

labor, six Ph.D. engineers, four M.S. engineers and four B.S. engineers, and \$500,000 will be used for test hardware.

INTRODUCING THE EVACUEES TAX RELIEF ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the Evacuees Tax Relief Act of 2008, legislation providing tax relief to those forced to abandon their homes because of a natural disaster. This legislation provides a tax credit or a tax deduction, depending on the wishes of the taxpayer, of up to \$5,000 for costs incurred because of a government-ordered mandatory or voluntary evacuation. Evacuees could use the credit to cover travel and lodging expenses associated with the evacuation, lost wages, property damages not otherwise compensated, and any other evacuation-related expenses. The tax credit is refundable up to the amount of income and payroll taxes a person would otherwise pay, thus ensuring working people who pay more in payroll than in income taxes are able to benefit from this tax relief. The credit is available retroactive to December of 2007, so it is available to Hurricane Ike evacuees, as well as those who evacuated because of Hurricanes Gustav and Dolly.

Having recently had the majority of my district, including my home county, subject to mandatory evacuation because of Hurricane Ike, I have experienced firsthand the burdens on those forced to uproot themselves and their families. Evacuees incur great costs in getting to safety, as well as loss from the storm damage. It can take many months, and even years, to fully recover from the devastation of a natural disaster. Given the unpredictable nature of natural disasters such as hurricanes and tornados, it is difficult for most families to adequately budget for these costs. The Evacuees Tax Relief Act helps Americans manage the fiscal costs of a natural disaster.

Madam Speaker, it is hard to think of a more timely and more compassionate tax relief proposal than one aimed at helping families cope with the costs associated with being uprooted from their homes, jobs, and communities by a natural disaster. I hope all my colleagues will show compassion for those forced to flee their homes by cosponsoring the Evacuees Tax Relief Act.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit the following documentation consistent with the new Republican Earmark Standards:

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638—The Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act.

Account: RDTE, DW.

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Raytheon.

Address of Receiving Entity: 2501 West University, McKinney, TX, Collin County.

Description of Request: I have secured \$800,000 in funding in H.R. 2638 in the RDTE, DW account for the Hostile Fire Indicating System, Raytheon.

The funding will be used for final development of the Advanced Distributed Aperture System (ADAS) which is a transformational night vision augmentation system to operate in no/low-light conditions (day/night) and adverse weather. The Hostile Fire Indicator, an integral component of the ADAS system, will allow for the detection and declaration of small arms fire and can geo locate the hostile shooter and present that information to the aircraft crew so they may respond with the aircraft equipped weapons or move outside the effective range of the hostile weapon.

This funding will be used specifically to develop and demonstrate an ADAS based HFI system.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638—The Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act.

Account: RDTE, N.

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Carbon-Carbon Advanced Technologies Inc. (C-CAT).

Address of Receiving Entity: 4704 Eden Road, Kennedale, TX, Tarrant County.

Description of Request: I have secured \$2,400,000 in funding in H.R. 2638 in the RDTE, N account for the Strike Weapon Propulsion (SWEAP), C-CAT.

The funding will be used to produce a high-speed weapon to engage long-range targets within 5 to 10 minutes that operate at extremely high temperatures. Previous solutions have been demonstrated, however, affordability is the remaining issue.

With the requested funding the team intends to continue fabrication process development and demonstration, improve subscale hardware durability, and conduct a full scale combustor test of the lower cost material in Aerojet's Mach 6 air-breathing test facility in FY09. This program will support 6 jobs at C-CAT.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638—The Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act.

Account: RDTE, A.

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: L3/Link Simulation and Training.

Address of Receiving Entity: 2200 Arlington Downs Road, Arlington, TX, Tarrant County.

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,200,000 in funding in H.R. 2638 in the RDTE, A account for the Integration of the U.S. Army's Light Utility Helicopter (LUH) into the Aviation Combined Arms Tactical Trainer (AVCATT), L3/Link Simulation and Training.

The funding will be used for integration of the new Light Utility Helicopter (LUH) into the AVCATT simulation thus enhancing the safety of widely dispersed crews and units.

The funding will initiate development in providing a LUH simulation training capability within the Army's AVCATT simulation system, utilizing the original equipment manufacturer.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. WAMP. Madam Speaker, I submit the following: As a leader on earmark reform among House Republicans, I am committed to honoring House Republican rules that provide for greater transparency. H.R. 2638 The Fiscal Year 2009 Continuing Resolution contains the following fun that I requested:

Requesting Member: Rep. ZACH WAMP.

Account: Navy, RDT&E.

Legal Name Requesting Entity: University of Tennessee Chattanooga SimCenter.

Address: 701 E. MLK Blvd, Chattanooga, TN.

Description of Request: \$3.5 million will provide for the continued operation of 100Kw Solid Oxide Fuel Cell and allow for the installation and operation of a second 100Kw Solid Oxide fuel cell. This project will continue to assist the Navy in researching and developing reliable technologies to convert hydrocarbon fuel and air into electricity to develop advanced electric propulsion and power technologies for future ships. This technology also has the potential to provide a commercially available clean, self contained power source.

Distribution of funding: Site Build—\$250,000; System Procurement and Commission—\$1.7 mil; System operation and 24/7 monitoring—\$450,000; Multi unit performance testing—\$100,000; Ethanol Operation—\$500,000; UTC Simulation and Project Management—\$500,000.

Requesting Member: Rep. ZACH WAMP.

Account: FEMA, Predisaster Mitigation.

Legal Name Requesting Entity: City of Lake City.

Address: Lake City, TN 37769.

Description of Request: \$418,000 will be matched with \$125,000 local matching funds to remove sediment and debris from two miles of Coal Creek Channel in the City of Lake City, TN. This will prevent flooding and damage in a flood prone area. The plan will be adjusted accordingly for the funding level included in the final agreement.

Distribution of funding: 92 percent of the total funding will be used for construction and 8 percent will be used for Engineering.

Requesting Member: Rep. ZACH WAMP.

Account: Milcon, Air National Guard.

Legal Name Requesting Entity: Tennessee National Guard.

Address: 3041 Sidco Drive, Nashville TN.

Description of Request: \$8 million for the construction of the KC-135 Squadron Operations Facility at McGhee Tyson Air Base. As a result of the 2005 BRAC the 134th Air Refueling Wing gained 4 PAA KC-135 aircraft. The increase in aircraft and aircrews necessitates the need for an adequately sized facility. This project is in the President's Fiscal Year 2011 Future Year Defense Plan.

Requesting Member: Rep. ZACH WAMP.

Account: Milcon, Army.

Legal Name Requesting Entity: Fort Campbell.

Address: Fort Campbell, KY.

Description of Request: \$630,000 million for a Chapel Complex at Fort Campbell. The Installation's religious program operates in 7 chapels (three temporary) and 5 other facilities. The three 65-year old temporary chapels

are inadequate to meet the needs of an Army at War and the requirements of supporting Soldier and Family programs. This funding will be used to construct a new 32,000 square foot facility to support up to 1200 persons at a time, nearly doubling the permanent facility square footage on Fort Campbell. This Project is in the President's Fiscal Year 2013 Future Year Defense Plan.

Requesting Member: Rep. ZACH WAMP.

Account: Milcon, Army.

Legal Name Requesting Entity: Fort Campbell.

Address: Fort Campbell, KY.

Description of Request: \$10 mil Child Development Center, Fort Campbell, KY. Fort Campbell School Age Services (SAS) provides before and after school care for 385–425 children each school day and full day care on Soldier duty days when school is not in session. SAS operates in 5 separate sites: 4 elementary schools and the Taylor Youth Center. All five are accredited through the National After School Association. SAS faces severe restrictions on storage due to overcrowding in the elementary schools. SAS lost the use of one school due to lack of storage. FY 2008 request of \$8,900,000 would help construct a new facility to support 210 children. The project is in the President's Future Year Defense Plan in FY 2012.

TRIBUTE TO FRANCESC DE PAULA SOLER

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. SERRANO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to once again pay tribute to Francesc de Paula Soler, a gifted and world-renowned musician.

Mr. Soler grew up in Spain and comes from a Catalan family of well-known artists. He began studying the guitar at the age of 6 and was completely immersed in it by age 11, earning the highest honors in the prestigious Conservatorio Superior de Música in Barcelona, Spain. Mr. Soler received rigorous training from legendary guitarists Andres Segovia, known as the "Father of Classical Guitar", and Narciso Yepes.

Mr. Soler has become a legend in his own right due to his unique skills in conveying emotions through the strings of his guitar. Mr. Soler has performed in music halls and auditoriums throughout the United States and Europe for audiences of all ages and backgrounds. Some of the venues include the Library of Congress, the Levine School of Music and the Acheson Auditorium at the United States Department of State.

Commonly known as the "Poet of the Guitar," Mr. Soler has received numerous awards and recognitions, including: Honorary Citizen of Dallas, Honorary Citizen of Corpus Christi, Golden Key of the Corpus Christi City, Medal of the U.S. Military Academy and the Plaque of the Catalan Catholic Church Council.

In commemoration of Hispanic Heritage Month and the positive contributions of Hispanic-Americans throughout our nation's history, Mr. Soler will once again grace the Library of Congress with his music. I encourage all of my colleagues to attend Mr. Soler's con-

cert on October 15, 2008 and enjoy his uplifting music.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Francesc de Paula Soler for his contributions to the world of music.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. 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. 2638, the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act for 2009:

1. Account: Defense Wide RTD&E.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Next Energy.

Address of Requesting Entity: 461 Burroughs, Detroit MI.

Description of Request: Provide \$2,720,000 to develop and deploy an Advanced Mobile MicroGrid prototype technology to provide high-quality electric power using conventional generation and renewable generation, vehicles powered with exportable power sources and encampment waste. The Microgrid will improve management and efficiency of AC and DC power sources to reduce fuel and logistics costs and meet the increasing demands of U.S. and coalition forces for electricity. DOD's escalating power requirements for forward operating bases, training centers, and main operating installations requires the effective management of power distribution and a greater capability to benefit from a wide variety of non-grid generating assets including renewable energy sources. The Microgrid system features the Electronic Power Control and Conditioning (EPCC) module. This module will effectively manage a range of generating assets, including conventional generators of varying voltage and frequency; power from mobile equipment and vehicles; renewable power from an array of renewable sources including waste, solar and wind generators; and aircraft maintenance generators. These technologies will serve the needs of not only the U.S. military but homeland security and civilian challenges for power and fuel as well.

2. Account: RTDE, U.S. Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lowry Computer Products, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 9420 Maltby Road, Brighton, MI.

Description of Request: Provide \$1,200,000 to integrate the Michigan National Guard Base Security Systems with the Michigan Homeland Security required evacuation system. This system allows for the ability to scan driver's licenses, and track personnel. This is a deployable capability that will be used to electronically validate and track personnel arriving in or departing from disaster response sites. It will also allow for electronic monitoring of the location of disaster evacuees. Additionally, this will enable an internet based tracking of evacuees for relatives of disaster victims.

3. Account: Defense-Wide, Counter Drugs.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: PBS Biotech Incorporated.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2843 East Grand River, #262, East Lansing, MI.

Description of Request: Provide \$800,000 to produce a large scale single use bio reactor for rapid response to terrorism for the Department of Defense. This bioreactor will provide a simple, fast and economic method of producing biological agents in large capacity.

4. Account: Operations and Maintenance, (BA 01: Operating Forces).

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Peckham Industries.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2822 N. Martin Luther King Blvd., Lansing, MI.

Description of Request: Provide \$2,400,000 to fund procurement of approximately 21,000 sets of Cold Weather Layering System (CWLS) for the U.S. Marines. Approximately \$1.2 million will be spent on garment production, \$0.96 million on materials, and \$0.24 million on quality control/fielding. In direct response to the U.S. Marine Corps' unique combat needs, a Polartec Power Dry Silkweight and Polartec Power Dry Grid with flame resistant properties for use in the CWLS is currently in development.

5. Account: Other Procurement-Navy, Line: Aviation Support Equipment—Aviation Support Equipment—Aviation Life Support (P-1 Line 97).

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Peckham Industries.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2822 N. Martin Luther King Blvd., Lansing, MI.

Description of Request: Provide \$2,000,000 to fund procurement of approximately 2,000 sets of the Multi Climate Protection System (MCPS) for U.S. Navy Aircrews. Approximately \$.85 million will be spent on garment production, \$1.05 million on materials, and \$0.1 million on quality control/fielding. The total requirement for the U.S. Navy for MCPS is 25,000 systems. Between FY 2004 and FY 2007, the Navy and Congress have provided enough funding for fielding of only 25% of the required systems. In FY 2008, Congress allocated \$2 million for the program. In FY 2007 the House and Senate Armed Services Committees addressed the need for MCPS in their authorization bills. The House authorization text reads, "The committee strongly encourages the Department of the Navy to include the necessary funds for the MCPS in its future budget requests to meet MCPS requirements."

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican earmark guidance, I am submitting the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS.

Project Name: Advanced Technology Sensors and Payloads.

Account: RDTE, DW.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Trident Systems.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1615 Orange Tree Lane #104, Redlands, CA 92374.

Description of Request: This funding will be used to research the production of a suite of