

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Talladega County Commission, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: 17 S Tinney Street, Talladega, Alabama 35160

Description of Request: "Cheaha State Park Talladega National Forest Tourism Access" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that this funding will be used to connect Alabama Highway 21 and County Road 482. This project is a wise use of taxpayer dollars because it is intended to create more access to the National Park and a direct public benefit.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: HUD, EDI account, \$250,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Ashland, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 849, Ashland, Alabama 36251

Description of Request: "Ashland Industrial Park infrastructure improvements" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding will get essential infrastructure to the Industrial Park including sewer, water and road improvements. This project is a wise use of taxpayer dollars because it will provide private investment and job creation.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: HUD, EDI account, \$250,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Tuskegee, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 830687, Tuskegee, Alabama 36083

Description of Request: "Tuskegee Industrial Park development" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding will be used to complete phase one of the development of the Tuskegee Industrial Park. It will encourage economic development in one of the most economically depressed counties in the state and in the black belt region.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: HUD, EDI account, \$250,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Randolph County Industrial Development Council, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 566, Roanoke, Alabama 36274

Description of Request: "Industrial Park South infrastructure improvements" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding will be used to develop Industrial Park South's infrastructure. Economic development and job creation is becoming more and more important to all taxpayers as the economic condition in the country continues to deteriorate. Efforts such as this one being proposed by the Randolph County Industrial Development Council are being initiated all over the country. The need for this park, so that Randolph County can enter the search for industries and jobs, particularly those associated with suppliers to the new KIA plant, is extremely important.

COMMEMORATING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, this year marks the 35th anniversary of the Legal Serv-

ices Corporation (LSC), the single largest provider of civil legal aid for the poor in the nation. Established by Congress in 1974, LSC is a private, nonprofit organization that promotes equal access to justice and provides grants for high-quality civil legal assistance to low-income Americans. The people who come to LSC-funded programs for help are the most vulnerable among us: women seeking protection from abuse, mothers trying to obtain child support, families facing unlawful evictions or foreclosures that could leave them homeless, disaster victims trying to obtain federal emergency assistance or insurance payments to rebuild their lives. In fact, three out of four clients are women—many of whom are struggling to keep their children safe and their families together.

LSC's work is more important than ever before, partly because of the impact of the current recession. Economic downturns affect the poor disproportionately and add to the pressures on the nation's public health and safety, child welfare, housing and jobs programs. Ensuring that the poor are adequately represented in the civil judicial system greatly improves their chances of keeping or securing basic necessities—the keys to stability and self-sufficiency. It also helps keep communities healthy. For low-income individuals and families, legal services often represent their only means of access to the justice system.

Nearly 51 million people—including 17.6 million children—are eligible for LSC-funded services. LSC-funded programs close nearly one million cases per year nationwide and provide other assistance to more than five million people. The clients served are at or below 125 percent of the federal poverty threshold, an income of about \$27,000 a year for a family of four. An overwhelming demand for civil legal services exists. Based on a 2005 study, 50 percent of eligible potential clients requesting assistance from LSC-funded programs are turned away for lack of adequate program resources. At a time when poor Americans are struggling to keep their jobs, homes, and basic necessities for their families, it is crucial for the federal government to continue to address the civil legal needs of these vulnerable people as a national priority. Fortunately, LSC has broad bipartisan support for a strong federal role in access to equal justice efforts.

On the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the Legal Services Corporation, I welcome my fellow Members of Congress to join me in recognizing the critical role that the Legal Services Corporation plays in helping America live up to its commitment to ensure equal access to justice for all. LSC and its grantees are to be commended for the vital work they do every day on behalf of clients in desperate need of counsel.

CONGRATULATING LITHUANIA ON
1000TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 285, congratulating the people of the Republic of Lithuania on the one-thousandth anniversary of Lithuania and

celebrating the rich history of Lithuania. I congratulate Lithuania on this important anniversary and extend many happy returns to the Lithuanian people. I thank my esteemed colleague, Congressman SHIMKUS, for introducing this important legislation.

As co-chair of the House Baltic Caucus I have worked to advance the strong ties that exist between the United States and Lithuania. I look forward to strengthening diplomatic ties through the promotion of democratic values that support both social and economic justice. The Baltic people have a proud history that shows their dedication to these values as well as the values of liberty and democracy. I am proud that our two nations share such a strong commitment to democracy and diplomacy.

Lithuania's history is long and laudable. In recent years Lithuania has advanced its status as an international citizen. Lithuania declared independence from the former Soviet Union on March 11, 1990. Along with the other Baltic States, Latvia and Estonia, Lithuania became a member of NATO in March of 2004. Just two months later in May 2004 Lithuania joined the European Union with her Baltic counterparts.

On July 12, 2009, Lithuania made history once again by swearing in their first female president, Dalia Grybauskaitė. President Grybauskaitė has reaffirmed Lithuania's commitment to our many shared values. Under her leadership, Lithuania continues to show a clear commitment to uphold equality, freedom of speech and human rights.

She has stated her intention to amend a controversial censorship law scheduled to enter force on March 1, 2010. The law has been criticized by gay rights activists and others for discriminating against homosexuals by prohibiting references to homosexuality in media available to children.

I commend President Grybauskaitė for her commitment to uphold equality and human rights for all people. I congratulate Lithuania on its one-thousandth anniversary and will continue to celebrate Lithuania's rich history. I strongly support this legislation and urge my colleagues to do so as well.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

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

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill

Account: Transportation, Community & Systems Preservation or Surface Transportation Projects

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: The City of Ennis

Address of Receiving Entity: P.O. Box 220, Ennis, TX 75120

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 in funding to be used for project design and construction of US HWY 287 from State HWY 34 to 1-45.