Address of Requesting Entity: 301 Sparkman Avenue, Huntsville, AL 38152

Description of Request: Virtual Environment Simulation Laboratory $500,000.

The funding would be used for purchasing of equipment which provides UAH a new capability to support Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) missions by developing engineering and science applications of virtual environment simulation as well as enhancing student involvement in virtual environments. This would benefit NASA MSFC uses of the facility relevant to MSFC missions, including virtual examination of rocket engines while firing, virtual participation in spacecraft manufacturing and maintenance processes and virtual presence on the surface of the moon.

The full amount of these funds will be used to purchase equipment.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: HR 3288

Account: NASA, Cross Agency Support

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southern Research Institute

Address of Requesting Entity: 757 Tom Martin Drive, Birmingham, AL 35211

Description of Request: Development of characterization techniques for advanced high temperature materials in space launch, $1,000,000.

The funding of $1 million for the ''Development of Characterization Techniques for Advanced High Temperature Materials in Space Launch Applications'' will enable research and developments of advanced modeling, testing and characterization techniques for advanced composite materials in extreme environments. SRI has identified several gaps in current NASA technology that if filled, will greatly assist analysts and designers to successfully utilize composites in advanced structural and thermal protection system applications and reduce overall program risk.

$350,000 to be spent on equipment and material purchases, $400,000 to be spent on materials research and analysis, $200,000 to be spent on testing, and $50,000 to be spent on program management.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: HR 3288

Account or Provision: NASA, Cross Agency Support

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: B.G. Smith & Associates, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 555 Sparkman Drive, Suite 810, Huntsville, AL 35816

Description of Request: Product life-cycle management and advanced modeling and simulation methods, $1,000,000.

The program seeks to create an integrated and interoperable Product Lifecycle environment as it relates to engineering and manufacturing capabilities and to perform focused critical analyses on flight vehicle performance issues. To move MSFC in the direction leading to modernizing its systems, streamline operations, increase traceability, decrease costs, gain better insight, and increased aerospace manufacturing expertise.

The funding would be used for about 6 full time employees, to purchase some hardware and cost associated with PLM software.

HONORING DR. LAWRENCE B. SCHOOK

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Dr. Lawrence B. Schook, who recently led an international team in the sequencing of the swine genome. Dr. Schook is a distinguished Gutsgell Professor and Director of the Division of Biomedical Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where he has spent the past nine years researching genetic resistance to disease, regenerative medicine, and using genomics to create animal models for biomedical research.

The draft sequence will allow researchers to pinpoint genes that are useful to pork production or are involved in immunity or other important physiological processes in the pig. It will enhance breeding practices, offer insight into diseases that afflict pigs (and, sometimes, also humans) and will assist in efforts to preserve the global heritage of rare, endangered and wild pigs. It also will be important for the study of human health because pigs are very similar to humans in their physiology, behavior and nutritional needs.

With the growth of our world's population and subsequent rise in interaction between both domesticated and wild animals it is imperative that we continue to fund researchers such as Dr. Schook. The recent outbreak of H1N1 is a great reminder that the work of Dr. Schook and his colleagues is of upmost importance, not only to our world's food supply, but to our health as well.

I would ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Dr. Schook, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and all of the team members under Dr. Schook who made this discovery possible.

HONORING SCOTTS BLUFF NATIONAL MONUMENT ON ITS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join in honoring the Scotts Bluff National Monument—which will be celebrating its 90th anniversary this Saturday.

On December 12th, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson signed a Presidential Proclamation, officially establishing Scotts Bluff National Monument on approximately 2,000 acres.

One of the highest points in Nebraska, Scotts Bluff played an important role in our country's westward expansion. A natural landmark, the formation served as a point of reference for travelers on the Oregon, California, Mormon, and Pony Express Trails.

Today, visitors to the monument can hike the Saddle Rock Trail, see a magnificent view from the summit, visit the Oregon Trail Museum and Visitor Center, and even relive life on the Oregon Trail during special ''Living History'' programs during the summer. The north face of the monument shows more geological history than any other formation in Nebraska, spanning a time period extending millions of years.

Having grown up in the shadow of the monument, I know full well just how important this monument has been for our country, for Nebraska, and for the local economy. It is with great pleasure I join with all Nebraskans to celebrate the 90th birthday of such an icon.

RECOGNIZING MR. ROY FOSTER AS A 2009 TOP 10 CNN HERO

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a courageous veteran turned social activist, Mr. Roy Foster. Mr. Foster is the founder of Stand Down House, an organization in South Florida that has been providing veterans with life-changing assistance since 2000. His hard work and dedication has earned him the esteemed distinction of 2009 Top 10 CNN Hero. CNN Heroes is an annual awards ceremony that recognizes ''everyday people changing the world.'' Mr. Foster was one of ten CNN Heroes chosen by a blue-ribbon panel of distinguished leaders and humanitarians, including Retired General Colin Powell, Whoopi Goldberg, and Sir Elton John, from an initial pool of more than 9,000 viewer nominations.

Mr. Foster knows all too well how hard it is to find programs that help veterans deal with addiction and homelessness because he used to be one of them. Born in rural Georgia, Mr. Foster joined the Army right after high school. Throughout his six years in the military, he drank alcohol and experimented with drugs. By the time he left the Army in 1980, Mr. Foster was an alcoholic and his drug use had begun to escalate as he struggled to deal with life after the Army. Like many people dealing with addiction, Mr. Foster spent nights sleeping on the streets as he battled his disease for many years.

After starting a life of sobriety in the early 1990s, Mr. Foster used his experiences to become an effective substance abuse counselor. Acknowledging the problems that veterans dealing with substance abuse face, Mr. Foster and another veteran, the late Don Reed, established the non- profit Faith*Hope*Love*Charity, Inc. so that veterans would no longer fall through the cracks of an imperfect system.

After six years of work, Mr. Foster founded Stand Down House to help fellow veterans who are struggling and have lost their homes, dignity, and the ability to lead productive lives. Through referral by the Veterans Administration (VA) and with help from their funding, Stand Down House provides transitional housing and support services to 45 veterans in different stages of recovery. This support includes housing, clothing, counseling, life skills classes for up to two years, and transportation to the VA hospital for medical and mental health care. The goal is to not only assist veterans in their recovery process, but give them the tools to find employment or attend school after their recovery process is over.

At Stand Down House, veterans realize that they are not alone in their struggles after returning home, which allows for veterans of all

ages to become a support system for one another. This often leads to veterans becoming informal counselors to each other and making sure that one another stay on track. Many graduates of the program find the bond of friendship and support so beneficial that they return as volunteers to give back to others in need, especially with many veterans now returning home from Afghanistan and Iraq.

Madam Speaker, I truly admire the work that Mr. Roy Foster has done, and continues to do, for our nation's veterans each and every single day. After serving our country so valiantly, no veteran should ever have to face the future alone.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JAMES JOHNSON

HON. MARY FALLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

Ms. FALLIN. Madam Speaker, I am saddened to rise today to note the passing of Dr. James Johnson, an adoring husband, cherished father, and respected physician in my home state of Oklahoma.

A lifelong hemophiliac, Dr. J, as he was known to so many of his patients, dedicated his life to healing others. During his more than 25 years practicing medicine, Dr. J treated thousands of patients, and worked with researchers and insurance companies on finding new ways to treat and hopefully one day cure hemophilia.

Dr. J was particularly fond of reminding students to continually challenge their minds—because while their bodies may someday fail them, they could always count on their knowledge. No one lived this out better than he did. During his months in the hospital, I am told, he would consult on his own case and instruct med students performing basic procedures on him. Always gracious and ever the educator, Dr. J would kindly suggest, "You know, son, if you do it this way, you won't hurt your patient so much."

Dr. J owned his own practice for many years, and was most recently medical director for a company that performs house calls for the elderly and homebound. Over the years, he worked as an ER doctor, a prison doctor, and a primary care doctor. When off the job, Dr. J was also a die-hard Sooners fan, a Thunder season-ticket holder, an amateur pilot, and an active member of his local church. But the roles he cherished most were those of husband and father.

Dr. J was laid to rest Monday in Edmond. While we take comfort in knowing that he is at peace, the State of Oklahoma and particularly who know Dr. J grieve this loss. I believe I speak for the whole House when I say our thoughts and prayers go out to Dr. J's wife of 26 years, Becky, their daughter, Ashley, and the hundreds of family, friends, colleagues, and patients who knew and love him so dearly.

HONORING CORPORAL SYLVESTER WATTS (RETIRED)

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Madam Speaker, this communication is forwarded on behalf of the constituents of Congressional District Three and myself as we pay tribute to the life of Corporal Sylvester Watts (Retired). We are all saddened that Sylvester is gone, but joyful that he has gone to be with his Heavenly Father.

Sylvester Watts was born October 8, 1947 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Pastor Van B. and Missionary Ruby Watts. He was the youngest of 11 children; his parents, three brothers and one sister, Rufus, Reverend Roosevelt, John and Otha, made their transition from life-mortal ahead of him. He transitioned to await the resurrection on November 29, 2009 at his home in Chicago, Illinois.

Sylvester accepted Christ as his personal Savior at an early age under the pastorate of his father at Greater Progressive Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois where he served as an usher and a member of the Youth Choir.

Sylvester joined the United States Marine Corps May 1, 1967, was temporarily retired April 16, 1969 and honorably discharged on September 30, 1974. He served his country with dignity and honor and attained the rank of Corporal. During his Military Service, he earned the National Defense Service Medal, Viet Nam Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Viet Nam Campaign Medal with device and Marksman Rifle Badge.

Having been reared in a Christian home where the Word of God, the love and support of family were the guiding principles, Sylvester learned early in life that "if a man doesn't work, he doesn't eat", so in spite of the emotional and psychological issues he faced as a result of his tenure in Viet Nam, he was determined to survive.

Sylvester attended Elmhurst College where he majored in Business Administration. He was gainfully employed with Gerber Products Company, Watts Side Grocery (family owned) the Deputy Sheriffs Office, Strategic Services Unit, Daley Center, Chicago, Illinois, Sodexho Marriott, Trajo Enterprises and Rich Cake Enterprises.

Sylvester leaves to cherish precious memories: Missionary Janet Watts-DuPart, Reverend Lucille Watts-Watson, Reverend Van Watts, Jr. (Ruth), Benny Watts, Reverend Frank Watts, Evangelist Shirley Watts Kyles Green; Nephews: Calvin Andre, Van Blair, Vincent, Victor, Vaughn, Joseph Preston, Joseph B., Anthony, Troy, Torrence, Ivyl, Michael, Steven, Anthony; Nieces: Barbette, Janet, Loretta, Christiana, Angie, Janet, Jacquelene, Tina L., Cheryl Lynn, Donna Michelle, Lori Alva, Rubi and Kora; a special nephew, Pastor Alfonzo Cleveland and a special friend, Reverend Jeanne L. Edwards, who engaged him in intellectual spiritual conversations at the dinner table whenever family gathered.

We, the Watts family, continue to strive to keep ourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. He alone is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy. Jude v 21&24.

HONORING BEVERLY SCOTT

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Beverly Scott as the outgoing President of the Yosemite Gateway Association of Realtors. Ms. Scott will be recognized at the annual installation luncheon for the Yosemite Gateway Association of Realtors on November 20, 2009 in Oakhurst, California.

The Yosemite Gateway Association of Realtors (YGAOR) first began as the Mountain Co-Op in 1998 with a group of eight volunteers. Today, the group has a paid professional staff and ownership of the Association's building. YGAOR was responsible for developing one of the first computerized Multiple Listing Systems, which continues to operate today with the latest technology. They work very closely with the California Association of Realtors by providing leadership at both the statewide and regional levels. YGAOR provides educational opportunities for its members, as well as fundraising activities that benefit local non-profit organizations and scholarship programs.

Ms. Beverly Scott is a fifth-generation native of Eastern Madera County. After graduating from Yosemite High School, she attended Bakersfield City College and earned her Bachelor's degree from California State University, Bakersfield. Ms. Scott has a very diverse history, including service in the United States Army, working as an editor, a photojournalist, a medical instructor, a realtor, a volunteer and a mother to four children: Skyler, Heavenly, Sierra and Raylynn. She is a true entrepreneur; the manager of Oakhurst Real Estate, and the general manager of National Computer Software, Inc.

With Ms. Scott's role at YGAOR, she has been a strong leader and provided a voice of optimism for local real estate. The 2009 Board Members worked closely with past Board Members to create a new strategic plan and to provide guidelines for defining a strategy, making decisions and allocating YGAOR resources. The new strategic plan brought an updated mission statement: "The Yosemite Gateway Association of Realtors is committed to professional excellence for the success of its members in all aspects of the real estate industry." With this mission statement in mind, the 2009 Board, with the leadership of Ms. Scott, established four goals: Advocacy, Communication, Education and Organizational Excellence.

Ms. Scott is a leader in the real estate industry, as well as in the Oakhurst community. She has been a member of YGAOR since 2004, and has served on various committees over the past five years. Ms. Scott has been a member of the Board of Trustees for the Bass Lake Joint Union Elementary School District since 2006, serving as Vice President in 2009; the Eastern Madera County/Oakhurst Area Chamber of Commerce since 2001, serving as President in 2004, the Wild Wonderful King Vintage Museum since 2004, serving as an Officer and a Board Member, Local Water and Sewer Committees since 2002 and is a