

and Counseling, Educational Enhancement, Parental and Family Involvement, Enrichment Activities, Health and Human Service Coordination, and Employment Skills Training. These activities encourage academic excellence, promote positive self-esteem, stress community involvement, and promote growth opportunities for students and their families. Future funding requests are expected.

Budget breakdown for the project:

PERSONNEL: (\$628,943)

18 CIS Site Directors @ \$30,603 annual salary = \$550,854

(each Site Director will case manage a minimum of 100 students)

1 Data Entry Spclst @ \$20,912 annual salary = \$20,912

10% Fringe for 19 these positions = \$57,177

(7.65% FICA and Medicare and 2.35% Organizational Insurance—W/C, Professional Liability)

PROGRAM EXPENSES: (\$22,464)

Currently, the average cost for overseeing CIS Campus operations is \$1,248 per campus. With an addition of 18 campuses, the total cost will be \$22,464. This cost covers the coordinated services as mandated for CIS by the Texas Education Agency by: 1) providing documentation to report program progress, 2) supervising CIS campus staff, 3) collaborating with ISD and campus administrators to maximize program success, and 4) overseeing the coordination of resources for students and their families.

TOTAL COST: \$651,407

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Temple, TX

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

Description of Request: \$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 federal government has provided \$500,000 of the \$2 million price tag. The requesting entity will provide the required funding match.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Corps of Engineers—O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Congressman JOHN R. CARTER

Address of Requesting Entity: 409 Cannon House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515

Description of Request: \$2.85 million in the O&M account for the Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District (SWF) to repair three parks surrounding Stillhouse Hollow Dam and Lake which were devastated in June 2007 during massive rains and flooding.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Bureau of Reclamation—Title 16

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA)

Address of Requesting Entity: 3700 Lake Austin Blvd. Austin, TX 78767

Description of Request: \$1 million to assist in stretching available potable water resources by combining several current and future projects into a Williamson County Regional Reuse System. Total project cost is approx. \$24 million. Federal share cannot exceed 25% of that amount. The local communities provide the remaining 75%.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Justice, OJP-Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Tarleton State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1333 W. Washington, Stephenville, TX 76402

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1.5 million to establish a rural law enforcement information technology and anti-terrorism service at Tarleton State University. On an annual basis, approximately 28.4% will be used for salaries and benefits; 7.9% for travel for training and meetings with agencies; 1% for equipment; .7% for office supplies; 5.4% for consulting for steering committees; 54% for database records management and assistance; and .3% for meeting expenses and teleconferencing.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Austin

Address of Requesting Entity: 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, TX 78701

Description of Request: I have requested an earmark of \$350,000 to complete phase 1 of a security camera system for pedestrian-heavy and crime-ridden areas of the City of Austin. The initial build out will include 2–5 cameras, with the capacity to expand to a 20–100 camera system. The cameras will be able to capture and transmit real-time video footage and have high-resolution, outdoor pan/tilt/zoom, and low light vision capabilities. Approximately 60% of the grant funds will be applied towards design, hardware (including servers) and installation costs; the remaining 40% for software, installation and maintenance.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: NRCS, Conservation Operations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texas A&M University

Address of Requesting Entity: 113 Jack K. Williams Administrative Bldg., 2142 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843

Description of Request: I have requested an earmark of \$333,000 to demonstrate the use of composted dairy manure, soil management, seeding, and erosion control structures to increase vegetation and reduce erosion on maneuver areas. Research results are documenting practice impacts on vegetation growth and water quality. In addition, the project is removing composted dairy manure from the North Bosque River watershed to help meet total maximum daily load requirements. Approximately \$188,700 will be spent on salaries and benefits; \$52,329 will be used for supplies and materials; \$6342 will go toward travel expenses; \$19,029 will be applied to equipment rental and contracts; and \$66,600 will be spent on administrative fees of the NRCS and AgriLife.

IN HONOR OF FRED SEARS, II

## HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Fred Sears, II. In a state with many “firsts” in its history, I am proud of the fact that Fred Sears will be the first recipient of the “Goldey-Beacom College Ethics in Business Award.”

As a native of Delaware, Fred’s career in the banking industry spanned 38 years and culminated with his serving as President of Commerce Bank. Since 2003, Fred has served as President and CEO of the Delaware Community Foundation where he oversees the management of 900 funds with more than \$230 million in assets and the distribution of \$15 million in grants annually. These charitable funds benefit all of us in Delaware.

However, Fred’s leadership at the Delaware Community Foundation is only a small glimpse of the impact he has had on our community. He has served on at least 56 boards, clubs or organizations over the past five decades. His leadership, guidance, counsel and support are sought by government entities, non-profits, sports programs, community groups, educational institutions, and businesses. His willingness to help others has no limit and we are all forever appreciative of what he has done to make our state a better place for everyone.

Leaders like Fred Sears come along once every couple of generations. His integrity and ethics are unsurpassed and he is a great example for others to follow. This is not the first time Fred has been honored or recognized for his good deeds. In 1977 the Wilmington Junior Chamber of Commerce presented him with the Young Man of the Year Award. Since then Fred has been recognized by the Boy Scouts of America, the Wilmington Rotary Club, the United Negro College Fund, the NCCJ, and the Opportunity Center, Inc. Each time, these community organizations recognized Fred for his leadership and willingness to assist others.

I have known Fred for many, many years and I am most proud of being able to call him my friend. Individuals like Fred Sears bring about positive change, and when a small state like Delaware finds someone like him it allows us to show a nation how people working together can make the world a better place. I congratulate Fred on receiving the first ever “Goldey-Beacom College Ethics in Business Award” and thank him for his extraordinary service to Delaware.

HONORING RED CROSS MONTH

## HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise this March day to celebrate “Red Cross Month.” Since 1943, we have been celebrating March as Red Cross Month and promoting the services provided to the public by the Red Cross each day. The Red Cross has been at the forefront of helping individuals and families prevent, prepare for, and respond to large and small scale disasters for more than 127 years.

In my district, the Santa Clara Chapter of the American Red Cross helps many people in times of need. They range from victims of disasters such as house or apartment fires, floods or mudslides, and earthquakes; to victims encountered through national disasters such as Hurricanes Ike and Katrina and international disasters such as the 2005 tsunami and the Philippine earthquake.

This year in my district, the American Red Cross Chapter is hard at work and has already responded to local disasters, including a 5-unit townhome fire on January 12, 2009 that left 14 people homeless and caused more than \$2 million in damages.

The Red Cross is committed to making our homes and our communities safe and works closely with local, state and national partners to help people personalize their risk to natural hazards and make preparedness a personal priority. Join me in applauding the hard work of the American Red Cross volunteers and celebrating March as American Red Cross Month.

#### A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 4, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, the Tuscarawas County Chamber of Commerce has nearly 600 businesses as members; and

Whereas, at 1:15 PM on May 21, 1959, the Tuscarawas County Chamber of Commerce was created out of the former New Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, the Tuscarawas County Chamber of Commerce has been instrumental in attracting new industries to the area; and

Whereas, the Chamber of Commerce has held as the core of its mission to promote the civic, economic and social welfare of Tuscarawas County; therefore, be it

Resolved that along with the friends, member businesses, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend the Tuscarawas County Chamber of Commerce for their staunch support of the county and their ever-present efforts to bring economic growth and industry to the people of Tuscarawas County.

#### CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

**HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 4, 2009*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the California Legislature on the passage of Assembly Joint Resolution No. 69 addressing child nutrition programs.

The high occurrence of malnutrition, obesity and poor fitness in California are frightening.

Currently, only 6 percent of school lunches meet all of the School Meal Initiative (SMI) standards.

Over 30 percent of 7th graders in California are overweight and almost 40 percent cannot pass the state's fitness test.

The Resolution passed by the California Legislature urges Congress and the President of the United States to ensure that child nutrition programs establish comprehensive nutrition and wellness policies in schools.

In addition, this resolution supports the reauthorization of federal child nutrition programs and requests adequate reimbursements to fund the cost of producing a healthy school meal in the region where it is served.

I urge my colleagues to follow California's example and work together to ensure proper nutrition and fitness for American children.

I would now like to insert the following text from the California Assembly Joint Resolution No. 69.

#### ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 69

Whereas, The National School Lunch Program is declared to be the policy of Congress, "as a measure of national security, to safeguard the health and well-being of the nation's children and to encourage the domestic consumption of nutritious agricultural commodities and other food, by assisting the states, through grants-in-aid and other means, in providing an adequate supply of food and other facilities for the establishment, maintenance, operation, and expansion of nonprofit school lunch programs"; and

Whereas, Federal regulations further state that participating schools shall ensure that children gain a full understanding of the relationship between proper eating and good health; and

Whereas, Child nutrition programs are responsible for collaborating with the school community to implement comprehensive nutrition and wellness policies in school districts; and

Whereas, All of California's more than 6 million pupils deserve access to high-quality, safe, nutritious meals available in the school setting, recognizing the link between adequate nourishment and educational performance; and

Whereas, Children that experience hunger have been shown to be more likely to have lower math scores, decreased attentiveness, increased likelihood of repeating a grade, increased absences and tardiness, and more referrals to special education services; and

Whereas, Child nutrition programs in California provide over 4 million meals to school children daily, and must comply with complex state and federal requirements, provide adequate food preparation and dining facilities, and meet budget requirements despite rapidly escalating food, energy, transportation, labor, and other costs; and

Whereas, Losses in the school meal programs must be offset by other revenue sources that would otherwise support classroom instruction; and

Whereas, For each lunch provided to a child who qualifies for a free meal, the estimated average cost of producing the lunch is \$3.10; the reimbursement received for each meal, provided that all state and federal requirements are met, is \$2.6895 (a federal reimbursement of \$2.47 and a state reimbursement of \$0.2195); and

Whereas, The difference between reimbursement and cost undermines the ability to continue to provide nutritious meals to all pupils; and

Whereas, The United States Department of Agriculture recognizes higher cost as a factor in determining reimbursement rates by allowing a higher federal reimbursement rate in Alaska and Hawaii; and

Whereas, Many families that qualify for reduced-price meals, prescribed by federal law

using the federal poverty level, find it difficult to pay the reduced fee, and the fee for a paid meal is an insurmountable barrier to participation for an increasing number of families in California; and

Whereas, The eligibility scale to qualify pupils for free or reduced-price meals is the same scale throughout the country and does not consider regions with higher costs of living; and

Whereas, A self-sufficiency index, which identifies the income levels at which families can meet their most basic needs without public support, is available in all regions to apply to meal eligibility standards; and

Whereas, A single-parent household with two children in San Mateo County, California, needs \$67,867 to be self-sufficient, while a similar family in Hardeman County, Tennessee, is self-sufficient with only \$21,657; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly,* That the Legislature supports reauthorization of federal child nutrition programs and urges the President and the Congress of the United States to ensure that reimbursement rates are adequate to fully fund the cost of producing a nutritious school meal relative to the cost of living in a region; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the eligibility scale used to qualify families for free and reduced-price meals be adjusted according to the self-sufficiency index for the region served; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

#### FLORIDA EVERGLADES BRIDGE

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 4, 2009*

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, in yesterday's Washington Times is an article about a very controversial bridge project through the Florida Everglades.

This project has been strongly opposed by the Miccosukee Tribe through whose land this bridge would be built.

A federal judge has blasted this projected bridge in a scathing opinion, but our Omnibus bill ordered that it be constructed anyway.

The estimated cost is \$225 million, but because almost all federal projects are given lowball estimates on the front end, it would probably end up costing much, much more. I have discussed this project with my friend, Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART in whose district this bridge project is located.

He told me he has discussed this bridge with the Army Corps of Engineers and all of the interested parties.

He believes that, while a bridge may have to be built at some point, that other, cheaper alternatives should be considered first.

I agree with Representative BALART, for whom I have the greatest respect.

I would like to call to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD the following article about this project from the Washington Times.