

2009 MISS TENNESSEE STEFANIE
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HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. WAMP. Madam Speaker, I rise today a proud Tennessean with the distinct privilege of honoring Third Congressional District resident Stefanie Wittler who has been crowned Miss Tennessee. This is a prestigious award that requires great responsibility and Ms. Wittler is a young lady who is truly up to the task.

Over the next year, this 22-year-old Soddy-Daisy, Tenn., resident will serve as an ambassador and public relations representative for the Miss America Organization. While maintaining the hectic schedule required to meet the responsibilities of the title she now holds, Stefanie will be preparing for the 2010 Miss America Pageant to be held in January in Las Vegas.

Ms. Wittler is a very determined young lady who fought hard for this award in the face of adversity and defeat. She participated in the Miss Tennessee pageant on two previous occasions but remained determined to reach her goal of being crowned Miss Tennessee. Humility is too often mistaken for weakness. Stefanie is a perfect example that, in reality, humility is one of the strongest character traits we can possess. For that reason, Madam Speaker, I stand here today to honor Ms. Stefanie Wittler, the 2009 Miss Tennessee.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, on July 23, 2009, I was not present for rollcall vote No. 637. If I had been present I would have voted "aye."

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. 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. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Education, FIPSE—\$100,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alexander City Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Alexander City, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: 120 Tallapoosa Street, Alexander City, Alabama

Description of Request: For the Gateway to Education Scholarship program, including scholarships Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding would be used for an ongoing education and workforce development initiative to provide free tuition to Russell High School graduates to attend Central Alabama Community College in Alexander City, Alabama.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Education, FIPSE—\$100,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Gadsden State Community College, Gadsden, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: 405 Korner Street, Gadsden, Alabama 35903

Description of Request: "for technology upgrades" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding the funding would enhance technology in the classroom and technology infrastructure between Cherokee, Etowah, Cleburne, and Calhoun Counties.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Education, FIPSE—\$250,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Jacksonville State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265

Description of Request: "For purchase of equipment" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding would be used to purchase a Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrum to provide hands-on student learning and understanding of modern chemistry, instrumental methods, and the determination of molecular structures across the discipline and in physics and biology. This piece of equipment also fosters interdisciplinary research and collaborative work.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Education, FIPSE—\$100,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southern Union Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 1000, Wadley, Alabama 36276

Description of Request: "For purchase of equipment" Taxpayer justification—This funding would be used to purchase equipment for the new Technology Center on the Opelika Campus of Southern Union State Community College so that the College may re-train and educate individuals for jobs in high-tech, high-pay careers required by industry moving into the College's Service area.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Health and Human Services HRSA—\$200,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Childersburg Medical Clinic Board

Address of Requesting Entity: 34011 Hwy 280 East Childersburg, Alabama 35044

Description of Request: "for facilities and equipment at the Regional Diabetic Care and Advanced Wound Care Center" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding would be used for construction and equipping the Regional Diabetic Care and Advanced Wound Care Center for Childersburg Alabama and surrounding areas.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA)—Training & Employment Services (TES)—\$200,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind

Address of Requesting Entity: 205 E. South Street, P.O. Box 698, Talladega, AL 35161

Description of Request: Provide \$200,000 to develop a collaborative program with employers incorporating assistive technology and targeting deaf and blind individuals with developmental disabilities for workforce placement. The funding would be used for employer training in disabilities and assistive technology for the deaf and blind. The project's total budget is \$680,000. Specifically within the budget, \$200,000 for salaries, \$250,000 for assistive technology for the deaf and blind, \$20,000 for travel, \$30,000 for employer training in disabilities, \$30,000 matching administrative personnel cost, and \$150,000 for matching assistive technology cost. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA)—Training & Employment Services (TES) Account. The Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for match funding where applicable.

IN HONOR OF CANADA
CELEBRATING "CANADA DAY"

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of the people of Canada as they celebrate their "Canada Day." The United States and Canada share a unique history of friendship and brotherhood that has intrinsically tied our two people together. Celebration of the founding of Canada is joyous time to celebrate our very special friendship with our neighbors to the north.

Our two nations share a common cultural, historical, and economic past and future. For centuries Michigan has been the focal point of relations between our two nations. A mere eight miles separate downtown Detroit and the great nation of Canada. Detroit and Canada share a unique story that was started by the French explorers as they mapped our shared waterways and continues today.

Canada and the United States share more than a common border. As both our nations have flourished we have developed strong cultural bonds that have greatly contributed to the

cultural fabric of both our nations. Significantly, Detroit and Canada share a devout love for hockey. Spectators and players from both our nations often cross the border to attend games and take part in friendly rivalries. Our shared cultural affinities have brought our two peoples together in a relationship unlike any other.

Our two people also share fundamental ideals rooted in similar traditions and histories. We look to each other to grow intellectually as we face the complex issues of our day. Specifically, we look to Canada as a nation that has provided a national health care system to every Canadian citizen. As our country now addresses health care reform, we will do so through a uniquely American solution. Though our systems will be different at the end of the day, it is my desire that every American has access to health care. Our two nations hold a deep-seated belief that health care ought not to be object of profit, but a guaranteed right of all human beings.

In an era of heightened security and economic uncertainty the bond that ties the United States and Canada together has only grown stronger. For these reasons I am proud to lend my voice to the chorus of American voices congratulating Canada on its celebration of Canada Day.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. HALL of Texas. 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. 3293, Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act FY 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman RALPH M. HALL

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act FY2010

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Communities In Schools—Northeast Texas c/o Northeast Texas Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 1307, Mt. Pleasant, TX 75456-1307

Description of Request: I have secured \$200,000 for the Communities In School of Northeast Texas with the Communities In Schools—Northeast Texas c/o Northeast Communities In Schools of Northeast Texas (CIS-NETX), is part of a national stay-in school network. It delivers case management and non-case management services to public school students at risk of dropping out of school. CIS-NETX provides direct and indirect services to over 14,500 students and their families in over 33 elementary, middle and high school campuses in 11 school districts in six northeast Texas counties. CIS-NETX provides students and families with the following six components: supportive guidance and counseling; health and human services coordination, parent and family involvement; pre-employment/employment training and services, enrichment activities and experiences; and education enhancement. Funds for this project will be used to continue the recognized pre-

vention program and would be used for program maintenance, expansion of current programs and replication in areas where no CIS is located. The benefits to those students and their families are numerous; better jobs, a more secure future and better opportunities. But the entire 4th District benefits by these services, as businesses have a more qualified pool of well-trained high school graduates as potential employees and the quality of life improves for the general populace when young people are educated. I certify that I do not have any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman RALPH M. HALL

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act FY2010

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Community Health Services Agency

Address of Requesting Entity: 4500 Wesley Street, Greenville, Texas 75401

Description of Request: I have secured \$300,000 for the Greenville Community Health Center Expansion with the Community Health Service Agency. Funds for this project will expand women's health services, prenatal care, deliveries, cancer screenings, women's health exams, and offer gynecological to thousands of women of the 4th District for the first time. CHSA operates a network of community health centers in north central Texas with five (5) medical sites and one (1) dental site located in the 4th District. CHSA serves more than 16,000 residents of the 4th District each year. I certify that I do not have any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman RALPH M. HALL

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act FY2010

Account: Museums and Libraries

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The University of Texas at Austin

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 University Station G2700, PO Box 7397, Austin TX 78713

Description of Request: I have secured \$250,000 for the Sam Rayburn Library and Museum with the Center for American History. The Sam Rayburn Library and Museum, located in Bonham, Texas, is one of five divisions of the University's Center for American History. Funds for this project will expand educational and program services to more people, area educational organizations and traditionally underserved populations to meet the public education mission of the University of Texas at Austin and the Center for American History. The National Historic Landmark is the creation of the man who served as Speaker of the United States House of Representatives longer than any other person: Sam Taliaferro Rayburn (1882-1961). Known affectionately as "Mr. Sam" by his friends and colleagues, Rayburn established the library and museum in 1957 as a tribute to the people of his district and for future generations. I certify that I do not have any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman RALPH M. HALL

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act FY 2010

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texas A&M University—Commerce

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 3011, Commerce, TX 75429

Description of Request: I have secured \$100,000 for Improving STEM Skills for Rural Youth in Northeast Texas with Texas A&M University—Commerce. This project focuses on enabling teachers and students to enhance their science, technology, education, engineering, and mathematics skills. The project includes three summer camps known as the X-Teems Academy and the Infinity Institute. Groups of students from rural districts who are typically underrepresented in STEM fields are identified to participate in this project. Funds for this project will allow students and teachers from the 4th District to participate in the education program designed to cultivate and/or develop affinity for math and science in rural middle and high school students and at the same time, equip teachers throughout the state with broader math and science teaching experiences in order to enhance their teaching in these critical areas. I certify that I do not have any financial interest in this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. ROYCE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Representative ED ROYCE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Higher Education FIPSE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cal State University, Fullerton

Address of Requesting Entity: 800 North State College Blvd, Fullerton, CA 92834

Description of Request: Provide \$350,000 in FY 2010 to build upon existing intermediate level language courses to develop a full Bachelor's Degree program, a Minor, and an International Business Sequence in Vietnamese Language and Culture designed to prepare a new generation of Vietnamese Americans and others to take advantage of the rapidly growing business and professional opportunities resulting from trade between the United States and Vietnam. Funding would be used for faculty program development; graduate assistants; salaries; materials, resources and language lab/library; internships; and facilities and administration.

Requesting Member: Representative ED ROYCE

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Higher Education FIPSE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cal State University, Fullerton

Address of Requesting Entity: 800 North State College Blvd, Fullerton, CA 92834

Description of Request: Provide \$300,000 in FY 2010 to establish the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning in Mathematics and Science (CATLMS). The proposed center addresses a national problem. One of the core drivers of innovation in the U.S. is its strength in STEM disciplines. Yet, in