

primarily be used for the salaries of engineers working on this project, with 10 percent or less possibly be used for hardware or software. The Lab cuts operational support timeline by using simulation-based analyses & experiments with man-in-the-loop. The System Simulation and Development Directorate (SSDD) of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center (AMRDEC) is continuing to upgrade the capability of the Advanced Prototyping, Engineering and eXperimentation (APEX) Laboratory and is extending the application of detailed engineering level simulations across external networks in order to maintain the leading edge in modeling and simulation technology. The HFVSA is enhancing the SSDD's APEX Laboratory's capability to support deployed Soldiers through leveraging of the lab's concept development and research across the entire spectrum of operational environments. A key linkage to leverage the aviation and missile models and simulations is the use of existing Army simulation networks connected to Users in the TRADOC community to provide engineering level models and simulations in sufficient detail to properly examine mission needs. The APEX Lab is working to reduce the timeline necessary to support current and future operations using distributed simulation-based analyses and experiments with man-in-the-loop. Future improvements will increasingly be focused on accurately representing today's fight while also ensuring that research & development efforts supporting current and future weapon systems are conducted within accurate and meaningful operational environments throughout the life-cycle. The HFVSA program will provide relevant solutions to existing and emerging operational challenges. It will provide the ability for commanders to prioritize and gain consensus through relevant studies and analyses of alternative concept solutions. HFVSA increases the level of engineering fidelity available to Battle Labs and consolidates engineering resources between simulation communities/domains.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT.

Bill Number: Senate Amendment to H.R. 2638.

Provision/Account: Division D/Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "City of Rainbow City."

Address of Requesting Entity: 3700 Rainbow Drive, Rainbow City, AL 35906.

Description of Request: Provide \$1 million for urgent storm drainage improvements. The project would be one of several phases due to Rainbow City having widespread storm drainage issues. CDBG funding through ADECA has been applied for in the amount of \$500,000 to address drainage problems in the City's only low income area. With local funds alone, this overall project would be completed at a much slower pace. However, the City is prepared to include the 45 percent local match in the general budget. The project is not eligible for completion with state funds.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT.

Bill Number: Senate Amendment to H.R. 2638.

Provision/Account: Division D/Coast Guard.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "Warrior Tombigbee Waterway Association".

Address of Requesting Entity: 250 No Water St., Mobile, AL 36652.

Description of Request: Provide \$4 million to the U.S. Coast Guard for the replacement of the CSX RR Bridge over Mobile River ordered by USCG Commandant as authorized under the Truman-Hobbs Act. Pending availability of funds, the design of the new bridge would be completed in November 2008 and ready for construction in FY 2009. The current estimated total cost of the project is \$75.5 million; the federal share is \$69.8 million. To date, the total amount of federal funds appropriated to this project has been \$48.4 million. The potential \$4 million appropriation would raise the amount of available federal funds to \$52.4 million; hence an additional \$17.4 million would be needed to complete the federal funding portion of the project presuming no increases in project cost before beginning construction.

The Fourteen Mile Bridge received an average of \$5.38M annually since fiscal year 2000. Progress is limited by availability of funds, inflationary pressures, and the significant increase in the cost of steel over the last several years. It is estimated that the construction duration for the new bridge will be two years.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT.

Bill Number: Senate Amendment to H.R. 2638.

Provision/Account: Division D/Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "Center for Domestic Preparedness" (Federal Training Facility).

Address of Requesting Entity: 61 Responder Dr., Anniston, AL 36205.

Description of Request: Provide \$62.5 million for the Center for Domestic Preparedness which is located in Anniston, Alabama. It is a key training Federal facility operated by the Department of Homeland Security. It is the only weapons of mass destruction (WMD) training facility that provides hands-on training to civilian emergency responders which includes live chemical agents. The Center is a leading member of the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium. For Fiscal Year 2008, Congress provided \$62.5 million for the Center for Domestic Preparedness. In addition, the 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act of 2007, which the President signed into law on August 3, 2007, included language that authorized increases in funding for the Center over a period of four years. (Sec. 1204, P.L. 110-53). The House Appropriations Committee bill recommended a funding level consistent with the president's budget. The Senate Appropriations Committee recommended last year's funding level of \$62.5 million. This bill contains the Senate amount.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT.

Bill Number: Senate Amendment to H.R. 2638.

Provision/Account: Division D/Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "Jackson County Commission"

Address of Requesting Entity: Courthouse Suite 47, Scottsboro, Alabama 35768.

Description of Request: Provide \$90,000 to construct a transmitter to assist residents receiving notifications to their NOAA weather radios. This amount represents the entire cost of the transmitter. The funds will be used for the transmitter, coax, antenna, and installation.

TRIBUTE TO MARILYN ALLENDER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marilyn Allender of Jefferson, Iowa as a new inductee into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame for her outstanding service and dedication to 4-H.

Counties select inductees for their exceptional work in contributing to the lives of 4-H members and the overall 4-H program. Many inductees served either as club leaders, youth mentors, or financial supporters. These people must have demonstrated dedication, encouragement and commitment.

Marilyn Allender was a 7 year member of 4-H, a leader for 15 years, and has been a judge at all levels (local, achievement shows, county fairs and state fairs) for 55 years total, and she is still active within the program. She has participated at the county level by serving as a chaperone for several events, ranging from a local trip to Des Moines, to going along on the Washington, D.C. trip. In 2002, she received the Greene county 4-H Alumni Award for her many years of varied and extensive service to the program. A local spokesperson said this of Marilyn, "Her positive, caring, and encouraging attitude helped youth to truly make the best better by achieving the very best that they are capable of."

I congratulate Marilyn Allender on her well-deserved award, and I'm certain that she will continue to touch the lives of many people in her community and remain active in the 4-H club. It is a great honor to represent Marilyn in the United States Congress, and I wish her the best.

HONORING STEVEN JOSHUA MAURIN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Steven Joshua Maurin of Kansas City, Missouri. Steven is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1260, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Steven has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Steven has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Steven Joshua Maurin for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.