

Law enforcement officers in St. Landry Parish nominated Arthur for an incident that occurred in August of 2008, when he successfully disarmed a gunman on the campus of T.H. Harris Technical College in Opelousas, Louisiana. Upon seeing a man produce a gun and fire shots, Arthur quickly reacted and saved the lives of several innocent bystanders.

Arthur, a happily-married man with two children, proudly serves as a custodian at the technical college, where he has worked for twelve years. Coworkers describe him as “a very professional individual”, “a wonderful employee”, and “an integral part of campus.” Today, he will be attending a banquet to receive the award with the dean of the college, Allen Espree.

Again, congratulations to Arthur Lee Henry, one of Louisiana’s “Citizen Heroes” for taking pride in the campus he proudly serves.

2009 CONGRESSIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. THOMAS J. ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. ROONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the efforts and achievements of the 2009 Congressional Award recipients. Striving to better themselves and inspire others, these individuals have invested countless hours into public service, built their strength and endurance through academic and athletic pursuits, and explored their own abilities in new and challenging arenas. Volunteerism, self-discipline, and determination are hallmarks of this class of award recipients, and their passion rightfully deserves the admiration of this House.

The Congressional Awards recognize four avenues of individual growth—community service, physical fitness, exploration, and personal development—while acknowledging their interconnectivity in forming balanced and promising young citizens.

In their pursuit of these goals, recipients have encouraged the growth of new skills and greater confidence. For many, these projects will be the cornerstone for future endeavors, further enriching their lives and encouraging others to follow their lead.

The 2009 Congressional Award winners demonstrate dedication to improving their communities and making the world a better place.

The following are honored recipients of the 2009 Congressional Award:

Alec Kohli, Lukas Bergqvist, Ashley Macres, Kristen Glass, Stephanie Glass, Sarah Williams, Kelly Chen, Renee Jorgensen, Spencer Chase, Mark Felicio, Todd Lundrigan, George Major, Sarah Schwab, Charles Su, Christopher Barnum, Sacha Finn, Cameron Chalfant, John Hunsaker, Malinda Seu, Lynn Tse, Natalie Millman, Kathryn Gasparro, Heather Mauldin, Jena Mauldin, Andy Powers Davis, David Steinmetz, Christina DiMarzio, Courtney Cox, Hayley Gibson, Drake Gordon, Alexandra Abadia, Brian Asker, Christian Estevez, Jessica Fillhaber, Jordan Gallas, Stefan Hogle, Shannon Johnson, Kiera Kadri, Jesse Lively, Nicholas Lively, Adam Pere, Aleks Poirier, Maxwell Poirier, Mitchell Poirier,

Faren Silverman, Philip Stumpf, Neil Zimmerman, Erin Brannen, Katherine Brattebo, Taylor Celedinas, Lyndsay Daubert, Elizabeth Doane, Michelle Hardin, Adam Hollander, Summer Lubart, Connor Melnyk, Amanda Pekar, Jessica Olsen, Joshua Howard, Michael Moroz, Jenna Harris, Ashley Newman, Weston Newman, Rebecca Brazeale, Jeralyn Westercamp, Katelyn Benton, Jonathan Bertsch, Kyle Felzien, Heather Layher, Josh Layher, Jacob Levi, Daniel Revard, Shelby Roth, Kathryn Vincent, Lyndsey Vincent, Megan Breeding, Shawn Bybee, Ida Fischer, Hosanna Kabakoro, Mary Jordan Langfield, Elizabeth Middleton, Justin Novacek, Anna Sandven, Ryan Seastrom, Rebecca Seward, Candace Trautwein, Alexander Hawkins, Erica Newell, Melanie Spung, David Cieply, Emily Carlile, Alex Cain, Joshua Chudy, Lisa Huber, Jadhken Kerr, Jadhon Kerr, Rachel Battershaw, Annie Burke, Dakota Hauserman, Rachel Matthew, Denver Shipman, Scott Shipman, Emilee Whitesell, Mari Reeves, Tyler Wilcox, Brandi Thomas, Christopher Camillucci, Niels Steadman, Todd Sharpe, Kristen Barnett, Cassandra Dalrymple, Joanna Guy, Henry Zheng, Joseph Jendrusina, Veronica Kirin, Jenna Bjorke, Alexander Mace, Ashley Mace, Ami Mehta, Emma Frey, Kelsey Abele, Elizabeth Lewis, Tyler Camp, Daniel Clark, Cory Gargus, Chelsi Smith, Justin Armstrong, Mattie Carter, Ashley Cooper, Derek Lair, Steven Elliott, Alston Harris, Eleanor Hoppe, Sarah Smith, Colin Sorensen, Katherine Aronoff, Summer Brecht, Elizabeth Cubbage, Jordan Phifer, Eric Stump, Katie Stump, Rebecca Wentzel, Steven Zipparo, Gabrielle Giaquinto, Madeline Giaquinto, Sonam Shah, Nicholas Stango, John Voorhees, Samantha Albala, Patrick Chevalier, Robert Dorfman, Adam Gross, Megan Arguell, Alexandra Garney, Megan Partridge, Nevin Raj, Neal Bakshi, Elizabeth Bogdon, Sean Lu, Tina Shiang, Rebecca Wu, Christina Borovilas, Mary-Katherine Rose, Sujay Tyle, Nandini Srinivasan, Michael Cox, Mike Eklund, Teor Khuon, Du Luong, Phong Ma, Quyen Ma, Nhan Nguyen, Tevorith Srong, Srun Chhang, Le Long, Phanit Nhem, Mi Ta, Camlung Ung, Kyle Zhu, Jazmin Richardson, Vinay Trivedi, Cuiping Chen, Cuiyu Chen, Jillian Comer, Elizabeth Donahoe, Jacob Feldman, Julie Ann Haldeman, Brittany Love, James McDonald, Julia Melin, Victoria Patchell, Marta Piotrowicz, Julia Powers, Jocelyn Simons, Michelle Wojciechowicz, Tyler Zimmerman, Stephanie Bernasconi, Luis Gutierrez, Joaquin Mondragon, Amin Ruiz, Brian Elgort, Ryan Kane, Kent Willis, Michele Felberg, Christina Noblett, Amanda Vining, John Bradshaw, Collin Evans, Christine Folger, Britt Brandon, Sarah Gresser, Alicia Hanson, Jonathan Hanson, McKenna Rankin, Marshall Christopher, Karen Pickens, Cassandra Tuten, Mark Van Wagenen, Jenessa Barch, Faith Jones, Amanda O'Malley, Katherine Shannon, George Smith III, Dana Matthews, Blythe Hall, Devin Hall, Kaitlin Smith, Jacqueline Bedsaul, Taryn Bierhuizen, Courtney Owens, Patrick Crow, Matthew Cutler, Sam Pauken, Stephanie Redfern, Jennifer Baltas, Alexander Grigg, Emily Green, David Ramish, Nicolo Mendolia, Alexander Chin, Chelsea Green, Ryan Pyke, Leanne Paulsen, Lauren Below, James Hilgendorf, Paul Isaac Picklesimer, John Tate Bauman, Nicole Clikeman, Beth Cochran, Alex Coolidge, Kali Gentleman, Jessica Griffith, Keegan Hall,

Taylor Hanzlik, Ian Kline, Edward Lynch, Michael Aaron Meier, Stephanie Meisner, Christina Nielsen, Betsy Plemons, Christopher Plemons, Kurt B. Rangitsch, Sara Rangitsch, Katrina Sauter, Katherine Stewart, Lara Wilson.

HONORING RECIPIENTS OF THE 2009 FAIRFAX COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of this year's Fairfax County Human Rights Awards. Jeannie Cummins Eisenhower, Philip N. Reeves, Robert B. Worley, and the Communities of Faith United for Housing will be honored on July 2nd 2009 for their dedication and commitment to the community.

Each year, the Fairfax County Human Rights Commission presents the Human Rights Awards to individuals, nonprofits, and business who “demonstrate accomplishments in eliminating discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, marital status, age or disability in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodations, private education and credit.”

Ms. Eisenhower is recognized for her commitment to working with members of the community with disabilities, opening opportunities to them and educating the public on their specific needs. Her distinguished work has aided persons with disabilities throughout Fairfax County and the D.C. area. Her accomplishments include working with the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority to ensure that it amend its universal design policy to accommodate those with special needs. Ms. Eisenhower is not only president of the board for the Coalition for Housing Opportunities in the Community for Everyone, but she also is director of development for RPJ Housing. She uses her positions to work tirelessly on behalf of disability groups to ensure accessible and affordable housing.

Philip N. Reeves is recognized for his work as a health services advocate, educator and author. After serving in the Air Force, he worked to develop the Leaders of Tomorrow program which works to eliminate discrimination in nursing and long term care methods.

Robert B. Worley is a deserving recipient for his dedicated work on behalf of people in need in Fairfax County and the D.C. area. A leader of the United Way's Fairfax County/Falls Church campaign, he has been an indispensable asset to and dedicated fundraiser for local and regional charities. Mr. Worley has also dedicated his time working with organizations like the YMCA and the American Heart Association, raising funds to help those in need.

This year, The Virginia Peters Fair Housing Award and the Human Rights Award are being given to the Communities of Faith United for Housing (CFUH). The CFUH is an advocacy network of faith communities and nonprofit organizations that are committed to increasing the amount of affordable housing in Fairfax County for low-income families and individuals. The CFUH is especially dedicated to providing long term housing to the homeless or

those who are dangerously close to becoming homeless. They have dedicated time to educating the public and elected officials on how to do more to provide low-income housing and have worked with the community and the county to create the Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness. Their work has provided an invaluable service to the community.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring these individuals and their dedicated service to the community. Their commitment is deserving of not only the prestigious Human Rights Award, but of our respect and deep appreciation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. CARTER. 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: JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: STAG

Requesting entity: City of Temple, TX

Address of Requesting Entity: 2 North Main Street, Suite 306, Temple, TX 76501

Description: \$500,000 was secured for a wastewater Interceptor that will enable the construction of approximately 9,000 feet of wastewater main line and 11,500 feet of wastewater interceptor. \$50,000 will be spent on a Preliminary Design, \$155,000 on the Final Design, \$10,000 to Bid & Award construction, \$1.7 million for construction, and \$85,000 for construction administration. The total price for this project is \$2 million. The requesting entity will provide the required funding match. Construction of this piece of utility infrastructure will benefit taxpayers by providing wastewater service to Industrial Park tenants. Wastewater services are critical to the services required for a growing economy.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

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. NADLER of New York. Madam Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 2892, the Homeland Security Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2010.

While the bill provides vitally necessary funds to secure our nation's safety, it also contains a troubling provision regarding people who are currently detained at the Guantanamo

Bay facility. This provision would prohibit the use of any funds in the bill to provide any immigration benefits to any Guantanamo detainee. Examples provided by the bill of such benefits include "a visa, admission into the United States, parole into the United States, or classification as a refugee or applicant for asylum." The language does include the proviso that nothing in this provision prohibits detainees from being brought into the United States for prosecution.

Now, I want to prosecute and punish anyone who has sought to harm the United States or is responsible for attacks on the United States and its people. But, we do not know that everyone in Guantanamo fits into this category. There are likely people still imprisoned at Guantanamo today who are there, not because they are a threat, but because our government can not figure out what to do with them. As you know, the Bush Administration already released many people from Guantanamo who were wrongly detained there and our courts have ordered the release of others who apparently were not linked to any terrorist organization and pose no threat to the United States. There were, and possibly still are, innocent people being detained by our government at Guantanamo Bay.

It is shameful for our country to deny a visa to an innocent person who we have determined is no threat to the United States, who the United States wrongly imprisoned for years, who may be prosecuted if returned to his own country, and who the United States may not be able to send to any other country. Frankly, if they are innocent of any crime and pose no threat to the United States, they should be allowed to come to the United States. In addition, I do not see how we can deny them asylum if we determine they have a legitimate fear of persecution if sent anywhere else.

Because the Homeland Security bill provides such critical funding to first responders all over the country, and especially to my city of New York, I can not justify voting against it. Funding for these services is desperately needed.

However, I want to warn my colleagues about the dangers of reflexively adding provisions to every appropriations bill that may end up further harming innocent people who were mistakenly imprisoned by our government. If you want to make a political point that you oppose terrorists, fine. But, you have to allow for the fact that until we know for sure that all of the people remaining at Guantanamo are terrorists, it is not right to punish everyone who is there just to make a political point. We have a moral obligation to do better.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

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. 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. LANGEVIN. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of the fiscal year 2010 National Defense Authorization Act, and I want to thank my good friend Chairman SKELTON for his leadership in crafting an excellent bill.

This bill gives not only gives our service men and women the tools they need to keep our nation safe, but it also makes valuable investments in programs and projects that support our military families, increase oversight of our war efforts and further critical non-proliferation efforts. It recognizes the sacrifices made not only by our troops, but by their families as well, providing a 3.4 percent pay raise, expanded TRICARE coverage, and \$1.95 billion for military family housing. This measure will increase oversight and accountability by requiring the President to report on U.S. goals in Afghanistan and Pakistan and our redeployment from Iraq. It also adds \$2.5 billion to programs designed to stop the proliferation of nuclear weapons, one of the most urgent threats the world faces today. Finally, the bill strengthens our nation's missile defense capabilities, by increasing funding for systems vital to protect against real threats while balancing technology development to face the needs of tomorrow.

I am particularly pleased with the steps taken in this bill to ensure that contractor waste, fraud and abuse is brought to an end and that we have an efficient and fair system for meeting critical defense needs. During the Armed Services Committee's mark-up, I offered an amendment, which was adopted by voice vote, to alter the OMB Circular A-76 process for determining which activities are inherently governmental functions and vital to our national defense. My amendment will ensure the A-76 process is fair for our government workforce and provide the Obama Administration a chance to address past failures of the A-76 process.

This legislation also addresses the need to enhance our military's cybersecurity capabilities. Cyberspace is a growing component of the modern battlefield, and we must ensure our forces are prepared for the wars of tomorrow. I applaud the efforts of the Secretary of Defense and the services to meet the growing threat of cyberattacks. I am concerned, however, that individuals with critical cyber skills are not making a career in the uniformed services. We need to do everything in our power to recruit and retain talented and experienced individuals, and that is why I offered an amendment during committee consideration that requires the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress a report assessing the challenges to retention and professional development of uniformed and civilian cyber operators. I am pleased that this requirement is now included in the bill before us today. This report will help define numbers of personnel, recruitment and retention incentives, policy impediments, and methods to improve interagency and academic outreach to individuals with critical cyber skills.

Finally, I also want to give praise to Secretary Gates, Chairman SKELTON and Chairwoman TAUSCHER for working with our military commanders to shape a budget that protects the U.S. and our allies from real ballistic missile threats. The bill provides \$9.3 billion for missile defense, supporting critical programs that are tested and operational and eliminating