

terminal illnesses, and special needs. "Having a BLAST at PKRC" will offer these special children a way to discover their natural abilities and interests and obtain the critical life and coping skills needed to reach their full potential via three primary components: Environmental Education Awareness; Recreational Therapy; and Coping and Life Skills.

Requesting Member: JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Education—Higher Education (includes FIPSE)

Requesting Entity: Texas Life-Sciences Collaboration Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 111 Cooperative Way, Suite 200, Georgetown, TX 78625

Description: \$245,000 in funding for the collaboration between the non-profit Texas Life-Sciences Collaboration Center and Southwestern University to establish an entrepreneur and college internship program based on commercialization of bioscience technologies. In addition, the program will also foster the immediate use of bioscience technology for translational and clinical research for regional hospital systems and medical schools.

Requesting Member: JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Education—Higher Education (includes FIPSE) Entity: Texas State University, San Marcos

Address of Requesting Entity: 601 University Drive, San Marcos, TX 78666

Description: \$1,000,000 in funding to establish the Round Rock Higher Education Center for Nursing Program. Funding is for equipment for the clinical and simulation laboratories and additional nursing faculty and staff for the simulations laboratories. The nursing school building will support an innovative curriculum with classrooms and a number of clinical practice and simulation laboratories. The project also provides for nursing faculty and healthcare practitioners to participate together in the active learning process of continuing education for health care professionals and the community.

Requesting Member: JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Health & Human Services—Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Requesting Entity: Temple Health and Bioscience Economic Development District

Address of Requesting Entity: 938 Canyon Creek Drive, Temple, TX 76502

Description: \$750,000 in funding will provide the seed money to acquire a state of the art cyclotron and related equipment for the production of radioisotopes. The radioisotopes are a critical component of expanding both clinical care and medical research in the Temple bioscience cluster. The cyclotron facility will provide resources for cutting edge medical research and support growth of the Cancer Research Institute, the Cardiovascular Research Institute and Center for Regenerative Medicine, all located in Temple.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. RORY COOPER

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rory A. Cooper, Ph.D. for his outstanding achievement of winning a gold medal at the 2009 National Veterans Wheelchair Games.

While winning a gold medal is an exceptional achievement by itself, Dr. Cooper has proven himself again and again. Madam Speaker, Dr. Cooper has won a total of five gold medals at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games and has previously held the world record for the 10,000-meter wheelchair race. He has participated and won medals almost every year since he first started competing in 1987. In 1988 he won the bronze medal at the Paralympic Games in Seoul, Korea. He continued to stay active in Paralympic competition by serving as a member of the Steering Committee for the 1996 Paralympic Scientific Congress. He was also the Sports Scientist for the 2008 United States Paralympic Team. In recognition of his achievements at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games, he was featured on a 2009 Cheerios cereal box.

When Dr. Cooper is not competing, he is a researcher in the field of assistive technology design at the University of Pittsburgh's School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. He is also the Director and Veterans Affairs (VA) Senior Research Career Scientist for the VA Rehabilitation Research and Development Center of Excellence, Codirector of the National Science Foundation Quality of Life Technology Engineering Research Center, a member of the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs Prosthetics and Special Disability Programs Advisory Committee, and a Director of the Paralyzed Veterans of America Research Foundation. He has published over two hundred peer-reviewed journal articles and two books, *Rehabilitation Engineering Applied to Mobility and Manipulation and Wheelchair Selection and Configuration*. Dr. Cooper is also a recipient of the Department of the Army's Outstanding Civilian Service Medal for "exceptional leadership, service, and advocacy of severely injured service members at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) and other military medical facilities from October 2004 through May 2008."

Madam Speaker, Dr. Cooper is truly an inspiration to all of us. I conclude my remarks by commending him for his outstanding achievements.

HONORING SUZI AND FRED DOW FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO PROMOTING OUR NATIONAL FORESTS

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to pay tribute today to Suzi and Fred Dow, residents of Bisbee, Arizona who

have dedicated themselves to educating the public on the rich experiences of our National Forests.

Like other pioneers of the west, they possess a thirst for the unexplored, acting as guides to our nation's greatest resource, our National Forests. Together, Suzi and Fred have personally researched and surveyed 2,367 campgrounds in over 153 National Forests.

Since 1994, they have traveled over 275,000 miles in their meticulous journey through our nation's wilderness. Today, they are in the midst of exploring the Superior National Forest of Minnesota, the fifth destination of their current five month adventure.

Suzi and Fred publish their findings on a Web site, www.forestcamping.com, hosting almost 4,000 photographs that illustrate National Forest sights and campgrounds. The Web site receives over 300,000 hits a day and features an active forum, blog, and monthly newsletter titled, *The Wanderings*.

In addition to their website, Suzi and Fred have published 9 books in an effort to promote national forests and camping opportunities. Through their Web site and books, they share an articulate, detailed narrative of their wanderings as well as practical advice, such as how to cook pasta at high elevations.

In 2003, the USDA Forest Service recorded more than 200 million visitors, who contributed over \$7.5 billion to the local communities in and around National Forests. Suzi and Fred's efforts indirectly stimulate the economy of these communities, at no cost to the government.

The Southwestern author Edward Abbey once said, "Wilderness is not a luxury but a necessity of the human spirit." Suzi and Fred encourage people to indulge in that necessity, while also developing an understanding of the importance of National Forests to the health and well being of our country.

Thank you, Suzi and Fred, for documenting the beauty of our country and sharing your experiences with all of us.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2009

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards, I am submitting the following information regarding projects I received funding for as part of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Army Research, Development, Test, & Evaluation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Grand Valley State University and Mary Free Bed Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 301 Michigan Street, NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Description of Request: This bill provides \$1,460,000 for the Midwest Traumatic Injury Rehabilitation Center. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer money because this Center will combine the state-of-the-art medical