

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.

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 \$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

Force initiative. It will enable the Army to meet the greater training throughput requirement that will result from the increased size of the Army. All existing adequate facilities are being fully utilized to support current operations as well as Army Modularity and Global Defense Posture Realignment (GDPR) initiatives. If this project is not provided, there will not be sufficient adequate dining facilities to support the training requirement as a result of the Grow the Force initiative. All physical security measures and antiterrorism protection measures are included. The Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Housing) certifies that this project has been considered for joint use potential. Full budget documentation is a part of the President's Fiscal Year 2009 Department of Defense budget request.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

H.R. 6599, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act; 2009, contains \$6,800,000 for MXG Consolidation and Forward Logistic Center, Phase 2 in the Air Force, Military Construction account.

This project is for McConnell Air Force Base located at 57837 Coffeyville St., Kansas, 67221.

The funds will help complete phase two of the Maintenance Group (MXG) Consolidation and Forward Logistics Center that will streamline many different facilities into one maintenance facility, resulting in improved military operations and saving taxpayer dollars by reducing operations and maintenance spending.

No matching funds are required for this military construction project.

TRIBUTE TO FATHER PAUL TIPTON

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, on May 25, my friend, Father Paul Tipton, passed away. He was an incredible man with an irreverent sense of humor who accomplished great things.

I first met Father Tipton in 1989. He was the President of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities and I was a staffer for Congressman Joe Moakley (D-MA). On November 16th of that year, six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and her daughter were murdered by members of the U.S.-backed Salvadoran Armed Forces. A cover-up ensued and there was a strong sense that the truth would never be known.

Father Tipton organized the Jesuit community in the United States—including all the Jesuit college and university Presidents—to put pressure on the U.S. and Salvadoran governments and demand truth and justice in this tragic case. He worked closely with Congressman Moakley, who headed a special task

force that was established to investigate these crimes. His no-nonsense style and his tough talk earned him the nickname "Father John Wayne." He wouldn't give up—and ultimately he helped find the truth.

Father Tipton dedicated his life to helping people and making the world a better place. In addition to his work in El Salvador, he was a champion for education and making sure that everyone who wanted an education could afford to get one. He was a great man and a great friend. I miss him.

Madam Speaker, I would like to ask unanimous consent to insert Father Tipton's obituary, which appeared in the Washington Post on Sunday, June 1, 2008, into the RECORD.

[From the Washington Post, June 1, 2008]

PAUL TIPTON; EXPOSED JESUIT DEATHS IN EL SALVADOR

(By Patricia Sullivan)

Paul Smallwood Tipton, 69, who, while president of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities helped expose the assassination of six Catholic priests, their housekeeper and her daughter by the Salvadoran army, died of cancer May 25 at Georgetown University Hospital. He lived in the District and Lusby.

Rev. Tipton had just started at the association when he received a call telling him that the sole witness to the Nov. 16, 1989, murders of six Jesuits and two women at Central American University in San Salvador was detained and interrogated by Salvadoran officials, the U.S. State Department and the FBI. He flew from Washington to Miami and took custody of Luisa Cerna, the housekeeper and her husband.

He became active in the case, writing letters that accused the U.S. ambassador of attempting to discredit her.

"The reason we Jesuits in the United States are very angry is that the mistreatment of the Cernas effectively has neutralized the only witness who has come forward, and it means probably no other witness will come forward," he told the New York Times at the time. "This particular institution is a voice for peace and justice, and pursuing the people who pulled the triggers is a very personal matter for us."

Rev. Tipton later made several trips to El Salvador with U.S. Rep. Joe Moakley, the Massachusetts Democrat who led the congressional task force investigating the killings. The revelations led to a cut in U.S. foreign aid to the Salvadoran government, resolution of the country's civil war and election of a new government.

Rev. Tipton was born in Birmingham Ala., and began studying to be a Jesuit priest in 1958. He attended the University of Virginia and graduated from Spring Hill College in Mobile, Ala. He taught at an El Paso high school, while attending graduate school at the University of Texas at El Paso.

In 1968, he joined the staff of U.S. Rep. Richard C. White (D-Tex.) and did further graduate work in theological studies at Woodstock College in Maryland, Union Theological Seminary in New York and Catholic University. He was ordained a Jesuit priest in 1971 in New Orleans.

The following year, he was named the president of Spring Hill College, where he worked for 17 years. While there, he and a crew of students raced a 40 foot sloop, "Holy Smoke," in a 180-mile overnight trip in the Gulf of Mexico in 1983. Halfway through the race, an intense storm with near-hurricane strength winds generated 20-foot waves. Rev. Tipton and his crew headed home but almost a third of the 29 boats had major problems. The Coast Guard responded to three Mayday calls and one sailor drowned.

Rev. Tipton, who was chairman of the offshore committee of the Gulf Yachting Association, which had sponsored the race, found two of the missing crews the next day on a barrier island according to a contemporaneous article in the New York Times.

He worked at the association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities in Washington from 1989 until 1996, overseeing the legislative activities of the 28 Jesuit postsecondary schools in the United States.

When Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School caught fire July 8, 1993, Rev. Tipton helped lead nuns out of their monastery into the courtyard, then joined other priests in rescuing priceless vestments, chalices, and paintings. With a friend, Davis Feickert, he removed a massive 1821 painting of Jesus, Mary and Martha in prayer, donated to the Sisters of Visitation by Charles X of France.

By 1996, when he became president of Jacksonville University in Florida, Rev. Tipton had left the Jesuits and become a diocesan priest. He returned to Washington in 2000, working as a counselor to the secretary of labor. In 2001, he started the Provident Consulting Group to provide services to non-profit and faith-based organizations a group he ran until his death.

In 2003, he became president of St. Mary's Ryken High School, a Catholic college preparatory school in Leonardtown, where for the next two years he developed a long-range financial plan, recrafted the mission statement and increased annual giving by 100 percent.

He was a member of numerous education and civic boards.

He had no immediate family survivors.

H.R. 6340, "CHARLES L. BRIEANT, JR. FEDERAL BUILDING AND UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE"

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 6340, a bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse in White Plains, New York, as the "Charles L. Brieant, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse". I commend the gentlewoman from New York, Ms. LOWEY, for her steadfast actions to ensure that this bipartisan bill received timely consideration.

Judge Brieant was an eminent jurist who recently died at the age of 85. He maintained a full docket until he moved to senior status in 2007. Judge Charles Brieant, Jr. was born in 1923 in Ossining, New York, and served in his hometown during his entire professional career. He graduated from Columbia University and Columbia Law School.

He began his public service practicing in White Plains, New York, while serving as water commissioner for the town of Ossining, New York. Judge Brieant was elected Ossining town justice in 1952 before serving as village attorney for Briarcliff Manor, New York.

From 1960 through 1963, he served as town supervisor for Ossining. He also served in the New York legislature in 1970 and 1971. In 1971, President Richard M. Nixon nominated Judge Brieant to serve on the District Court for the Southern District of New York. He served as Chief Judge for the Southern District of New York from 1986 to 1993. Last year, Judge Brieant took senior status.