

and operatives in Dubai, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Switzerland and Turkey. Though much of the network was taken down following his confession, there is no conclusive evidence that it was destroyed.

Khan is again a loose nuke scientist with proven ability to sell the worst weapons to the worst people. Hopefully, appropriate Pakistani officials worry as we do that their civilians could become nuclear targets—as could NATO soldiers in neighboring Afghanistan or civilians in any number of Western countries.

Our bill provides a path for the Zardari government to do the right thing—to allow the U.S. to evaluate the full extent of A. Q. Khan's proliferation activities in order to halt any ongoing or future harm.

VEOLIA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to honor Veolia Environmental Services and their facility in Port Arthur, TX, for their successful destruction of 1.5 million gallons of what was once the deadly nerve agent VX. Working in conjunction with Tri-State Motor Transit (TSMT) and the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA), they were able to complete the project safely and on time.

In the 1950s, the United States began to stockpile VX. Signed by the U.S. in 1993, The International Chemical Weapons Convention requires destruction of all chemical agents by participating nations by specified target dates. The U.S. had a stockpile of VX at the Newport Chemical Weapons Depot in Newport, Indiana where they could deactivate the chemical. They needed a facility to destroy hydrolysate, the caustic wastewater created by the agent's destruction.

The CMA discussed building a \$300 million facility in Indiana to handle the process but the terrorist attack of 2001 forced them to reconsider. In 2007 they awarded Veolia with a \$49 million contract to incinerate the corrosive wastewater. The wastewater would be put in specialized containers and hauled more than 1,000 miles through 8 states by TSMT to Veolia's Port Arthur facility where it would be destroyed.

This is not the type of project that a community greets with open arms. Two other sites denied the venture due to political and community concerns. Public protests and a federal lawsuit almost derailed the project once more, but Veolia made a promise to handle the job safely, in accordance with all regulations and without impact to the environment, 18 months and 428 shipments later, the process concluded without a single incident of any kind.

The project was successful on a number of levels. By utilizing the Port Arthur facility, taxpayers were saved close to \$250 million. Veolia was able to assist the U.S. government in accomplishing its treaty obligations in an expeditious and safe manner. They also brought money and national attention to Southeast Texas.

I would like to commend Veolia Environmental Services and their employees for their hard work and dedication during this project.

Companies like Veolia that care about the community they serve make Southeast Texas such a special place.

INTRODUCING THE NURSING HOME EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the Nursing Home Emergency Assistance Act. This act makes private, for-profit nursing homes eligible for the same federal aid as is currently available to public nursing homes. Under current federal law, only public nursing homes may receive federal disaster assistance. However, hurricanes, tornadoes, and earthquakes do not distinguish between private and public, or for-profit and not-for-profit, nursing homes.

As I have recently seen in my district, all nursing homes face unique challenges coping with natural disasters and their aftermaths. It is not fair to the taxpayers who work in, reside in, or have entrusted the care of their loved ones to, a private nursing home that private nursing homes are denied the same federal aid available to their public counterparts. Mr. Speaker, the Nursing Home Emergency Assistance Act ensures all residents of nursing homes can benefit from federal disaster aid. I encourage my colleagues to support this legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE FAIRFAX COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2009 VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today, joined by my colleagues Rep. FRANK WOLF and Rep. JAMES MORAN, to recognize an outstanding group of men and women in Northern Virginia. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and have been awarded the prestigious Valor Award by the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce.

The Valor Awards recognize remarkable heroism and bravery in the line of duty exemplified by our public safety agencies and their commitment to the community. Our public safety and law enforcement personnel put their lives on the line every day to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. More than 80 awards were presented at this year's ceremony in a variety of categories: The Lifesaving Award, the Certificate of Valor, or the Bronze, Silver, or Gold Medal of Valor.

Two members of the Town of Herndon Police Department have earned this highest honor. It is with great pride that we submit their names into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Recipient of the Lifesaving Award: Captain Robert L. Presgrave.

Recipient of the Certificate of Valor: Sergeant Darcy L. Nidell.

Madam Speaker, in closing, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the men

and women who serve in the Town of Herndon Police Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Fairfax County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. We ask our colleagues to join us in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

IN RECOGNITION OF TALLADEGA COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM WINNING NATIONAL TITLE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask the attention of the House today to pay recognition to The Talladega College Tornadoes Men's Basketball Team for winning their first United States Collegiate Athletic Association National Championship Title.

The Talladega College Tornadoes won the national title on Saturday, March 7th in Uniontown, Pennsylvania on the Penn State Fayette campus by beating Rochester College 45 to 31.

I am proud to recognize Head Coach Matt Cross, President Billy Hawkins and the entire Tornado team and staff for their outstanding athleticism both on and off the basketball court. I congratulate each of these young men in claiming their first national championship for Talladega College.

Players: Romondo Banks, Jorge Canedo, Jeral Davis, Michael Ervine, Tory Guillory, Micah Hagans, Ricardo Moss, Donell Pope, Patrick Rodgers and Tarium Taylor.

Coaches: Matt Cross—Athletic Director and Head Men's Basketball Coach; Randy Pulley—Assistant Coach; Ricky Smith—Assistant Coach; Hellion Knight—Assistant Coach; and Demond Walker—Athletic Trainer.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, "Pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of HR 1105."

1) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: US Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Fort Point Road, Galveston, Texas

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$382,000 to complete investigations at Freeport Harbor, Texas in furtherance of maintaining a federally authorized waterway.

2) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: US Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Fort Point Road, Galveston, Texas

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$406,000 to complete investigations in the Lower Colorado River Basin, Texas in furtherance of a federally authorized flood study.

3) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: US Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Fort Point Road, Galveston, Texas

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,264,000 to complete investigations in the Lower Colorado River Basin and Wharton and Onion Creeks, Texas in furtherance of a federally authorized flood study.

4) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: US Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Fort Point Road, Galveston, Texas

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$382,000 to complete investigations at GIWW Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay, Texas in furtherance of maintaining a federally authorized waterway.

5) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: US Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Fort Point Road, Galveston, Texas

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,914,000 to complete construction work at Texas City Ship Channel, Texas in furtherance of maintaining a federally authorized waterway.

6) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: US Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Fort Point Road, Galveston, Texas

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$20,766,000 to complete construction work at Houston-Galveston Navigation Channel, Texas in furtherance of maintaining a federally authorized waterway.

7) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: US Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Fort Point Road, Galveston, Texas

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$478,000 to complete construction work at Houston Ship Channel, Texas in furtherance of maintaining a federally authorized waterway.

8) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: US Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Fort Point Road, Galveston, Texas

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$478,000 to complete construction work at Clear Creek, Texas in furtherance of a federally authorized flood control.

9) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: US Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Fort Point Road, Galveston, Texas

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$323,000 to maintain the Channel to Port Bolivar, Texas in furtherance of a federally authorized water project.

10) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: US Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Fort Point Road, Galveston, Texas

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$6,516,000 to maintain Freeport Harbor, Texas in furtherance of a federally authorized water project.

11) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: US Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Fort Point Road, Galveston, Texas

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$5,590,000 to maintain Galveston Harbor Channel, Texas in furtherance of a federally authorized water project.

12) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: US Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Fort Point Road, Galveston, Texas

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,512,000 to maintain the GIWW Channel to Victoria, Texas in furtherance of a federally authorized water project.

13) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: US Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Fort Point Road, Galveston, Texas

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,716,000 to maintain the GIWW Chocolate Bayou, Texas in furtherance of a federally authorized water project.

14) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: US Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Fort Point Road, Galveston, Texas

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$5,730,000 to maintain the Matagorda Ship Channel, Texas in furtherance of a federally authorized water project.

15) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: US Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Fort Point Road, Galveston, Texas

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,376,000 to maintain the Texas City Ship Channel, Texas in furtherance of a federally authorized water project.

16) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: US Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Fort Point Road, Galveston, Texas

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,622,000 to maintain the Wallisville Lake, Texas in furtherance of a federally authorized water project.

17) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: US Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Fort Point Road, Galveston, Texas

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$29,586,000 to maintain the GIWW, Texas in furtherance of a federally authorized water project.

18) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: US Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Fort Point Road, Galveston, Texas

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$13,788,000 to maintain the Houston Ship Channel, Texas in furtherance of a federally authorized water project.

19) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Transportation, Buses and Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Galveston

Address of Requesting Entity: 823 Rosenberg, Galveston, Texas 77553

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$237,500 for transit facility renovation in Galveston, Texas in furtherance of hurricane recovery.

20) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Transportation, CTPS

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Galveston

Address of Requesting Entity: 823 Rosenberg, Galveston, Texas 77553

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$95,000 for work on the Seawall in Galveston, Texas in furtherance of hurricane recovery.

21) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Transportation, Buses and Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 568 Big Bend Drive, Victoria, TX 77904

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$237,500 for bus replacement in Victoria, Texas in furtherance of transportation system improvement to enhance job retention and creation in and around Victoria, Texas

22) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: HHS, HRSA, Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Memorial Hermann Health Care Systems

Address of Requesting Entity: 7737 Southwest Freeway, Houston, Texas 77074

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$190,000 for healthcare facilities and equipment in and around Houston, Texas

23) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Education, Innovation and Improvements

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Reach out and Read

Address of Requesting Entity: 56 Roland Street, Suite 100D; Boston, MA 02129

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$4,965,000 for reading based federally-funded national educational program.

24) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Education, Innovation and Improvements

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Reading is Fundamental (RIF)

Address of Requesting Entity: 1825 Connecticut Avenue, NW—Suite 400; Washington, DC 20009

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$24,803,000 for reading based federally-funded national educational program.

25) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Education, Innovation and Improvements

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: SURE BET

Address of Requesting Entity: 5606 N. Navarro, Suite 200 R; Victoria, TX 77904

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$95,000 for program to reduce school drop-out rates in and around Victoria, Texas

26) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Economic Development Initiatives
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Housing and Community Services, Inc

Address of Requesting Entity: 8610 N. New Braunfels, Suite 500; San Antonio, TX 78217

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$23,750 for equipment at Fox Run Apartments in Victoria, Texas

27) Requesting Member: Congressman RON PAUL

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: OJP, Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texana Center, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4910 Airport Avenue, Rosenberg, TX 77471

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for Nublac drug rehabilitation program targeted to serve minority residents in and around Bay City, Texas

CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL FOR RABBI ARTHUR SCHNEIER

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, for almost half a century Rabbi Arthur Schneier has promoted religious freedom and human rights throughout the world. A Holocaust survivor, and the Founder and President of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, Rabbi Schneier has devoted his life to overcoming the forces of hatred and intolerance.

He has been a pioneer in bringing together religious leaders to address, ethnic or religious conflicts. For example, in Bosnia in 1997, he convened government and religious leaders to promote healing and conciliation between Orthodox, Muslim and Jewish communities. In the Balkans, the Caucasus and Central Asia he worked with the Orthodox Patriarch and the Turkish Government to hold the Peace and Tolerance Conference in 1994 and address religious and ethnic tensions in that area. In the former Yugoslavia, he mobilized religious leaders to halt the bloodshed of the early 90s, holding the Religious Summit on the Former Yugoslavia and the Conflict Resolution Conference to build support and consensus among religious leaders of different faiths. Since the early 1980s, he has led delegations of religious leaders to China to open a dialogue on religious freedom.

Born in Vienna, Austria, in 1930, Rabbi Schneier lived under Nazi occupation in Budapest during World War II and came to the United States in 1947. He has been the Spiritual Leader of the Park East Synagogue in New York City since 1962.

Today I am reintroducing the Rabbi Arthur Schneier Gold Medal act and I urge my colleague to support this legislation in recognition of a truly remarkable man.

RECOGNIZING AT&T FOR JOBS CREATION AND COMMITMENT TO CLEAN ENERGY

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise to applaud AT&T for its commitment to creating new jobs with an environmentally friendly, clean energy business model.

At a time when millions of Americans are suffering through one of the most difficult economies in many years, AT&T plans to create 3,000 new jobs as part of an \$18 billion investment. Under this initiative, the company will enhance its broadband capacity—increasing Internet speed and accessibility for its customers.

AT&T also plans to invest \$565 million in replacing its current fleet with 15,000 domestically manufactured Compressed Natural Gas, CNG, and alternative-fuel vehicles. Over the next 10 years, this will create or save 1,000 jobs.

The Center for Automotive Research, CAR, in Ann Arbor, MI., estimates that the new vehicles will save 49 million gallons of gasoline and reduce carbon emissions by 211,000 metric tons over the 10-year deployment period. That is equivalent to removing the emissions from more than 38,600 traditional passenger vehicles for a year.

Madam Speaker, AT&T has not only answered the call to help lead this country out of the economic downturn, but done so in an environmentally conscious manner. AT&T stands as a strong example for corporate America, and I hope that others will follow in their footsteps.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, today, I was unexpectedly detained at a doctor's appointment and missed one vote. I would like the RECORD to reflect how I would have voted.

Rollcall No. 116, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 67, Recognizing and commending the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), and Cornell University for the success of the Mars Exploration Rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, on the 5th anniversary of their successful landing, I would have voted "yea."

SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Mr. SIRE. Mr. Speaker. I rise today in support of House Resolution 194, supporting the goals of International Women's Day. Women have come a long way in our nation; leading graduation rates at universities, running major corporations and being elected to the highest levels of government. I am proud to live in a country where more women than ever before are being elected to office and I am proud to serve with the first woman Speaker of the House of Representatives. However, many women around the world continue to be less fortunate; living in poverty, without access to health care, education or basic human rights. We must continue to be their voice, so that women all across the world will one day have the ability to make their own decisions about their lives. I hope that by providing women with the tools to educate themselves, they are better equipped to provide for their families, protect themselves against HIV/AIDS, end cycles of domestic violence, and fight for their rights. Mr. Speaker, we must continue to support the goals of International Women's Day to