

labor, six Ph.D. engineers, four M.S. engineers and four B.S. engineers, and \$500,000 will be used for test hardware.

INTRODUCING THE EVACUEES TAX RELIEF ACT

**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the Evacuees Tax Relief Act of 2008, legislation providing tax relief to those forced to abandon their homes because of a natural disaster. This legislation provides a tax credit or a tax deduction, depending on the wishes of the taxpayer, of up to \$5,000 for costs incurred because of a government-ordered mandatory or voluntary evacuation. Evacuees could use the credit to cover travel and lodging expenses associated with the evacuation, lost wages, property damages not otherwise compensated, and any other evacuation-related expenses. The tax credit is refundable up to the amount of income and payroll taxes a person would otherwise pay, thus ensuring working people who pay more in payroll than in income taxes are able to benefit from this tax relief. The credit is available retroactive to December of 2007, so it is available to Hurricane Ike evacuees, as well as those who evacuated because of Hurricanes Gustav and Dolly.

Having recently had the majority of my district, including my home county, subject to mandatory evacuation because of Hurricane Ike, I have experienced firsthand the burdens on those forced to uproot themselves and their families. Evacuees incur great costs in getting to safety, as well as loss from the storm damage. It can take many months, and even years, to fully recover from the devastation of a natural disaster. Given the unpredictable nature of natural disasters such as hurricanes and tornados, it is difficult for most families to adequately budget for these costs. The Evacuees Tax Relief Act helps Americans manage the fiscal costs of a natural disaster.

Madam Speaker, it is hard to think of a more timely and more compassionate tax relief proposal than one aimed at helping families cope with the costs associated with being uprooted from their homes, jobs, and communities by a natural disaster. I hope all my colleagues will show compassion for those forced to flee their homes by cosponsoring the Evacuees Tax Relief Act.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JOE BARTON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit the following documentation consistent with the new Republican Earmark Standards:

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638—The Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act.

Account: RDTE, DW.

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Raytheon.

Address of Receiving Entity: 2501 West University, McKinney, TX, Collin County.

Description of Request: I have secured \$800,000 in funding in H.R. 2638 in the RDTE, DW account for the Hostile Fire Indicating System, Raytheon.

The funding will be used for final development of the Advanced Distributed Aperture System (ADAS) which is a transformational night vision augmentation system to operate in no/low-light conditions (day/night) and adverse weather. The Hostile Fire Indicator, an integral component of the ADAS system, will allow for the detection and declaration of small arms fire and can geo locate the hostile shooter and present that information to the aircraft crew so they may respond with the aircraft equipped weapons or move outside the effective range of the hostile weapon.

This funding will be used specifically to develop and demonstrate an ADAS based HFI system.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638—The Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act.

Account: RDTE, N.

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Carbon-Carbon Advanced Technologies Inc. (C-CAT).

Address of Receiving Entity: 4704 Eden Road, Kennedale, TX, Tarrant County.

Description of Request: I have secured \$2,400,000 in funding in H.R. 2638 in the RDTE, N account for the Strike Weapon Propulsion (SWEAP), C-CAT.

The funding will be used to produce a high-speed weapon to engage long-range targets within 5 to 10 minutes that operate at extremely high temperatures. Previous solutions have been demonstrated, however, affordability is the remaining issue.

With the requested funding the team intends to continue fabrication process development and demonstration, improve subscale hardware durability, and conduct a full scale combustor test of the lower cost material in Aerojet's Mach 6 air-breathing test facility in FY09. This program will support 6 jobs at C-CAT.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638—The Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act.

Account: RDTE, A.

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: L3/Link Simulation and Training.

Address of Receiving Entity: 2200 Arlington Downs Road, Arlington, TX, Tarrant County.

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,200,000 in funding in H.R. 2638 in the RDTE, A account for the Integration of the U.S. Army's Light Utility Helicopter (LUH) into the Aviation Combined Arms Tactical Trainer (AVCATT), L3/Link Simulation and Training.

The funding will be used for integration of the new Light Utility Helicopter (LUH) into the AVCATT simulation thus enhancing the safety of widely dispersed crews and units.

The funding will initiate development in providing a LUH simulation training capability within the Army's AVCATT simulation system, utilizing the original equipment manufacturer.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. ZACH WAMP**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. WAMP. Madam Speaker, I submit the following: As a leader on earmark reform among House Republicans, I am committed to honoring House Republican rules that provide for greater transparency. H.R. 2638 The Fiscal Year 2009 Continuing Resolution contains the following fun that I requested:

Requesting Member: Rep. ZACH WAMP.

Account: Navy, RDT&E.

Legal Name Requesting Entity: University of Tennessee Chattanooga SimCenter.

Address: 701 E. MLK Blvd, Chattanooga, TN.

Description of Request: \$3.5 million will provide for the continued operation of 100Kw Solid Oxide Fuel Cell and allow for the installation and operation of a second 100Kw Solid Oxide fuel cell. This project will continue to assist the Navy in researching and developing reliable technologies to convert hydrocarbon fuel and air into electricity to develop advanced electric propulsion and power technologies for future ships. This technology also has the potential to provide a commercially available clean, self contained power source.

Distribution of funding: Site Build—\$250,000; System Procurement and Commission—\$1.7 mil; System operation and 24/7 monitoring—\$450,000; Multi unit performance testing—\$100,000; Ethanol Operation—\$500,000; UTC Simulation and Project Management—\$500,000.

Requesting Member: Rep. ZACH WAMP.

Account: FEMA, Predisaster Mitigation.

Legal Name Requesting Entity: City of Lake City.

Address: Lake City, TN 37769.

Description of Request: \$418,000 will be matched with \$125,000 local matching funds to remove sediment and debris from two miles of Coal Creek Channel in the City of Lake City, TN. This will prevent flooding and damage in a flood prone area. The plan will be adjusted accordingly for the funding level included in the final agreement.

Distribution of funding: 92 percent of the total funding will be used for construction and 8 percent will be used for Engineering.

Requesting Member: Rep. ZACH WAMP.

Account: Milcon, Air National Guard.

Legal Name Requesting Entity: Tennessee National Guard.

Address: 3041 Sidco Drive, Nashville TN.

Description of Request: \$8 million for the construction of the KC-135 Squadron Operations Facility at McGhee Tyson Air Base. As a result of the 2005 BRAC the 134th Air Refueling Wing gained 4 PAA KC-135 aircraft. The increase in aircraft and aircrews necessitates the need for an adequately sized facility. This project is in the President's Fiscal Year 2011 Future Year Defense Plan.

Requesting Member: Rep. ZACH WAMP.

Account: Milcon, Army.

Legal Name Requesting Entity: Fort Campbell.

Address: Fort Campbell, KY.

Description of Request: \$630,000 million for a Chapel Complex at Fort Campbell. The Installation's religious program operates in 7 chapels (three temporary) and 5 other facilities. The three 65-year old temporary chapels