

H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma Water Resources Board

Address of Requesting Entity: 3800 North Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City, OK 73118

Description of Request: I have received \$800,000 for the Red River Basin Chloride Control project. This improvement project is designed to control natural chloride brine emissions at three major source areas to improve water quality for municipal, industrial, and agricultural use. Improvements include construction of low flow dams, pump stations, and diversion pipelines to a brine reservoir. The state of Oklahoma expressed a renewed interest in the Area VI element of the project and supports the Area VI reevaluation efforts underway. Area VI is located on the Elm Fork of the North Fork of the Red River in Greer County, Oklahoma.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Whitehurst, Stillwater, Oklahoma, USA

Description of Request: I have received \$250,000 for the Consolidate Alternative Fuels Research project. The funding would support a feasibility study of a proposed project on the Oklahoma State University Stillwater campus to create a unique facility that provides both a regional/national research and testing center for alternative fuels and a training facility for transit and local government transportation. The facility would provide accommodations for a distinct teaching venue that OSU staff will use to instruct urban and rural transit agencies, county and state highway offices, and Native American tribal staffs in the latest technological advances in alternative and conventional fuel/vehicle operations. In addition, this facility will provide maintenance procedure guidance and transit anti-terrorist training.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 2009*

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I submit the following.

Requesting Member: Congressman BILL SHUSTER (PA-9)

Bill Number: H.R. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Projects

Project Name: Raystown Lake, PA

Account: Corps of Engineers, O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Raystown Lake

Address of Requesting Entity: 6145 Seven Points Road, Hesston, PA

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

\$3,847,000 for O&M, Raystown Lake, PA

It is my understanding that funding for this project would be used for operations and maintenance at Raystown Lake, operated and maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District. Raystown Lake, located in the Alleghenies of central Pennsylvania, is the Commonwealth's largest man-made lake and a major driver of the local economy.

Funding for this project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because funding is necessary to offer adequate services, keep recreation areas open, maintain seasonal staffing levels, and provide for general maintenance and cleanliness of facilities. Raystown Lake has substantial economic impact in central Pennsylvania and yields a sustainable and justified investment.

Project Name: Juniata Hybrid Locomotive

Account: Department of Energy, EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pennsylvania State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

\$1,000,000 for Juniata Hybrid Locomotive

It is my understanding that funding for this project would be used to assess and develop technological alternatives to diesel locomotives and to develop a more energy efficient and environmentally friendly locomotive for yard, local, and main line applications. Associated with this research effort is the development of the energy management and control technologies required to maximize the energy efficiency of hybrid locomotives. Converting the existing fleet to new technologies would reduce both emissions and our dependence on foreign oil.

This project is a valuable use to taxpayer funds because it fits the Department of Energy's mission with a focus on developing more energy efficient and environmentally friendly transportation technology that will enable America to use less petroleum and reduce impacts on the environment. Protecting the environment and ensuring our national security through reduced dependence on foreign oil are critical issues facing the federal government.

Project Name: South Central Pennsylvania Environmental Improvement, PA

Account: Corps of Engineers, Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Baltimore District

Address of Requesting Entity: 10 South Howard Street, Baltimore, MD

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

\$4,000,000 for South Central Pennsylvania Environmental Improvement, PA

It is my understanding that the South Central Pennsylvania Environmental Improvement Program provides design and construction assistance for water-related environmental infrastructure and resource protection and development projects in South Central Pennsylvania. The program provides the funding necessary for local communities to install basic sewer and water systems and is a key aspect of building and enhancing infrastructure for many rural communities in Pennsylvania.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because building and enhancing infrastructure creates jobs and yields a sustainable and justified investment for communities and

our country. Additionally, enhancing basic sewer and water systems is vital to protecting the environment and improving the lives of rural citizens.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 2009*

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. 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. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

1. Project Name—Greenwood Lake Watershed Restoration, NY & NJ Requesting Member—SCOTT GARRETT

Bill Number—H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account—Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Requesting Entity—Greenwood Lake Commission, 26 Rocky Point Rd, P.O. Box 83, Hewitt, NJ 07421

Description of the Project—Funds will be used to restore water quality and recreational opportunities to the lake by removing hazardous debris.

Description of the Spending Plan—(\$100,000)

\$100,000 is for the final removal of stumps and similar hazardous debris from the Greenwood Lake bottom. All preparatory work has been done.

Total—\$100,000

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 2009*

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information in regards to H.R. 3170, the Fiscal Year 2010 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill:

Requesting Member: JO ANN EMERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Account: SBA—Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Missouri System, Columbia, MO

Address of Requesting Entity: University Hall, 1100 Carrie Francke Drive, Columbia, MO 65211

Description of Request: \$249,000 is provided for the University of Missouri's Extension Community Economic and Entrepreneurial Development (ExCEED) program. The funding will be used to promote economic development in the Mississippi River Hills Region and the Ozark Heritage Region. Over a three year period, funding will be utilized to expand the current part-time Executive Director position in the Mississippi River Hills Region to full-time, as well as establishing a part-time youth entrepreneurship coordinator and equipment in this rural area. Additionally, over three years this

funding will allow the Ozark Heritage Region to expand their entrepreneurship education and business counseling.

Requesting Member: JO ANN EMERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Account: SBA—Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Downtown West Plains, Inc., West Plains, MO

Address of Requesting Entity: 401 Jefferson Ave., West Plains, MO 65775

Description of Request: \$500,000 is provided for Downtown West Plains, Inc., a 501(c)(3) corporation, to complete the exterior and interior renovation of a 100 year old building which will house a Small Business Incubator. These funds will be matched with \$1,144,000 in local, state, and other federal funds. The Ozarks Small Business Incubator, when completed, will provide personalized assistance to small business entrepreneurs by supporting their efforts with business related education, financial guidance, business plan development, mentoring, and access to tangible resources such as building space, shipping dock, and shared office equipment.

Requesting Member: JO ANN EMERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Account: SBA—Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Girl Scouts of the USA, New York, NY

Address of Requesting Entity: 420 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10018

Description of Request: \$101,000 is provided to the Girl Scouts of the USA for a national program to improve financial literacy. These funds will allow for the research and development necessary to prepare the foundation for a financial educational program directed towards girls.

#### A TRIBUTE TO MAMIE NICHOLS

### HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 2009*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Mrs. Mamie Nichols, a pioneering activist and community organizer for more than 60 years, who died July 1 at the age of 91. Born Mamie Melton in Norfolk, Virginia her family moved to Philadelphia and settled in the Point Breeze section of South Philadelphia when she was a young child.

She grew up in Point Breeze and married and raised her six children in Point Breeze. But her 88-block neighborhood had been given a death sentence by officials in the Philadelphia Office of Housing and Community Development. Mamie Nichols said she was told by city officials that Point Breeze could not be saved from urban decay and the city was letting it die a natural death.

But Mamie Nichols fought back. Fueled with anger, pride, determination and charm, Mrs. Nichols is credited with saving her neglected community. She founded the Point Breeze Federation and she was a prime mover in the founding of the Childs Elementary School Home and School Association. Her organization established the Point Breeze Performing Arts Center and transformed the long shuttered Landreth School into senior citizens apartments and a community center. She was also named to the Philadelphia Planning Commission and served as a member of the board

of Directors of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Philadelphia Green and the Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition. And, along her journey she planted flowers in what was to be the greening of Point Breeze.

Mamie Nichols is remembered with deep love and respect by what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. referred to as the beloved community.

HONORING CONSUL GENERAL AT THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL IN MATAMOROS, MEXICO, MRS. CECILIA BRIDGET ELIZONDO HERRERA

### HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 2009*

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication of Consul General at the United States Consulate General in Matamoros, Mexico, Mrs. Cecilia Bridget Elizondo Herrera, who leaves her post on the U.S.-Mexico border for a new task in Caracas, Venezuela.

Mrs. Elizondo Herrera is a native of San Antonio, Texas, and graduated from Incarnate Word High School in 1973. She went on to graduate from Our Lady of the Lake University where she received her bachelor of arts degree in English and political science in 1977. Mrs. Elizondo Herrera went on to complete post-graduate work at St. Mary's University in 1978 and in 2006 earned a master of science degree in national security strategy from the National War College at Ft. McNair in Washington, D.C.

At a young age, Mrs. Elizondo Herrera began her public service to this country when she worked for the Alamo Area Council of Governments, a regional planning agency in San Antonio, and in 1987 joined the Foreign Service as a junior officer in the Administrative Zone. She has served as a Vice Consul in Guadalajara, Mexico, and Administrative Officer and Post Security Officer in Melbourne, Australia. She was then stationed in Washington, D.C., where she served as an Area Manager for the Office of Foreign Buildings with oversight for near East Asia; as a Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Administration, with a portfolio of Overseas Buildings Operations and as a Post Management Officer for the European Bureau with responsibility for the Russian Federation and Finland.

Mrs. Elizondo Herrera has traveled throughout Russia, North Africa and the Arabian Gulf while stationed in Washington. She has served as the Deputy Supervisory GSO at the U.S. Embassy in Rome and Administrative Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City.

She is a four time recipient of the Department of State Superior Honor Award, and is the recipient of a Meritorious Honor Award in recognition of Non-Immigrant Visa work in Guadalajara.

Mrs. Elizondo Herrera is a member of Executive Women in Government, the National Association of Female Executives and an honorary member of the American Association for Justice Women's Auxiliary. She is the daughter of John P. and Beatrice B. Elizondo of San Antonio, Texas, and is married to San Antonio attorney, Frank Herrera, Jr. They have two sons, Jorge and Javier.

Today, I ask that my colleagues join me in commemorating the dedication of Mrs. Cecilia Bridget Elizondo Herrera, who has served this nation with dignity, honor, respect and admiration.

HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK OF LEONARD E. BRISCOE, SR.

### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 2009*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Leonard Briscoe who passed away on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at the age of 69.

Mr. Briscoe was a trailblazer in the African American community in North Texas. In 1971, he was elected to the Fort Worth City Council, making him the second African American to serve in this position. A few short years later, in 1976, he was elected to the Texas State House of Representatives where he served during the 65th Legislature and chaired the Select Committee on Minority Business Enterprise.

As a businessman, advocate, and engaged citizen, Mr. Briscoe was acutely aware of the needs of the minority communities in North Texas. In a period of political turmoil, he encouraged other African Americans to become involved in the political process and was a leading advocate for affirmative action. He understood the dire consequences of inadequate housing for low-income families, and served as Chairman of the Fort Worth Community Development Council. Through this chairmanship, he helped to develop the city's first housing program funded by the Housing of Urban Development Department under the Community Development Act of 1974.

After leaving the Texas State House of Representatives, Mr. Briscoe continued his work to ensure that low-income people and minorities had access to respectable and affordable housing. His business built over twenty housing developments in the Southern part of the country with the help of over \$13 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Because of this, the Department named him "Entrepreneur of the Year" in 1984.

I ask my fellow colleagues to join me today in remembering the life and work of Leonard Briscoe, a community organizer, activist, and entrepreneur, who helped so many people across North Texas and the country.

#### ORLANDO TEA PARTY

### HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 2009*

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, on March 21, 2009, hundreds of Central Floridians gathered in Orlando to express their grievances regarding the recent actions of their federal officials in dramatically expanding our federal spending, federal deficit, and federal programs. As a Representative for Florida's 7th Congressional District it is my honor to present their grievances and declaration.