction, retention and expansion of business and industry in North Louisiana, b) provide access to financial capital, c) promote the growth of "homegrown" business using technology to provide rural isolated entrepreneurs with access to information, technical assistance, professional services and expertise. The Rural U.S. is home to over 56 million Americans who live in some of the country's poorest regions. As nationally publicized by all mediums, the state of Louisiana is involved in a long-running battle to find solutions to poverty and combating literacy (see attachments A & B—GNLCDC Service Area Demographics and Maps). The primary employers in the targeted parishes are light manufacturing companies. It is expected that manufacturing jobs will continue to decline in the 21st Century, therefore diversification is critical to the stimulation and survival of rural communities.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER
H.R. 3326
RDTE, A

Louisiana Tech University, 700 W California Ave, Ruston, LA 71272

Anti-Tamper Research and Development \$3,800,000. This program will provide the research, development, and testing of technologies that can significantly reduce or eliminate the threat of reverse-engineering or software extraction from the guidance/avionics package of military aircraft and missiles. We will initiate the R&D of specific technologies that can be used to prevent tampering of aviation and missile systems, initiate the development and instrumentation of techniques that can be used to test the vulnerability of missile systems before and after insertion of the technology, and test the initial technology produced by this program. Technologies developed will prevent the extraction, disassembly, and reuse of U.S. aviation and missile Critical Technology/Critical Program Information hardware and software. The DoD is currently aware of how vulnerable its weapons systems are to reverse-engineering, and this effort will develop measures to decrease or eliminate this vulnerability.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER
H.R. 3326
RDTE, AF

Louisiana Tech University, 700 W California Ave, Ruston, LA 71272

Remote Language-Independent Suspect Identification \$3,200,000. Louisiana Tech University seeks funding for research in remote

language-independent suspect identification. Our researchers have developed technologies that use mathematical models for identity verification. Aspects of this work have been commercialized in the private sector. The University has worked with the Air Force and industry partners in further development of the algorithms and software for military applications. These funds will support our faculty and partners identified by the Air Force in extending the development of these algorithms.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER
H.R. 3326
RDTE, AF
Louisiana Tech University, 700 W California Ave, Ruston, LA 71272

Cyber Security Research Program \$1,500,000. Louisiana Tech University seeks funding to initiate programs in the recently funded Cyber Security Laboratory to support new research and educational efforts in cyber security. This laboratory is a key component of the Center for Secure Cyberspace (CSC), a collaboration between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana State University. Funding for the CSC, totaling \$8 million, has been provided by the Louisiana Board of Regents and the two universities. Researchers are developing core research foundations in evolvable sensor hardware/software and corresponding transformational technologies for the early prediction, detection, and control of anomalous behavior in cyberspace. The CSC has built strategic collaborative relationships between national and international academic and industrial partners, with the Air Force Cyber Command (P), Air Force Research Laboratory, and other state and federal agencies. Many of these partners have provided input into the design of the CSL. The proposed funding will enable us to configure, test and validate the new equipment and software, which is being purchased in FY 2009, and to support initial research projects between the CSC and partners. These initial projects will enable Tech and its partners to gather preliminary data to serve as the basis for further funding from multiple agencies.

TEXAS H. CON. RES. 39

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, at the request of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas, I am officially entering House Joint Resolution 39, as passed by the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009 of the State of Texas, into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

post-ratifying Amendment XXIV to the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the denial or abridgment of the right to vote for failure to pay any poll tax or other tax.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The 87th Congress of the United States, on August 27, 1962, in the form of Senate Joint Resolution No. 29, proposed to the legislatures of the several states an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and by a proclamation dated February 4, 1964, published at 29 *Federal Register* 1715-16 and at 78 Statutes at Large 1117-18, the Administrator of General Services,

Bernard L. Boutin—in the presence of native Texan, President Lyndon Baines Johnson—declared the amendment to have been ratified by the legislatures of 38 of the 50 states, thereby becoming Amendment XXIV to the United States Constitution, pursuant to Article V thereof, and reading as follows:

"AMENDMENT XXIV.

"SECTION 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote in any primary or other election for President or Vice President, or for electors for President or Vice President, or for Senator or Representative in Congress, shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State by reason of failure to pay any poll tax or other tax.

"SECTION 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

"SECTION 2. While the congress was still deliberating on the poll tax amendment in August of 1962, President John Fitzgerald Kennedy urged the United States House of Representatives to follow the lead of the Senate and propose the amendment for the consideration of the state legislatures "... to finally eliminate this outmoded and arbitrary bar to voting. American citizens should not have to pay to vote." And in witnessing the issuance of Amendment XXIV's certificate of validity 17 months later, Kennedy's successor, President Johnson, noted that abolishing the tax requirement "... reaffirmed the simple but unbreakable theme of this Republic. Nothing is so valuable as liberty, and nothing is so necessary to liberty as the freedom to vote without bans or barriers. ... A change in our Constitution is a serious event. ... There can now be no one too poor to vote."

SECTION 3. Although Amendment XXIV has been the law of the land since 1964, some 13 years following its effective date, it received symbolic post-ratification in 1977 from the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia, as reflected in the *Congressional Record* of March 28, 1977, which printed the full text of Virginia's post-ratification; 12 years after that, the amendment gained ceremonial post-ratification in 1989 from the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, as reflected in the *Congressional Record* of June 6, 1989, which printed the full text of North Carolina's post-ratification; and nearly 13 years after that, the amendment acquired its most recent post-ratification in 2002 from the Legislature of the State of Alabama, as reflected in the *Congressional Record* of September 26, 2002, which printed the full text of Alabama's post-ratification.

SECTION 4. The Legislature of the State of Texas—one of only five states still levying a poll tax by 1964—has never approved Amendment XXIV to the Constitution of the United States, but precedent makes clear the opportunity of Texas to post-ratify the amendment in a manner similar to the actions of lawmakers in Alabama, North Carolina, and Virginia.

SECTION 5. The Legislature of the State of Texas, as a symbolic gesture, hereby post-ratifies Amendment XXIV to the Constitution of the United States.

SECTION 6. Pursuant to Public Law No. 98-497, the Texas secretary of state shall notify the archivist of the United States of the action of the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas, Regular Session, 2009, by forwarding to the archivist an official copy of this resolution.

SECTION 7. The Texas secretary of state shall also forward official copies of this resolution to both United States senators from Texas, to all United States representatives from Texas, to the vice president of the United States in his capacity as presiding officer of the United States Senate, and to the