

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

Mr. FORBES. 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. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Research and Development, Defense Wide, Joint Experimentation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Deputy Assistant to the Governor for Commonwealth Preparedness

Address of Requesting Entity: Patrick Henry Building, 1111 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23218

Description of Request: Provides \$2,900,000 to enhance the Commonwealth of Virginia's interdiction, response and recovery capabilities to a WMD event through the conduct of a multiple agency, maritime full scale exercise.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Research and Development, Defense Wide, Defense Technology Analysis

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Old Dominion Research Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: 4111 Monarch Way, Suite 204, Norfolk, VA, 23801

Description of Request: Provides \$800,000 to Virginia Modeling and Simulation Center in Suffolk, Virginia to formulate modeling and simulation standards for model research, development and use by the government, academic and industry sectors. This is the second year of a three year study.

TRIBUTE TO DR. DAVE RUDY

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

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Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. David R. Rudy, Associate Provost and Dean at Morehead State University, who is retiring this fall after 29 years of service. I want to recognize his record of excellence as a teacher, scholar, mentor, and public servant, and for his distinguished career.

Dr. Rudy has a prominent record as a Professor of Sociology at Morehead State University, publishing numerous articles and books. His books on drug abuse, alcoholism, and the social struggles they entail are valuable tools to fight the challenges that many Americans face with these troubles, including southern and eastern Kentuckians. Dr. Rudy has published numerous scholarly articles including those in Sociological Analysis and the Journal of Studies on Alcohol. He has received funding to support his research from, among others, the Alcohol Beverage Medical Research Foundation at Johns Hopkins University, the National Science Foundation, U.S. Department

of Education, and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Among numerous service and outreach efforts, Dr. Rudy is a graduate of Leadership East Kentucky, served as a researcher for the Kentucky League of Cities "New Cities" program, and serves on the Board of the Advanced Manufacturing Partnership (AMP).

Dr. Rudy has a long track record of mentoring young scholars and supporting excellence in their academic endeavors, with several of his students going on to receive Ph.D.s. He has given them an excellent example to follow. As a tenured professor at Morehead State University he was chosen to serve as Dean of a newly established Program of Distinction. The Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP) was then founded by Dr. Rudy in 1999 and over ten years he led the development of IRAPP as a research intensive unit that serves the eastern region of Kentucky. Dr. Rudy has been honored with the Distinguished Researcher Award and Distinguished Service Award by Morehead State University for these and other significant contributions to the campus and community.

Under Dr. Rudy's leadership, Morehead State and the IRAPP program can take pride in his accomplishments. The impact of his career will be felt far and wide, as his students use what they have learned from him, and have their own impacts on eastern Kentucky, our nation and the world. As they do this, they will know that they have Dr. Rudy to thank.

ON TELEWORK DAY IN VIRGINIA

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of Monday, August 3, as Telework Day in Virginia and applaud Governor Tim Kaine on this initiative.

On this day, thousands of Virginians will perform a full day's work from their houses rather than their places of work. This practice empowers workers who feel that they can fulfill their obligations to their employer equally well from home as in a brick and mortar office.

My colleagues, teleworking provides enormous benefits to employers and employees alike, as well as positive social and economic impacts. Teleworking, a practice which dates to the 1960s and then was dramatically expanded in the '90s, thanks to a host of networking innovations, can save employers premises costs and office overhead fees.

If all eligible Federal employees teleworked 2 days per week, the Federal Government could realize \$3.3 billion in savings in commuting costs annually and eliminate the emission of 2.7 million tons of pollutants each year. Furthermore, it would provide an easy and necessary means of operational continuity should the Nation's Capital be the target of another horrific terror attack.

Teleworking can also increase productivity, typically 10 percent to 40 percent per person in large programs, by eliminating the often distressing and frustrating commute to and from work. For example, it eliminates commuting costs for employees because they do not have to pay for gas or public transportation. Given that the average round trip commute is 50

miles and commuters spend an average of 264 hours per year commuting (66 minutes per day), Americans would be relieved of the burden of spending so much time on the road that could be better spent with their families.

Through this practice, employees are allowed the freedom of working at their optimal times; some might be more productive in the morning while others might be more productive late at night. Telework allows the workers to get into a personal daily rhythm and work when they please, thus maximizing individual liberty and occupational productivity.

At this time, States and localities all around the Nation are grappling with ways in which congestion on the roadways can be reduced. We could facilitate greater capacity for mass transportation—but that requires heavy infrastructure investment and the vision to plan long-term. We could also build more roadways—but that would simply invite more cars and more traffic, while doing nothing to improve the quality of life for millions of hard-working Americans.

Those options taken together do indeed form a necessary component of traffic mitigation, but they take both time and money. Teleworking is simple to implement, economical to operate, and reflects the many ways in which technology has allowed the spheres of personal and professional life to blend together. It allows for a young professional to care for her newborn child or a son to care for his ailing mother in the comfort of their own homes, without worrying what would happen should they have to spend a portion of their day in an office, away from those who depend on their presence.

I am proud to say that at the end of 2005, Fairfax County in Virginia was able to meet the region-wide target of having 20 percent of eligible workers engaged in teleworking. I would invite my colleagues to take note of teleworking's success and stand up for a worker's ability to set his or her own schedule, with the expectation that it will allow for a more flexible lifestyle without compromising productivity. Rather than relying on the desks, chairs, and file cabinets that defined the average employee's office a generation ago, telework allows Americans to bring the workplace to them, not the other way around.

HONORING MASTER SGT. LORENE KITZMILLER

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WAMP. Madam Speaker, the Volunteer State continues to produce the best of the best in our military! Today, I am privileged to rise and honor Master Sgt. Lorene Kitzmiller of the Tennessee Air National Guard who was selected as the 2009 First Sergeant of the Year for the Air National Guard. She was also recognized as an Outstanding Airman of the Year along with five other Airmen nationwide.

Master Sgt. Kitzmiller is serving with the 118th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron in Nashville. Each year, the States and territories select and submit top performers from the Air Guard's 88 flying units and 579 mission support units to compete for this prestigious award. Out of more than 93,000 enlisted Airmen in the Air National Guard, only six are selected for the final competition.