

decades. It is my pleasure to recognize him today.

A TRIBUTE TO KEVIN SHAFER

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Kevin Shafer, Executive Director of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD), on being named the new President of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, NACWA. MMSD provides sewage treatment services and maintains watercourses for 28 municipalities, including nearly all of Milwaukee County and portions of four surrounding counties, serving a population of about 1 million.

Mr. Shafer joined MMSD in 1988, as the Director of Technical Services and four years later became MMSD's Executive Director. Before joining MMSD, Mr. Shafer spent six years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and nine years with a private engineering firm serving as area manager of the Milwaukee office.

Mr. Shafer has formulated numerous innovative MMSD programs including the Sweetwater Trust, a broad stakeholder group to enlist regional cooperation to protect the watersheds of the five-county Milwaukee metropolitan area through both structural and non-structural means. Further, under his direction, MMSD has invested in permanently protecting waterways from flooding and stormwater pollution runoff, by providing conservation easements to nearly 2,000 acres of undeveloped land. This program, called Greenseams, is a national model for green infrastructure in water pollution control. Mr. Shafer's innovation for both the environment and the economy is exhibited through a project to construct a landfill gas pipeline allowing MMSD to use a renewable source of methane gas in its treatment plant operations, while saving customers an estimated \$148 million over 20 years.

Mr. Shafer is an active leader on behalf of municipal wastewater agencies at the national level, helping to formulate sound federal water resource policies and legislation. He has served on the Board of Directors of NACWA since 2003, participating on numerous committees including the Clean Water Funding Workgroup and the Executive Committee of the Board. He has appeared before Congress on behalf of NACWA.

Mr. Shafer is an exceptional leader and a public steward of water resources. He has devoted his engineering career to the protection of these environmental resources for current and future water users.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues of the 111th Congress to join me in congratulating Kevin Shafer on becoming the President of NACWA. Under his leadership, I have no doubt that NACWA will continue to lead the advocacy effort for national policies to protect and preserve the Nation's water resources for future generations.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF ADELLA URBAN OF COLUMBIA,
CONNECTICUT

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to announce the passing of a friend and true community leader from the town of Columbia, Connecticut, Adella Urban. Adella passed away on Wednesday, June 17, 2009.

Born in Hartford, Connecticut in 1933, Adella spent her childhood years in Newington before graduating from Newington High School. After high school, Adella continued her education receiving numerous certificates in municipal government, which became one of the two great loves in her life. After settling in Columbia, Connecticut, Adella took a job as secretary to the Selectman in town where she remained until 1971. She then spent a decade as a reporter for the Hartford Courant before returning to municipal government in the town of Mansfield.

In 1985, she assumed the role of First Selectman in her beloved Columbia, a position she would hold for 18 years. It was in that role as First Selectman, that she flourished as both a leader and public servant. Always Columbia's strongest advocate, Adella was tireless in her efforts to improve the lives of her fellow citizens and the town she loved. Perhaps the greatest testament to her public service was the fact that she passed after collapsing while speaking to second graders at the Horace Porter School in Columbia about the history of Columbia.

Although always the dedicated public servant, it was her role as mother, grandmother and eventually great-grandmother that she loved most of all. She is survived by her five children; Richard, Andrew, Marisa, Stefan and Christian, ten grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

While we will mourn her passing, hers is a life that will be celebrated and honored by the people of Columbia and the state of Connecticut for years to come

CONGRATULATING MERCY SPECIAL CARE HOSPITAL IN NANTICOKE ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Mercy Special Care Hospital in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, on the occasion of a century of service to the citizens of northeastern Pennsylvania.

In October, 1909, responding to community growth due to coal mining and subsequent mine accidents as result of that burgeoning industry, Nanticoke Hospital was born. No longer would injured miners be simply dropped on their porch or would their families go without needed medical treatment.

Throughout those 100 years the hospital endured two World Wars, the Great Depression, epidemics, merger and closure threats. It also saw new forms of insurance, the Medicare program for seniors and disabled as well as affordable healthcare for children and the poor. It also witnessed a time of more life saving drugs and procedures than ever before.

This small community hospital saw horse-drawn carriages give way to motorized ambulances and oxygen tents that led to ventilators. It would also respond to policy initiatives from eighteen United States Presidents. But, most importantly, Nanticoke Hospital cared for tens of thousands of patients, many of them poor, most of them uninsured. Human need was tended by hundreds of dedicated staff and physicians.

Renamed Mercy Special Care Hospital in 1994, it was one of the first long term care hospitals in Pennsylvania. From its success in Nanticoke, a satellite at Mercy Scranton was developed.

This year both sites will explore or undergo major renovations and changes to meet patient, physician and staff needs. That will include things such as increased beds, room upgrades, new outpatient renovation and areas of new growth such as the Area Agency on Aging Nanticoke Senior Center on campus that will be visited daily by older adults.

Mercy Special Care Hospital also holds the distinction of having the first wound care and hyperbaric unit in Luzerne County, a service that continues to grow in response to community need.

Throughout 2009 and beyond, this important facility will look toward the future but never lose sight of the challenges faced daily.

The Sisters of Mercy, Mercy Health Partners and Catholic Healthcare Partners are proud sponsors of this great institution at this historic time.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mercy Special Care Hospital. The invaluable services they have rendered to the community for over a century have been inspirational to countless others who share the commitment to helping those in need and has made vast improvement to the quality of life for generations.

So important has their contribution been that they deserve the highest measure of our gratitude and respect.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. 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. 2647, FY2010 National Defense Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: MCAF

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fairchild Air Force Base

Address of Requesting Entity: Spokane, WA
Description of Request: The TFI Refueling Vehicle Maintenance Facility is a multi-bay,

5,005 square foot building that will accommodate Associate 92d & 141st Air Refueling Wings under Total Force Integration (TFI). This new facility will provide more space, closer proximity, and indoor maintenance for those who service and repair the refueling vehicle fleet in support of the flying mission. Right now, the Fuels Management Flight of 100 personnel rely heavily on 15 maintenance people who service and repair the refueling vehicle fleet in support of the flying mission. These people work in undersized, substandard, environmentally deficient facilities separated from each other.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2847) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. WU. Mr. Chair, I rise to express my opposition to the Nunes amendment. This amendment puts the salmon runs of the Sacramento River, which is the major run of Pacific salmon, in jeopardy of extinction and risks shutting down the Central Valley Project and State Water Project, affecting water supplies for farms and millions of Californians.

This amendment could halt all activity in California's major water infrastructure and would only serve to delay development of a long-term management plan for water resources. Mr. NUNES' proposal would send government agencies and partners back to the drawing board, inviting further litigation and greater intervention by federal courts. Moreover, the amendment would prevent us from finding consensus solutions for another year or more.

California water disputes have worsened over the last eight years as politically motivated water policies killed tens of thousands of salmon. Some of the water decisions made during that time were not based in science and have since been ruled illegal by federal courts and illegitimate by the Commerce Department's inspector general.

As a result of these short-sighted policies, California and Oregon have gone without commercial and recreational salmon fishing seasons for three of the past four years. These closures and limitations on fishing are completely unprecedented and have devastated both states' hunting and fishing industries, which together employ over 250,000 workers and contribute more than \$13.6 billion to state economies.

Our fisheries and coastal communities cannot afford to be subjected to politics. I reject the Nunes amendment wholeheartedly and ask my colleagues to do the same.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. HARPER. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure and certification information for one project authorization request that I made and which was included within the text of H.R. 2647—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman GREGG HARPER.

Project: Advanced, Long Endurance Unattended Ground Sensor Technologies.

Project Amount: \$8 million

Account: Defense-wide (DoD); RDT&E; Special Operations Intelligence Systems Development.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mississippi State University.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 6301, Mississippi State, Mississippi 39762.

Description of Request: A significant challenge in modern military operations is the ability to achieve and maintain real-time battlefield situational awareness. Achieving battlefield situational awareness requires the ability to robustly and persistently monitor the movements of the adversary in near real-time across a wide range of operational environments including foliage, mountainous, and urban terrain. This initiative is a follow-on effort to ongoing Mississippi State University Unattended Ground Sensor (UGS) research and development in support of the U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM).

CONGRATULATING DIANA WHALEY
AS A RECIPIENT OF THE FLORENCE
NIGHTINGALE MEDAL

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Diana Whaley of Rockwood, Tennessee, a registered nurse and American Red Cross Disaster Health Services Manager of the Knoxville Area Chapter. Ms. Whaley has dedicated her life to public health, committing herself to the education of her peers, the betterment of her patients and the protection of Americans in disaster situations.

For her courage and service, the International Committee of the Red Cross will honor Ms. Whaley this year with their prestigious Florence Nightingale Medal. This award is the highest international distinction that a registered nurse can receive from the Red Cross. Every two years, the Red Cross recognizes just 28 nurses in the world, with just three award recipients in the United States. Award recipients must have shown exceptional devotion to caring for the victims of a crisis, or have shown extraordinary service to public health and nursing education.

Recipients of this award often work as a Red Cross or Red Crescent nurse in challenging and, at times, dangerous environments, caring for the most vulnerable in times

of crisis. The Medal is named after the founder of professional nursing, Florence Nightingale, and embodies the spirit of service by which we have all come to know the Red Cross.

I am proud, on the occasion of this pre-eminent award, to have the opportunity to commend the work of Diana Whaley, a great citizen of Rockwood, Tennessee. It is my privilege to honor Ms. Whaley for her work and lifelong dedication, and for reminding all of us of the power each of us has to improve the lives of the afflicted and the less fortunate.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2647—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010:

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: Army NG

Name and Address: Montana Army National Guard, 1956 Mt Majo Street, Fort Harrison, Helena, MT 59636-4789

Description: An increased number of Periodic Health Assessments has led to serious overcrowding of waiting areas, exam rooms, treatment facilities and administrative areas at the Fort Harrison Troop Medical Facility in Helena, Montana. This overcrowding presents both a risk to patient safety and patient privacy as required by HIPAA. The \$1.75 million in funding will be used to expand and renovate the current facility to handle the increased patient load and improve both safety and patient privacy.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROSCOE G. BARTLETT

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. BARTLETT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY10 National Defense Authorization Act H.R. 2647. The list is as follows:

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Other Procurement, Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: AAI Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: 124 Industry Lane, Hunt Valley, MD 21030-0126

Description of Request: Authorized \$2.5 million to field Shadow TUAS Training Aids, Devices, Simulators, and Simulations (TADSS) for Army National Guard. The TADSS consists of Shadow Crew Trainers, Launcher Part-Task Trainers, Air Vehicle Part-Task Trainers, and Interactive Multimedia Instruction. Shadow crews have specific requirements to maintain their proficiency and readiness, and the TADSS will help fulfill their training needs. Army National Guard units are being activated