

by those currently uninsured, stakeholders in health care, including insurance companies, hospitals, doctors, pharmaceutical companies, medical-device manufacturers, have committed to reducing costs by \$2 trillion over 10 years. These savings should be passed along to consumers.

There will always be naysayers who say these decisions are too hard, that health-care reform cannot be done, but I believe that today even "Harry and Louise," who helped stop reform before, would tell us reform is a necessity. If our businesses are to be economically competitive, our families healthier, and our government fiscally sound, we must find a uniquely American solution to our health-care challenges.

The time to act is now.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2009*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 425, I was present on the floor, but due to a malfunction, my vote was not recorded.

Due to insufficient time to consider the subject before us, adjournment was the most responsible alternative. Thus my vote below would be in the affirmative.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

##### HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2009*

Mr. DREIER. 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. 2996, the Fiscal Year 2010 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act:

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER

Bill Number: H.R. 2996, the Fiscal Year 2010 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

Account: EPA STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Arcadia, California

Address of Requesting Entity: 240 West Huntington Drive, Arcadia, CA 91066

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for the cities of Arcadia and Sierra Madre for their Joint Water Infrastructure Projects. Arcadia's project will provide for the portion of the construction cost for the Baldwin Reservoir Rehabilitation Project (\$250,000). This project will provide for structural reinforcement of the existing reinforced concrete reservoir to be able to withstand a seismic event as identified in the Corps Seismic Reliability Study in 1997. Sierra Madre's project will provide for the portion of the construction cost for its Water Supply Well Project (\$250,000). This project will replace an existing well with a new high capacity well to provide for groundwater supply reliability. Each

city will provide a 45% local match to the 55% EPA STAG funding, as required.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

##### HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2009*

Mr. LANCE. 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. 2647—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010:

Authorized Amount: \$4,800,000.00

Project Name: Tactical Metal Fabrication (TacFab)

Funding Account/Service: RDA, Army

PE Number: 0602601A, Combat Vehicle and Automotive Technology Line Number: 13  
Intended Recipient: SeaBox Inc., 450 Black Horse Lane, No. Brunswick, NJ 08902

The TacFab system, which is currently under development, will demonstrate a tactically mobile rapid metal fabrication capability that will be a companion unit to the Mobile Parts Hospital to provide spare and replacement parts to our Warfighters in theater, and also as a stand-alone, metal casting resource provided to domestic organic Army depots and industrial facilities in support of RESET activities. This final increment for FY 2010 will result in a mobile, rapidly deployable asset, both in theater and within the U.S. in support of RESET operations. Once fully configured, the Army expects a 5x–10x reduction in delivery times for poured metal part base shapes using TacFab versus conventional procurement processes.

TacFab's containerized, mobile foundry to the U.S. Army allows deployed forces to produce spare and replacement parts in the field. This cuts the order time from weeks or months to 24 hours. Funding for this project will provide our troops with the parts they need to effectively complete their missions. Additionally, the system can be deployed at depots in CONUS assisting in RESET as currently exists. TacFab will reduce time waiting for parts and cut costs for DoD while ensuring our troops have the weapons they need as soon as they need them so they may effectively complete their missions.

#### IN HONOR OF DR. GOFF

##### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2009*

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding life-work of Dr. Lynda J. Goff. Dr. Goff has served with distinction as a Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of California, Santa Cruz for more than 30 years. Dr. Goff has decided to take the next step in her life, and is retiring from the University of California. While she will no longer be a faculty member, her legacy of outstanding dedication to California and the scientific community at large shall be persistent.

Dr. Goff is a devoted and truly inspiring biology teacher. In the tenure of over three dec-

ades, she has taught 10,000 university students, and has supervised the research of more than 100 graduate students. Her noteworthy achievements include teaching and researching molecular plant and marine biology on all seven continents. She has the honor of having significantly contributed to seven expeditions to Antarctica and twenty in the Arctic. Her exemplary teaching led her to serve in the distinguished role of Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education from 1999 to 2004, and subsequently as the first director of the "California Teach" program. Dr. Goff played a pivotal role in creating this program, established to increase the number of highly trained K–12 science and mathematics teachers in California—something our nation desperately needs. She dedicated herself wholeheartedly to ensure that California, and indeed our great Nation, increases its competitiveness in math and science in the 21st Century.

Professor Goff has received national and international recognition for her scientific research, much of which has centered on cell-cell and genome interaction in algae and the evolution of parasitism. Dr. Goff has been a solid pillar in the Monterey Bay community for years; not only as a distinguished professor, but also as an elementary science teacher, a naturalist and photographer. Her work embodies what California's central coast prides: experiencing the beauty of nature, seeking to understand the mysteries of our oceans' flora and fauna and giving back to the community to ensure our posterity's brighter future.

I would like to thank her for her meritorious service to California and commend her for her many accomplishments.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

##### HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2009*

Mrs. CAPITO. 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. 2874, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Awarded under: COPS TECH GRANT, Kanawha Prosecutors Case Management, Kanawha County Prosecuting Attorney, 700 Washington Street, East Charleston, WV 25301.

This project would allow for the cost of implementation of the case management system, integration of the system with law enforcement and hardware needed for both systems.

Awarded under: COPS TECH GRANT, Spencer PD Computer System, Spencer Police Department, 116 Court St., Spencer, WV 25276.

Funding will be used to purchase a computer system for processing criminals and case management.

Awarded under: COPS TECH GRANT, Weston Police Department Technology Upgrade, Weston Police Department, 102 West 2nd Street, Weston, WV 26452.

Funding would help establish a computer network in all police vehicles that is networked with the 911 center and the Weston Police Department and surrounding counties.

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. 2996 Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Awarded under: U.S. Forest Service Land Acquisition, Nature Conservancy—Monongahela National Forest, U.S. Forest Service, 200 Sycamore Street, Elkins, WV 26241.

Funds would go towards the acquisition 1,210 acres within the Monongahela National Forest.

Awarded under: Save America's Treasures, Claymont Court Claymont, Society for Continuous Education, 667 Huyett Road, Charles Town, WV 25414.

This funding will go to underwrite initial phases for restoration of Claymont Court, a national historic site of great significance.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. LATOURETTE. 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. 2996, Department of the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Mr. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: National Park Service, Construction Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Address of Requesting Entity: 15610 Vaughn Rd., Brecksville, Ohio 44141

Description of Request: Provide an earmark in the amount of \$500,000 to carry out the Cuyahoga Valley National Park's Site and Structure Rehabilitation Program which is a component of its General Management Plan. With more than 250 historic structures, nearly 100 of which are on the National Register, the park will use the full amount for restoration, rehabilitation and stabilization of the buildings and the environment within the park. Protection of our nation's national parks and their facilities is a relevant use of taxpayer dollars.

Requesting Member: Mr. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, State and Tribal Assistance Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The City of Stow, Ohio

Address of Requesting Entity: 3760 Darrow Road, Stow, Ohio 44224

Description of Request: Provide an earmark in the amount of \$500,000 for the construction of a sanitary sewer system within the City of Stow, Ohio. The full amount of the funding will be used for the construction and installation of the new system. The City of Stow will provide \$600,000 toward the total \$1.1 million cost of the project. Sanitary sewer systems protect human health and the environment.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of HR 2892 the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2010

Requesting Member: Congresswoman CANDICE S. MILLER

Bill Number: HR2996

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The office of the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner

Address of Requesting Entity: Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner 1 Public Works Dr. Building 95 West, Waterford, MI 48328

Description of Request: This request, in the amount of \$500,000.00, would be used to help rehabilitate the Oakland Macomb Interceptor. This is critical to the environment and health and safety of the region. This interceptor has experienced a catastrophic failure and is in need of major repairs.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE SONS OF THE PIONEERS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. BLUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a legendary Ozarks western singing group—Sons of the Pioneers, who will celebrate their 75th anniversary of performing this year. They are known worldwide for their vocal blend, unique harmonies and special arrangements of their classic songs. Introduced in 1934, the Sons of the Pioneers are reputed to be the longest continually performing musical group in the history of western music.

After about 50 years of touring, the Sons of the Pioneers decided to make Branson their home. They settled at the Shepherd of the Hills, where they perform at the Sons of the Pioneers Pavilion. The six-member group entertains guests with western songs and stories.

The members have changed over the years, but they all continue to present the music in its original form for everyone to enjoy.

The founding members included Roy Rogers (Leonard Slye), Bob Nolan and Tim Spencer, who was born in Webb City, Missouri, which is now part of my congressional district. Their unique style of music became widely admired and copied. They composed many original songs, several of which have become true American classics. "Tumbling Tumbleweeds," "Cool Water," and "Riders in the Sky" were part of a unique sound and style, which became the traditional music of the American cowboy and the West.

The Sons of the Pioneers has had 33 members, and has never disbanded. The Sons of the Pioneers have performed in nearly 100

movies and have sung over 3,000 western songs. They have starred in movies with well known actors such as John Wayne, Gene Autry, Bing Crosby, and of course Roy Rogers.

The Sons of the Pioneers has achieved many awards and accolades over their three-quarters of a century performing. They are considered "National Treasures" by the Smithsonian Institute. They have been inducted in several halls of fame including: Nashville Country Hall of Fame in 1978, Western Hero's Hall of Fame in 1984, Western Music Association Hall of Fame in 1990 and the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in 1995. The group won Vocal Group of the Year in 1970 and Band of the Year in 1978. In 1986, their popular song "Cool Water" was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame.

Sons of the Pioneers is truly a group who deserves significant credit for the music they have created, the standards they have set, the achievements they have accomplished, and all the generations they have touched.

This year celebrates the Sons of the Pioneers' 75th Anniversary of creating and preserving western music. It is truly an honor for Southwest Missouri to be the home of such a distinguished group. I wish Sons of the Pioneers continued success and many more years of keeping western music alive for future generations to enjoy.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. ADERHOLT. 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. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Bill:

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 2296, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: National Park Service, Save America's Treasures

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Fort Payne

Address of Requesting Entity: City of Fort Payne, 100 Alabama Ave., NW, Fort Payne, AL 35967

Description of Request: "Historic Fort Payne Coal and Iron Building Rehabilitation, \$150,000"

The funding would allow Fort Payne to create the construction documents, let bids, and begin the phased rehabilitation of an important landmark. The building will house a cultural center, which will serve the entire county. Taxpayer Justification: This building is located in the Fort Payne Boom Town Historical District (National Register #88000444), and upon completion of renovation, will be a valuable asset in stimulating cultural tourism and raising awareness of our heritage. The \$150,000.00 appropriation will be applied to the project in the following manner: \$40,000 for the completion of the design phase (creation of construction documents); \$30,000 for the rehabilitation of the roof system; \$30,000 for the renovation of the exterior of the building; \$50,000 for the installation of HVAC, plumbing and electrical components.