

Chief of the Military Assistance Advisory Group in Baghdad, Iraq. Mr. Powell would again bravely wear the uniform of the U.S. Army overseas as a troop Commander in Korea from 1962–63 and as the Deputy Director of Headquarters in Vietnam from 1966–67. Finally, Mr. Powell was transferred to the Continental Army Command at Ft. Monroe, VA, from 1967–72 as the Director of Reserve Components.

Mr. Powell is the proud father of four children, three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Col. Powell has retired to Oxford, NC, where, weather permitting, he plays golf once or twice a week, plays bridge, works in his garden, makes wonderful cherry preserves and remains an active member of the local Lions Club. Ever the optimist, in March of this year he married a wonderful woman.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Col. Marcus Lundy Powell, Jr. upon his 90th birthday and for his honorable accomplishments with the U.S. Army in defense and service to our Nation.

FRANKLIN NOON ROTARY CLUB
CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a civic club in Williamson County, Tennessee that has provided benevolent support to the people living in the City of Franklin for sixty years.

With fourteen original members eager to be of service to the community, Franklin Noon Rotary sought official recognition and was chartered on January 13, 1948. Mr. Jim Warren was elected the Rotary's first president.

One of the club's first actions was the creation of the Franklin Rodeo. The rodeo, now entering its 60th year, has grown into an impressively large community event and charity fundraiser. Through charitable giving, which totals in the millions, thousands of people have been helped. This money has taken the form of college scholarships, books, medical education, health care, band uniforms, help for the mentally and physically handicapped, support of exchange students, construction of park facilities, donations to local charities, Polio Plus and many more worthwhile projects.

Madam Speaker, no other Franklin Civic Club has raised and spent more money in the community than the Franklin Noon Rotary Club. It is only fitting that I rise today to thank the past and present officers and past and present members of the Franklin Noon Rotary for contributing their time and hard earned money so that others may have a better life. They have made a great contribution to Franklin, Williamson County, Tennessee and the United States of America.

I am honored to stand with them today to recognize their efforts and to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Franklin Noon Rotary and Franklin Rodeo. May God continue to watch over these fine Rotarians and those they seek to help.

TYLER D. STEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Tyler Sten, 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 31, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Tyler has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Tyler has shown an extraordinary commitment to scouting as evidenced by earning over 30 merit badges. Tyler is a recipient of Ad Altare Dei Religious Award Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic O' Say with his troop.

Tyler's Eagle Scout service project consisted of constructing and installing a new sign for the St. Francis Xavier Pre-school in St. Joseph, Missouri. This project continues the long tradition of community service established by the Boy Scouts of America.

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

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE
JIM McCRERY ON THE OCCASION
OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of the Honorable JIM McCRERY for his service to the people of Louisiana and the United States House of Representatives. Congressman McCRERY has represented the 4th Congressional District of the state of Louisiana for the past 20 years.

Born in Shreveport, Louisiana and raised in Leesville, Louisiana, JIM attended Louisiana Tech University in Ruston and received degrees in English and history. In 1975, he earned his Juris Doctor from Louisiana State University and was admitted to the Louisiana Bar that same year. JIM then got his start in politics working as district manager for former Congressman Buddy Roemer and later as his legislative director in Washington, D.C.

Since his election in 1988, JIM has fought hard for issues important to the state of Louisiana, including defense and national security policy. He has also concentrated much of his efforts toward reducing the cost of healthcare and producing fundamental tax reform.

In 2001, JIM's dedication and hard work were recognized by the Louisiana chapter of the March of Dimes when he was named Citizen of the Year. He has also been recognized for his efforts in response to Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma, which devastated his home state in 2005. In 2006, the New Orleans Times-Picayune praised his ability to work across party lines, noting "That legislation (\$8 billion in tax credits for Louisiana) is among the most significant tools for this region's recovery."

Dubbed an "economic guardian" by Congressional Quarterly, JIM serves as ranking member of the House Ways and Means Committee. As a member of this powerful committee, JIM has played key roles in writing legislation for a prescription-drug program for seniors and passing major tax bills. JIM is regarded by his colleagues as an expert on the issue of welfare reform and played a key role in the passage of historic welfare reform legislation. He was also co-author of the landmark legislation, the Medicare Preservation Act.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a dedicated leader and friend to many in this body. I know his family, his wife, Johnette; their two children, Scott and Clark; and his many colleagues and friends join me in honoring his accomplishments and extending thanks for his service over the years on behalf of the state of Louisiana and the United States of America.

JIM will surely enjoy the well-deserved time he now has to spend with his family and loved ones. I wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of the House amendments to Senate amendments to H.R. 2638, Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance and Continuing Appropriations Act.

Name of Requesting Member: Gresham Barrett.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account Number: 2 Darpa 0601101E Defense Research Sciences.

Name and address of requesting entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is Clemson University, located at Clemson University, South Carolina.

Description of earmark including amount and spending plan: I am requesting \$1.28 million of funding for Clemson University Advanced Photonic Composites Research. This program will be used for development of the next generation of materials for use in optical and laser-based communication, health, automotive, and defense platforms. It will provide the necessary coordinated and concentrated effort to bring high information capacity, low power consuming optical technologies to the soldier. The research will continue to focus on novel active and passive materials and optical devices for advanced lighting, directed energy, sensing, and switching, as well as ways to make their performance controllably adaptive, such that one technology may now be used for a myriad of applications. I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of my spouse or me.