

know Paul's colleagues, family, and friends join me in thanking him for his commitment to others and wishing him congratulations on his award and wishing him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding the earmark I received as part of H.R. 2892, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project Name/Amount: City of Hampton Virginia Operational Integration Cyber Center of Excellence (VOICCE), \$500,000

Requested by: ROBERT J. WITTMAN (VA-01)

Intended Recipient of Funds/Grantee: City of Hampton, 22 Lincoln Street, 8th Floor, Hampton, VA 23669

Project description and explanation of the request: Funds would be used by the City of Hampton to develop Virginia's Operational Integration Cyber Center of Excellence (VOICCE). This laboratory would allow local governments and first responders to plug into state and federal entities and participate in simulated cyber attacks would help identify the processes, procedures, capabilities and gaps in protection. This program will incorporate cyber attack prevention into the mainstream of emergency operations at the local level and creating a virtual municipality of randomly generated internet protocol addresses. The concept would allow cyber security capabilities, processes and procedures to be developed.

The City of Hampton is located in the crossroads of Hampton Roads, home to major military installations such as Oceana Naval Air Station, Langley AFB, NASA Langley Research Center, Joint Forces Command, Naval Station Norfolk, etc. The localities play a large role in ensuring the safety and security of these assets as well as the many military and civilian personnel in the area. Through modeling and simulation at the City's emergency operations center, localities can gain experience in deterring and preventing cyber attack and other potential attacks on the area's installations, transportation infrastructure and information networks.

Funding will be used for: Initial cyberspace data collection/study phase: \$225,230; Initial definitions of cyberspace experimental processes, procedures and responses: \$97,256; Development of cyberspace municipal event scenarios: \$54,967; Architectural design, development and integration with IT department: \$34,246; Initial execution and assessment of VOICCE construct / scenarios: \$36,804, and; Initial staff review and input meetings: \$2,608; Final VOICCE Report Development & Associated materials for printing, CD-ROMS: \$48,889.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Standards on Congressional appropriations initiatives, I am submitting the following information regarding a project that was included at my request in H.R. 2892, the Fiscal Year 2010 Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill:

MARITIME DOMAIN AWARENESS

Account: Homeland Security, Science and Technology, Borders and Maritime

Legal name and address of requesting entity: SRI International, 830 First Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

Description of request: \$4,000,000 is included in the bill for SRI International to continue its work to develop a replicable port security system that will be functional in diverse environments which include coastal maritime, seaport, island, extreme, and remote locations. This project will include the development of pilot test beds for use in a shallow and deep water setting. The Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate has identified a need to establish national maritime security technology test bed capability. Current test bed operations are conducted at a number of diverse facilities that are neither centrally coordinated nor operated under uniform standards. With over 95,000 miles of coastline to protect, ensuring our nation's maritime security is challenging and requires complex technology and knowledgeable oversight. The absence of both a recognized test bed capability and effective operations organization impacts DHS's ability to: (1) consistently validate security system performance; (2) accurately compare and evaluate the effectiveness of competing systems and related technologies; (3) minimize biases and variables in tests and evaluations, i.e. create and apply uniform standards; (4) provide recognized certifying authority; and (5) advance new technologies to better protect our homeland. Ultimately, our nation's security is compromised without this crucial capability. This initiative establishes an independent, objective, entity to test and certify technologies for application in deep water, port, and coastal environments. The proposed program additionally serves to focus agency resource management by: (1) synergizing and minimizing duplicative efforts; (2) aligning disparate testing operations; and (3) engaging all maritime security stakeholders—local through federal as well as commercial through military. SRI International and the University of Hawaii have teamed to address the nation's critical port security needs. This partnership will create trust-earned oversight and will leverage previous federal infrastructure investment to provide the most effective test bed capability at the lowest achievable cost. The partnership also provides institutional ties to both the Department of Defense and Department of Health and Human Services, thus bridging their efforts and providing for uniform, cost-effective maritime security solutions.

DR. TOM CUMMINGS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize the outstanding service and leadership of Dr. Tom Cummings on the occasion of his retirement after 24 years of service to the North Kansas City School District, including 14 years as the superintendent.

Dr. Cummings has dedicated the majority of his life to assisting and educating children. After receiving his undergraduate degree from Franklin College in Indiana and his Master of Science and Doctor of Education degrees from Indiana University, Dr. Cummings has committed almost half a century to education. From coaching basketball to becoming the district superintendent in 1995, Dr. Cummings has continually worked to improve the lives of his students. During his 49 years as an educator, Dr. Cummings also always strived to serve his community. He was president of the Greater Kansas City School Administrators Association, served on the board of the directors for the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and served on the Education Commissioner's Advisory Committee.

During his time as superintendent of the North Kansas City School District, Dr. Cummings changed the way the school district approached both education and the surrounding community. Dr. Cummings built a core foundation of transparency, community partnerships, technology, and impressive physical facilities. Due to these efforts, the school district began to receive money again from the community to pay for bonds. This was revolutionary for the school district, as every single request for school bonds in the 17 years prior to Dr. Cummings was turned down. Dr. Cummings commissioned a panel of community, government and business leaders that shaped the district's new mission—to provide an elite educational experience that produced enlightened citizens adaptable to change and involved in their communities.

Dr. Cummings will leave many legacies at North Kansas City Schools. He created a professional and leadership development program, new career and technical education options for students, organizational efficiency, an award-winning money management team, standardized curriculum and differentiated instruction.

Dr. Cummings has also been awarded numerous times throughout his tenure as superintendent. He was honored by YouthFriends as their first recipient of the School-Based Mentoring Achievement and Advancement Award. In 2005, Dr. Cummings was named the Missouri Superintendent of the Year. The following year, he received the Look North award for being an Outstanding Northland Leader by the Clay County Economic Development Council. In 2008, he was recognized as an Outstanding Missourian by the Missouri House of Representatives, and most recently, the school district's administration building was renamed the Thomas P. Cummings Administrative Center.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in commending Tom Cummings for his many years of dedicated service to the