“Aye” on rolcall 420, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 1016—Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act of 2009;
“Yea” on rolcall 421, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 1211—Women Veterans Health Care Improvement Act;
“Yea” on rolcall 422, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 1172—To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the Internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs a list of organizations that provide scholarships to veterans and their survivors.

COMMENDING DOORWAYS FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES

HON. JAMES P. MORAN OF VIRGINIA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend Doorways for Women and Families, Arlington County, Virginia’s leading provider and advocate for victims of homelessness, violence, and abuse, for its deserved honor and recognition by the Center for Nonprofit Advancement as the 2009 winner of the Washington Post Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Management. For its distinguished leadership, Doorways will receive a $10,000 cash grant and a scholarship for one person to attend the Georgetown University Center for Public and Nonprofit Leadership’s Nonprofit Management Executive Certificate Program. That is, the organization’s hard work and innovation will be rewarded by enhancing its ability to help more families at this time of great need, but also by assisting the organization to be more effective in managing its resources.

As our country struggles with its most serious economic challenges in a century, nonprofits will play a critical role. Consequently, coordination between nonprofits and the quality of nonprofit management will play key roles in making a difference in many, many lives. Therefore, this award is an important and richly deserved honor and acknowledgment of Doorways’s stellar example that other organizations could and should follow.

With new legislation we have enacted as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and a new White House Office on Social Innovation, those nonprofits like Doorways that have dedicated themselves to achieve excellence in management practices will, I believe, be in the position to not only provide some of the best and most efficient services, but also to leverage new and innovative ways to serve. Our country and our citizens are best served by those who constantly recommit themselves to finding ways and means to transform their services in ways that can make lasting differences and maximum efficiency with resources.

For three decades, Doorways for Women and Families has empowered women and families who are abused, homeless, or at-risk to live safe, secure and self-sufficient lives. The organization has provided shelter and services and educated the larger community about violence and homelessness. Through its three core programs, including an 11-bed SafeHouse for women and families in imminent danger; the Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home, which houses 21 homeless adults and children in a state-of-the-art residential facility; and the HomeStart Supportive Housing Program, which offers prevention, rapid re-housing and long-term supportive housing for families in crises; Doorways has become a unique and treasured asset to our community. We are honored to have such special resources in our region.

EARMAK DECLARATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES OF VIRGINIA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. FORBES. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2892, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. Randy Forbes

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: Homeland Security, FEMA, State and Local Programs

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Hopewell

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 North Main Street, Hopewell, VA, 23860, USA

Description of Request: Provides $250,000 to construct an Emergency Operations Center for the City of Hopewell. Hopewell has a large industrial presence, heavy in hazardous materials near the downtown area. This project will move these primary public safety facilities away from the primary hazard zone.

EARMAK DECLARATION

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS OF FLORIDA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2996, the Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Member requesting: Gus M. Bilirakis

Bill number: H.R. 2996

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Name of requesting entity: City of Clearwater, Florida

Address of requesting entity: 112 South Osceola Avenue, Clearwater, Florida 33756

Description: The $500,000 will be used for wastewater treatment facility improvement in the City of Clearwater, Florida. The funds will help the city maintain the community’s public three core infrastructure, a vital public service, as well as save public sector jobs. The project meets all cost-sharing requirements for projects funded by STAG infrastructure grants.