

The interest of NCB Capital Impact in gaining CDFI certification is two-fold. First, it has a track record that is comparable to other organizations that received CDFI status; its mission is dedicated to working with low income populations and communities. Second, increasingly in the community development finance field, CDFI certification is viewed as a 'good housekeeping seal' of approval in working with other Federal agencies and other private and public institutions.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this technical amendment to the NCB statute so that the non-profit, mission-driven NCB Capital Impact may continue to provide services to distressed and underserved communities throughout New York and the country at-large.

REMEMBERING THE 34TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge and remember the 34th anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus, to mourn the thousands of Greek Cypriots who lost their lives, and to condemn Turkey's ongoing occupation of the Republic of Cyprus.

On July 20, 1974, Turkey invaded the island in blatant contravention of international law. After days of bloodshed, Turkey's soldiers maintained a stronghold in the north, and eventually gained control of roughly 37% of the island. As a result of the invasion and occupation, approximately 200,000 Greek Cypriots were forced from their homes and over 5,000 were killed. Furthermore, over 1,400 Greek Cypriots, including 4 Americans, remain missing since the start of Turkey's onslaught.

Cyprus and the United States share a deep and abiding commitment to uphold the ideals of freedom, democracy, justice, and human rights. The international community has a moral and ethical obligation to stand with persecuted Cypriots, reunify the island, and end Turkey's military occupation.

Madam Speaker, we cannot forget the realities of what took place on July 20, 1974, in Cyprus, nor can we continue to ignore the ongoing human rights violations by Turkey's occupying army. Today, I wish to offer my support for a single independent and sovereign Cyprus, which not only respects human rights, but the fundamental freedoms of all Cypriots.

A TRIBUTE TO REVEREND JAMES S. ALLEN

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize my dear friend, Rev. James S. Allen, in honor of his 30th anniversary as pastor of the Vine Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia. Reverend Allen has carried the torch for human rights throughout his career and has brought that same pas-

sion to his ministry in Philadelphia. Through his work, he has touched the lives of numerous members of my community and continues to be a blessing to all those who encounter him.

Born in rural Arkansas, Reverend Allen was a firsthand witness to the injustices of racial segregation. The young Reverend Allen walked 4 miles both ways to his segregated three-room schoolhouse every day, and in spite of the challenge, he went on to become valedictorian of his high school's graduating class. After Reverend Allen joined the United States Air Force and honorably served in the Korean War until 1956, he returned home to the ever burgeoning issue of racial equality and discovered his life's calling in the ministry. When the integration orders handed down in *Brown v. Board of Education* were jeopardized, Reverend Allen joined the fight to uphold its central purpose of racial equity. The day that President Eisenhower ordered military troops into Little Rock to ensure its desegregation, Reverend Allen, with the same thought in mind, enrolled at the Arkansas Baptist College.

As a champion of human rights, Reverend Allen has made his mark in a number of places. He assisted Dr. Leon Sullivan in planning the first and second African American Summits and has worked extensively with the Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America Incorporated to help members of his community find and maintain jobs. Reverend Allen has served in numerous leadership positions for various organizations. Most notable has been his service as vice-president of National Baptist Congress of Christian Education and as the first president of the Black Clergy of Philadelphia and Vicinity. Reverend Allen also served as a special assistant to the first African American mayor of Philadelphia, W. Wilson Goode. Currently, Reverend Allen serves as the chairman of the Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations. Above his charitable contributions to the community at large, he is also a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

Madam Speaker, Reverend Allen has been a minister for 51 years, 30 of which have been at the Vine Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia. He has served the people of many cities, making a lasting impact everywhere he has been. As a valued member of my community, I ask that you and my other esteemed colleagues join me in congratulating Reverend Allen on this occasion of achieving 30 years of pastoral excellence in Philadelphia and a growing legacy of human rights successes.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Mr. FORBES. Madam Speaker, consistent with Republican earmark standards, the following are detailed finance plans for each of my requested projects in the H.R. 6599, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act for FY 2009.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES.

Bill Number: H.R. 6599.

Account: Military Construction, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

Address of Requesting Entity: Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, VA, USA.

Description of Request: Provide \$10,590,000 to make Industrial Access Improvements at Main Gate 15 at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. Mandatory vehicle access control at military installations is a Department of Defense (DoD) requirement per DoD Directives 5200.8 and 5200.8R. Based on a Staff Integrated Vulnerability Assessment conducted in October 2006, the entrance and guardhouse configuration at Gate 15 are inadequate for both industrial access and from a security/safety standpoint and require upgrading. This project provides for industrial access improvements of Gate 15 including the truck and private automobile inspection area, Pass Office Renovations and counterterrorism measures at Gate 15.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES.

Bill Number: H.R. 6599.

Account: Military Construction, Army National Guard.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Pickett.

Address of Requesting Entity: Fort Pickett, VA, USA.

Description of Request: Provides \$2,950,000 to be used to construct a Multipurpose Machine Gun Range for training purposes with a variety of firearms and weapons for the Virginia National Guard and other Army and Guard units along the East Coast. Full budget documentation is a part of the President's Fiscal Year 2009 Department of Defense budget request.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES.

Bill Number: H.R. 6599.

Account: Military Construction, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Lee.

Address of Requesting Entity: Fort Lee, VA, USA.

Description of Request: Provides \$90,000,000 to construct a standard-design training barracks complex for advanced initial training for Army soldiers. This project supports the increase in trainee requirements at Fort Lee as part of the increase in permanent end strength of the Army. The estimated and intended use is 1,200 soldiers. All existing adequate facilities are being fully utilized to support current operations. If this project is not provided, there will not be sufficient adequate permanent facilities to support the Grow the Force initiative and soldiers will continue to work out of temporary and/or relocatable buildings which have limited operational capabilities and limited useful life expectancies. Full budget documentation is a part of the President's Fiscal Year 2009 Department of Defense budget request.

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Bill Number: H.R. 6599.

Account: Military Construction, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Lee.

Address of Requesting Entity: Fort Lee, VA, USA.

Description of Request: Provides \$10,300,000 to provide a dining facility to support an increase in the number of soldiers who will receive Advanced Individual Training at Fort Lee. This project supports the Grow the