last month of a four-month addiction recovery program.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Kannapolis, North Carolina

Address of Requesting Entity: 932 Floyd Street, Kannapolis, NC 28083

Description of Request: $575,000 is provided for this project, called the Kannapolis Regional Radio Upgrade, to maintain emergency service interoperability with the surrounding region through the conversion of the emergency communication system from analog to digital. Moreover, funds would be used to upgrade the regional radio system with a fully digital network which operates in a frequency range compatible with other state and federal law enforcement agencies.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Commerce International Trade Administration account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Textile/Clothing Technology Corporation [TC]2

Address of Requesting Entity: 5651 Dillard Drive, Cary, NC 27518

Description of Request: $965,000 is provided for [TC]2, a consortium of fiber, fabric and apparel producers, organized labor groups, retailers, academic institutions and government agencies focused mainly on improving textile and apparel production techniques. This is an on-going project of research, discovery and dissemination of appropriate technologies for use in the apparel, sewn products, and soft goods industry. [TC]2 provides seminars, short courses, consulting, and demonstrations to industry leaders. It also provides leadership and visions for an industry that has sustained serious job losses in the past decade.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Commerce International Trade Administration account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Textile Center

Address of Requesting Entity: Campus Box 7214, Administrative Services III, Raleigh, NC 27695–7214

Description of Request: $1,800,000 is provided for the National Textile Center (NTC), a research consortium that serves the USA Fiber/Textile/Fiber Products/Retail Complex. NTC was established to achieve three primary goals: (1) Research: To discover, design and develop new materials, innovative and improved manufacturing, and integrated systems essential to the success of a modern U.S. textile enterprise; (2) Education: To train personnel, establish industrial partnerships and create transfer mechanisms to ensure the utilization of technologies developed; (3) Partnership: To strengthen the nation's textile research and educational efforts by uniting diverse experts and resources in unique collaborative projects.

THE WOMEN'S OBSTETRICIAN AND GYNECOLOGIST MEDICAL ACCESS NOW ACT (THE WOMAN ACT)

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, today, I am reintroducing the Women's Obstetrician and Gynecologist Medical Access Now Act, the WOMAN Act. This bill will ensure that every woman has direct access to her ob-gyn.

I believe women should not need a permission slip to receive ob-gyn care. Unfortunately, that is the reality faced by many women when they need to see their doctor. Numerous managed care plans require women to visit their primary care physicians before seeking the health care services they need from the providers they want. Denying direct access or forcing women to jump through numerous bureaucratic hoops to see their ob-gyn is not acceptable treatment.

The WOMAN Act recognizes women have different medical needs than men and the significant role ob-gyns play in women's health. Women who see an ob-gyn on a regular basis are more likely to receive important screening services, such as pelvic exams, as well as counseling on critical reproductive health issues. My legislation removes the barriers complicating women's access to their doctors. Women will no longer have to contend with the gatekeeper system that can prevent or delay appropriate care.

It is easy to understand what a difference direct ob-gyn access makes in women's health care. Imagine, for a moment, a woman in San Diego who works 45 hours a week and has limited sick and vacation time. Now, imagine she has an urgent medical problem requiring an ob-gyn visit. On Monday, she calls from work to make an appointment with her primary care physician. If she is lucky, she gets an appointment for the following morning. She takes time off Tuesday to go see her doctor. Her primary care doctor agrees she should be seen by her ob-gyn and gives her a referral. Tuesday afternoon she returns to work and calls her ob-gyn for an appointment. The doctor is in surgery on Wednesday, but they offer her an appointment on Friday morning. On Friday she takes another morning off from work and finally, after almost a week, gets the care she needs. The unnecessary referral process resulted' in her taking an extra morning off work and delayed her proper medical care by 5 days. The patient, employer, primary care physician, and health plan provider would have saved money and time if the patient had been able to go directly to her ob-gyn.

While serving in the California State Assembly, I heard from many women who experienced the same problems I have outlined. After meeting with women, obstetricians and gynecologists, health plan representatives, and providers in the State of California, I wrote the state law allowing women direct access to their ob-gyn. That law was a good first step; however, it still does not cover women enrolled in self-insured, federally regulated health plans. This means that even if a woman lives in a state with direct access protections, like California, she may not be able to see her ob-gyn without a referral if she is covered by a federally regulated ERISA health plan. In addition, there are still states which still do not provide women with direct access to ob-gyns!

Women save time and money with better access to ob-gyn care. I believe the time has come to make direct access to an ob-gyn a national standard.

I urge you, Madam Speaker, and all of my colleagues to pass this critical legislation into law.

CONGRATULATING STEVE LEBLANC, CITY MANAGER OF GALVESTON, TEXAS

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Mr. Steve LeBlanc, City Manager of Galveston Texas, on being named Administrator of the Year by the Texas City Management Association (TCMA). Steve received this award because of the leadership he provided to Galveston in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike. Since my congressional district includes Galveston, my office has had the opportunity to work closely with Steve. I have always been impressed with his dedication to the people of Galveston, a dedication best exemplified by his tireless efforts to help Galveston rebuild, following the devastation of Hurricane Ike.

A longtime resident of Galveston Island, Steve has a Bachelor of Science in Coastal Engineering from Texas A&M and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Houston. He has served as Galveston's city manager since March 1997. Before being named city manager, Steve held several positions with the city including Director of Utilities, Director of Public Works, and Assistant City Manager.

In conclusion, Madam Speaker, I once again extend my congratulations to Galveston City Manager Steve LeBlanc on being named Administrator of the Year. I also thank him for all he does for the people of Galveston. It is my sincere hope that Galveston benefits from Mr. LeBlanc's services for years to come.

IN HONOR OF MAJOR GENERAL THOMAS F. DEPPE VICE COMMANDER, AIR FORCE SPACE COMMAND

HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, let me take this opportunity to pay tribute to retiring Major General Thomas F. Deppe. General Deppe became Vice Commander of Air Force Space Command in August, 2007. As Vice Commander, he provides leadership to the world's greatest space and missile force.

General Deppe began his Air Force career in 1967 when he graduated from Basic Military Training. His distinguished career is characterized by his Master Missileer Badge, Command Space Badge, Space Professional Level III certification, operational space experience in nuclear operations and spacelift, weapon systems expertise in the Minuteman II, Minuteman III and Peacekeeper ICBMs, Hound Dog

and Quail Air-Launched Cruise Missiles, the Ground-Launched Cruise Missile and the Atlas III, Titan IV, Delta II and Delta III boosters. General Deppe's exemplary career is marked by command, operational and leadership positions in a variety of Air Force and Joint assignments.

General Deppe began his illustrious Air Force career as a Missile Instrumentation Electronics Technician. He had a series of aircraft munition assignments and rounded out his enlisted service with an Air Force recruiting position, achieving the rank of Technical Sergeant. In 1977, General Deppe received his commission through the Officer Training School. This led him to his first assignment in Montana at Malmstrom Air Force Base. General Deppe's Air Force journey as an officer would take Eileen and him through a series of Wing, Air Staff and Joint assignments relating to strategic and tactical missile and space systems. He operated the Ground-Launched Cruise Missile in Europe and later served as the Commander of the 351st Organizational Missile Maintenance Squadron in Missouri at Whiteman Air Force Base. Additionally, he commanded the 90th Logistics Group at Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming and the 341st Space Wing in Montana. While assigned to the National Military Command Center, he directed actions during the early days of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and the Space Shuttle Columbia recovery effort. General Deppe went on to command the Air Force's land-based strategic deterrent force at 20th Air Force in Wyoming before his present assignment as the Vice Commander of Air Force Space Command.

During General Deppe's tenure as Vice Commander, Air Force Space Command, he provided inspirational leadership to over 39,000 personnel responsible for a global network of satellite command and control, communications, missile warning and space launch facilities, and ensured the combat readiness of America's ICBM force. Exploiting his unique blend of operational experience and staffing acumen, General Deppe championed the implementation of a new Management Headquarters construct through Air Force Space Command's ''Lanes-In-The Road'' initiative. The results clearly aligned the Command's headquarters organizations with its own functional concepts as well as the operational mission areas outlined in the United States Air Force Concept of Operations. In addition, he guaranteed the future viability of the Air Force Nuclear Enterprise by driving major system revitalization initiatives, to include the Air Force Chief of Staff-approved creation of an ICBM Weapons Instructor Course at the United States Air Force Weapons School. He was instrumental in successfully implementing visionary space mission area initiatives with wide-ranging national and international implications, to include the Launch and Range Enterprise Transformation effort, the Commercial and Foreign Entities Support Pilot Program and the operational expansion of on-orbit Global Positioning System and Wideband Global Satellite communications capabilities. Finally, General Deppe oversaw the command's lead role to stand-up the 24th Air Force to execute the Air Force's cyberspace mission.

Madam Speaker, the American people have been fortunate to have General Deppe serving as the Vice Commander of Air Force Space Command for the past two years. General Deppe's leadership was an essential element in winning the Cold War and vital to Air Force Space Command's support of combat operations around the world to include Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, the Global War on Terrorism and Overseas Contingency Operations. His exemplary character and dedication to service have resulted in a career of which he, his wife Eileen, and their three children, Lisa, Tom and Ken, can be very proud. I know my fellow Members of the House of Representatives will join me in thanking him for his commitment to his Nation and in wishing him all the best in the years ahead.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARY BONO MACK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mrs. BONO MACK. 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, Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act:

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice, OJP—Juvenile Justice

Entity Requesting: Olive Crest, 2130 E. 4th St., Ste. 200, Santa Ana, CA 92705, 714–543–5437; Coachella Valley Location, Olive Crest, 47350 Washington, Ste. 101 B, La Quinta, CA 92253

Description of Earmark: $100,000 is provided for Olive Crest Independent Living Skills (ILS) Program. Since 1973, Olive Crest Homes and Services for Abused Children—a 501(c)(3)—has been a leader in providing care for abused, abandoned and severely neglected children. Olive Crest is dedicated to preventing child abuse, to Treating and Educating at-risk children and to Preserving the family... ''One Life at a Time.'' Olive Crest offers a wide variety of services and resources to meet the needs of every child and family in its care. Olive Crest, which serves the individuals in my district throughout the Coachella Valley through its facility in La Quinta, California. This includes the following five divisions: Family Preservation; Foster-Adoption; Education; Residential; Community Involvement.

Olive Crest's Independent Living Skills (ILS) Program. The federal nexus of this program is to assist in the development of better citizens who are able to be productive members of society.

This project would fund Olive Crest's Independent Living Skills (ILS) program that provides a variety of services that work to break the multi-generational cycle of crime, drug abuse and child abuse.

Olive Crest's Independent Living Skills (ILS) program is designed to prepare youth for successful independent living. It is a three phase program for at-risk youth ages 15 to 24. The program assists at-risk youth in developing tools that will enable them to foster relationships and become responsible for themselves.

The ILS program is implemented in 3 phases:

1. Support Groups
2. Contracts (ILS Workbooks)
3. The Future Plan

At-risk youth can be involved in all three phases concurrently.

During Phase 1, the at-risk youth attend a group meeting for 10 consecutive weeks that focus on the emotional aspects of emancipating. Living skills training components include interpersonal relationships, conflict resolution and responsibility, parenting, sex education, personal safety and hygiene, health issues, alcohol, drugs and tobacco, anger management, budget management, banking, nutrition and cooking, shopping and other topics as they are identified.

During Phase 2, youth complete a series of 10 contracts related to the skills they will need when they emancipate. The contracts include banking, career, housing, transportation, education and other need topics. Higher education such as trade school certificates program, and colleges are other options for the youth. Staff will help youths with the college applications process.

During Phase 3—Each youth in the program will work on a Future Plan immediately upon entrance into the program. The ILS Coordinator will work with the youth to create the plan. The youth will meet weekly with the ILS Coordinator to review progress/goals of the plan for the first six months and monthly thereafter.

Spending Plan: Project Expenditures—Olive Crest currently invests $2,650,000 in the Inland Empire (California) to provide services to more than 100 Olive Crest at-risk youth. Olive Crest invests $525,000.00 to support Independent Living Support (ILS) program. For the last 20 years, Olive Crest has provided an ongoing private match of dollars and in-kind services of at least 10%. Last year, the match was $260,000. The $100,000 appropriation will be used to fund Olive Crest Independent Living Skills program.

2) Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Entity Requesting: Eastern Riverside County Interoperability Communication Authority, 46800 Jackson Street, Indio, California 92201

Description of Earmark: $500,000 is provided for Eastern Riverside County Interoperability Communication Authority (ERICA). The ERICA involves a regional collaboration among the cities of Cathedral City, Desert Hot Springs, Indio, Palm Springs, La Quinta, and Coachella. Recent Federal mandates highlight the urgency to upgrade radio communication to digital, interoperable 800 MHz frequency and be Project 25 compliant for agencies in Congressional Districts 41 and 45. The Federal funding for ERICA would be used to purchase equipment, hardware, software, facilities, engineering and labor to build an 800 MHz, trunked, P–25 compliant, digital, regional radio system. It should also be noted that in total, the cities, county, and tribal governments participating in ERICA have agreed to invest $23,000,000 in this initiative.

The federal nexus of this project is to develop a communications system that can assist law enforcement and federal personal in protecting life and property, which includes federal lands, in eastern Riverside County.

Spending Plan: Project Expenditures—The dollars appropriated for Eastern Riverside