

flooding and municipal power interruption. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE SCALISE

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA)—Training and Employment Services (TES)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southeastern Louisiana University

Address of Requesting Entity: SLU Box 10784, Hammond, Louisiana 70402

Description of Request: I have secured \$190,000 for the Southeastern Louisiana University Economic and Workforce Development Initiative. The funding would be used to expand its pilot initiative to provide one stop economic/workforce development and community planning/smart growth assistance to meet the needs of Post-Katrina southeast Louisiana. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE SCALISE

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: DOT, Transportation, Community and System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Regional Planning Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 1340 Poydras Street, Ste. 2100, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

Description of Request: I have secured \$285,000 for the Regional Planning Commission. The funding would be used for geometric and signalization improvements to Almedia Road (LA 50) at its intersections with US 61 to the north and LA 48 to the south. Almedia Road is a key north-south connector route on the eastbank of St. Charles Parish linking petrochemical facilities, refineries, and grain elevators along the Mississippi River with the national highway system, specifically, US 61, 1-310 and 1-10. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE SCALISE

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: DOT, Transportation, Community and System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Regional Planning Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 1340 Poydras Street, Ste. 2100, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

Description of Request: I have secured \$356,250 for the Regional Planning Commission. The funding would be used to upgrade transportation and drainage on Clearview Parkway (LA Hwy. 3152) at the interchange area with Earhart Expressway (LA 3139) in the Elmwood area of Jefferson Parish. The Department of Transportation and Development (LaDOTD) will be the grant recipient on behalf of Jefferson Parish and the State of Louisiana. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

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Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Regional Planning Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 1340 Poydras Street, Ste. 2100, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

Description of Request: I have secured \$175,000 for the Regional Planning Commission. The funding would be used for construction of a Service Road of I-10 between LA 433 and US 190B in Slidell. This area of the Northshore has seen significant growth and development in the last decade. This trend is anticipated to continue and to expand further as the New Orleans region resettles as a result of Hurricane Katrina. The Department of Transportation and Development (LaDOTD) will be the grant recipient on behalf of St. Tammany Parish and the State of Louisiana. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE SCALISE

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: DOT, Transportation, Community and System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. Tammany Parish government

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 628, Covington, Louisiana 70434

Description of Request: I have secured \$237,500 for St. Tammany Parish government. This funding would be used for an interchange at 1-12 and LA Highway 1088 in order to take traffic congestion off LA Highway 59 and US Highway 190. Traffic congestion is very heavy due to the continued population migration into St. Tammany Parish, the need for more schools and the expansion of retail and commercial businesses and residential subdivisions. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

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Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: DOT, Transportation, Community and System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Regional Planning Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 1340 Poydras Street, Ste. 2100, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

Description of Request: I have secured \$237,500 for the Regional Planning Commission. This funding would be used for the widening of US 190 to a four lane section between US 11 and LA 433 in Slidell. The project is needed to alleviate severe congestion along the roadway that services the City of Slidell and eastern St. Tammany Parish. The project would help alleviate increasing congestion along the I-10/1-12 corridor by providing an alternative to the interstate. The Department of Transportation and Development (LaDOTD) will be the grant recipient on behalf of St. Tammany Parish and the State of Louisiana. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

TRAVIS ROBINSON DISTINGUISHED  
FINALIST 2009 PRUDENTIAL  
SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS

**HON. ROSCOE G. BARTLETT**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 10, 2009*

Mr. BARTLETT. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate and honor a young student from my district who has achieved national

recognition for exemplary volunteer service in his community. Travis Robinson of Taneytown has been named a distinguished finalist by the 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each state and the District of Columbia.

Mr. Robinson is being recognized for raising nearly \$10,000 in cash and food donations to support the Carroll County Food Sunday program. Upon learning that donations at the food pantry had been ruined by the high summer heat, Travis conducted a series of food drives in his community.

I believe it is vital that we encourage and support the kind of selfless contribution that Travis has made. People of all ages need to think more about how we, as individual citizens, can work together at the local level to ensure the health and vitality of our towns and neighborhoods.

I heartily applaud Mr. Robinson for his initiative in seeking to make his community a better place to live, and for the positive impact he has had on the lives of others. Travis' actions show that young Americans can and do play important roles in our communities, and that America's community spirit continues to hold tremendous promise for the future.

Young volunteers like Travis are inspiring examples to all of us, and are among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow.

#### THE FREEDOM TO BANK ACT

**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 10, 2009*

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce legislation repealing two unconstitutional and paternalistic federal financial regulations. First, this legislation repeals a federal regulation that limits the number of withdrawals someone can make from a savings account in a month's time without being assessed financial penalties. As hard as it is to believe, the federal government actually forces banks to punish people for accessing their own savings too many times in a month. This bill also repeals a regulation that requires bank customers to receive a written monthly financial statement from their banks, regardless of whether the customer wants such a communication.

These regulations exceed Congress's constitutional powers and violate individual property and contract rights. Furthermore, these regulations insult Americans by treating them as children who are unable to manage their own affairs without federal control. I urge my colleagues to show their respect for the Constitution and the American people by cosponsoring the Freedom to Bank Act.

HELPING FAMILIES SAVE THEIR  
HOMES ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 5, 2009*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under