

law and complying with the Attorney General's obstruction.

At least one of the attorneys has been compelled to obtain private counsel.

I urge the House Judiciary Committee to report this resolution out favorably and to demand that the Attorney General answer the questions surrounding this case.

The career attorneys and Appellate Division within the department sought to demonstrate the Federal Government's commitment to protecting voting rights by vigorously prosecuting any individual or group that seeks to undermine this right.

This House must not turn a blind eye to the Attorney General's obstruction. He has an obligation to answer the legitimate questions of the House and the Civil Rights Commission.

It is imperative that we protect the right of all Americans to vote—the sacrosanct and inalienable right of any democracy.

I submit for the record a copy of the resolution that I am introducing.

RESOLUTION

Directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives all information in the Attorney General's possession relating to the decision to dismiss *United States v. New Black Panther Party*.

Resolved, That the Attorney General is directed to transmit to the House of Representatives, not later than 14 days after the date of adoption of this resolution, copies of any document, memo, or correspondence of the Department of Justice with regard to *United States v. New Black Panther Party*, or any portion of any such document, memo, or correspondence that refers or relates to—

(1) any department communications with regard to the case between November 5, 2008 and November 15, 2009;

(2) any communication with the defendants or the defendants' attorneys between November 5, 2008 and November 15, 2009;

(3) any communication with third-party organizations or individuals between November 5, 2008 and November 15, 2009; or

(4) any evidence with regard to the dismissal of the case.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EDDIE M. BROOKS

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life of Mr. Eddie Brooks, a loving husband and father, veteran of the Korean War, and an American hero, who passed away August 18, 2009 at the age of 90.

Hailing from Hope, Arkansas, Mr. Brooks committed twenty years of his life in service to the United States Army, serving with the Army Medical Service, Medical Detachment, and 555th Field Artillery Battalion in the Korean War. Mr. Brooks was sent into combat in Korea with no training, but rose to the occasion, demonstrating bravery in how he handled himself and defended his comrades.

Early on in his deployment, his unit was trapped in a river bed where they were exposed to extensive shooting and grenades. Mr. Brooks was injured when one grenade got under his feet, seriously wounding one leg. Corporal Eddie M. Brooks refused evacuation,

continuing to treat other wounded soldiers and assisting in their removal from the area. The United States Army Headquarters 25th Infantry Division stated, "When the unit began displacement because of increased hostile action, he drove a 2½ ton truck loaded with critical supplies to safety. Corporal Brooks' gallant and selfless devotion to duty reflects the greatest credit upon himself and the Army Medical Service." When asked about his received honors, Mr. Brooks always expressed his feeling that he was undeserving but appreciative, believing that others had sacrificed more than him.

For his military service, Mr. Brooks was awarded the Purple Heart, Silver Star, Germany Occupation Medal, United Nations Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, and the Korean Service Medal.

At home, Mr. Brooks was the devoted husband to his wife of 58 years, Joyce, and the father of four daughters, Brenda, who passed away in 2005 due to illness, Debra, Charlotte, and Angela. Held in high esteem by all who knew him, he left behind a legacy of honor, service, and love. Madam Speaker, I ask those here today to join me in paying tribute to this great American hero, Mr. Eddie M. Brooks.

HONORING FRANK "PONCHO" ROBERTS

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Frank "Poncho" Roberts, a dedicated husband, father, and community servant on the occasion of his graduation from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. Mr. Roberts graduates with a bachelor of fine arts degree in theatre.

Poncho Roberts was born to Frank and Daisy Roberts on February 19, 1932, in Madisonville, Texas. He spent part of his childhood in Huntsville, but later moved to Houston and graduated from Austin High School in 1949. After graduation, he worked for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. He spent most of his career working for the company at NASA as a craftsman and supervisor. Poncho fondly recounts his days working as a contractor for the space agency having seen some of its earliest missions from Gemini to Apollo.

Upon retirement in 1986, Poncho and his wife, Sugar, moved back to Huntsville to be close to their children. With a heart for serving others and a joyful, outgoing personality, Poncho was called on to help with various community service projects. He was the driving force behind the effort to build the Huntsville Aquatic Center, which has given the youth of Huntsville a place to swim and has allowed for the development of the Huntsville Lakers Swim Team.

Poncho has volunteered many hours of his time to work with the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce working at the Sam Houston Statue and Visitors Center. He is a member of the Huntsville Rotary Club and leads the "I Like Me!" program that distributes books to children to promote literary and character building. Poncho is also a deacon at

University Heights Baptist Church in Huntsville.

Poncho is well known for the penchant he has for the fine arts, especially theatre, and he has been a part of many plays performed by the Huntsville Community Theatre.

Of all his accomplishments, Poncho is most proud of being a loving husband and father. Poncho and Sugar have been married for 58 years. They have raised two children, a son, Frank Jr., and a daughter, Debbie. They have eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren with another on the way.

Madam Speaker, Poncho Roberts has dedicated his life to being a family man and to serving his community. He is proof that education is a lifelong endeavor. It is such an honor to represent good people like Poncho in the U.S. House of Representatives. I urge you to join me in congratulating him on his graduation. That's Togetherness, One More Time.

RECOGNIZING A. PHILIP RANDOLPH FOR HIS LIFELONG LEADERSHIP AND WORK TO END DISCRIMINATION

SPEECH OF

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I express my support for H. Res. 150, introduced by my colleague Chairman CHARLES RANGEL, which recognizes the accomplishments of the great civil rights leader, A. Philip Randolph.

Mr. Randolph not only made great strides in shaping the civil rights movement during the turn of the 20th century, but he also impacted the growth of the labor movement and the rise of union labor.

A. Philip Randolph had a significant effect on political discourse in the African-American community during the 1930s with the founding of *The Messenger*, a political and literary magazine which documented several of the greatest injustices of our history. Through this magazine, Randolph advocated civil disobedience and membership in labor unions.

Mr. Randolph championed the cause of African-American men in labor, from sleeping car porters to elevator operators. He organized and founded the Brotherhood for Sleeping Car Porters, which fought for overtime pay and pay increases for sleeping car porters, a majority of which were African-American, at a time when sharecropping in the South was still widespread.

We also honor Mr. Randolph for his leadership in organizing the March on Washington, which will be remembered as one of the most important political rallies of the twentieth century.

A. Philip Randolph personified the idea of a renaissance man, as a writer, actor, political activist and union organizer. He achieved the unachievable during a time when education was unattainable for most African-Americans, even most Americans.

Mr. Randolph has received numerous awards, namely, the Congressional Medal of Honor, one of the highest honors for civilians in the United States of America. His contributions to our great Nation are undeniable, and

the path that he forged will be traversed by generations to come.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding benefitting the State of Delaware included in H.R. 3326, the Fiscal Year 2010 Defense Appropriations Act.

Name of Intended Recipient: Delaware National Guard

Location: First Regiment Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: DRUGS

Name of Project: Delaware National Guard Counterdrug Task Force

Project Description: The Act includes \$300,000 to provide counterdrug support to federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and to Community Based Organizations requesting Drug Demand Reduction Assistance. Funding will provide unique military support and resources to our police agencies which enable the police to concentrate more police resources to other priorities in their department. Increased funding from federal appropriations will permit the Delaware National Guard to provide support to open requests from the FBI, Delaware State Police, and local authorities. It will also enable the Delaware Guard to expand its Drug Education Program.

Name of Intended Recipient: WL Gore & Associates

Location: 555 Paper Mill Rd., Newark, DE 19711

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: OM, DW

Name of Project: Special Operations Forces Modular Glove System

Project Description: The Act includes \$4,780,000 to accelerate the fielding of the Modular Glove System for U.S. Special Operations Forces (SOF). This is a five piece system that provides the war fighter the necessary protection across a wide range of climactic conditions. Developed to be compatible with the SOF's Protective Combat Uniform designed for frigid conditions, this SOF Modular Glove System provides cold weather protection to -50 degrees as well as waterproof protection in wet conditions. The Special Operations Command has an established requirement for a Modular Glove System to better meet the real-world mission needs of its SOF in a broad range of deployed environments. This funding would accelerate the fielding by about one year to ensure all U.S. SOF forces in theater have access to this high technology, readiness enhancing system.

Name of Intended Recipient: University of Delaware

Location: Hullihen Hall, Newark, DE 19716

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: RDTE, A

Name of Project: Composite Applied Research and Technology for FCS and Tactical Vehicle Survivability

Project Description: The Act includes \$3,200,000 to rapidly advance the Technology Readiness Level of existing and promising new ultra-lightweight composite structures and armor for combat and light, medium and heavy tactical vehicle applications. Using heavy materials such as steel and aluminum will continue to result in vehicles that are too heavy to transport and will overload vehicles—which reduces life, increases maintenance costs and requires more frequent vehicle replacement. The project is addressing the critical needs of the U.S. Army to protect our soldiers and provide them with the best equipment to carry out their missions. Lightweight composite vehicle structures and armor increase mobility and mission payloads while increasing soldier protection against direct fire, improvised explosive devices and explosively formed penetrators.

Name of Intended Recipient: INVISTA S.à r.l.

Location: 2801 Centerville Road, Wilmington, DE 19808

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: RDTE, A

Name of Project: Improved Thermal Resistant Nylon for Enhanced Durability and Thermal Protection in Combat Uniforms

Project Description: The Act includes \$3,200,000 to increase the safety and protection of U.S. soldiers with improved flame resistant, durable, and lower cost materials for the U.S. Army combat uniforms. These improvements will meet an urgent need due to the threat of Improvised Explosive Devices (IED). This project will fund and accelerate research, development, testing, and evaluation for nylon fiber development, fiber formulation, fabric scale up and performance blend specification for U.S. Army combat uniforms.

Name of Intended Recipient: ILC Dover LP
Location: One Moonwalker Road, Frederica, DE 19946-2080

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: RDTE, DW

Name of Project: Joint Services Aircrew Mask Don/DoFF Inflight Upgrade

Project Description: The Act includes \$2,400,000 for research, development, testing, and evaluation of a Joint Services Aircrew Mask, which will provide above the neck Chemical, Biological, and Anti-G protection to DoD aircrew personnel. The mask is a hood that goes over the wearer's head and seals at the neck. This project will enhance our military's mission capability while minimizing performance degradation in chemical and biological contaminated scenarios.

Name of Intended Recipient: Piasecki Aircraft Corporation

Location: 2nd Street West, Essington, PA 19029

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: RDTE, N

Name of Project: X-49A Envelope Expansion Modifications

Project Description: The Act includes \$3,600,000 to conduct flight demonstrations at New Castle County Airport in Delaware on the Vectored Thrust Ducted Propeller (VTDP) Compound Helicopter technology's potential to increase rotorcraft speed, range, and survivability. These funds will cover the cost of design, fabrication, assembly, instrumentation

and check out of propulsion and control system modifications that will enable flight beyond the current operating limits of the baseline conventional helicopter. Many current US combat and humanitarian operations require rotorcraft capabilities well beyond those of existing fleet helicopters.

Name of Intended Recipient: ANP Technologies, Inc.

Location: 824 Interchange Blvd., Newark, DE 19711

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: RDTE, DW

Name of Project: NIDS Handheld Common Identifier for Biological Agents

Project Description: The Act includes \$2,400,000 for research, development, testing, and evaluation to develop a handheld device for detection of a variety of biological warfare agent related bacteria and viruses. According to the Report of the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism (released in December 2008), a biological attack is more likely to be used by terrorists than any other weapons of mass destruction in the near future. The proposed handheld common identifier for biological agents will allow war fighters to perform rapid, on-site biological agent tests during threat situations.

Name of Intended Recipient: University of Delaware

Location: Hullihen Hall, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19716

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: RDTE, N

Name of Project: Advanced Composite Maritime Manufacturing

Project Description: The Act includes \$1,600,000 to research and develop design, engineering and manufacturing technologies for U.S. Navy ship structures based on advanced lightweight composite materials. The objective of this project is to keep Navy, SOCOM (Special Operations Command), and Coast Guard craft at the forefront of technology, and help insure superiority of the US military in the water over current and future adversaries. The application of these materials and technologies will provide ship structures that are optimally engineered, and manufactured using state-of-the-art methods to provide the highest performance at the lowest cost.

Name of Intended Recipient: University of Delaware

Location: Hullihen Hall, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19716

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: RDTE, N

Name of Project: Millimeter Wave Imaging

Project Description: The Act includes \$1,360,000 for research, development, testing, and evaluation to develop real-time millimeter-wave imaging to allow U.S. soldiers to see in harsh conditions, including dust, fog, sand, and clouds. Millimeter wave imaging systems are able to image through smoke, fog, marine layer, blowing dust and sand, and fabric. The technology development is supported by the Office of Naval Research with the intent to deploy systems on military helicopters landing in harsh environments such as the "brownout" conditions faced when landing in the deserts of places such as Afghanistan and Iraq. It will also improve situational awareness of Naval