

York City, much like my Auntie Mame did for her nephew Patrick.

Let's face it. Joan Burdick is nothing if not "elegant, spontaneous, excitable, risk-taking, generous, brunette, and gorgeously dramatic." (It's only fitting that she just flew in from Paris last night to receive this award.)

She is the Queen of all Drama Queens—but one with her beautifully shod feet planted firmly on the ground of faith, family, and friendship. A Queen whose reverence for theater reminds us that Western drama evolved out of Greek religious ritual—an idea echoed by a former colleague who wrote that "Joan's productions were always, always a validation of life and meaning." I am honored to introduce Joan Burdick, whose work here for 25 years so validated life and meaning, and who so incarnates The Sacred Heart Educator at her very finest.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in offering our congratulations to Joan Burdick on the very special Occasion of being chosen for the St. Madeleine Sophie Award and for all she does daily to strengthen our community and our country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Wednesday, September 30, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 743 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 2442), "no" on rollcall vote No. 744 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 1771), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 745 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 1053).

HONORING THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SAGINAW COUNTY AND CASTLE MUSEUM

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Historical Society of Saginaw County for being selected by the American Association of Museums for participation in the Museum Assessment Program. The Historical Society of Saginaw County operates Castle Museum in downtown Saginaw. The Society is holding its annual Membership Lumberjack Brunch and Open House on October 18th at the Museum.

The American Association of Museums conducts the Museum Assessment Program to help museums identify challenges and develop strategies to address them. The program also helps museums to ensure high standards in collections care, governance, institutional planning and effective community engagement. Over 3500 museums have benefited from this program.

The Historical Society of Saginaw County was founded in 1938 and incorporated in 1964. The Society has operated Castle Museum since 1992 and is committed to telling the continuing story of the people of the Saginaw region. The Castle Building was constructed in 1898 in the French chateau style. At that time the Federal government decided all Federal buildings were to be built to reflect the historic legacy of the community and Architect William Aitken decided to design the building to reflect the early French traders that settled in the region. Originally utilized as a Post Office, the Castle Building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is the cornerstone of the Historical Society's dedication to preserve Saginaw's heritage for future generations.

Today, the Castle Building serves as the Castle Museum and houses over 100,000 archeological and historical artifacts from the region. Traveling and long-term exhibits are displayed in the facility. The Historical Society of Saginaw County has utilized the building to showcase their educational programs, film presentations, and community tours. They also offer research services, an oral history recording program and a living history program at the Museum. Currently, the Historical Society is retrofitting a van to take the museum's programs to elementary schools and they are planning to launch this project in early 2010.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Board President, Margaret E. Clark, the Board members, staff, volunteers, and Society members as they are honored by the American Association of Museums and wish them continued success in preserving our history for many, many years to come.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

Mr. ADERHOLT. 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. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Bill:

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 2997, Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Agricultural Research Service, Salaries and Expenses Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Auburn University

Address of Requesting Entity: Auburn University, 102 Samford Hall, Auburn, AL 36849

Description of Request: "Improved Crop Production Practices, AL, \$1,293,000"

Provide \$1,293,000 to develop and assist in adopting cropping systems that reduce production cost primarily by reducing the need for nitrogen fertilizer, pesticides, fuel, and equipment. Federal funding would allow the program to expand reniform nematode research throughout the state, develop more intense mature management research that includes

bioenergy crops, and expand research on the development of alternative substrates for nursery crop production. Current and future profitability of agronomic based crop production in Alabama is dependent on the research and outreach efforts. Use of precision technologies associated with these studies have resulted in practices that saves fuel, herbicides, and fertilizers and protects Alabama's vital natural resources. The project's total budget is \$1,900,000. Specifically within the budget, \$1,298,734 will go toward permanent personnel salaries, \$360,760 for research expense, and \$240,500 for equipment. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Agricultural Research Service, Salaries and Expense Account. Auburn University will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

Mr. BACHUS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding that I requested as part of the H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

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