

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

MICHAEL D. O'CONNOR

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael D. O'Connor, a heroic veteran from Blue Springs, Missouri. Michael has an incredible history of service and honor to his country, and it is my pleasure to highlight just a few of his stories.

Michael was born in Oconto, Wisconsin on June 6, 1918. He is a veteran of World War II who was in the 1st Marine Division and served at the Battle of Midway in 1943. He also served in the Battles of Peleliu and Cape Gloucester, serving a total of four Southwest Pacific campaigns, as well as six months of service in Australia. Michael has witnessed many historical moments in his life, including when he was stationed in Honolulu when Martial Law was declared following the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. He even served as an MP at President Franklin Roosevelt's funeral.

Michael has received three purple hearts for his sacrifice to his country. Aside from this, he lives quietly in Blue Springs and rarely receives recognition for his service, like so many other veterans across the nation. It is an honor to have someone like Mr. O'Connor in the Sixth Congressional District, who like so many others has dedicated his life to defending our freedom. His courage and dedication should serve as an example to the rest of us on how we can better serve each other and our great nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in commending Michael D. O'Connor for his dedication to his country. I know Michael's family and friends join with me in congratulating him on his graduation and wishing him best of luck on all of his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF SOKKA GAKKAI INTERNATIONAL ON THE OCCASION OF ITS FOUNDING COMMEMORATIVE GATHERING IN NEW YORK CITY

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Sokka Gakkai International, whose founding commemorative gathering is being celebrated at its Manhattan Cultural Center this month. Sokka Gakkai International, or SGI, is a worldwide Buddhist organization with 12 million members. SGI is dedicated to the universal principles of peace, culture, and education and thus encourages its members to assert responsibility for their lives to contribute to the building of a world in which people of different faiths and backgrounds can live together in peace and harmony.

Sokka Gakkai International, whose name can be translated as the "Value Creation Society," has expanded its reach around the world since its founding 34 years ago on the island of Guam. Under the influence of its founding and current President, Dr. Daisaku Ikeda, the Buddhist philosopher, educator, writer and poet, SGI has grown to span 192 countries across the globe, and counts 12 million adherents worldwide. More than 10,000 members live in New York City.

On January 26, 2009, more than 500 representatives gathered at SGI's New York Cultural Center, which is located in New York State's 14th Congressional District that I am privileged to represent. They convened in order to celebrate world peace, culture, and the value of education. Through its dedication to tolerance for all citizens of the world, respect for human rights, and the pursuit of peace through strict adherence to the principle of non-violence, Sokka Gakkai International has provided worshipers of the Buddhist faith with an organizational vehicle with transformative potential and a creed of harmony and understanding.

Madam Speaker, I am deeply honored to represent the Sokka Gakkai International's New York Cultural Center. I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the tremendous contributions to our educational and civic life made by the Sokka Gakkai International, its visionary President Dr. Daisaku Ikeda, and its dedicated members.

### SUPPORTING NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

SPEECH OF

### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 17, 2009*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Resolution 211, Supporting the Goals and Ideals of National Women's History Month. I am proud to be a cosponsor of this resolution.

Throughout the month of March, we pause to celebrate the rich achievements women have made in every aspect of life—whether in arts, government, science, sports, or family life. We stand here to champion these contributions and honor those taking the lead to save our planet.

Before the 1970s women's history was largely overlooked, but today we cannot ignore the significant contributions women have made in shaping our country and building for a brighter, more peaceful future.

Recognizing these accomplishments through Women's History Month will no doubt greatly impact the self-esteem of young women and girls.

Emphasizing the wide range of educational and career opportunities, and introducing them to positive role models of all backgrounds, will leave a lasting impression on the future women leaders of our country.

Mr. Speaker, I call on my colleagues to support House Resolution 211, recognizing the unique role of women and working to increase awareness of women's involvement in our history.

### HONORING SISTER PATRICE COOLICK, C.S.J.

### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sister Patrice Coolick, Sisters of St. Joseph Carondelet, as she celebrates the Golden Jubilee of taking her vows. Her family and friends will celebrate this anniversary with her on March 21st.

Since taking her vows on March 19, 1959, Sister Patrice moved from Flushing, Michigan to Missouri and attended Fontbonne University. She received her Bachelor Degree in Nursing from the College of St. Catherine in 1967 and one year later began working in Lima, Peru at the Military Hospital. She came back to the United States and completed a physician's assistant program at Saint Louis University. Upon receiving her degree she returned to Peru. In 1983 she became part of a medical team working in refugee camps in Thailand and Sudan.

Sister Patrice returned to the United States and earned a Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Counseling from the Santa Clara University-California. She joined the O'Connor Hospital staff working in the oncology department and she became a member of the staff at Santa Clara Catholic Charities.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and applaud the life of Sister Patrice Coolick. Throughout her life she has worked to bring physical and spiritual healing to the destitute, the displaced and the discouraged. She has taken her God-given gifts of nursing and empathy and given back to the disheartened of our world. Above all Sister Patrice demonstrates in small everyday acts of love, her commitment to following the words of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, contained in Matthew 25:40, "Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me." May God continue to bless Sister Patrice and inspire her in her work.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 1ST BATTALION, 69TH INFANTRY OF THE NEW YORK NATIONAL GUARD

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment of the New York National Guard who are being honored on St.

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Patrick's Day in New York City. I know that my distinguished colleagues will join me in extending our appreciation and gratitude to all of the brave members of the armed forces serving in the National Guard and the Reserve, who are so courageously and selflessly dedicated to their fellow Americans.

The National Guard is an integral part of a great American military tradition that began during the American Revolution. At that time, our Founding Fathers placed the country's security in the hands of citizen-soldiers who trained and organized into militias in their home colonies. To this day, members of the National Guard must be ready to serve their state and their country, often at a moment's notice.

Headquartered in the historic Armory on Lexington Avenue—one of a dwindling number of armories remaining in our nation's greatest city—the members of the 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry continue to uphold a distinguished tradition in both battle and disaster response. As part of the famous Irish Brigade during the Civil War, the members of the 69th Infantry were renowned for their tenacity on the battlefield, leading Confederate General Robert E. Lee to bestow upon them the nickname of "The Fighting 69th." In acknowledgment of its proud heritage, the Fighting 69th participates each year in New York's world-renowned St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The Fighting 69th are infantry soldiers—the "boots on the ground"—whose mission is to engage and destroy enemy forces in close combat. In addition to the Civil War, its members have also fought in the Spanish-American War, World War I and World War II, when its soldiers served valiantly in the battles of Makin, Saipan and Okinawa. Its members completed a tour of duty in Iraq, returning to the U.S. after serving with distinction. The battalion mobilized more than 300 soldiers to support Task Force Phoenix VII during its deployment to Afghanistan in 2008 and 2009, when four of its members paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country and were killed in action.

During the current conflict in Iraq, 19 members of the Fighting 69th were killed in action, including a member who was one of the New York firefighters who first raised the American flag above Ground Zero, Christian Engledrum. Six members of the 69th Regiment were awarded Purple Hearts in April, 2006 after being wounded by roadside bombs in Iraq. The unit patrolled the infamous road to the Baghdad airport and was stationed primarily in the Sunni Triangle, where many insurgent attacks have taken place.

The members of the Regiment also have mobilized during times of emergency in their home state of New York. The Fighting 69th was the first National Guard unit to arrive on the scene following the devastating terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. In the hours after the attacks, the Battalion assisted medical teams treating the wounded and provided significant assistance to rescue and recovery operations, continuing in this mission for nearly a year. For several months following the attacks, the members of the Fighting 69th guarded the bridges and tunnels that ring New York City.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of its tremendous contributions to civic and public life, I request that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to the Fighting 69th Regiment of the

New York State National Guard, whose members are great New Yorkers and great Americans. All patriots should be grateful for the dedication demonstrated every day by the men and women of the Fighting 69th as well as all of the brave individuals serving in National Guard and Reserve units throughout our great country. The Fighting 69th Regiment's service to our country inspires us all.

HONORING TRUMAN ALLEN AND  
SUSAN L. MOORE

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Truman Allen and Susan L. Moore for their contributions to the Young Men's Christian Association.

Truman Allen Moore was born to Truman E. and Margaret Allen Moore with three siblings. Truman married the love of his life Susan L. Lacy at the beginning of his post-graduate education on August 19, 1967. They have a daughter and a son, Amanda and Mark. Truman obtained a Bachelor of Science in Business in 1967 and a Master of Science in Education from Eastern Illinois University in 1971.

Truman's first job for the YMCA was an Assistant Physical Director in Danville while in his post-graduate education. From this position, he rose to Program Director in Paris then to Kewanee. Truman was promoted to Executive Director of YMCA Youth and Government at Kewanee in 1974. He then served this position at Knox County from 1978–2001 and Champaign County for two years before becoming President of YMCA Youth and Government.

Lester Y. and Luella C. Lacy had a daughter named Susan L. Moore on October 16, 1944. She grew up with a brother and a sister. Susan graduated from Kansas High School in 1962 as the Valedictorian. She went on to obtain a Bachelor of Arts in Education from DePauw University in Indiana in 1966 and a Master of Science in Education from Eastern Illinois University in 1971.

She began her professional life by becoming a teacher at the grade school level. Susan served Illinois in towns Flossmoor, Danville, and Charleston while pursuing her Master's. She worked at the Wethersfield School in Kewanee as a reading specialist for second graders while volunteering with the YMCA Youth and Government. She became its secretary in 1979 before becoming the Program Director in 2001.

I hope all of you will join me in recognizing Truman and Susan Moore for their contributions to the YMCA and their communities.

HONORING RODOLFO SANTAYANA

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the extraordinary life and work of Rodolfo Santayana, a Cuban refugee turned entrepre-

neurial pioneer who recently had the intersection of SW 8th St. and SW 122nd Ave. in Miami named in his honor.

Mr. Santayana arrived in the United States after fleeing the despotic Castro regime of his beloved Cuba. He was only seventeen, but managed to help provide for his family by holding two jobs as a paperboy and a gas station attendant.

However, it would not take him long to discover his calling in the family business. His father, Rodolfo Santayana, Sr. sold jewelry door-to-door in Cuba and beseeched Rodolfo Jr. to seek out his old customers in Cuba who also found refuge from the tyranny of Castro in South Florida.

After studying jewelry design at Miami's Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center, he took on his father's request, opening his own store on the street that now bears his name.

He was highly regarded in South Florida not only for the beauty of his work but also for his ability to honor the Cuban heritage with his jewelry. He incorporated some of the symbols of his lost, but far from forgotten, Cuba: palm trees, ox pulled carts full of sugar cane and Cuban silver coins.

It is a testament to the greatness of our country that a man driven from his home to America with only a suitcase full of hopes could use his talent and drive to forge a remarkable life for himself. Now, he is remembered as one of Miami's most prominent businessman and jewelry artisans, even after his death.

May he be remembered, not only on his street in Miami, but by the entire nation for his beautiful portrayals of a free Cuba.

IN HONOR OF JIM WINESTOCK

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Winestock, an outstanding Atlanta, GA, citizen who in February retired from a 40-year career with the United Parcel Service (UPS). In his most recent role as the Senior Vice President of U.S. Operations, Mr. Winestock was responsible for all package operations in the United States, including the pick up and delivery of more than 15.8 million packages each day. Mr. Winestock leaves a tremendous legacy of leadership, not only within the UPS organization, but in the business world in general.

A Greenville, SC, native, Mr. Winestock joined UPS in 1969 as a part-time package loader while attending Massey College in Jacksonville, FL. After graduation, he was promoted into management and worked in a broad range of jobs with increasing responsibility across Florida and Georgia. In 1992, he was promoted to vice president and Chief Operating Officer of the Northeast Texas District, then in 1996 he assumed responsibility for the Missouri District. Mr. Winestock was promoted again in 1998 to president of the Midwest Region, then became president of the North Central Region in 2000. In 2004, he was named Senior Vice President of U.S. Operations, the position he would hold for the duration of his UPS career.

Today I honor Mr. Winestock not only for his distinguished career, but also for his service that extends far beyond the meaning of his title. In addition to his responsibilities as Senior Vice President of U.S. Operations, Mr. Winestock served as the coordinator of UPS Corporate Schools, the company's management training program, and participated in the UPS Community Internship Program at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. In addition to his numerous career accomplishments, Mr. Winestock sits on the Board of Directors of the National Urban League and also is a trustee of the MARCH Foundation.

I am truly honored to be able to call Mr. Winestock a fellow Georgian. His hard work and dedication are rare traits. I thank him for his years of service and I wish him luck and Godspeed in the next phase of his life.

TRIBUTE TO SGT. MICHAEL  
ESPOSITO

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, Today I honor the service and memory of Sgt. Michael Esposito, of Brentwood New York. On March 18th, 2004 Sgt. Esposito led his unit into a hostile compound, hoping to neutralize the threat from within. Working to secure the facility, Sgt. Esposito cleared three rooms, exposing himself to incredible danger by leading from the front of his team. Despite the presence of hostile fire, Michael approached a previously unidentified area, remaining ahead of his men. Sadly, the enemy engaged as he advanced, inflicting a mortal wound on Michael, and a grievous injury on all who knew him.

Sgt. Esposito's team—inspired by his courage and leadership—achieved their objective in the wake of tragedy. Assuming the lead position, as he so often did, Michael displayed the heroism that remains an inspiration to his fellow platoon members. On that day, and always, Michael displayed a willingness to put the welfare of others before his own. Through selfless acts of leadership, he provided an example to which all of us should aspire.

For Michael's bravery, sacrifice, and service, I am deeply thankful. For his enduring commitment to defending our safety and ideals, we are all deeply indebted.

On this, the five-year anniversary of Michael's tragic passing, the words of a brother in arms speak volumes about his character. His platoon leader, 1st Lieutenant James Howell, said of Sgt. Esposito "[he] was one of the most selfless leaders I have ever known . . . The platoon, and especially all of his men, took his loss hard. It is impossible to forget a leader like Michael Esposito."

A soldier, a friend, and a man of immense integrity, Michael will always retain a firm grasp on our memories. Today, our nation remembers the tragic loss of a cherished citizen, fallen hero, beloved brother, and adored son. Dedicated in his commitment to country and lasting in his impact on those blessed to have called him friend, Michael is and will forever be, sorely missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE WOMEN'S  
ISSUES NETWORK OF THE  
PANCYPRIAN ASSOCIATION

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Women's Issues Network (WIN) of the Pancyprian Association of America. This month WIN honors Joanna Savvides as Woman of the Year and Evi Rafti and Eleftheria Saittis as Members of the Year at its annual dinner-dance.

Founded in 1996, WIN works on behalf of the Cypriot-American community to pave the way to success for future generations of Hellenic Americans and to promote Cypriot culture. WIN sponsors numerous cultural, health and educational programs, including breast and cervical cancer screenings for uninsured women. Additionally, WIN is committed to ending the decades-long Turkish occupation of Cyprus. This year, WIN honors the distinguished international entrepreneur Joanna Savvides. Born in Cyprus, Joanna immigrated with her family to America in 1980. She has served as President of the World Trade Center of Greater Philadelphia since its foundation in October 2002. Under her leadership, the non-profit helped 400 small and medium-sized companies expand on the international level, contributing to a surge in the volume of goods exported by businesses in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. She also serves as an adjunct professor at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. Renowned for her cross cultural and international business expertise, she is frequently sought after as a lecturer. Joanna serves as the President of the Cyprus Society of Greater Philadelphia and was a founder and director of the Cypriot Dancers of Greater Philadelphia. An accomplished linguist, her knowledge of six languages has proven invaluable in international trade. Joanna's achievements have been honored by many organizations. The Philadelphia Business Journal recognized her with the Women of Distinction Award. She has also been honored with the Global Business Award from the United Nations Association of Greater Philadelphia, the Global Leadership Award from the Consular Corps Association of Philadelphia, the Heritage Preservation Award from the Cyprus Society of Greater Philadelphia, and the Artemis Award from the European American Business Council. More than these many honors, however, Joanna cherishes her husband, George, and her children, Andreas and Renos.

WIN honors Evi Rafti as its Member of the Year for her efforts to further knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of Cypriot culture. Born the youngest of six children in Mosfiloti, Larnaca, she studied at Academia Thileon in Nicosia. Shortly after marrying her husband Christos, they immigrated to New York in 1969. Evi has retained a strong commitment to Cypriot culture as an active member of the vibrant Cypriot-American community in our nation's greatest city. During her years of volunteering, she has helped plan numerous special events such as parades, charity and non-profit fundraisers, and demonstrations. Over the past ten years, she has also served as a dedicated member of the Board of

Directors of the Pancyprian Dance Group. The mother of three children, Panayiota, Tatiana, and Stavro, she has instilled in them a love of Cypriot culture by inspiring their participation in the Pancyprian Dance Group and youth groups, and the Eleftheria soccer team.

WIN honors Eleftheria Saittis as Member of the Year for her dedication to the Cypriot community. Born in the village of Agios Theodoros Karpasias (now under Turkish occupation), she graduated with a diploma in fashion design from the Professional School New Horizon in Famagusta. To continue her education, Eleftheria immigrated to New York. Her family joined her after the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974. Eleftheria is a dedicated and generous member of the Cyprian community. She devotes much of her time and energy to serving on the Pancyprian Dance Group's Board of Directors. She also works as a teacher's aide for the New York City Department of Education. She is devoted to her husband, Michalis, and her children, Prodromos, Konstantine and Konstantina. One of her proudest moments occurred when she graduated from the City University of New York with her granddaughter Evangelia in attendance.

Madam Speaker, I request that my esteemed colleagues join me in paying tribute to the Women's Issues Network of the Pancyprian Association of America and its distinguished honorees, Joanna Savvides, Evi Rafti, and Eleftheria Saittis.

HONORING MRS. MARY ELLEN  
MENDELSON

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor my friend and colleague, Mrs. Mary Ellen Mendelsohn, upon her retirement from the Federal Government. Public service is one of the most honorable and important professions an individual can choose. Mrs. Mendelsohn is at the top of her profession, working on campaigns and in government offices for more than 25 years.

Mrs. Mendelsohn earned her degree at Boston University and later went on to become District Director to former US Congressman Robert Mrazek. She later worked as Mr. Mrazek's Deputy Campaign Director during his bid for the United States Senate.

Mrs. Mendelsohn later became the President, MC Communications, a Public Relations and Intergovernmental Affairs Firm, assisting clients like the Town of Huntington, Child Abuse Prevention Services of Long Island, Housing All Americans, and the Columbia University Department of Oral History obtain grants from the public and private sector. All the while, she simultaneously and effectively managed campaigns for Hynes for New York State Attorney General and raised funds for New York State Assemblyman Thomas DiNapoli.

After successfully assisting Brooklyn DA Charles J. Hynes, Mrs. Mendelsohn was appointed the Director, Government and Community Affairs, Office of the District Attorney, Kings County, New York. She remained in this

position until deciding to move on to private consulting for such clients as Cancer Cured Kids, John Bryant for Senate, Coalition for Peoples Choice and last but not least a Campaign Consultant for "McCarthy for Congress."

Mary Ellen came to work for me and the US House of Representatives as my District Director and Political Advisor in January 1997. I came to depend on Mary Ellen's breadth of knowledge to brief me and my Washington Staff on issues that directly affect my district. Her reputation has surpassed the confines of the Long Island office. My staff and I enjoyed a wonderful relationship with Mary Ellen, who is a pleasure and a delight to work with.

You only have to meet Mary Ellen once to realize that she is smart, funny and above all else, genuine. She is a daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She is the best kind of friend. She laughs at your jokes, sings and dances spontaneously, listens to your tales of glee or woe with the same intensity. She helps you feel strong when you feel weak and found when you feel lost. She is the friend everyone should have. We are blessed.

Madam Speaker it is with great admiration, pride and respect that I acknowledge and thank Mary Ellen for her work in public service and friendship.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I would like to state for the record my position on the following votes I missed on March 16, 2009 due to the delay of my flight from Missouri.

On Monday, March 16, 2009 I missed Rollcall votes 125, 126, and 127. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 125, 126, and 127.

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#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

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

Requesting Member: Congressman BRIAN BILBRAY

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill

Account: Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Interstate Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Encinitas, CA

Address of Requesting Entity: 505 S. Vulcan Avenue, Encinitas, CA 92034

Description of Request: I secured \$285,000 in the FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill for the Encinitas Boulevard/Interstate 5 Interchange Project Study Report, Project Report, and Environmental Review. The City of Encinitas is contracting with an engineering consultant to prepare a Project Study Report, Project Report and Environmental Document for the Encinitas Blvd/I-5 Interchange. The

consulting firm (Dokken Engineering) is working with CALTRANS and the City of Encinitas staff to study and develop viable alternatives for four Interstate 5 interchanges, including the Encinitas Boulevard interchange. Unless the City can fund this study, Caltrans will move ahead with an environmental review and design on their "minimum build" alternative for this interchange, which assumes no under crossing widening and some roadway improvements, while maintaining the existing diamond interchange configuration. Encinitas Boulevard must be widened as part of the North Coast Interstate 5 Corridor (widening) Project or the City will suffer significant traffic congestion at this location by 2030 and probably much sooner. If the City is to have any hope of later integrating its alternative, we need to keep pace with the Interstate 5 widening project.

Requesting Member: Congressman BRIAN BILBRAY

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill

Account: Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Interstate Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of San Diego, CA

Address of Requesting Entity: 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101

Description of Request: I secured \$475,000 to fund relocation of fiber optic cable that is obstructing a major interstate highway interchange improvement project to connect I-5 with S.R. 56 in San Diego. The I-5 corridor is the primary link between Southern California—San Diego, Los Angeles, Orange County—and Mexico. The route experiences extensive traffic congestion, with average daily counts at the interchange site of 261,000 vehicles, including 10,000 trucks, projected to reach 430,000 daily vehicles within 20 years. The project is consistent with the authorized purpose of the Department of Transportation Interstate Maintenance account, which includes funding for the addition of new interchanges. Local and State matching funds will provide at least 20% cost share.

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CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AND THE NETWORK JOURNAL'S ELEVENTH ANNUAL 2009 TWENTY-FIVE INFLUENTIAL BLACK WOMEN IN BUSINESS HONOREES

### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Women's History Month and The Network Journal's Eleventh Annual 2009 Twenty-Five Influential Black Women In Business Honorees. Since 1998, The Network Journal has recognized the outstanding performance of 25 African-American women in the public, private, entrepreneurial and non-profit sectors throughout this nation and their impact to the world economy.

The Network Journal is a monthly business magazine with more than 88,000 readers. The publication is distributed nationwide with a focus on the Tri-state area (NY/NJ/CT) and features business articles of interest such as

finance, technology, industry focus and ideas for Black professionals and small business owners. Aziz Gueye Adetimirin, Publisher of The Network Journal Magazine stated. "The women we are honoring this year are in the forefront of American leadership and symbolize the diversity and advancement that has occurred across industry lines." Founded in 1993, The Network Journal (TNJ) knows that Black professionals, more than most, recognize the importance of owning their own enterprises, but more importantly, TNJ knows that there is a difference between direct ownership and someone else defining your future. TNJ is also aware that Black professionals and entrepreneurs can chart their own course and own their success.

I am pleased to recognize TNJ's 2009 Twenty-Five Influential Black Women In Business Honorees:

Marcella Maxwell Ed.D., former Director of Development and Government Affairs Concord Family Services, Brooklyn, NY; Vernã Myers Esq. Principal, Vernã Myers Consulting Group L.L.C., Newton, Mass.; Irma Norris, Production Executive, Harpo Productions, Inc. Chicago, Illinois; Valerie Oliver-Durrah, President/CEO, Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic, Brooklyn, NY; N. Joyce Payne Ph.D., Founder, Thurgood Marshall College Fund, New York, NY; Cheryl Pegus M.D., Chief Medical Officer, SymCare Personalized Health Solutions, West Chester, Pa.; Karen Rafferty, Product Marketing Director, Chevrolet Midsize and Sports Cars, General Motors Corp., Detroit.

The Network Journal has been recognized by government agencies, premier media outlets and business and professional organizations. TNJ has received the "Outstanding Commitment and Positive Contribution to the MBE Community" from the U.S. Department of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency, and has been featured on CNN and FOX Television networks.

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#### EMORY UNIVERSITY

### HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, people are hurting right now, in Atlanta and across the country. It is in times like this that we need to help our neighbor. Volunteerism in these tough times is critical; that is why I want to highlight the work Emory University, in my district, is doing. Emory University has a strong history of reaching out to the community and engaging in projects to help people in need. Emory students completed nearly 150,000 hours of service in 2008, partnering with more than 200 community partners on projects related to poverty, homelessness, medical services and environmental conservation. The University's dedication to service reflects the desire in many of our students across the nation to get involved in and give back to their communities. America's young people have always been an integral part of the success of our country, and I am especially proud of Emory University's dedication to service.

Each year, the Corporation for National and Community Service recognizes institutions of higher education for exemplary efforts to engage students in service learning, community

partnerships, and volunteer service by publishing The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. At the top of the Honor Roll is a small group of institutions of higher education who are given the Presidential Award for General Community Service. I am proud to announce that Emory has been awarded the 2008 Presidential Award. This is the highest award possible for a college or university with respect to community service and student engagement. I want to recognize and thank Emory University for its commitment to giving back to the community and fostering a sense of service among its students.

Congratulations to Emory University on being honored as a recipient of the 2008 Presidential Award for General Community Service.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF UNITED STATES AIR FORCE STAFF SERGEANT TIMOTHY BOWLES

**HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Air Force Staff Sergeant Timothy Bowles, who was killed in action with three fellow Airmen when his armored vehicle struck a buried IED near Kot, Afghanistan on March 15, 2009. He leaves behind father, his Louis, a Retired Airman, his mother, Lisa, and a sister, Heather.

Born in Anchorage, Alaska, Timothy grew up on Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and lived much of his life in Tucson, where his father was stationed. Timothy graduated from Tucson High School in 2002 and attended Pima Community College before joining the Air Force in 2007. Staff Sergeant Bowles was assigned to the 3rd Logistics Readiness Squadron at Elmendorf Air Force Base back in Alaska, where he was trained to be a fire truck mechanic. But on this day, he volunteered to stand in for a fellow airman who was not feeling well.

Timothy's Provincial Reconstruction Team was headed out to Jalalabad to check on a local schoolhouse when a pressure-plate IED ended his life. He was only twenty-four years old.

Born to and raised among the United States Air Force, Staff Sergeant Bowles knew well the costs of war. He volunteered for the nine-month deployment that took him to Bagram Air Base in November 2008. He volunteered for this dangerous duty. Tying humanitarian support to local security, Timothy and his PRT teammates stood between civilians and insurgents as Afghans seek to rebuild their long-oppressed country.

We remember Sergeant Bowles and offer our deepest condolences and sincerest prayers to his family. My words cannot effectively convey the feeling of great loss nor can they offer adequate consolation. However, it is my hope that in future days, his family may take some comfort in knowing that Timothy's legacy reaches beyond the desolate landscape of Afghanistan and into the hearts of a grateful nation.

This body and this country owe Timothy and his family a debt of gratitude and it is vital that

we remember him and his fellow servicemembers who have paid the ultimate price.

Timothy is a hero both to his country and to his wonderful family. We salute his selfless service, sacrifice and bravery. May he not be forgotten and may his mission continue in the work of this body and the hearts of all Americans.

TRIBUTE TO BERNARD CATCHER

**HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mr. WEINER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join the many residents of my district in recognizing the works and accomplishments of Bernard Catcher who will be honored for his service on March 20th as a "Good Friend and Temple Benefactor" at Temple Shalom's Shabbat Across America Dinner. Bernard Catcher is a man known to me for his hard work and dedication to Brooklyn residents and his sound advice and counsel to those seeking political or community insight. Bernard Catcher's service and reach is legendary. He is the Democratic District Leader of the 59th Assembly District, the head of the Thomas Jefferson Democratic Club, advisor to the Thomas Jefferson Young Democrats and has served as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. His concern for our communities knows no bounds and stretches over many years. He has served as District Manager of Planning Board 18, serves as the Government Liaison to Coney Island Hospital, and is an accountant by trade. He is active in, and has been recognized by, many local civic organizations from Marine Park to Canarsie and has been honored as "Man of the Year" by the Mill Island Civic Association, among others, for his service. Even with all his other activities Bernard Catcher always finds time and energy to dedicate to Jewish causes and take pride in his Jewish roots. He has served as an officer in the local Bnai Brith and serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of Temple Shalom of Flatbush. Always one to shy away from recognition preferring to do his work behind the scenes, I am honored and privileged to have this opportunity to publicly acknowledge the force of nature that is Bernard Catcher and offer my best wishes on his being named "Good Friend and Benefactor" at the Shabbat Across America Dinner at Temple Shalom on March 20th, 2009.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL WILLIAM F. PITTS

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a hero from my congressional district, Lieutenant General William F. Pitts. Today, I ask that the House of Representatives honor and remember this incredible man who dedicated his life in service to our country. On Tuesday, December 30, 2008, Lt. Gen. Pitts passed away at the age of 89.

Lt. Gen. Pitts's father was a career military officer, and Lt. Gen. Pitts was born at March Field Hospital, located in Riverside, California, on Thanksgiving Day 1919. When he was 10 years old, Lt. Gen. Pitts took his first airplane ride and vowed to become an Air Force pilot. In 1943, he graduated from West Point and flew 25 World War II missions against Japan in a B-29 Superfortress. In his last mission in the bomber, he was shot down off the coast of Japan but was able to parachute out of the plane and was rescued by a submarine.

After Lt. Gen. Pitts's heroic service during World War II, he was steadily promoted and earned three stars. He served as a NATO commander in Turkey, four tours at the Pentagon and also as a diplomat in Cuba, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, England and Taiwan. In 1972, Lt. Gen. Pitts returned to March Air Force Base as the Commander of the 15th Air Force. His military decorations and awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with an oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross with one oak leaf cluster, Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Distinguished Unit Citation Emblem with one oak leaf cluster and the Purple Heart.

In 1975, Lt. Gen. Pitts retired from the Air Force and he and his wife, Doris, made Riverside their permanent home in the 1990s. He was active in the March community during his retirement, helping to keep the base open during the Base Realignment and Closure process. In honor of his efforts, March erected a stone post at the parade grounds on the base. He was also a board member of the March Field Museum.

On December 22, 2008, Lt. Gen. Pitts celebrated his 60th anniversary with his wife Doris. He is survived by his wife; daughters Cowgill, Alisha and Linda; sister Nanetta Atkinson; and four grandchildren.

As we look at the incredibly rich military history of our country we realize that this history is comprised of men like Lt. Gen. Pitts who bravely fought for the ideals of freedom and democracy. Each story is unique and humbling for those of us who, far from the dangers they have faced, live our lives in relative comfort and ease. Lt. Gen. Pitts was a dear friend and above all, he was a patriot. He will be sorely missed but his legacy and service to our great nation will always be remembered.

RESOLUTION REGARDING GIRLS' ACCESS TO EDUCATION IN PAKISTAN

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution expressing the strong concern of the House of Representatives about the actions of the Taliban in Swat, Pakistan to restrict girls' access to education. In the past year, the deliberate destruction of hundreds of schools for girls has forced more than 40,000 young women to forego schooling. This resolution would urge the Government of Pakistan to act swiftly to halt and reverse the Taliban's unconstitutional ban on education for girls. It also encourages the Secretary of State to review and report on Pakistan's progress in protecting the rights of

women, as well as on the actions of the United States Government in providing support for this goal.

In the past few weeks there have been negotiations between the Pakistani government and the Taliban in an effort to broker a peace deal. At the heart of the ceasefire agreement is a pledge to impose Islamic law in the area. Government officials have said that this law will be in accordance with Pakistan's constitution, and will restore security and justice in the region. However, the accord makes no mention of the future of girls' education. Women and girls are a great resource for promoting development, prosperity, and peace. The United States must ensure that explicit measures are taken to protect women's rights in Pakistan, in order to uphold internationally recognized human rights while supporting regional peace and stability.

IN COMMEMORATION OF WOMEN'S  
HISTORY MONTH

**HON. AL GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I wish to commemorate the month of March 2009 as Women's History Month in honor of the female trailblazers and unsung heroes in American history.

H. Res. 211, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Women's History Month, is intended to increase awareness and knowledge of women's involvement in history, as well as recognize and honor the women and organizations in the United States that have fought for and continue to promote the teaching of women's history.

In the United States, Women's History Month has been celebrated during the month of March since 1987. The National Women's History Project petitioned Congress to increase awareness and knowledge of women's contributions to our great society, because women's history was a practically unknown topic in schools and public awareness.

Women from all different backgrounds, races, social classes, and ethnicities have contributed significantly to the greatness of our nation, and have transformed and revolutionized politics, law, business, social service, civil rights, education, music, athletics, science and technology, as well as the military. Women have been leaders in numerous movements throughout history, such as the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, the peace movement, and the women's movement in the struggle to obtain suffrage and equal rights. The contributions of notable women such as Susan B. Anthony, Clara Barton, Harriet Tubman, Dorothy Height, Coretta Scott King, Sally Ride and numerous others have sparked an unstoppable momentum for women's rights and others. Their dedication, perseverance and courage have generated a wave of opportunities for entire generations of women.

It is essential that all Americans continue to learn about the many ways women have assisted in the progress of our nation, and acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of women throughout history.

Therefore, I urge my colleagues and all Americans to commemorate women for their significant involvement and participation in our nation's history, by recognizing and supporting March as Women's History Month.

TRIBUTE TO ELDER DAVID J.  
YOUNG

**HON. DENNIS MOORE**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to have this opportunity to pay tribute before the House of Representatives to Elder David J. Young of the Church of God in Christ, who formed the first church of this denomination in the state of Kansas and served as an important, early spiritual leader in our community.

The first Church of God in Christ in the state of Kansas was organized in Kansas City, Kansas, on September 23, 1916, at 409 Oakland by Elder David J. Young, with a charter membership of some twenty members. Less than two years later, in the early summer of 1918, it was destroyed by a fire set by an arsonist. Undaunted by this act of violence, Elder Young pushed forward, holding services under a nearby large shade tree, and later in the homes of charter members and other buildings until a new structure was built.

Later, in 1960, a new church was constructed at 2401 North 9th Street, erected to the glory of the Lord as a "Living Monument for which Holiness Stands", and in honor of Elder Young. On October 9–11, 2008, the D.J. Young Heritage Foundation hosted a revival, paying tribute to Elder Young and other pioneers of the Church of God in Christ. I am pleased to have this opportunity to share my support for this tribute by placing into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a biographical sketch of Elder David J. Young, which was provided by the D.J. Young Heritage Foundation.

DAVID JOHNSON YOUNG

David Johnson Young was born in approximately 1861, in Chester, South Carolina. Raised in the war-ravaged South, young David ascended to unimaginable heights amid a climate of severe racism and oppression of African Americans. Early on, his parents perceived that young David was exceptionally gifted and determined to use their meager means to afford him the education that would prove invaluable for his life and the countless lives he would impact through teaching and ministry.

He initially attended a country school with his siblings but went on to graduate from Brainard Institute and Morehouse College. David then set out to bring hope to his fellowman through education. With illiteracy one of the most devastating problems in the aftermath of slavery, David Johnson Young brought access to a better future for many during his career as an educator. Even later in his life as a preacher, he would come to be recognized for his emphasis on formal education in ministerial service.

Still more remarkable was the life changing message of hope brought by his fiery preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Beginning as a young preacher in the AME Zion Church, Elder Young grew to be a widely known and sought after minister in the South. He was also an editor of the official organ of the AME Zion Church, the *Star of*

Zion. Elder Young met his call to preach with great fervor, evangelizing and serving as pastor in various states including North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Mississippi, Indiana, Illinois, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee.

In 1897, he was joined with Priscilla Louise Jones in marriage, another stalwart of the faith. Mother Young served as a true helpmate, covering and supporting D. J. with much prayer and fasting. At times she even supported the family with the small wages she earned as a music teacher while he was out working on the evangelistic field. To their union were born Harold, Melvin, Ceolya, Valleda, Russel, William, and Rosette. As with other great leaders of the faith, their ministry began in the home, where Mother Young taught each of their children how to play two instruments. For example, their eldest son, Harold, played the piano and guitar while the second oldest, Melvin, was skilled in the piano and violin. In fact, when they were yet small boys, Elder Young often carried them with him on evangelistic crusades where they would draw crowds in public areas, such as parks, with their Holy Ghost filled praise and testimony services prior to their father's sermon. With their father as their teacher in the faith, they soon acquired the name, "little boy preachers." After D. J. Young's demise, Mother Young and their children would take upon them the mantle once carried by D. J. Young with the various ministries he began during his latter years.

Despite his many successes, David perceived the need to ascend to the "higher life" and grew increasingly troubled until he submitted to God's divine purpose for him to be sanctified. With his background in Methodism he had received teaching on the sanctifying power of the Holy Ghost and God's command for all His children to live holy. However, it was during his pastorate in Chicago, IL, around the turn of the century, that he became associated with a holiness group known as the Burning Bush people and received the divine, life changing experience of sanctification. Sanctification is the work of the Holy Spirit in cleansing the believer from all inbred sin, purifying their heart and filling them with love for God and all people. Having thus been "sanctified and meet for the Master's use," 2 Timothy 2:21, Young set out to share his testimony and declare God's wonderful plan. David better understood that God made a way for men to be justified by faith in Jesus Christ. Yet, He didn't stop there. For God also provided the means for His children to live holy, separated unto Him, and freed from the very power or slavery of sin. In truth, His will is for man to be restored to the glorious image of God (Col. 3:10, Eph. 4:24, 2 Cor. 3:18—note the active role of the believer).

Indeed the message of sanctification, also called perfection or holiness, had already started to sweep the nation, reaching into nearly every mainstream denomination. As a result scores of 'Saints' left their denominations to form new religious bodies. Such was the case with Elder Young who, in approximately 1902, after graduating from the Burning Bush Holiness Bible School, left the AME Zion Church and became a mighty trailblazer in the Holiness Crusade. He carried this new message far and near, preaching conversion and sanctification.

His path ultimately met with that of Charles Harrison Mason, a former Baptist preacher, who also joined the ranks of ministers who preached sanctification. Their bond grew as D. J. Young joined the group of holiness preachers with which Mason was affiliated. This group of Saints, led by Charles Price Jones, was a leading force in the rapid spread of the Holiness Movement in the South.

In 1907, Mason and Young, along with one of their brethren, J. A. Jeter, started out on a spiritual journey that would impact the world when the Lord led them to the famed Azusa Street Revival, in Los Angeles, California. Led by Bishop William J. Seymour, the small mission was a holiness group who had taken a grand leap of faith in believing God for a Pentecostal outpouring as recorded in Acts 2:4, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Faithful to His promise, God poured out His Spirit and the once small group grew in number at a miraculous rate. Believers left various states and even foreign lands to take the pilgrimage to Azusa where they were "Baptized with the Holy Ghost," and experienced the only Bible evidence, speaking in unknown tongues. In addition to this gift, the Lord poured out His Spirit, with signs such as miraculous healings. One of the most remarkable features of this wonderful move of God, however, was the presence of unity in the Spirit as believers cast away racism, sexism, classism, and various other sins that find no place in the Body of Christ.

One glorious day during this historic move of God David Johnson Young was also graced with the precious Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Having all received the new gift, the three men journeyed back to Memphis leaving a blazing trail along their way as they preached conversion, sanctification, and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. However, they were met with severe disapproval. Ultimately, Jones and the official body of believers he led, withdrew the right hand of fellowship from them. Undaunted by this rejection by men and thoroughly convinced of their commission by God, Charles Harrison Mason and David Johnson Young called an assembly that same year, gathering all those who believed as they. At this meeting, the brethren considered who would oversee the new Holy Ghost led Group and Young was one who many considered worthy of this awesome task. According to oral tradition, after three days of fasting and praying, God spoke through that same servant, D. J. Young, who yet spoke in tongues and was given the interpretation: "God has given us Brother Mason to be our leader." This gathering was the first national Holy Convocation of the Church of God in Christ.

After receiving this word from God, the fledgling denomination was planted in Memphis, TN, but quickly spread its roots throughout the country. D. J. Young served as a leading instrument through his apostolic church building. He was known and referred to as one of Mason's ablest assistants during these formative years. With building churches as his passion, Young was appointed the first Overseer, or Prelate, of Arkansas, Texas, and Kansas. In 1910, while engaged in apostolic work for the Kingdom, the Lord blessed D. J. Young with an invention, "The Young Musical Attachment for Automobiles," which was patented first in Canada and later the US. This tool proved invaluable as it complemented his gifting as a musician during his evangelistic travels, allowing him to "produce harmonious chords" as he played music from his very own automobile. He also served as the pioneer publisher of the Church of God in Christ with the founding of the D. J. Young Publishing Company when the Lord burdened him with the call to spread the full gospel in print via "The Whole Truth."

In 1916, elder Young made his way to his final earthly dwelling in Kansas City, Kansas. Here he founded the first Church of God in Christ, Young Memorial Church of God in Christ, in the state, and immediately began working to publish the first Sunday School literature for the still young denomination.

He continued this task, supplying many of the early Saints with Spirit filled teaching, until his demise. Before the time of his going from his labor to his reward, in 1927, David Johnson Young, was successful in building the D. J. Young Publishing Company into a much honored source of gospel literature and established more than twenty-five churches in Kansas. His works, however, live on as evidenced by the thousands of souls he led to Christ, the incredible growth of the Church of God in Christ, which he was instrumental in building, and the phenomenal leaders he helped nurture in the Christian Church at large.—Ladrian Brown.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was unable to be present in the Capitol on Monday, March 16, 2009 and therefore unable to cast votes on the House Floor that evening.

However, had I been present I would have voted yea on H.R. 1284, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 West Main Street in McLain, Mississippi, as the "Major Ed W. Freeman Post Office"; yea on H.R. 1217, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15455 Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, as the "Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building"; and yea on H.R. 987, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 8th Street in Freedom, Pennsylvania, as the "John Scott Challis, Jr. Post Office."

In addition, on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, I was attending a meeting with President Obama at the White House with many of my colleagues in the Congressional Hispanic Caucus when votes were called. Unable to return to the Capitol in a timely fashion, I missed two votes. However, had I been present, I would have voted yea on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 250, to provide for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 1388), to reauthorize and reform the national service laws; and I would have voted aye on H. Res. 250, to provide for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 1388), to reauthorize and reform the national service laws.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF UNITED STATES ARMY SERGEANT JEFFREY A. REED

### HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Army Sergeant Jeffrey A. Reed, who was killed in action near Taji, Iraq on March 2, 2009.

Sergeant Reed was assigned to the 411th Military Police Company, 89th Military Police Brigade, from Fort Hood, Texas. His mission in Iraq was to mentor Iraqi Police units so that they could effectively maintain the peace as we withdraw our forces in the coming months.

Jeffrey was just 15 days from completing his second tour in Iraq and returning to Tucson, where he and his wife Ashley reside. A Chesterfield, Virginia native, Jeffrey joined the Army shortly after he graduated from high school in 2004, following the example of his older brother, who left college to sign up with the Army after the Sept. 11 attacks.

He was part of a routine patrol just north of Baghdad when a grenade ended his life. Jeffrey was just 23 years old.

We remember Sergeant Jeffrey Reed and offer our deepest condolences and sincerest prayers to his parents and young wife. My words cannot effectively convey the feeling of great loss nor can they offer adequate consolation, but it is my hope that in future days, his family may take some comfort in knowing that Jeffrey's legacy reaches beyond the desolate landscape of Iraq and into the hearts of a grateful nation.

This body and this country owe Jeffrey and his family a debt of gratitude and it is vital that we remember him and his fellow servicemembers who have paid the ultimate price.

Jeffrey is a hero both to his country and to his wonderful family. We salute his selfless service, sacrifice and bravery. May he not be forgotten and may his mission continue in the work of this body and the hearts of all Americans.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE TAKE BACK ACT

### HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, my constituents have been rightfully outraged to hear that the very unit at AIG that was at the center of that company's failure is being showered with \$165 million in bonuses, with some individual bonuses to executives there being upwards of \$1 million. Considering that the taxpayers have made a commitment of significant funds to AIG as part of the federal government's efforts to rescue credit markets, extravagant bonuses to these individuals are simply unconscionable.

This afternoon I am introducing The AIG Key Executives Bonus Accountability and Capture Act (TAKE BACK Act) that will tax 100 percent of the bonuses paid out to AIG executives. The tax, which would apply to bonuses paid by TARP money, is being introduced in an effort to ensure taxpayers' dollars are not utilized to fund enormous bonuses paid to companies that receive TARP funding.

The fact that some on Wall Street have sought to exploit the public tax dollars is not only outrageous but is an egregious violation of the public's trust. If the leadership of companies that receive TARP funds are determined to waste taxpayer dollars on extravagant bonuses then I believe we as taxpayers—who significantly subsidize these same companies—have the right to recoup those funds.

Under the TAKE BACK Act, any entity that received assistance under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 would find its bonuses subject to a tax rate of 100 percent.

There are so many people in my community who have lost their jobs and are facing extremely tough times. For taxpayer dollars to go towards bonuses for individuals who have played a key role in our economic downturn is simply unacceptable.

HONORING THE DAMAS DE  
BLANCO (THE LADIES IN WHITE)

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Damas de Blanco (the Ladies in White) a peaceful pro-democracy group of women in Cuba dedicated to creating awareness of the political realities, human rights violations and lack of basic freedoms on the island.

Today marks the 6th anniversary of the Black Spring in Cuba, in which 75 human rights activists, independent journalists, librarians, economists and pro-democracy leaders were jailed for simply expressing their opposition to the lack of political freedoms on the island. All were unfairly sentenced to an average of 25 years in Castro's gulag and 55 still languish there today.

The Damas de Blanco consists of the wives, mothers, daughters, sisters and nieces of these 75 dissidents. The group came together soon after the crackdown. Each day, these courageous women protest the imprisonment of their loved ones, call for their immediate release and the release of all political prisoners in Cuba, and seek to draw international attention to the lack of basic freedoms on the island. They wear white to symbolize innocence and purity, attend mass each Sunday, and walk through the streets of Cuba in peaceful protest.

The group has been internationally recognized and in 2005 was awarded the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought, alongside Reporters Without Borders and human rights lawyer Hauwa Ibrahim, by the European Parliament. Members of Damas de Blanco were banned from attending the award ceremony in France by the Cuban regime.

The Damas de Blanco are a voice for the hundreds of political prisoners in Cuba and those who live in the shadows of oppression. With unprecedented courage and bravery, they take to the streets each day and risk their own lives in order to draw attention to the harsh realities in Cuba. As we celebrate Women's History Month, I ask you to join me in honoring the Damas de Blanco, remembering the 75 jailed dissidents of the Black Spring in Cuba and all of Cuba's political prisoners, and standing in solidarity with the Cuban people.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE  
PANPAPHIAN ASSOCIATION OF  
AMERICA ON THE OCCASION OF  
ITS ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the PanPaphian Association of

America. Founded more than two decades ago by Hellenic Cypriot Americans of Paphian ancestry, it has carried out its vital educational, cultural, charitable, and humanitarian mission while promoting peace, unity, and understanding on Cyprus.

The Association is holding the 8th Annual Evagoras Pallikarides Award of Merit dinner-dance this month. The Evagoras Pallikarides Award is being presented to Panicos Papanicolaou. Born and raised in Nicosia, he came to the U.S. after serving in the Cypriot National Guard. He earned Bachelor of Science and Masters degrees at the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), then obtained a research position there, developing technology for the cleanup of toxic soil. A principal of JF Contracting, a Brooklyn construction and engineering firm, he is affiliated with the American Society of Civil Engineers, the National Society of Professional Engineers, and the Civil Engineering Honor Society. The Supreme President of the Cyprus Federation of America, Vice President of the Cyprus Children's Fund, and an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, he also serves on the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Council, the Advisory Board of Queens College, and as a supporter of St. Basil's Academy, the Albert Dorman Honors College at NJIT, and the Harvard School of Public Health. Prior to becoming the Federation's Supreme President, he was Chairman of the Justice for Cyprus Committee. A recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, he was the 1995 Bronx Businessman of the Year. He is devoted to his wife, Nasia, and his daughters, Elizabeth and Elena.

The PanPaphian Association is awarding the Distinguished Fellow Cyprian Award to Elena Maroulleti. Born on Cyprus in Nicosia, she grew up in Famagusta before immigrating to the U.S., where she founded "The Vraka," a folk-dancing group that later became the Cypriot Emigrants Cultural Association. Under her leadership, it mounted live performances relating to Cypriot folklore, culture, theater, dance, and music. She is an accomplished journalist, having served on the main production team of ABC News for more than twenty years. After volunteering her time as a host of radio programs pertaining to Cyprus and Greece for five years, she founded AKTINA Productions, a non-profit cultural and educational organization dedicated to the promotion and preservation of the Hellenic cultural heritage through radio, television, live performances, and other media. It sponsors AKTINA FM, a bilingual radio show, and AKTINA TV, an English language show, which reach audiences of hundreds of thousands. Both programs focus on Hellenes' rich cultural heritage as well as news and current events in Cyprus, Greece, and America. In 2002, Ms. Maroulleti was awarded the "Women of Achievement Pace Setter Award" by the New York City Council Speaker Peter F. Vallone, Sr. She is the founder and President of the Ethnic Broadcasters Action Committee, which represents all ethnic broadcaster-produced programs on WNYE, New York City's publicly owned television station. She is happily married to Tom Stouras and devoted to Caroline Ioannou, her daughter from a previous marriage.

The Member of the Year Award will be given to Mr. Nicos Paphitis, who was born in Morfou, Cyprus. While serving as an officer in the Cyprian military police, he played profes-

sional soccer with the team Keravnos Strovolou. He came to the U.S. in 1983, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from the City University of New York, and returned to Cyprus to work for Laiki Bank until 1998, when he was returned to New York to become the Bank's chief representative. Currently a Business Development Manager with Piraeus Bank and a 2nd Vice-President of the Cyprus Federation, he is devoted to the Hellenic American community and institutions like Saint Demetrios School and the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, as well as his wife, Evie, and his children, Andreas and Marilena.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues rise to join me in paying tribute to the PanPaphian Association of America and its 2009 honorees.

CELEBRATING PROCTER & GAMBLE  
MANUFACTURING COMPANY'S 40TH BIRTHDAY IN  
CENTRAL LOUISIANA

**HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the Procter & Gamble Manufacturing Company in Pineville as it celebrates its 40th birthday in Central Louisiana.

In July 1969, Procter & Gamble Manufacturing Co. first began operations in the area on a 112 acre site about seven miles north of Alexandria/Pineville. Originally built to supply synthetic dry powder detergents, the Procter & Gamble Alexandria plant was just one of 12 plants in operation in the United States at the time.

Through the years, the Procter & Gamble Manufacturing Co. has consolidated their business down to two dry laundry sites, and is now shipping to more than half of the U.S. from the Louisiana location.

In 2005, the company announced the expansion of this particular plant site to manufacture both dry and liquid detergents, essentially doubling the size of the facility. This dynamic growth required an investment of over \$220 million and added more than 185 permanent employees.

Today the plant retains approximately 400 direct contract employees, in addition to an average of 1,200 indirect staff. The company credits these individuals as its greatest asset.

The Procter & Gamble Manufacturing Co. has an impressive track record of success in Central Louisiana. I am confident the remarkable progression of this plant will continue to provide great opportunities for the residents of this area.

It is with deep appreciation for this plant's many contributions to the 5th Congressional District that I commend the Procter & Gamble Manufacturing Co.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 40th birthday of the Procter & Gamble Manufacturing Co. in Pineville as it continues its faithful commitment to building not only a stronger Louisiana, but a stronger national economy.

LISTING OF CONGRESSIONAL  
APPROPRIATIONS INITIATIVES**HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on Congressional appropriations initiatives, I am submitting the following information regarding projects that were included at my request in H.R. 1105, the Fiscal Year 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act:

**BAYCARE HEALTH SYSTEM ELECTRONIC  
HEALTH RECORD INITIATIVE**

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Care-Related Facilities and Activities.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: BayCare Health System, 16331 Bay Vista Drive, Clearwater, FL 33760.

Description of request: \$523,000 is included in the bill for BayCare Health System to incorporate a hand held prescription drug order system into its ongoing electronic health record initiative. BayCare will develop a medication order entry project for physicians, which is a sub-component of a much larger Electronic Health Record initiative for BayCare Health System. The demonstration project involves the purchase of application software, installation and training as well as the purchase of handheld devices for the physician and other clinician users of the system. The project is a critical element of the overall Information Services plan for BayCare Health System. This particular patient care clinical information system will significantly assist in accomplishing improvements in the following areas: (1) Real time communication between physicians, hospitals and pharmacies regarding medication orders which will result in the improvements of prescription legibility, dispensing time and a reduction in drug errors; (2) A decrease in adverse events by improved electronic communication and the use of standard formularies; (3) An increase in the efficiency of operations by reducing the costs of consolidating redundant functions and reducing duplicate orders or inappropriate testing; (4) Knowledge at the point of care will improve the patient care experience. Previous funding for BayCare's electronic health record initiative is as follows: FY 2002-\$1,000,000, FY 2003-\$1,000,000, FY 2004-\$1,000,000, FY 2005-\$1,000,000, FY 2008-\$341,000.

**BAYFRONT MEDICAL CENTER OBSTETRICAL  
SERVICES**

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Care-Related Facilities and Activities.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Bayfront Medical Center, 701 Sixth Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

Description of request: \$571,000 is included in the bill for Bayfront Hospital to expand the availability of obstetrical services and its Level III neonatal intensive care unit, which will allow for the care of mothers and their babies under the same roof. In 2009, Bayfront Medical Center will open Bayfront Baby Place in the brand-new All Children's Hospital in downtown St. Petersburg. It will feature 13 private birthing suites, an eight-bed assessment area, 40-bed postpartum unit, 12-bed ante partum unit, four-room C-section suite with dedicated prep/recovery area and a nursery. Babies needing special care will be transferred to All Children's neonatal intensive care unit. New mothers will be in the same building as their sick babies, separated by a brief elevator ride. Bayfront Baby Place

will feature a dedicated entrance for birthing mothers and their families, as well as a sky-walk connecting Baby Place with Bayfront's main hospital building. Bayfront delivers more than 3,400 babies annually. Some of those babies need special care after they are born. Currently, they are taken from the hospital's joint team of specialists, through a tunnel that connects the two hospital campuses, to specialized neonatal care at All Children's Hospital. Moving the birthing team and unit on the All Children's campus will put the patient at the middle of this process, enabling families to stay together throughout their time in the hospital. These are the first federal funds provided for this project. Bayfront Hospital will contribute \$8,000,000 toward the cost of this project.

**BLIND PASS ROAD RECONSTRUCTION, ST. PETE  
BEACH**

Account: Federal Highway Administration. Legal name and address of requesting entity: City of St. Pete Beach, 155 Corey Avenue, St. Pete Beach, FL 33706.

Description of request: \$175,750 is included in the bill for the city of St. Pete Beach to reconstruct Blind Pass Road. This project will narrow the roadway to provide adequate vehicular access, while installing new sidewalks and bike lanes to greatly enhance the intermodal transportation options available. In addition, it is anticipated that enhanced lighting and landscaping will be installed, as well as various drainage improvement to the area. Blind Pass road is a half-mile segment that provides an alternate route to a state road. This is the first federal funding provided for this project. The city will provide \$400,000.

**CENTRAL AVENUE BUS RAPID TRANSIT  
CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENTS**

Account: Federal Transit Administration, Bus and Bus Facilities.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: City of St. Petersburg, 175 Fifth Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

Description of request: \$475,000 is included in the bill for the city of St. Petersburg for the development of a Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit corridor along Central Avenue. The funding will be used for station development, streetscaping, signalization, surface street improvements, and pedestrian connectors. This is the first federal funding provided for this project. The city will provide \$100,000.

**CLEARWATER DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT  
PROJECT**

Account: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiative.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: City of Clearwater, 112 S. Osceola Avenue, Clearwater, FL 33756.

Description of request: \$237,500 is included in the bill for the City of Clearwater to implement projects that will revitalize downtown Clearwater. These funds will enable the city to undertake Phase 2 of the project and to transform Cleveland Street into a pedestrian friendly area with landscaped sidewalks and medians. The project also includes new benches, trash receptacles, and bike racks. The city will also implement waterfront upland improvements with seawall cap repairs, sidewalk widening, parking lot upgrades and landscaping. The city received \$300,000 in appropriations for this project in FY 2008.

**EGMONT KEY STABILIZATION**

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Investigations.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Tampa Port Authority, P.O. Box 2192, Tampa, FL 33601.

Description of request: \$38,000 is included in the bill to continue work on a feasibility

study authorized by the Water Resources and Development Act of 2002 to protect this historic island, which is a National Wildlife Refuge and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Egmont Key is a 290 acre island located at the mouth of Tampa Bay that contains a unique collection of natural and cultural resources. The majority of the land is owned by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The U.S. Coast Guard and the Tampa Bay Pilots Association own smaller portions of the island. The island and the fortifications on that island have played an important role in the history of Tampa Bay. Tidal action from Tampa Bay waters is threatening the historic fort and gun emplacements located on the western shore. The purpose of the feasibility study is to determine a long-term strategy for protecting the beach and restoring the shoreline. Previous funding in the amount of \$916,900 has been provided for this project through FY 2008.

**FLORIDA CANCER CLINICAL TRIAL PATIENT/  
PHYSICIAN INFORMATION AND EDUCATION  
PROJECT**

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Care-Related Facilities and Activities.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: University of South Florida, College of Education, 4202 East Fowler Avenue, Tampa, FL 33620.

Description of request: \$190,000 is included in the bill for the Florida Cancer Clinical Trial Patient/Physician Information and Education Project sponsored by the University of South Florida. This program has developed continuing education and databases for the public on clinical trials for cancer treatments focusing on the nature of clinical trials and how patients might benefit, what trials are being conducted in Florida, the criteria for participation, and contact information. It also has developed an interactive web based program that lists all current cancer clinical trials and allows patients to determine programs for which they might be eligible. Further, it allows patients to share this information with their physicians. Previous funding was provided for this project as follows: FY 2004-\$500,000, FY 2005-\$500,000, FY 2008-\$536,000.

**FLORIDA REGIONAL COMMUNITY POLICING  
INSTITUTE AT ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE**

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: St. Petersburg College, 3200 34th St. South, St. Petersburg, FL 33711.

Description of request: \$400,000 is included in the bill to allow the Florida Regional Community Policing Institute at St. Petersburg College to continue providing, for the Department of Justice, low- and no-cost training and technical assistance to public safety professionals and the people of the communities they serve throughout the nation. This institute has assisted youth, volunteers, city and state employees, community colleges, social service agencies, and community leaders on public safety issues important to their communities. The Department of Justice has asked the institute to develop training materials in areas such as Human Trafficking, Gangs, School Violence, Methamphetamine Labs, Law Enforcement Suicide, Counter-Terrorism Awareness, Community Policing, Offender Re-Entry, Workplace and Domestic Violence, Diversity, Ethics, Problem Solving, and Citizens Police Academies. Over the past 10 years, the institute has delivered training to more than 75,000 participants representing 870 different agencies by customizing curriculum, developing web and CD courses, and providing on-

line registration. No previous funding has been provided to the institute.

**GREAT EXPLORATIONS, THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, SERVICES FOR AT-RISK YOUTH**

Account: Institute of Museum and Library Services, Office of Museum and Library Services, Grants and Administration.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Great Explorations, The Children's Museum, 1925 Fourth Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33704.

Description of Request: \$95,000 is included in the bill for Great Explorations, the Children's Museum, for the development of "The Urban Youth Leadership Institute of Florida." This institute will increase the museum's capacity to strengthen communities by providing services to vulnerable children and families throughout the Central Florida region by providing a safe place to gather for early education, marketable vocational skills, mentoring, a healthy start, structured activities and a chance to give back through community service. Great Explorations offers unique academic and leadership initiatives to engage thousands of the most vulnerable youth each year to discontinue the generational pattern of low-income youth living in and depending on programs such as housing assistance from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department. These programs are based on national models implemented by Great Explorations Children's Museum's leaders for more than 65 museums throughout the nation in partnership with multiple community-based organizations also serving our most vulnerable youth and families, including local housing authorities. The goal of these partnerships continues to be the implementation of extensive leadership development programs that have led to proven methods for ensuring a higher income and educational experiences for thousands of youth. This is the first federal funding provided for this project.

**GULF COAST JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES COMMUNITY CARE FACILITY**

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Care-Related Facilities and Activities.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, 14041 Icot Boulevard, Clearwater, FL 33760.

Description of request: \$190,000 is included in the bill for Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services to consolidate its operations into one facility to increase the number of patients served, enhance patient privacy, provide a more seamless system of care, and reduce overhead costs. Gulf Coast serves more than 50,000 at-risk children, youth, adults, and elderly. This is the first federal funding provided for this project.

**INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FROM CALDOOAHATCHEE RIVER TO ANCLOTE RIVER**

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: West Coast Inland Navigation District, P.O. Box 1845, Venice, FL 34284.

Description of request: \$2,076,000 is included in the bill for the maintenance dredging of sections of the Intracoastal Waterway through six Florida counties, including Pinellas County. The 1945 Rivers and Harbors Act authorized the Intracoastal Waterway to be maintained at a width of 100-feet, and a depth of nine-feet between the mouth of the Caloosahatchee River, near Ft. Myers, and the Anclote River, north of Tampa. The channel runs through six counties (Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, and Lee) and links natural deep-water sections of bays through a series of man-made channels, thereby providing for the safe pas-

sage of commercial goods and access to commercial fishing grounds. Dredging of the Intracoastal Waterway commenced in 1960 and was completed in 1967, at which time the West Coast Inland Navigation District began maintenance activities. This funding will support maintenance dredging for Longboat Pass (Manatee County), Venice Inlet (Sarasota County), mouth of Caloosahatchee River (Miserable Mile in Lee County), the Boca Grande Bayou area (Miller's Marina in Lee County), and a section of the Intracoastal Waterway in Pinellas County just north of the Tampa Bay port shipping channel. Previous funding totaling \$1,400,000 was included in FY 2004 and FY 2005 for the design, engineering, and permitting for this project and \$1,215,000 was included in FY 2008 for the initial dredging of this waterway.

**NATIONAL CLEARING HOUSE FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND THE LAW AT STETSON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW**

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Stetson University College of Law, 1401 61st Street South, Gulfport, FL 33707.

Description of request: \$400,000 is included in the bill for the National Clearing House for Science, Technology, and the Law at Stetson University College of Law to build and maintain the world's only searchable comprehensive bibliography on law, science, and technology. This database contains court decisions and commentary, scholarly publications, commercial applications, professional associations and institutions, and other resources about traditional and new forensic topics, such as Identity Theft, Intra and Interstate Tracking of Sexual Predators, Canine Sniff Detection, and Less Lethal Technologies. It contains 18 resource categories for each of 33 topics in science and technology. At present, it contains more than 65,000 records, and more than 1,500 entries a month are added. Visitors from more than 110 countries have visited the site. In addition, comprehensive Cold Case and Identifying the Missing resources have recently been added to the site. No other such national resource exists. The online database also includes a quarterly newsletter which focuses on the latest topics such as Methamphetamine, Shaken Baby Syndrome, Cyber Forensics, Post-Conviction DNA Testing, Bioterror and the Physician, and Virtual Autopsies. Funding will also enable Stetson to continue building an important reference collection of law, science, and technology material to meet the needs of law enforcement personnel, legal professionals, crime lab personnel, national security professionals, medical examiners, and public health professionals. These professions face challenges due to a lack of access to information regarding new areas of science and technology. The Clearinghouse reference collection allows access via interlibrary loan to physical materials not readily available at local libraries. Important forensic science collections are being donated to the clearinghouse on a regular basis for use by these professionals. Stetson will use this funding for two new initiatives. The first is the development of training modules and primers to be made available through distance education technology. These cross-disciplinary modules will focus on training scientists in the complex workings of the legal system. They also provide lawyers with much needed education in various scientific and technological disciplines. Law 101 will focus on testimony skills for expert witnesses, scientists and law enforcement personnel. The primers, written by lawyers, scientists, and educators, will cover the basic elements of a

science or technology and principles of law. They will provide practical advice regarding motions in limine, locating and qualifying an expert, direct and cross-examination of the expert, and legal issues that arise in such cases. The second initiative will be to support the federal DNA initiative. The goal of this project is to provide training about the applications and limitations of DNA evidence to defense counsel handling cases involving biological evidence, as stated in the President's DNA Initiative. To achieve this goal, the Clearinghouse is working closely with the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and an expert Advisory Group to develop training that will provide defense attorneys with the general knowledge of the uses of DNA evidence in judicial proceedings as it pertains to discovery and ethics, proper closing arguments, case assessment, etc. The training will complement other forensic DNA evidence resources developed by NIJ, such as the "Officers of the Court" CD-ROM, which provides a foundational understanding of the science, technology, statistics, and other non-advocacy topics. Training will occur across the country and will incorporate "Train the Trainer" sessions to further broaden outreach efforts. Previous funding has been provided to Stetson for the National Clearinghouse in the following amounts: FY 2003-\$1,768,430, FY 2004-\$2,968,432, FY 2005-\$2,959,930, FY 06-\$1,682,119.

**NATIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: The National Forensic Science Technology Center, 7881 114th Avenue North, Largo, FL 33773.

Description of request: \$1,750,000 is included in the bill for the National Forensic Science and Training Center (NFSTC), which is a Department of Justice-selected Forensic Technology Center of Excellence. With these funds, the NFSTC will continue to provide for the Office of Justice Programs an assessment program to audit the capabilities and quality of DNA laboratories throughout the United States which receive agency funding. NFSTC not only assists laboratories in improving their performance in DNA analysis, but also provides grant recipients with an objective review of their use of federal funds. Previous funding has been provided to NFSTC, which employs 34 people in Pinellas County, Florida, in the following amounts: FY 2000-\$1,899,822, FY 2001-\$2,594,280, FY 2002-\$8,500,000, FY 2003-\$2,980,000, FY 2004-\$1,978,000, FY 2005-\$1,973,286, FY 2007-\$1,973,286, FY 2008-\$2,030,400.

**NATIONAL TERRORISM PREPAREDNESS INSTITUTE AT ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE**

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: St. Petersburg College, 3200 34th St. South, St. Petersburg, FL 33711.

Description of request: \$800,000 is included in the bill for the National Terrorism Preparedness Institute (NTPI) at St. Petersburg College, for training support programs for law enforcement and other emergency responders through the rapid research, development, and delivery of customized anti-terrorism training and professional development materials and scenario models. NTPI seeks to deliver the highest quality content and instructional technology delivery systems to meet the unique training needs and time constraints of the trainees. These materials are delivered through traditional classroom training or distance learning technologies and the topics are determined by

and based on the needs of the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security. Areas that have been covered in the past include implementation of the National Infrastructure Protection Plan, expanding regional collaboration, implementation of the National Infrastructure Protection Plan, strengthening information sharing and collaboration capabilities, and enhancing Chemical, Biological, Radiological/Nuclear, and Explosive detection, response, and decontamination capabilities.

**PINELLAS COUNTY BEACH EROSION CONTROL**

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, FL 33756.

Description of request: \$6,699,000 is included in the bill for the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners to continue the Pinellas County beach erosion control program. The Pinellas County program was first authorized by Congress in 1966 and reauthorized in 1976 and has provided immeasurable storm protection and recreation benefits to Pinellas County residents and visitors. These funds will be used for the regularly scheduled renourishment and restoration of beaches at Treasure Island and Long Key. The federal and state/local cost sharing averages 60/40 under the current authorization. The combined state and local share of this project will be an estimated \$4,700,000. With the funds appropriated in this bill, the total federal funds appropriated for the Pinellas County Beach Erosion Control Project will be \$90,815,404 since Fiscal Year 1986.

**PINELLAS COUNTY EX-OFFENDER RE-ENTRY INITIATIVE**

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, FL 33756.

Description of request: \$300,000 is included in the bill for the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners to establish an ex-offender re-entry initiative. This funding will enhance the services provided by a collaboration of Pinellas County justice and consumer services departments and other non-profit organizations to better enable the reintegration of ex-offenders as productive members of their communities and prevent recidivism. The Pinellas County Ex-Offender Re-Entry Program will provide a spectrum of services to individuals released from incarceration that address the unique needs of ex-offenders to assist their transition to a stable, drug and crime-free, productive life within the community, such as: (1) job training and employment placement; (2) housing assistance; (3) filling literacy and education gaps; (4) substance abuse and mental health counseling; (5) healthcare; (6) legal assistance; and (7) providing basic needs such as food and clothing. The county estimates that the funding will enable the program to reach 7,500 to 10,000 ex-offenders. Federal programs, specifically those administered by the Department of Justice, have increasingly focused support toward offender reentry and recidivism prevention programs, particularly regional and interagency efforts to deliver comprehensive and coordinated interventions across housing, workforce, and social services. The Pinellas County Ex-Offender Re-Entry Initiative reduces recidivism through targeted intervention and rehabilitation services, which are aimed to improve employment outcomes for ex-offenders and direct them toward a productive and self-suf-

ficient lifestyle. The Pinellas County jail manages over 54,000 criminal bookings per year, with an average daily jail population of approximately 3,600 individuals. Over 7,000 sentenced inmates re-enter society in Pinellas County each year. Additionally, over 2,000 inmates from the Department of Corrections come into Pinellas County per year after serving a sentence in the State prison system. Recidivism rates in Pinellas County are 60-70 percent for those coming from the state system and 50-60 percent for those coming from the county system. This is the first federal funding provided for this project. Pinellas County will provide a \$270,000 match.

**PINELLAS COUNTY REGIONAL URBAN SUSTAINABILITY DEMONSTRATION AND EDUCATION FACILITY**

Account: Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Projects.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, FL 33756.

Description of request: \$475,750 is included in the bill for the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners for the construction of a regional facility to provide a demonstration of green building techniques, alternative energy initiatives and technologies, and reduced energy consumption. Educational workshops available to the general public also will be taught at the facility by university representative and other experts in energy efficiency and urban sustainability. A partnership among Pinellas County, the University of Florida, Tampa Bay Builders Association, and the Council for Sustainable Florida, the facility's programmatic elements will encourage Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) development practices and showcase green building techniques and sustainable resources implementation. Located on the campus of the Pinellas County Extension Service in Largo, the facility will serve the nearly 1,000,000 residents of Pinellas County, and more from surrounding counties, as an energy efficient model for future development in the region and a training demonstration site for area builders on how to build to green building standards. The Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy account funds project by municipalities, universities, and other entities to test and implement solutions for alternative energy and conservation. This program will equip builders and individuals throughout the Central Florida region with knowledge to meet the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high-performance green buildings. This is the first federal funding provided for this project.

**PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF, CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE GATHERING TECHNOLOGY**

Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Pinellas County Sheriff, 10750 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33778.

Description of request: \$100,000 is included in the bill for the Pinellas County Sheriff to acquire high-technology intelligence gathering equipment and a vehicle for intelligence gathering operations. The equipment would be used in counter terrorism and traditional crime control and public safety operations. Because the Sheriff is a part of a number of regional and state task forces, this equipment would be used by Criminal Intelligence Section detectives assigned to the Regional Domestic Security Task Force, the Joint Terrorism Task Force, and the Florida Intelligence Unit. This is the first federal funding provided for this project.

**PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF, JOINT-USE OUTDOOR FIRING RANGE**

Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Pinellas County Sheriff, 10750 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33778.

Description of request: \$500,000 is included in the bill for the Pinellas County Sheriff to develop an outdoor firing range for joint use by local, state, and federal agencies, including military and federal law enforcement personnel. The demonstrated need for such a range is the result of a survey of these agencies, including DEA, U.S. Marshal, U.S. Secret Service, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, FBI, U.S. Coast Guard, Florida National Guard, U.S. Air Force, NCIS, and U.S. Marine Corps which found that these agencies lack sufficient outdoor facilities to practice and qualify for firearms proficiency. The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners has provided \$500,000 to complete pre-construction requirements including architectural services; civil engineering; environmental site assessment; structural engineering; mechanical, electrical and plumbing engineering; site surveying and geotechnical testing. This is the first federal funding provided for this project.

**ST. PETERSBURG-CLEARWATER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TERMINAL IMPROVEMENTS**

Account: Federal Aviation Administration, Grants-in-Aid for Airports.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, FL 33756.

Description of request: \$831,250 is included in the bill for the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners for terminal improvements at the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport. Federal funding will support terminal improvements to the aging and obsolete terminal building at the airport. Improvements will address structural problems and requirements needed to accommodate significant airline growth. Specific projects identified include the addition of two passenger loading bridges and related structural retrofits to enable use, expansion of existing terminal gate hold rooms, reconfiguration of security checkpoints, ticketing area conversions, build-out of new post-security amenities and concession space, and the replacement of a failing chiller unit. This is the first federal funding provided for this project. Pinellas County will contribute \$750,000.

**ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE HEALTHCARE INFORMATICS WORKFORCE TRAINING**

Account: Department of Education, Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: St. Petersburg College, 6021 142nd Avenue North, Clearwater, FL 33760.

Description of request: \$95,000 is included in the bill for the St. Petersburg College to create a course of study in the area of health care informatics that will meet the needs of the health care industry as it transitions to a system of electronic medical records. The college will develop a new postsecondary health care informatics curriculum, curricular units for secondary students, faculty development, and the marketing materials to recruit high school students and college students into health care informatics careers. The new courses will be designed for on-line learning but they will also be able to be delivered in a blended instructor-led format. Current health care employees will be able to receive individualized or group instruction and with the training will be able to move from entry-level jobs to increasingly responsible positions. A web portal will

also be developed to serve as a source of information about health informatics, the college's certificate and degree programs, and related career and training opportunities. Youth will also learn about health care informatics through a structured high school outreach program and through in-school job and career presentations by college faculty. In addition, an online competency-based Introduction to Health Care Informatics tutorial will also be available free of charge to anyone interested in learning about health care informatics. Finally, an annual Health Care Informatics Symposium will bring nationally known subject matter experts to the region and provide a health care informatics forum for communication industry representatives, secondary and postsecondary faculty, and students. This is the first federal funding provided for this project.

#### ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS PROGRAM

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Care-Related Facilities and Activities.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: St. Petersburg College, 6021 142nd Avenue North, Clearwater, FL 33760.

Description of request: \$476,000 is included in the bill for the St. Petersburg College to expand its Bachelors Degree program in the study of Orthotics and Prosthetics to meet the nationwide shortage of professionals in this field. At present, there are only four baccalaureate programs and five certificate programs to train orthotists and prosthetists in the United States. St. Petersburg College has the only program in the Southeastern United States. The St. Petersburg College is working to increase the availability of Orthotics and Prosthetics education by seeking partnerships with other colleges within the state of Florida and the Southeast. This will include developing and offering courses on-line and through distance learning. St. Petersburg College also will use these funds to host continuing education for practitioners already in the field. The goal is to increase the number of professionals in the field to meet the growing need of service members and civilians. This is the first federal funding provided for this project. St. Petersburg College will provide an \$800,000 match.

#### ST. PETERSBURG SOLAR PILOT PROJECT

Account: Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Projects.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: City of St. Petersburg, 175 Fifth Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

Description of request: \$1,427,250 is included in the bill for the City of St. Petersburg to develop and implement a renewable and sustainable solar energy network to provide the electricity required to power 40 city parks. Through a collaboration with Progress Energy Florida and the University of South Florida Center for Utility Exploration, the city will be able to remove all of these parks from the city's power grid. This will demonstrate how the city can reduce peak demand at power generation facilities, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the dependence on foreign oil. The City of St. Petersburg is uniquely situated to exploit cheap, clean renewable solar power and is committed to utilize the limitless resource to go solar at all of its City parks and eventually all operating facilities. This is the first federal funding provided for this project. The city of St. Petersburg will provide a \$500,000 match.

#### STEPS TO A HEALTHIER PINELLAS

Account: Centers for Disease Control, Health Promotion.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Pinellas County Schools, 301 4th Street S.W., Largo, FL 33770.

Description of request: \$190,000 is included in the bill for the Pinellas County School System to provide nutrition education, asthma and diabetes, staff wellness and family weight management programs for its students. Steps to a Healthier Pinellas will require physical fitness assessments for all students enrolled in physical education classes. Proposed activities will be aligned to the recommendations produced by the Governor's Council for Physical Fitness and have been highlighted as best practices in the State of Florida. This is the first federal funding provided for this project. The school system will provide a \$164,000 match.

#### STETSON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW ELDER JUSTICE PROGRAM

Account: Administration on Aging, Aging Services Programs.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Stetson University College of Law, 1401 61st Street South, Gulfport, FL 33707.

Description of request: \$95,000 is included for the Stetson University College of Law to establish a pilot program to determine the most effective way to educate seniors about mortgage fraud and other financial scams. Through Stetson's Elder Justice Resource Center, this program will focus on ways to communicate with seniors about the inherent dangers from unsolicited offers for home refinancing, reverse mortgages, consumer goods, and financial opportunities. Communications strategies will include a telephone hotline, a web site, onsite visits to senior centers, retirement homes, libraries, clubs, and other places that seniors gather. This is the first federal funding provided for this project. Stetson will match these funds with \$100,000.

#### TAMPA BAY WATCH EDUCATION BUILDING

Account: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiative.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Tampa Bay Watch, 3000 Pinellas Bayway South, Tierra Verde, FL 33715.

Description of request: \$237,500 is included in the bill for Tampa Bay Watch for the construction of an education building to expand its capacity to hold education and restoration workshops for students and families. Tampa Bay Watch is a community based habitat restoration and education program that has helped bring back to life the waters of Tampa Bay and its surrounding tributaries. It has mobilized more than 65,000 volunteers in what is the first environmental organization of its kind in the Southeastern United States. Tampa Bay Watch's staff and volunteers coordinate a variety of coastal restoration events throughout the year such as salt marsh plantings, oyster dome and reef construction, coastal cleanups and storm drain markings. One of Tampa Bay Watch's greatest assets is its education programs which support year-round school field trips, summer camp programs, and community groups. More than 180 field trips have been held there during which 3,000 students contributed 14,600 hours to learn about and help restore Tampa Bay.

#### TAMPA PORT PLANNING, ENGINEERING AND DESIGN FOR FUTURE REQUIREMENTS

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Tampa Port Authority, P.O. Box 2192, Tampa, FL 33601.

Description of request: \$478,000 is included in the bill for the continued planning, engineering, and design for a project to widen and deepen the Tampa shipping channel to allow for the safer passage of shipping traffic and to accommodate larger ships requiring a deeper draft. The Army Corps of Engineers

completed a draft General Reevaluation Report (GRR) in 2008 which focuses on traffic congestion in the main Tampa Harbor channel where extensive delays occur due to lack of adequate channel width. The 40 mile main federal channel handles traffic in and out of the entire Tampa Bay federal port system for the Ports of Tampa, Manatee and St. Petersburg. The ship channel is too narrow to allow for safe two way vessel traffic due to the introduction of new longer and broader cruise ships. The impacts associated with having a restriction of this nature include vessels waiting at berth or at the sea buoy while large cruise ships transit the channel. The GRR concurs with the Tampa Port Authority and the port community that the resulting congestion causes safety hazards and economic inefficiencies and recommends widening select portions of the main channel. The GRR finds that vessel operation costs would be reduced, resulting in transportation cost savings, increased harbor safety and reduced cargo delivery delays. In addition, the continued reevaluation of the needs in the Tampa Harbor is necessary, to include deepening, in order to facilitate anticipated growth in trade as the Port of Tampa continues its steady growth and diversification. As Florida's largest cargo port, the Port of Tampa handles approximately 50 million tons of cargo per year. The Port of Tampa is also the largest economic engine in West Central Florida and the nation's 14th largest port in terms of short tons. The Port of Tampa generates an annual economic impact of almost \$8 billion on the region which includes the contribution of over \$570 million annually in state and local taxes. This project is authorized by three separate federal statutes: The Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2004 (P.L. 108-137); The Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2005 (P.L. 108-447); and the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-114). Previous funding for this project has been provided as follows: FY 2008-\$133,000, FY 2004-\$2,500,000, FY 2003-\$200,000, FY 2002-\$500,000, FY 2001-\$300,000.

#### TREASURE ISLAND WASTEWATER AND SEWER SYSTEM UPGRADE

Account: Environmental Protection Agency, State and Tribal Assistance Grants Infrastructure Grants.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: City of Treasure Island, 120 108th Avenue, Treasure Island, FL 33706.

Description of request: \$500,000 is included in the bill for the city of Treasure Island to upgrade its wastewater and sewer system. With these funds, the city will purchase an emergency generator and pump motor controls. The city will also reline water pipes and repair manholes. Failure to complete these necessary wastewater infrastructure upgrades in a timely manner will expose the Gulf of Mexico and Boca Ciega Bay waters to undesirable pollutants and threaten the economic viability of this resort area. Previous appropriations for this project total \$1,250,000.

#### TROPICAL AND SUBTROPICAL AGRICULTURE RESEARCH (T-STAR)

Account: Department of Agriculture, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, Research and Education Activities.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: The University of Florida, 226 Tigert Hall, Gainesville, FL 32611.

Description of request: \$6,677,000 is included in the bill for Tropical and Sub-Tropical Agriculture Research (T-STAR) at the Universities of Florida and Hawaii to address the problem of exotic pests and other tropical and subtropical problems in America's Caribbean and Pacific Basins. The

major goal of the T-STAR program is to develop strategies and tactics to stem the invasion of exotic diseases, insects, and weeds into the United States. The recent introduction of asian soybean rust into the United States, along with the increasing threat of avian influenza and foot-and-mouth disease entering the country, heightens the possibility of a terrorist-induced attack on the nation's food supply. There is an urgent need to identify exotic pests in other countries with which the United States maintains frequent and extensive trade and travel in order to: (1) determine potential avenues for the introduction of these pests into the United States, (2) develop technologies for the early detection of these pests, (3) find effective and environmentally acceptable methods for the eradication and containment of these pests if they enter the United States. Under the T-STAR program, scientists aggressively protect the nation against the growing environmental and economic threat of invasive exotic pests. The Universities of Florida and Hawaii represent important agricultural states which are prime locations for the introduction of exotic pests from other parts of the world. Previous funding has been provided by the Department of Agriculture for T-STAR in the following amounts: FY 2001—\$3,800,000, FY 2002—\$3,800,000, FY 2003—\$9,000,000, FY 2004—\$9,000,000, FY 2005—\$9,400,000, FY 2006—\$9,500,000, FY 2008—\$7,400,000.

U.S. 19 AT ENTERPRISE

Account: Federal Highway Administration. Legal name and address of requesting entity: Pinellas County Metropolitan Organization, 600 Cleveland Street, Suite 750, Clearwater, FL 33755.

Description of request: \$855,000 is included in the bill to continue work on a controlled access project at U.S. 19 and Enterprise Road in Clearwater. With federal, state, and local funds, the Pinellas Metropolitan Organization has been converting U.S. 19 from an arterial roadway into a controlled access roadway. The 1.3 mile Enterprise Road segment is the last remaining grade level interchange. Once complete, there will be 11.2 miles of controlled access, with no traffic signals, between 118th Avenue in mid-Pinellas County north to State Road 580 in north Pinellas County. U.S. 19 is a Regional Emergency Evacuation Route used by an average of 90,000 vehicles per day. Previous federal funding, provided in FY 2001 in the amount of \$4,000,000, was used for preliminary engineering and grade separated design. The Florida Department of Transportation will provide \$17 million toward the completion of this project.

WORKNET PINELLAS EMPLOYED WORKER RETRAINING PROGRAM

Account: Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Training & Employment Services.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: WorkNet Pinellas, 13805 58th Street North, Suite 2140, Clearwater, FL 33760.

Description of request: \$95,000 is included in the bill for WorkNet Pinellas to conduct an employer-focused training program for workers to train them in new fields and new technologies. WorkNet will solicit technological training shortfalls from Pinellas County manufacturers. Through consultation with the employers and the local Economic Development Council, WorkNet will certify the validity of the training needs and prepare a training plan based on the employers' technology usage. Through its training partners, Pinellas Technical Education Centers and St. Petersburg College, WorkNet will identify the training resources available and submit the plan to the employer for approval and agreement. The employer will be

expected to contribute at least half of the cost of the training program and consent to meeting the training goals within a specified timeline. This project will be based firmly on the skill needs of the employer and will result in a more highly skilled workforce whose members can continue to progress in their careers. Another clear objective of this program will be to allow the employers to remain competitive in the global economic market without having to relocate or farm-out any of their production. The goal of the program is to training 1,200 workers from at least 15 employers. This is the first federal funding provided for this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the requirements of the Republican Conference of the House, I am submitting for the RECORD the following revised information regarding two earmarks I requested, which are included in the reported version of H.R. 1105, the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Requesting Member: Congressman DANA ROHRBACHER (CA—46)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Name of Project: Vanguard University Academic Center for Science, Nursing, and Technology.

Account: DHHS, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Vanguard University

Address of Requesting Entity: 55 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Description of Request: I received \$238,000 for Vanguard University's Academic Center for Science, Nursing, and Technology. Vanguard University is developing an Academic Center for Science, Nursing, and technology which will help address the significant problems facing California by training teachers in science and math, and by developing a Nursing School with an accelerated RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Program to help address the nursing crisis. The center will include the development of smart classrooms, the nursing school, and research laboratories to train existing teachers and nurses, and will deliver the study of science, math, and technology that will prepare students for teaching careers in science and math. It is my understanding the University will provide the balance of funding through endowments and other major gifts. It is also my understanding funds will be used consistent with the following.

Site work: \$407,500  
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Core & Systems \$1,911,000  
Basement Premium \$232,500  
500 SF total @ 132.66/SF  
Total \$6,638,000

I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman DANA ROHRBACHER (CA—46)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Name of Project: Vanguard University Academic Center for Science, Nursing, and Technology.

Account: Department of Education, Higher Education (FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Vanguard University

Address of Requesting Entity: 55 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Description of Request: I received \$190,000 for Vanguard University's Academic Center for Science, Nursing, and Technology. Vanguard University is developing an Academic Center for Science, Nursing, and technology which will help address the significant problems facing California by training teachers in science and math, and by developing a Nursing School with an accelerated RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Program to help address the nursing crisis. The center will include the development of smart classrooms, the nursing school, and research laboratories to train existing teachers and nurses, and will deliver the study of science, math, and technology that will prepare students for teaching careers in science and math. It is my understanding the University will provide the balance of funding through endowments and other major gifts. It is also my understanding funds will be used consistent with the following.

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IN CELEBRATION OF THE RETIREMENT OF REVEREND ISAAC SINGLETON

HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend Isaac Singleton's retirement after 47 years with the Mount Zion Baptist Church in Joliet, Illinois. Reverend Singleton earned his recognition as a south suburban icon many years ago. After working on a plantation in Louisiana with his father, he joined the Army Air Force during World War II. He later settled in Joliet, where he has enjoyed a 60 year marriage with his wife Pearl. He is known locally as a symbol of the civil rights movement for marching alongside the great Martin Luther King, Jr. in Montgomery, Alabama and is featured in both "Who's Who Among Black Americans" and the Joliet Will County Hall of Pride.

As pastor at Mount Zion Baptist Church, Reverend Singleton saw the congregation grow from an intimate 100 members to the ever faithful, flourishing parish of 2,000 members it is currently. Reverend Singleton's influence is seen all over Joliet, from the 28,000 square foot presence of Mount Zion Baptist church to the street named after him to the Family Life Center he founded. He is respected internationally as well, having preached in five different continents and having built churches in Africa.

Reverend Singleton retires this month after a fulfilling, impressive, and inspirational career. He is truly an asset to Joliet as well as the

global faith community. It is with great pride that I celebrate the career of Reverend Isaac Singleton. May his retirement be fruitful and joyous.

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HONORING THE LIFE AND CAREER  
OF BILL POST

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**HON. ED PASTOR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a few minutes to praise and reflect upon the career of an outstanding CEO and an even better friend, Bill Post. I first met Bill in the early 1970s when he was financial officer for the Arizona Public Service, also referred to as APS, and I was a Maricopa County Supervisor. He impressed me as a smart, young executive.

Bill Post is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Arizona Public Service—my home state's largest electric company. Bill recently announced his retirement from APS and its parent company, Pinnacle West Capital Corporation, after 37 distinguished years with the companies.

Starting his career as a Draftsman after finishing college at Arizona State University, Bill quickly climbed the ranks at APS. He became an officer in 1982, then ascended to President and CEO of APS and President of Pinnacle West in 1997. He earned the title of Chairman of the Board for both companies in 2001.

Of course what he accomplished and the relationships he built were always far more important to Bill than any title. He guided APS through a period of incredible growth for our state. In the last decade alone, APS added more than 300,000 customers, yet the company has been a model of efficiency. Despite its rapid growth, APS continued to meet Arizona's expanding energy needs while also improving customer satisfaction, setting new standards of electric reliability and keeping employee numbers essentially flat.

Revered for his business acumen, Bill is also ubiquitous in the community—continually lending his guidance, energy and financial resources to non-profit organizations such as Greater Phoenix Leadership, Valley of the Sun United Way, the Arizona Business Coalition, and the Children's Action Alliance. His dedication to our community and state led me to often refer to Bill as the "Big Dog in Town." Bill's own generosity has always set the tone for his company—APS and its employees are known across Arizona as leaders in the communities they serve.

Bill Post embodies the character and uniqueness of my home state. A lifelong Arizonan, Bill is as at home driving his Jeep through dusty desert trails as he is guiding strategy in a corporate boardroom. In his retirement from APS, I know he will probably be providing leadership to the people of Arizona.

COMMEMORATING BRAIN  
AWARENESS WEEK

**HON. JOE SESTAK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, today I rise to commemorate Brain Awareness Week (BAW) and the benefits of this informative week in educating students on brain science in my congressional district and across the country. Brain Awareness Week, launched in 1996, brings together the Society for Neuroscience, Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives and 1200 other organizations worldwide who share a common interest in improving public awareness of brain and nervous system research. During Brain Awareness Week, neuroscientists around the globe educate K–12 students, senior citizens and the public at large on the wonders of the human brain. These activities include tours of neuroscience laboratories, museum exhibitions and classroom discussions on the elements of the human brain.

This year, the Philadelphia area members of the Society for Neuroscience will host their annual Brain Awareness event at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia on March 19–20. Many of my constituents will be exposed to the exciting world of neuroscience, hopefully become inspired to become the next generation of scientists, and learn about the connection between increased support for biomedical research and benefits to public health. Today, in recognition of Brain Awareness Week, I would like to highlight a serious brain condition that affects many of our men and women in uniform returning home from combat in Iraq and Afghanistan: Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).

Madam Speaker, as a member of the House Armed Services Committee and a former Naval officer, I know firsthand the reality of war and how it affects our soldiers. Many of our brave men and women experience severe trauma from land mines, road side bombs and other powerful explosives, which result in what are now recognized to be the signature wounds of these recent conflicts: TBI, the loss of limbs, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). In part, these wounds can be attributed to advanced body armor that shield soldiers' torsos from bullets, shrapnel, and injury and prevents them from being killed in attacks. Yet their bodies remain relatively exposed to the concussive effect of blasts that can raise atmospheric pressure by 1,000 times, rattling the brain against the skull. Neuroscience research has contributed significantly to the current standard of neurological and mental health care in the field and at military health facilities across the country.

The numbers associated with these signature wounds, including TBI, are staggering and illustrate the need for additional research. During a Pentagon news conference on March 5, 2009, Department of Defense doctors reported as many as 360,000 U.S. Service members have experienced brain injuries, mostly concussions, representing about 20 percent of the 1.8 million soldiers who have served in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. The head of the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury noted that while the overwhelming majority heal—and heal without treatment—an esti-

mated 45,000 to 90,000 troops have suffered more severe and lasting symptoms, which overall cost the U.S. Army \$242 million last year for staff, facilities and programs to serve troops with brain injuries. Additionally, an unprecedented 36 percent of the veterans treated thus far have been diagnosed with a mental health condition. According to 2003 data analyzed by the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 60 percent of returning U.S. soldiers who had been exposed to blasts showed signs of brain injury, and face a lifetime of disability at an estimated cost of \$60 billion annually.

Madam Speaker, new research is exploring improved methods of treatment of TBI. The Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center and Department of Veterans Affairs research facilities across the country are testing the antidepressant sertraline as a treatment for symptoms of TBI, including irritability, depression, frustration, and anxiety. Neuroscientists are trying to understand how these explosives disrupt the function of the nervous system in order to develop specific recovery strategies. Activity-based therapy, which takes advantage of the brain's plasticity or ability to review and recover, is proving to be one of the most effective approaches in treating head injuries. Even when certain functions are lost, repeatedly practicing a movement seems to encourage the brain to reestablish the connections that support that function. Research in laboratory animals suggests that activity itself can increase the secretion of some nerve growth factors known to play an important role in the brain plasticity and learning.

I would like to recognize that the enhancement of research for soldiers and others suffering from TBI continues to be a Congressional priority, as evidenced by the passage of the Traumatic Brain Injury Reauthorization Act, which I was proud to cosponsor. This legislation reauthorized many essential programs including the Traumatic Brain Injury Research Program at the National Institutes of Health, which conducts TBI research at laboratories on the NIH campus and also supports it through grants to major medical institutions across the country. The pursuit of cutting-edge brain injury research will remain on the nation's healthcare and neuroscience agendas for decades to come in hopes of developing innovative medical treatments that will enhance the quality of life for our veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Madam Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Brain Awareness Week, which exposes our young citizens to the wonders of the brain. I also ask that you join me in continuing to support basic research that provides a foundation for new treatments that have an enormous impact on the lives of our brave men and women returning home from combat with TBI and other brain injuries and disorders.

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CELEBRATING MARCH AS RED  
CROSS MONTH

**HON. PETER T. KING**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, the American Red Cross has been on the

front lines of disaster prevention and response for more than a century. This elite humanitarian society is among the most effective and recognized disaster relief organizations in the world. We have an opportunity this month to recognize the essential role the Red Cross plays in our communities. Since President Franklin Delano Roosevelt served in office, every President of the United States has proclaimed March to be "Red Cross Month."

The Red Cross responds to more than 70,000 natural and manmade disasters each year, caring for victims of fires, floods, hurricanes, hazardous materials spills, explosions, and many other kinds of incidents. Volunteers provide food, shelter, and health services to meet the most basic human needs of victims and first responders. The Red Cross also provides critical blood supplies to hospitals, first aid classes to the public, and disaster aid to the international community.

In responding to disasters small or large, the Red Cross has proven its incomparable worth time and again for over 127 years. Just this month in my district in New York, fire destroyed a North Massapequa home, and Nassau County's Red Cross arrived on the scene to offer assistance. Timely response to such daily but devastating small-scale disasters is one of the Red Cross' most important humanitarian services.

Large-scale disasters also demonstrate major successes. Immediately following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, relief workers rushed to the World Trade Center, to the Pentagon, and to the fields of Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The Red Cross played an invaluable role in assisting over 59,000 individuals and families affected by those horrific acts of terror.

No matter the response, volunteers are the key to Red Cross efforts, representing 96 percent of the organization's workforce. They cannot do what they do without the support of donated manpower, finding, and supplies. The Red Cross, the dedicated individuals who serve in the organization, and the thousands of citizens who fund relief efforts epitomize the humanitarian spirit of the American people.

I join with my colleagues today to recognize the Red Cross, and thank the organization's staff and volunteers for all of their continued assistance to American communities.

THE BULLYING AND GANG REDUC-  
TION FOR IMPROVED EDUCATION  
ACT

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, today, Mr. EHLERS and I are introducing the Bullying and Gang Reduction for Improved Education Act. It is time that we recognize bullying and gangs as serious problems that impede student achievement.

Bullying, harassment, and gang-related activity have serious consequences for schools and students. Nearly 40% of middle-school and high-school students report that they do not feel safe at school. Children who are bullied miss more school, have lower self-esteem, and are more likely to commit suicide than those who are not.

According to young people themselves, one reason they get involved in gang activity is to seek protection from bullying. We cannot address one without addressing the other.

Contrary to popular belief, bullying is neither a minor nuisance, something to be laughed at or ignored. It is not a rite of passage, but instead interferes with a child's right to attend school and learn. Although any child may be bullied, some children face much greater risks than others. Children who are obese and those whom others perceive to be gay or lesbian are especially at risk.

Violence in our schools caused by gang activity and bullying can cause childhood trauma, depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorder. These conditions are not conducive to learning. Youth involved in gang activity also have lower expectations about their educational attainment.

The Bullying and Gang Reduction for Improved Education Act would take important steps to address these issues by allowing states and localities to use Safe Schools funds for comprehensive bullying and gang prevention programs.

I urge my colleagues to take a stand. All children, especially societies most vulnerable, deserve their support of the Bullying and Gang Prevention for Improved Education Act.

HONORING MARKET STREET  
MISSION

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Market Street Mission in Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey, a vibrant community I am proud to represent. On March 18, 2009, the good citizens of New Jersey will celebrate the Market Street Mission's 120th Anniversary.

The aim of the Market Street Mission is to assist those who are "homeless, helpless and hopeless" in northern New Jersey, through physical, emotional, and spiritual support that will guide them toward responsible and productive lives. The Market Street Mission is an experienced organization with a proven method of helping to fight alcoholism, drug abuse, and homelessness in the Northern New Jersey Area. We need the Market Street Mission and more places like it.

The Market Street Mission was established in 1889 by the Reverend Dr. F.W. Owen and his wife, Mrs. Louisa Graves Owen, as a residential program for alcoholic husbands in the Morristown area. With support from the South Street Presbyterian Church, the Mission provided meals, lodging, clothing, and temporary employment for homeless men. Over the years, the Market Street Mission has grown in scope and size.

During the Great Depression, the Market Street Mission ended its affiliation with the Presbyterian Church and added the "Industrial Department," a self-supporting thrift store that provided jobs during difficult economic times. Today, residents of the Mission work at the Industrial Department as part of the successful "New Reality of Recovery" program. The Market Street Mission also has an Emergency Assistance program that provides meals and

lodging for disadvantaged men, women, and children.

Led by Executive Director G. David Scott, the Market Street Mission continues to offer indispensable support and rehabilitation to those in need.

Madam Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Market Street Mission, as well as G. David Scott, on the celebration of 120 years serving the people of Northern New Jersey.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL NICHOLAS  
GEORGE "NICK" PSAKI, JR.

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and report the passing of an American patriot and a neighbor, Colonel Nicholas George "Nick" Psaki, Jr., of Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania. Colonel Psaki passed away on the afternoon of March 14th at the age of 89.

The passing of Colonel Psaki is yet another reminder for all of us that we are losing a generation of great Americans who served their country in the wars that shaped the world we live in today. The lives and the stories of these Americans, the members of the Greatest Generation, must never be forgotten.

Colonel Psaki was truly a part of that Greatest Generation. He fought with distinction in three wars, seeing combat in World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam. Colonel Psaki made his mark on the golden age of Army aviation and retired from the Army a veteran pilot with over 5,000 hours in flight time spent in fixed and rotary wing aircraft.

Throughout his distinguished military career, Colonel Psaki received numerous medals and commendations for his service to his nation. Among those decorations are the Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star with 1st Oak Leaf Cluster, the Combat Infantry Badge Second Award, the Master Army Aviator Wings, as well as numerous campaign ribbons and service merit badges.

In addition to his combat service, Colonel Psaki was a graduate of the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, as well as the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia, and the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Preceding these military degrees, Colonel Psaki attended Kings College in New York and received a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Southern California. He is survived by his wife Cindy, his son Nicholas, daughters Diane, Denise, Regina, and Alexandra, three grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Colonel Nick Psaki was a patriot, a family man and an active civic member. For all who came in contact with him, Nicholas Psaki will be remembered as a gentleman who exemplified quiet dignity, thoughtfulness and generosity. Colonel Psaki was a class act in and out of uniform and his absence will be noticeably felt by a grateful nation and by all who knew him.

My thoughts and prayers and those of my constituents are with the members of the

Psaki family as they grieve over their loss. Colonel Psaki was a great American. He will be missed and he will be remembered.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. ROB BISHOP**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act:

Requesting Member: Representative ROB BISHOP

Bill number: H.R. 1105

Account: Economic Development Initiatives

Name of requesting entity: Syracuse City Corporation, UT

Address of requesting entity: 1787 South 200 West, Syracuse, Utah 84075

Description of request: \$95,000 for the Davis Economic Technology Cooperative Master Plan, a comprehensive economic development plan for areas within the communities of Syracuse City, West Point City, and Clearfield City, Utah

WATER QUALITY INVESTMENT  
ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 12, 2009*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1262):

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 1262, the "Water Quality Investment Act of 2009."

The integrity of our water infrastructure and fresh water drinking sources is critical to our environment, our health and our economy. Many older systems around the Great Lakes have combined sewer systems, which utilize the same pipes to collect rain water, sewage, and domestic and industrial waste. In periods of heavy rain or snow, these systems can overflow and allow raw sewage to be released into our rivers, streets, and homes. As many as 850 billion gallons of this waste is discharged into rivers and streams each year because of combined sewer system overflows.

While the problems of combined sewer systems are clear, the upfront cost of replacing

entire sewer systems is beyond the reach of many municipalities. Communities that have the largest problems are often also the oldest communities. They may be struggling with declining populations, falling tax revenues, poverty, and crime. Yet if their infrastructure fails, the pollution moves downstream to the next community.

Because our water infrastructure exists out of sight and beneath our feet, the need for investment is not as obvious as with a crumbling bridge or pothole ridden road. As long as the water comes on when the knob is turned, it is easy to believe that our water infrastructure system is working fine. However, this is often far from the truth.

I am fortunate enough to represent a district that has been able to make the investments necessary to address our largest water quality problems. Because my district is the headwaters of the five major watersheds in Southeast Michigan, the communities surrounding my district have also benefited. It is important to remember that water does not stop at political boundaries; problems left untreated flow downstream and impact our neighbors.

The public works professionals in southeast Michigan have done a tremendous job to curb water pollution in the area and continue to make major strides in cleaning our waterways. Lead by the efforts of John McCulloch, Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner, Oakland County has eliminated all of their untreated CSO and continues to aggressively attack our SSO and storm water control challenges.

Great progress has been made in Oakland County, but it was not made in a vacuum. The federal Government has been a full partner in this process, contributing over \$300 million in grant funds in Southeast Michigan to water quality control projects over the past 15 years. That federal investment has led to over \$1 billion dollars in the Rouge Watershed alone, and the water quality of the Rouge River, the Clinton River and the Huron River has improved dramatically because the federal government has been at the table.

Despite all the progress that has been made in my district, there is still more work to be done. That is why it is crucial that we continue to make a strong federal investment in our water infrastructure. H.R. 1262 includes investments in water quality restoration, CSO control, SSO control, and infrastructure repair and I urge my colleagues to support its passage here today.

HONORING THE URBAN LEAGUE  
OF GREATER RICHMOND, VIRGINIA,  
FOR 95 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY  
COMMUNITY SERVICE

**HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the Urban League of Greater Richmond, which has served the communities of Richmond, Chesterfield, Henrico, Petersburg, Colonials Heights and Chester, Virginia for 95 years.

One of the oldest of 102 affiliates of the National Urban League, the Urban League of Greater Richmond has enabled many African-Americans and other minorities in the Commonwealth of Virginia to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power, and civil rights.

The Urban League of Greater Richmond has always been committed to assisting those it serves in their professional and personal lives, and to promoting lifelong learning and educational achievement at all levels of education. The Urban League of Greater Richmond provides vital services to the Richmond community. These services include providing access to housing counseling, employment services, a full computer center, credit services, and health services in partnership with the MCV/VCU Hospital Quality Care Unit program.

On Friday, March 20, 2009, the Urban League of Greater Richmond will celebrate its 95th anniversary with music legend Chuck Brown. This event will not only celebrate and honor 95 years of service to the Richmond community, but it will also raise money for college scholarships for underserved students.

I have had the opportunity to work alongside the Urban League of Greater Richmond to better the Richmond community for many years. Whether it's civil rights, crime policy, or welfare reform, the Urban League has always been out there leading the charge and making sure the urban agenda and those issues important to minority communities are a part of the local, state and national conversation.

While today I honor their first 95 years of service of the Urban League of Greater Richmond, I look forward to many, many more years of dedicated service, commitment and passion for the welfare of the people of Greater Richmond. I commend their many volunteers, their hard working staff, their board of directors and their President and CEO Thomas Victory, and I thank the Urban League of Greater Richmond for 95 years of outstanding leadership on issues that directly affect our urban community.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2009 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 24

- 9:30 a.m.
- Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine United States European Command and United States Joint Forces Command; with the possibility of a closed session following in SR-222. SH-216
- Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings to examine alleviating global hunger, focusing on challenges and opportunities for United States leadership. SD-419
- 10 a.m.
- Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To continue hearings to examine modernizing bank supervision and regulation. SD-538
- Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine addressing insurance market reform in national health reform. SD-430
- Judiciary  
Administrative Oversight and the Courts Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine abusive credit card practices and bankruptcy. SD-226
- 10:30 a.m.
- Environment and Public Works  
Clean Air and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine Three Mile Island, focusing on lessons learned over the past 30 years. SD-406

- 2:30 p.m.
- Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Thomas L. Strickland, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife. SD-366
- Intelligence  
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters. SH-219

MARCH 25

- 9:30 a.m.
- Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Iraq. SD-419
- Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine Southern border violence, focusing on homeland security threats, vulnerabilities, and responsibilities. SD-342
- Judiciary  
To hold oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation. SH-216
- Veterans' Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine State-of-the-Art information technology (IT) solutions for Veterans' Affairs benefits delivery. SR-418
- 10 a.m.
- Appropriations  
Defense Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for National Guard and Reserve. SD-192
- Environment and Public Works  
To hold hearings to examine transportation investment. SD-406
- 10:30 a.m.
- Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for the Small Business Administration. SR-428A
- Aging  
To hold hearings to examine an update from the Alzheimer's Study Group. SD-106
- 2 p.m.
- Energy and Natural Resources  
Energy Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine how to improve energy market transparency and regulation. SD-366

- 2:30 p.m.
- Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization, focusing on NextGen and the benefits of modernization. SR-253
- Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings to examine foreign policy and the global economic crisis. SD-419
- Finance
- Health Care Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the role of long-term care in health reform. SD-215
- Armed Services  
Personnel Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine reserve component programs of the Department of Defense. SR-232A

MARCH 26

- 10 a.m.
- Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jane Holl Lute, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security. SD-342
- 2 p.m.
- Armed Services  
Airland Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine current and future roles, missions, and capabilities of United States military land power. SR-222
- 2:30 p.m.
- Intelligence  
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters. SH-219

APRIL 1

- 10 a.m.
- Veterans' Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of W. Scott Gould, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs. SR-418

CANCELLATIONS

APRIL 2

- 2 p.m.
- Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine the report of the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States. SD-106