

year, on September 30, and should be reauthorized so that it can continue to serve as a vitally important incentive to States for finalizing adoptions for children in foster care, with an emphasis on finding adoptive homes for special needs children and foster children over age 9. I am proud of Ohio's success in finalizing more than 10,400 adoptions of children from foster care between 2000 and 2006, earning \$5.4 million in Federal adoption incentive payments, which are invested back into the child welfare program.

We need to help more foster children in Ohio and across the Nation join loving, permanent adoptive families. The Adoption Incentive Program is effective in encouraging more adoptions from foster care, and I look forward to seeing that it is reauthorized this year.

DECLARATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. FORBES. Madam Speaker, consistent with Republican earmark standards, the following are detailed finance plans for each of my requested projects in the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009, H.R. 5658.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Military Construction, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

Address of Requesting Entity: Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, VA, USA.

Description of Request: Provide \$10,590,000 to make Industrial Access Improvements at Main Gate 15 at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. Mandatory vehicle access control at military installations is a Department of Defense (DoD) requirement per DoD Directives 5200.8 and 5200.8R. Based on a Staff Integrated Vulnerability Assessment conducted in October 2006, the entrance and guardhouse configuration at Gate 15 are inadequate for both industrial access and from a security/safety standpoint and require upgrading. This project provides for industrial access improvements of Gate 15 including the truck and private automobile inspection area, Pass Office Renovations and counter terrorism measures at Gate 15.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center Address of Requesting Entity: Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center, 1030 University Blvd, Suffolk, VA 23435, USA.

Description of Request: Provide \$800,000 for research and development effort that will bring together the Modeling and Simulation community to define, implement, and utilize a set of standards that will guide the development of M&S capability for the foreseeable future. Standards will provide a more cost effective way to ensure simulation compatibility and reuse among the Services and the many types of simulations being developed to address

their problems. This action provides funding for the Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center at Old Dominion University to develop a set of modeling and simulation standards that will guide all aspects of DoD modeling and simulation design and development.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Department of the Navy.

Address of Requesting Entity: Various.

Description of Request: To increase the President's Budget by \$722,000,000 for Virginia Class Submarine Advance Procurement/Advanced Construction. This funding will provide advanced procurement for the Block III procurement of the Virginia Class Submarine fleet. The funding can be used to accelerate the delivery at a rate of 2 per year beginning in FY10 rather than FY11.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Department of the Navy.

Address of Requesting Entity: Various.

Description of Request: To increase the President's Budget by \$10,000,000 for Advanced Submarine System Development (ULMS). The requested funding addition will allow the Navy to proceed with Sea Based Strategic Deterrent (SBSD) development in a timely fashion. This submarine class will serve as the replacement for the OHIO submarine class.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Department of the Navy.

Address of Requesting Entity: Various.

Description of Request: To increase the President's Budget for the LPD by \$1,800,000,000. In 2007 Congressional testimony, USMC leaders testified that a force structure less than 10 LPD class ships would put the USMC at significant risk in meeting commitments for global presence and to the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT). The \$1.8 billion in FY 2009 funding is for LPD 26 as requested on the Navy's and marine Corps' FY 2009 Unfunded Priority Lists.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-VICTORIA JAGUARS

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate The University of Houston—Victoria (UHV) Jaguars softball team on an amazing inaugural season. The Jaguars completed the season with a 32–18 record and finished fourth in Region VI of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, missing the national tournament by one slot.

The Jaguars faced a strong slate of contenders in the regular season, including 14 nationally recognized opponents, nine of which fell to the Jaguars. The team also defeated NCAA teams Houston Baptist University and the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

“You’ve got to beat the best to be the best,” head coach Keri Lambeth always tells her players, and the Jaguars showed they are more than capable of competing with the best. On March 17, the softball team ranked No.4 in 18–team Region VI in the first season poll based on play, marking the first rating of a UHV sporting team. On March 19, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) ranked the softball team No. 15 in the Nation. The team ended the season in the same impressive position.

The players didn’t just work hard on the field. Coach Lambeth demanded academic and civic excellence. The players were required to attend a number of study hall hours every week based on their grade-point averages. A perfect 4.0 required 10 hours, while anything less required increasingly more. The players also met with Coach Lambeth each week to discuss how their classes were going and what kind of grades they were earning. As a result, a third of the team is expected to hold a 4.0 GPA this semester, and most of the team members are expected to appear on the UHV Dean’s List for the spring semester.

As Coach Lambeth always tells her players, “We’re not just here to play sports. We are here for an education first and foremost.”

As part of their civic activities, the players participated in a mentoring program in which they tutored at-risk elementary school students in reading, and middle and high school students in remedial math. The players also served as role models and life coaches to these students. Many players put in hours above and beyond what was required by the mentoring program.

Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to formally congratulate the women of the Jaguars on their accomplishments, both on and off the softball field, in their historic first season. I would also like to insert the Jaguars roster into the of the team into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD: Jessica Salas, Erin Litvik, Samantha Campagna, Kristen Lindley, Curby Ryan, Lindsey Ferguson, Lauren Garza, Chelsi Fitzgerald, Kasey Voyles, Cayla Dluhos, Ashley Falco, Stephanie Lavey, Amber Scott, Whitney Damborsky, Brittany Faas.

RECOGNIZING DENISE JORGENSEN, FOUNDER OF OPERATION MINNESOTA NICE

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Denise Jorgensen, founder of Operation Minnesota Nice, which provides comfort and support to the American soldier fighting for freedom abroad. It is vital that we not forget those defending our liberty, and Operation Minnesota Nice does its part by sending care packages to troops from Minnesota serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait.

Two months into its mission, Operation Minnesota Nice built its ranks up to ten volunteers