

awareness about the dangers of coal and its contributions to global warming. As the nation takes strides towards more environmentally sound ways of producing energy, it is important that we recognize the danger of trading one harmful fuel for another. If we hope to have a stable climate, we must refrain from the use of strong and toxic pollutants like coal.

Americans are known for their determination and innovation when faced with a challenge. Let us rely on these qualities in our transition to cleaner energy, rather than choosing an easy way out represented by coal. The health of our children and our planet is too big of a price to pay for our continued dependence on coal.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the efforts that the Northeast Ohio Sierra Club has taken in raising awareness of the dangers of coal. As the nation works towards cleaner energy policies, organizations such as the Northeast Ohio Sierra Club are working tirelessly to keep the American public accurately informed on energy issues.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. POE 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. 2996, Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman TED POE

Bill Number: H.R. 2996, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Environmental Protection Agency's STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Baytown, TX

Address of Requesting Entity: 2401 Market Street, Baytown, TX 77522

Description of Request: I, and Rep. Ron Paul, have jointly secured \$500,000 in funding under the Environmental Protection Agency's STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project account for the city of Baytown, TX to help them fund a six-year, \$140 million Capital Improvement Project that will rehabilitate and upgrade the city's wastewater and water infrastructure to comply with increased federal and state regulations, maintain its condition and reliability and save costs. This project rehabilitates portions of the Central District Wastewater Treatment plant. The work includes re-design of critical components to elevate structures out of the floodway and to reduce the storm surge impacts suffered as was suffered during Hurricane Ike. These include the influent lift station, blower building, administration/laboratory building, and grit removal process. The internal piping needs to be replaced to improve energy and operating efficiency, along with the chlorine contact basin and plant pumping/transfer systems. Installation of post-storm emergency power systems are also a part of this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. FORBES. 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. 2996, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: Fish and Wildlife Service, Land Acquisition

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Conservation Fund, Chesapeake, VA

Address of Requesting Entity: US 17, Chesapeake, Virginia, 23323, USA

Description of Request: Provides \$150,000 to fund the acquisition of 50 acres that has been identified by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as the preferred site for the construction of a new visitor's center for the Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: National Park Service, Save America's Treasures

Legal name of Requesting Entity: Chesterfield County, Chesterfield, VA

Address of Requesting Entity: 9901 Lori Rd, Chesterfield, VA, 23832, USA

Description of Request: Provides \$150,000 to repair and preserve five historical structures in Chesterfield County.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. GUTHRIE. 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. 2996, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman BRETT GUTHRIE

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

Recipient: Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Water Resource Agency, 1722 Pleasant Valley Road, Owensboro, KY 42303

Description of Request: Provide \$220,000 to install a sewer system in the Locust Hill Sub-division, which is currently without sewer services.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 2892) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 2892, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

This legislation provides \$44 billion for the Department of Homeland Security to continue its work to keep Americans safe, keep our borders secure, and ensure our communities are prepared for any disaster—whether natural or man-made.

At a time when our state and local governments are strained in the current economic downturn, this legislation continues our federal commitment to support local efforts that keep our communities safe. It provides \$3.55 billion for first responder grant initiatives, including \$810 million for Fire Grants, \$950 million for State Emergency Preparedness Grants, \$330 million for Emergency Management Performance Grants, and a total of \$90 million for interoperable communications and emergency response centers.

H.R. 2892 will help secure our border and improve the enforcement of our nation's immigration laws. The measure would fully fund 20,019 border patrol agents with \$3.5 billion and provide \$732 million for border fencing, infrastructure and technology. It would provide \$5.7 billion for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to enhance our ability to identify and remove immigrants who have illegally entered the country, and \$248 million for the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to improve the processing of visas for those eligible to enter the country. This funding includes \$112 million to operate and improve E-Verify, the DHS initiative that empowers businesses to screen potential employees' immigration status.

As North Carolina is a prime hurricane state, I am pleased that this bill makes important investments in all-hazards disaster preparedness. It provides \$2 billion for Disaster Relief, \$220 million to continue flood map modernization and to maintain modernized maps, and \$200 million to address the increasing needs for emergency food and shelter, recognizing that the current economic downturn is a disaster in its own right.

Madam Chair, this is a strong bill that enhances our ability to keep our nation secure and our citizens safe. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican adopted standards

on earmarks, I submit the below detailed explanation of the Village of Hopedale, Village of Hopedale, IL.

Bill Number: H.R. 2996 Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Provisions/Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: entity to receive funding for this project is the Village of Hopedale, located at Box 387, Hopedale, IL 61747.

Description of Request: The funding would be used to conduct preliminary work on a new wastewater treatment plant.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2996) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. HOLT. Madam Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 2996, the Fiscal Year 2010 Interior Appropriations Act.

This bill provides the much needed funding to protect and preserve our natural resources for future generations.

I applaud the Chairman for providing robust funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund in this legislation. I have long been a supporter and a leader in Congress for increasing the funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). Since its creation in 1965, LWCF has provided funding to four federal agencies including the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service and the Forest Service to acquire public lands.

In July of 1999 during my first term in Congress, I secured passage of a key amendment to resurrect the state-side portion of LWCF, providing funding for that program for the first time in five years. To date, the stateside program has preserved over 73,000 acres of land in my home state of New Jersey. I strongly support the Manager's amendment which would increase the funding for the state-side matching grants to \$40 million, which is over double the amount that it received in Fiscal Year 2009.

I strongly oppose the amendment of the gentleman from Utah, Mr. CHAFFETZ, that would strip funding from the state side portion of the LWCF. This amendment would be detrimental to the ability of states to preserve at risk open space and I urge my colleagues to oppose it.

TRIBUTE TO MARINE GUNNERY
SERGEANT CHARLES "BRANDON"
BAILEY

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Marine Gunnery Sergeant Charles "Brandon" Bailey from Florence, Kentucky, who was wounded in an improvised explosive device attack on January 23, 2009, while serving in Afghanistan.

Gunnery Sergeant Bailey is a true patriot. Having felt the call to serve his country since childhood, Brandon sold his small business and selflessly joined the Marine Corps when he was twenty-four years old. He served his first combat deployment in Iraq and was a member of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit. In April, 2008, Brandon married his childhood friend, Kristie. He was deployed to Afghanistan as a member of the Marine Special Operations Command shortly after the wedding. Without any hesitation, he left his new wife to serve his country once more in harm's way, ultimately to be severely wounded in action.

Gunnery Sergeant Bailey is undergoing rehabilitation with recovery in the distant future. He and Kristie are expecting their first baby this December. Gunnery Sergeant Bailey stays positive and says he is happy he had the opportunity to do the job that he loved and serve his country. Brandon's life and character epitomize the Marine Corps Motto—Semper Fidelis, Always Faithful.

Gunnery Sergeant Bailey is an inspiration to us all. Today, Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to recognize Gunnery Sergeant Bailey's unwavering dedication to the Marine Corps and to thank him for his service to our great nation.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 2647) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense; to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal-year 2010, and for other purposes.

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Mr. Chair, ensuring that our nation remains safe and strong is the top priority for this House. Because of the real and increasing nuclear threat from countries like North Korea and Iran, I agree with my colleagues who are offering this amendment that cutting funding for missile defense is the wrong choice for our country right now.

While I certainly support efforts to increase funding for missile defense, I am unable to support the amendment offered by my colleagues. The significant decrease in funding for the Environmental Management included

as an offset in the amendment will have a serious impact on the ability of our nation to fulfill its obligation to clean up our defense nuclear waste at several sites across the country, including one in my district, the Savannah River Site (SRS).

For over fifty years, sites like SRS have played an indispensable role in keeping our nation secure. Now, the federal government has the responsibility to fulfill the commitment it made to the communities and the states that have hosted these sites by cleaning up the legacy nuclear materials that remain and providing a safe environment for future generations. The cuts made by this amendment will significantly delay the progress being made in cleanup efforts at these sites and will undoubtedly impact the highest risk activities—processing and disposing of tank waste, special nuclear materials, and spent nuclear fuel—across the complex.

Additionally, failure to fully fund the Environmental Management program will result in missed regulatory milestones in many states where the sites are located, resulting in substantial fines and penalties from state and federal regulators. These fines will ultimately be paid by the American taxpayer.

During my time in the House, I have proudly worked alongside my Nuclear Cleanup Caucus colleagues as well as the entire South Carolina delegation to ensure the safe and timely cleanup of Cold War-era nuclear waste. And I will continue to advocate for full and stable funding for the Environmental Management Program to keep nuclear waste cleanup on track.

Consequently, even though I support my colleagues' efforts to restore funding for our nation's important missile defense program, I cannot support this amendment because of the detrimental effect the funding reduction will have on the Environmental Management program. We must remain committed to cleaning up our defense nuclear waste now for the benefit of generations to come.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Requesting Member: Congressman BRETT GUTHRIE

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: Save America's Treasures

Recipient: Breckinridge County Fiscal Court, Hardinsburg, KY

Description of Request: Provide \$150,000 to help preserve the historic Holt House. Judge Joseph Holt served as Judge Advocate General, and then later as Secretary of the Interior and Attorney General in President Lincoln's administration. The house has been on the National Register since 1976, however has not been properly maintained. Restoring the home would be key to helping develop regional tourism.