

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALLENWORTH, CALIFORNIA

**HON. DEVIN NUNES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2008*

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, I rise today with great pride to recognize the 100th Anniversary of Allensworth—a small town in Tulare County, California, founded, financed and governed by African Americans. The town was created in 1908 by Col. Allen Allensworth, a visionary man with an extraordinary life.

Allen Allensworth was born a slave in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1842. At the age of 12, he was sold for trying to learn to read and write. He was taken to New Orleans and bought by a slaveholder to become a jockey.

When the Civil War started and Union forces neared Louisville, Allensworth seized the opportunity to gain his freedom by joining the Navy. Prior to being discharged, he had achieved the rank of first class petty officer. In 1871, he was ordained as a Baptist minister and entered the Baptist Theological Institute at Nashville. While serving at the Union Baptist Church in Cincinnati, he learned of the need for African American chaplains in the armed services and got an appointment as Chaplain of the 24th Infantry.

At the time of the Civil War, Allensworth saw many African Americans move west to escape discrimination. With four other men with a similar vision, he decided to establish a place where African Americans could live and thrive without oppression. On June 30, 1908, they formed the California Colony Home Promoting Association.

The town of Allensworth began with 20 acres in southwest Tulare County, and later grew to more than 80 acres. By 1914, the little town boasted 200 inhabitants.

That same year Allensworth became its own voting precinct, as well as its own judicial district. Tragically, Col. Allensworth was killed on September 14, 1914, when he was hit by a motorcycle while getting off a streetcar in Monrovia. After a funeral at the Second Baptist Church in Los Angeles, he was buried with full military honors.

Over the years, the population dwindled in the small town. In 1970, there was an effort to save the town as an historic monument and park dedicated to the memory of Col. Allensworth and the achievements and contributions of African Americans to the history of California.

In 1974, California State Parks purchased land within the historical town site of Allensworth, and it became Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park. A collection of restored early 20th-century buildings—including the Colonel's house, historic schoolhouse, Baptist church, and library—sit within the park.

Today, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the rich history of Allensworth and its lasting legacy as an inspirational art of the State of California.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JO ANN EMERSON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2008*

Mrs. JO ANN EMERSON. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the February 2008 New Republican Earmark Standards Guidance, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congresswoman JO ANN EMERSON.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: RDTE,N 14 0602782N Mine and Expedition Warfare Applied Research.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1870 Miner Circle, Rolla, MO 65409.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,000,000 for Detection and Neutralization of Electronically Initiated Improvised Explosive Devices. It is my understanding that this funding will provide \$200,000 for Navy administrative costs, \$900,000 for instrumentation development, research and administrative costs with Missouri S&T partner General Dynamics, \$160,000 for faculty salary, \$80,000 for a technician, \$135,000 for graduate students, \$200,000 for equipment (including: instrumentation to develop a fieldable prototype to rapidly detect electronics associated IEDs, instrumentation to develop a fieldable prototype to neutralize electronics associated with IEDs, downmixing receivers, amplifiers, general lab supplies), \$235,000 for overhead.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman JO ANN EMERSON.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: RDTE, A 28 0602787A Medical Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1870 Miner Circle, Rolla, MO 65409.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$800,000 for Consortium for Bone and Tissue Repair and Regeneration. It is my understanding that Missouri University of Science and Technology and the University of Missouri—Kansas City would use \$175,000 in funding for major equipment purchases including a digital x-ray machine; \$625,000 for research personnel and supplies.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman JO ANN EMERSON.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Air Force RDT&E, Line 23, Electronic Combat Technology, PE 0603270F.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Brewer Science, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2401 Brewer Drive, Rolla, MO 65401.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,600,000 to develop Three-dimensional microstructures. Approximately, \$1,120,000 (70 percent) is for engineering, design and simulation work required to develop new 3-D microdevice manufacturing techniques for the microelectronics industry, where two-dimensional device fabrication is the norm; \$160,000 (10 percent) for outside engineering support; \$320,000 (20 percent) for materials and supplies necessary for the conduct of this development effort and for the construction of 3-D devices.

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Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Battelle Memorial Institute, Fort Leonard Wood Operations.

Address of Requesting Entity: 571 VFW Memorial Drive, Ste. 5, St. Robert, MO 65584.

Account: OSD—Joint Ground Robotics Enterprise, RDT&E, Defense-wide, Line 40 PE 06030711D8Z Joint Robotics/Autonomous Systems.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$800,000 in the FY 09 Defense Budget to complete the prototyping and demonstration of a modeling, simulation and analysis capability for autonomous behaviors of robotic systems in an operational environment. Approximately, \$128,000 [or 16 percent] is for improvement of systems within the Maneuver Support Battle Laboratory; \$672,000 [or 84 percent] for two development teams working in the Government's Laboratory to develop the necessary applications and interfaces as well as the development of the Demonstration.

CONSOLIDATED SECURITY, DISASTER ASSISTANCE, AND CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2008*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I will vote for this appropriations measure—partly because of what it includes, but primarily because I have concluded it would be irresponsible and a dereliction of duty to do otherwise.

Nonetheless, I must express my unhappiness with the way in which the legislation was developed, especially the decision to accede to the Bush Administration's insistence that it not include anything that would impede their desire to rush toward full-scale commercial development of oil shale.

By this insistence, the White House has shown it is quite ready to disregard our Western Slope communities and put Colorado's water supplies at risk. They were prepared to shut down the entire Federal Government—at a moment when our economy is in crisis—rather than accept a careful, responsible approach to full-scale oil shale development. Such 'my way or the highway' tactics are deplorable, and while some may be tempted to respond in kind, I cannot in good conscience adopt the same approach by voting against this legislation.

I am also very disappointed that far too many of the measure's provisions have never previously been considered by the House or even approved by the full Appropriations Committee, meaning that they never have been and never will be the subject of detailed debate or possible revision.

I do not think this is the way the House of Representatives should exercise its serious constitutional responsibility for deciding how to spend the taxpayers' money.

However, while both the process through which the measure was developed and the details of its provisions could have been better, it includes many provisions that deserve enactment.