

terminal illnesses, and special needs. "Having a BLAST at PKRC" will offer these special children a way to discover their natural abilities and interests and obtain the critical life and coping skills needed to reach their full potential via three primary components: Environmental Education Awareness; Recreational Therapy; and Coping and Life Skills.

Requesting Member: JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Education—Higher Education (includes FIPSE)

Requesting Entity: Texas Life-Sciences Collaboration Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 111 Cooperative Way, Suite 200, Georgetown, TX 78625

Description: \$245,000 in funding for the collaboration between the non-profit Texas Life-Sciences Collaboration Center and Southwestern University to establish an entrepreneur and college internship program based on commercialization of bioscience technologies. In addition, the program will also foster the immediate use of bioscience technology for translational and clinical research for regional hospital systems and medical schools.

Requesting Member: JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Education—Higher Education (includes FIPSE) Entity: Texas State University, San Marcos

Address of Requesting Entity: 601 University Drive, San Marcos, TX 78666

Description: \$1,000,000 in funding to establish the Round Rock Higher Education Center for Nursing Program. Funding is for equipment for the clinical and simulation laboratories and additional nursing faculty and staff for the simulations laboratories. The nursing school building will support an innovative curriculum with classrooms and a number of clinical practice and simulation laboratories. The project also provides for nursing faculty and healthcare practitioners to participate together in the active learning process of continuing education for health care professionals and the community.

Requesting Member: JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health & Human Services—Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Requesting Entity: Temple Health and Bioscience Economic Development District

Address of Requesting Entity: 938 Canyon Creek Drive, Temple, TX 76502

Description: \$750,000 in funding will provide the seed money to acquire a state of the art cyclotron and related equipment for the production of radioisotopes. The radioisotopes are a critical component of expanding both clinical care and medical research in the Temple bioscience cluster. The cyclotron facility will provide resources for cutting edge medical research and support growth of the Cancer Research Institute, the Cardiovascular Research Institute and Center for Regenerative Medicine, all located in Temple.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. RORY COOPER

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rory A. Cooper, Ph.D. for his outstanding achievement of winning a gold medal at the 2009 National Veterans Wheelchair Games.

While winning a gold medal is an exceptional achievement by itself, Dr. Cooper has proven himself again and again. Madam Speaker, Dr. Cooper has won a total of five gold medals at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games and has previously held the world record for the 10,000-meter wheelchair race. He has participated and won medals almost every year since he first started competing in 1987. In 1988 he won the bronze medal at the Paralympic Games in Seoul, Korea. He continued to stay active in Paralympic competition by serving as a member of the Steering Committee for the 1996 Paralympic Scientific Congress. He was also the Sports Scientist for the 2008 United States Paralympic Team. In recognition of his achievements at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games, he was featured on a 2009 Cheerios cereal box.

When Dr. Cooper is not competing, he is a researcher in the field of assistive technology design at the University of Pittsburgh's School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. He is also the Director and Veterans Affairs (VA) Senior Research Career Scientist for the VA Rehabilitation Research and Development Center of Excellence, Codirector of the National Science Foundation Quality of Life Technology Engineering Research Center, a member of the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs Prosthetics and Special Disability Programs Advisory Committee, and a Director of the Paralyzed Veterans of America Research Foundation. He has published over two hundred peer-reviewed journal articles and two books, *Rehabilitation Engineering Applied to Mobility and Manipulation and Wheelchair Selection and Configuration*. Dr. Cooper is also a recipient of the Department of the Army's Outstanding Civilian Service Medal for "exceptional leadership, service, and advocacy of severely injured service members at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) and other military medical facilities from October 2004 through May 2008."

Madam Speaker, Dr. Cooper is truly an inspiration to all to us. I conclude my remarks by commending him for his outstanding achievements.

HONORING SUZI AND FRED DOW FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO PROMOTING OUR NATIONAL FORESTS

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to pay tribute today to Suzi and Fred Dow, residents of Bisbee, Arizona who

have dedicated themselves to educating the public on the rich experiences of our National Forests.

Like other pioneers of the west, they possess a thirst for the unexplored, acting as guides to our nation's greatest resource, our National Forests. Together, Suzi and Fred have personally researched and surveyed 2,367 campgrounds in over 153 National Forests.

Since 1994, they have traveled over 275,000 miles in their meticulous journey through our nation's wilderness. Today, they are in the midst of exploring the Superior National Forest of Minnesota, the fifth destination of their current five month adventure.

Suzi and Fred publish their findings on a Web site, www.forestcamping.com, hosting almost 4,000 photographs that illustrate National Forest sights and campgrounds. The Web site receives over 300,000 hits a day and features an active forum, blog, and monthly newsletter titled, *The Wanderings*.

In addition to their website, Suzi and Fred have published 9 books in an effort to promote national forests and camping opportunities. Through their Web site and books, they share an articulate, detailed narrative of their wanderings as well as practical advice, such as how to cook pasta at high elevations.

In 2003, the USDA Forest Service recorded more than 200 million visitors, who contributed over \$7.5 billion to the local communities in and around National Forests. Suzi and Fred's efforts indirectly stimulate the economy of these communities, at no cost to the government.

The Southwestern author Edward Abbey once said, "Wilderness is not a luxury but a necessity of the human spirit." Suzi and Fred encourage people to indulge in that necessity, while also developing an understanding of the importance of National Forests to the health and well being of our country.

Thank you, Suzi and Fred, for documenting the beauty of our country and sharing your experiences with all of us.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards, I am submitting the following information regarding projects I received funding for as part of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Army Research, Development, Test, & Evaluation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Grand Valley State University and Mary Free Bed Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 301 Michigan Street, NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Description of Request: This bill provides \$1,460,000 for the Midwest Traumatic Injury Rehabilitation Center. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer money because this Center will combine the state-of-the-art medical

and rehabilitation team care currently delivered by Mary Free Bed Hospital and the curriculum development, evaluative and educational expertise of Grand Valley State University to provide comprehensive wounded warrior care closer to home to reduce the burden on families and establish a model for the nation.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Navy Research, Development, Test, & Evaluation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: GE Aviation Systems LLC

Address of Requesting Entity: 3290 Patterson Ave, Grand Rapids, MI 49512

Description of Request: This bill provides \$2,500,000 for the Precision Engagement Technologies Required for Unmanned Systems (PETRUS). This is a valuable use of taxpayer money because PETRUS will compress the timeline associated with an unmanned system finding, fixing, tracking, targeting, engaging and assessing targets of interest. This project will develop a system for small unmanned air systems that is capable of precisely tracking mobile targets of interest under a wide range of highly dynamic conditions.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of the Department of Defense Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2010, H.R.3326.

My Congressional District received \$1,700,000 for research at the University of Nebraska at Omaha's College of Information Science and Technology's work with Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems. These systems control critical national and defense infrastructure such as gas pipelines, utilities, and railroads.

The Department of Defense, power companies, manufacturing plants and transportation networks rely on Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems. The Department of Homeland Security has grown increasingly concerned over the lack of security of SCADA networks. This concern is due to the fact that SCADA control systems are primarily owned by private companies and have been assembled together in a patchwork fashion over time to improve efficiency. Even though many military bases, including those operated by the U.S. Air Force, have separate SCADA systems in place to provide local power, they remain vulnerable because they use commercially produced, potentially flawed SCADA system hardware and software. Likewise, the U.S. electric power industry uses SCADA systems and is a potential target for terrorist attacks. Nearly 1,700 of the 3,200 power utilities have some type of SCADA system in place, and roughly one quarter of these utilities have no separation between the corporate network and the system control network. Clearly, U.S. infrastructure is operating in a very dangerous mode. External entities

that may be able to gain access to control centers could turn off power, reroute trains, or shut down factories. Thus, a national security concern exists on two fronts: the capabilities of the military and public infrastructure safety.

This project will develop methods which will be used within SCADA systems to increase the authenticity and integrity of data that provide control information. To achieve this goal, researchers will work with the U.S. Air Force and local industries to assess the most commonly used SCADA legacy equipment. This research will be guided by a project-specific advisory board to ensure it is consistent and well-integrated into other national efforts and valuable to private sector infrastructure operators. This board could include members from Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, U.S. Department of Energy, Air Force Office Scientific Research, USSTRATCOM, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Nebraska Public Power District, Omaha Public Power District, Northern Natural Gas, and Union Pacific Railroad.

Education and Analysis Labs (mentioned above) will be used to conduct this work. The team is also well recognized in the cybersecurity community, as evidenced by the DoD-sponsored International Cyber Defense Workshop hosted at UNO in October 2008 with over 100 participations from 16 countries. UNO is also uniquely positioned to perform advanced cybersecurity research specifically in SCADA system security because its researchers have connections with personnel in the military, industrial, and public infrastructure sectors using SCADA systems. These strong partnerships will guide and direct the research and its application. Researchers will also collaborate with Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, which has a SCADA system test bed and currently employs UNO graduates working on SCADA system problems.

I was pleased to see this funding included in the Defense Appropriations Bill.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican Leadership standards, the following information is submitted regarding funding received in the first district of Texas as part of H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

LeTourneau University Air Traffic-Collegiate Training Initiative. LeTourneau University, P.O. Box 7001, Longview, Texas 75607, Department of Education Higher Education (includes FIPSE) account, \$350,000 to purchase needed radar and control tower simulators for the new Air Traffic-Collegiate Training Initiative program. This Initiative would benefit the nation by training students in a simulated real-world environment where air traffic control procedures and techniques can be learned, practiced, and refined, to help fill the national shortage.

Keeping America Competitive: Consortium for STEM Preparation for Engineering Project. The University of Texas at Tyler, 3900 Univer-

sity Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75799, Department of Education Higher Education (includes FIPSE) account, \$300,000 for researching and developing products and solutions to reform STEM education and build capacity to address the extremely critical shortage of world-class engineers, while lessening reliance on foreign engineers.

Angelina College Health Careers Program. Angelina College, 3500 South First Street, Lufkin, Texas 75904, Department of Health & Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services account, \$200,000 for the expansion of the Health Careers program. This project will serve the valuable purpose of providing trained and licensed professionals in areas of shortage to address the health care needs and lessen the ongoing need for American healthcare providers having to recruit outside the United States. This will assist in providing Americans to supply the professional shortfall.

REMEMBERING THE FALL OF ZEPA

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, on Saturday July 25 Bosnians commemorated the fourteenth anniversary of the tragic fall of Zepa. The town of Zepa was one of the six United Nations-declared safe havens in Bosnia during the war of aggression from 1992 to 1995. In May 1993, a United Nations Security Council resolution held out to this town in eastern Bosnia the promise of protection from the forces of Republika Srpska. In Zepa the local residents, people from the surrounding area, and refugees from other cities and towns gathered to be shielded from Serbian aggression.

But, Madam Speaker, the men, women, and children seeking refuge in Zepa were not shielded. The forces of Republika Srpska, who had laid siege to Zepa in the summer of 1992, were not impressed by UN safe havens, and neither the UN nor anyone else was committed to defending the safe havens. On July 25, 1995, the forces of Republika Srpska overpowered Zepa's defenders and began to occupy the town.

In July Avdo Palic, colonel of the Bosnian government force defending Zepa, performed a hero's work in evacuating as many civilians as he could, despite operating under constant shelling and the threat of starvation from the forces of Republika Srpska. Palic participated in negotiations which resulted in the safe evacuation of approximately 5,000 Bosnian civilians. On July 27 Palic traveled to the UN Protection Force Compound, in order to secure the evacuation of Zepa's remaining inhabitants: he has not been seen since and his fate is still unknown.

Madam Speaker, looking back on the tragedy of Zepa, we remember the loss of countless innocent lives. Our government cannot give back to the survivors the precious lives of the family members and friends of the people of Zepa, Srebrenica, Sarajevo, Bihac, Gorazde, and Tuzla, but it can support their pursuit of justice. Our government must do everything it can to discover the fate of Avdo