

Section: 1321

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Nassau County Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 1490 Franklin Avenue, Mineola, NY 11501

Description of Request: The transfer of two excess 41-foot utility boats from the U.S. Coast Guard to the Nassau County Police Department. The conveyance of these vessels will enhance the port and homeland security capabilities within the region.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOC HASTINGS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I wish to record that had I been present I would have voted in favor of H.R. 1168, the Veterans Retraining Act; H. Res. 291, Recognizing the crucial role of assistance dogs in helping wounded veterans live more independent lives; and S. 509, to authorize a major medical facility project at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Walla Walla, Washington. The late notice by the Majority of this week's schedule made it impossible to secure a flight back from my district in time for these votes.

S. 509 is of particular importance, as it authorizes \$71.4 million to design and construct a new veterans outpatient clinic and renovate existing facilities at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center at Walla Walla, Washington State. The Walla Walla facilities serve 70,000 veterans in Oregon, Idaho and Washington State, including many in my own Congressional district. This bill has my strong support and I commend my colleagues for supporting it.

RECOGNIZING THE CRUCIAL ROLE OF ASSISTANCE DOGS IN HELPING WOUNDED VETERANS

SPEECH OF

HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2009

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support H. Res. 291, a resolution honoring the work of Tower of Hope, an organization that provides assistance dogs to disabled veterans.

Thanks to modern medicine, more and more of our brave men and women are able to survive wounds that may have been fatal in the past. This is a blessing, but it requires new tools in order to ensure that these soldiers lead productive lives.

Tower of Hope helps to keep America's promise to disabled veterans and helps improve their quality of life after their service. Tower of Hope helps veterans cross the street, go to work, take their medications, and visit the doctor's office. Tower of Hope has also helped me to craft H.R. 3266, the Wounded Warrior K9 Corps Act, legislation to reimburse organizations for the work they do in training assistance dogs and veterans.

I have seen these programs in action. These programs succeed, and I believe that every American who puts on a uniform and

risks their life for this country should have the full support of this Congress.

I thank my colleague from Florida, Mr. HASTINGS for his leadership on this resolution and the staff and supporters of the Tower of Hope for their important work, and I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

HONORING DONALD K. WHITE, JR.

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, today I honor the life and work of Donald K. White, Jr. who passed away earlier this month after a truly courageous fight with cancer.

Don White was the Assistant Superintendent for the AOC's Capitol Superintendent's Office since 2000, and began his career with the Architect of the Capitol in June 1990. His service to our great country started with the U.S. Marine Corps.

Don White always took great pride in his work, and was committed to providing outstanding service to Congress and the visiting public. Under his direction, the American people have enjoyed several major events at the Capitol, including the past three Presidential Inaugurations. He was truly the personification of the excellent work and values that we strive to embody in our own service to the government.

Madam Speaker, Donald White, Jr. is survived by his children, Donald III and Ashley, and his grandson Matthew Alexander White. I know that I speak for all of my colleagues when I say that he will be remembered, and missed, for his lifelong work and service to our government and our nation.

HONORING WALTER M. LAWSON, JR., OHIO VETERANS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame will hold a ceremony in Columbus this week to mark the induction of its 2009 class. I am honored to commend to the House one of these inductees: the late Walter M. Lawson, Jr., of Lima.

A graduate of North High School in Columbus, Mr. Lawson earned his undergraduate degree at The Ohio State University in 1941. Following his distinguished service in the Second World War, he returned to his alma mater, completing his juris doctorate work in 1948. He later served in the Korean Conflict, achieving the rank of captain.

Aside from his time in Korea, Mr. Lawson served the Lima community in private legal practice from 1948 to his death in 2006. Additionally, he was Lima's law director for four years, preceded by seven years as assistant law director. From 1974 until his death, he also served the Village of Elida as its solicitor. He was president of the Ohio State Bar Association and the Allen County Bar Association,

and was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States.

Mr. Lawson's devotion to community service provides us with an outstanding model of civic participation. A past president of the local Jaycees and past chairman of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission, he was a charter member and longtime leader in Ohio Optimist International, which honored him with inclusion in its hall of fame and also with the 2007 Humanitarian Award. His devotion to the youth of Lima and Allen County was well known from his service to the Lima Area Youth Orchestra, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Junior Achievement Board. He held numerous offices at Lima's Market Street Presbyterian Church, where he was a member for more than a half century.

Mr. Lawson was a life member of the Allen County chapter of the Disabled American Veterans, Post 96 of the American Legion, Post 1275 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Lima AMVETS chapter, and the Korean War Veterans Association. Additionally, he served as president of the Allen County Veterans Service Commission.

Madam Speaker, selection for the Hall of Fame is a high honor accorded to only 20 Ohioans each year. To be considered for induction, individuals must not only serve the nation honorably in the military, but also reflect the high value of service to others in their post-military careers.

I am pleased to join in the accolades for Mr. Walter M. Lawson, Jr., and his inestimable record of service as he is inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO EVA MAE HARDEN

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the life and legacy of the late Ms. Eva Mae Harden. It is with both profound sadness, but also an enduring sense of gratitude that I recognize her for the tremendous inspiration she provided to the South Florida community.

Ms. Harden was born on March 15, 1914, in Leesburg County, Georgia to the late Charlie and Roxie Brown. She later married the late Fletcher Harden. Once Ms. Harden relocated to Miami, Florida in 1951, she began her journey through traveling with the church and crossing the border of many foreign countries.

She remarried her husband Fletcher Harden in 1981 and the two celebrated their Golden Anniversary in the same church she diligently served in for 60 years. Moreover, Ms. Harden served on the Deaconess Board, the Board of Missions and the Senior Saints at Bethel Full Gospel Baptist Church. She was relentless when it came to giving to the church, and she paid her tithes and offerings throughout her 60 years of membership.

Ms. Harden was blessed with a loving family who took pleasure in every aspect of her life and her interests. I offer my heartfelt condolences to her five children and a total of 135 grandchildren; great grandchildren; great, great grandchildren; and great, great, great grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and all the members of this esteemed legislative body to

join me in recognizing the extraordinary life of Ms. Eva Mae Harden. She will be missed by all who knew her, and I appreciate this opportunity to pay tribute to her before the United States House of Representatives. While she will indeed be missed, her legacy, as well as the outstanding contributions she made to Bethel Full Gospel Baptist Church will live on.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Mr. BECERRA. Madam Speaker, on Monday, November 2, 2009, I missed rollcall Nos. 832, 833, and 834. If present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 832, 833, and 834.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MENDOCINO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Mendocino Presbyterian Church on the occasion of the congregation's 150th anniversary. The Mendocino Presbyterian Church in the village of Mendocino on California's north coast is the oldest active Presbyterian Church in California. Eight local residents including six women chartered it in 1859.

The Mendocino Presbyterian Church is California Historic Landmark Number 714 and is listed on the Federal Register of Historic Places. Its spire and English gothic design are iconic symbols exemplifying Mendocino's history and much photographed architecture.

The Church sanctuary is entirely built from local redwood. It was designed by San Francisco architects S.C. Bugbee and Son, who previously designed the Crocker and Stanford mansions, which were destroyed by the 1906 earthquake. Donations by local citizens and businesspeople such as pioneering residents Jeremy Ford and Henry Meiggs made the building possible. The first pastor in 1861 was Reverend David McClure and the first written record of the sermon was on October 19, 1861.

A thousand pound cast iron bell was shipped from one of the most prestigious foundries in the New World, the Meneeley Foundry in West Troy, New York, around the Horn and installed in 1870. It has rung to signal Sunday services ever since. In addition to ringing for weddings and memorial services, since 2006 the bell has also tolled on Friday evenings in honor of our service men and women and Iraqi and Afghan civilians who died the previous week. Inside the bell tower is covered with chalk signatures, including every pastor, and others who have climbed the stepladder to the top. The bell rope, which extends to the reception area of the sanctuary, includes one knot for each ordained pastor who served. Symbolic sections join the knots as a historical record related to events around

the nation and the world. A framed document interprets the bell rope significance.

While the original chandeliers and wall sconces have been electrified and gilded, most of the interior of the Sanctuary remains the same as when it was constructed. The cork floor between the pews is a scuffed record of the many shoes from high heels to logging boots worn by those who have attended services.

The Mendocino Presbyterian Church has been home to Rainbow pre-school welcoming children of all denominations since 1978. The Church sponsors the Mendocino Christian Camp, Bible Study and schools in Nicaragua as part of its mission and outreach. In addition, the adjacent Preston Hall is a popular community center for events such as art auctions, book sales, the Christmas bazaar, and receptions and meals. The Church is a popular wedding location and was featured in a Kodak commercial in the 1970s. In 1947, Warner Brothers filmed a scene for the movie Johnny Belinda inside the sanctuary with the Church choir performing.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring 150 years of invaluable religious, civic and community service by the Mendocino Presbyterian Church.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Mr. HERGER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3619, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman WALLY HERGER

Bill Number: H.R. 3619

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: J.E. McAmis, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 621 Country Drive, Chico, CA 95928

Description of Request: This request does not authorize or appropriate any Federal funds, but modifies current statute to authorize the Coast Guard to issue a certificate of documentation for operation in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Maya*, United States official number 1107319. The *Maya* is a flat deck barge that was built in Louisiana in 2001; however, it was briefly reflagged under the Mexican registry while it was transferred to that country for a project. The *Maya* was purchased in 2008 by J.E. McAmis, Inc., a California-based and U.S. citizen-owned company located in my congressional district. The barge is needed to carry equipment and supplies to and from heavy construction or dredging jobs generally located in the greater Pacific Northwest region. J.E. McAmis, Inc., worked vigorously for several years to locate a U.S. flagged and registered vessel prior to purchasing the *Maya*. These types of vessels, however, were unavailable because they were being used to support the Gulf Coast reconstruction after Hurricane Katrina. Additionally, efforts to build a barge were stymied by the credit crisis and banks' unwillingness to lend for such a project. Following the purchase vessel has undergone extensive work and re-

pairs in Oregon, has been registered under the U.S. flag, and has received its certificate of inspection.

IN MEMORY OF VICTOR J. HERLINSKY, SR.

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Victor J. Herlinsky, Sr., of Mahwah, NJ who passed away on August 14th after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease.

Mr. Herlinsky was born in Ukraine to parents Adam and Augusta on July 10th, 1927 and lived in Germany and Brazil before immigrating to the United States in 1956. Embodying the American dream of self-made success, Mr. Herlinsky was one of the founding partners of the 4-H Brothers trailer-body manufacturing and repair company in Wallington, NJ.

Mr. Herlinsky was also an active athlete who excelled in a variety of sports. He was a golden glove boxer in Munich, a semi-professional soccer player in Brazil, and a member of the Ukrainian Carpathian Ski Club. An avid tennis player, Mr. Herlinsky was awarded lifetime memberships to the Nutley Tennis Club and the KKL Ukrainian Sports Club.

Mr. Herlinsky is survived by his wife of 44 years, Irene, their children Victor Jr. and Donna, and granddaughters Larissa and Alexa, as well as his surviving siblings Tamara, Ivan, and Walter.

Madam Speaker, as an immigrant, athlete, entrepreneur, and family man Victor Herlinsky embodied the most important qualities and ethics of the American identity. I express my deepest condolences to his family for their loss and pay tribute to the memory of this astounding individual.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HARRY TEAGUE

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Mr. TEAGUE. Madam Speaker, on Monday, November 2, 2009, I was traveling in my district on official business and was not present for the vote on H.R. 1168, the Veterans Retraining Act of 2009. Had I been present, however, I would have voted "yes" on the bill and for creating greater opportunities for our veterans to establish economic independence and security.

H.R. 1168 is a common-sense bill that ensures that our veterans are making a smooth transition from their career in the Armed Services to a life in the civilian world. A provision in this bill also creates the flexibility that allows for our veterans to train for positions that are currently in demand, which lets us develop our workforce in a way that meets the present economic needs. This type of program will help us adapt to the ever-changing economy and keep our nation's competitive edge.

I would like to thank and commend the gentleman for introducing this bill. I thank my colleagues for supporting it.