

NO EARMARK REQUESTED

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2007

Mr. COLE of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, the Conference Report for H.R. 1495, the Water Resources Development Act of 2007, indicates that I requested an earmark project in Conference Section 2014(24) for Lake Rodgers, Creedmoor, North Carolina.

I never submitted for nor requested from the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee or the Conference Committee for the Water Resources Development Act this project.

TRIBUTE TO THE 150TH HARFORD FAIR

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. CARNEY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2007

Mr. CARNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th Harford Fair to be held from August 20th to August 25th of the year Two Thousand and Seven, in Harford, Pennsylvania. The Harford Agricultural Society has held the fair as an annual tradition since 1857.

The first fair was held on November 9, 1858, in the sheds around the First Congregational Church. Seventy-six people attended. One of the first recorded exhibits was five heads of cabbage. Each weighed seventeen pounds. A few years later the fair was moved to October. The entrance fee was 10 cents and the main attractions were speakers, brass bands, plowing matches and agricultural displays.

In 1865 the fair doubled in length, spilling over to two bright October days. By 1880, 3,500 people and 1,000 teams of oxen were flocking to the 117 acres of fairground. In the early 1900s the fair hosted the first automobile and victrola, merry-go-rounds, wire walkers, drum corps and the occasional circus. The Lenoxville Band first performed in 1940 and continues to entertain fair-goers.

Now, every year on the third week of August, 65,000 visitors pour into tiny Harford to enjoy one of the few agricultural fairs left in the nation. It has grown into a six day event that allows both the young and old to present handcrafts, agricultural items, fruits, vegetables, baked goods, animals, photography and art work. Last year's fair featured 7,519 items.

The Harford Fair is my hometown fair in Susquehanna County and I am proud to recognize the fair as an enduring tribute to community pride and cooperation. I salute the many tireless volunteers who maintain the Harford Fair and its rich traditions.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Harford Fair for 150 years of family entertainment, agricultural displays and community fellowship.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE VILLAGE OF PANDORA, OHIO ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2007

Mr. GILLMOR. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to pay tribute to a special community in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. On August 10 and 11, 2007, the Village of Pandora, Ohio will begin celebrating a truly monumental event—its 175th anniversary.

Madam Speaker, The Village of Pandora is one of a number of wonderful communities in Northwest, Ohio. As early as 1832, with the completion of the surveying of the rich and fertile woodlands of the Black Swamp region, numerous settlers, including many from Switzerland, seeking religious freedom and rich farm land chose to make their home along Riley Creek. Then in 1835, with the construction of a gristmill by pioneer John Stout, an industrious village was born. Throughout its long and tradition-filled history, Pandora has established itself as a model community.

We in Ohio's Fifth Congressional district are blessed to have such warm towns and villages like Pandora. The individuals who live in these towns and villages are truly wonderful people. They are good friends and neighbors, colleagues and coworkers, and together they form a close knit family, all sharing a common bond centered on their dedication to their community.

Over the many years that I have served in elected office, I have had numerous opportunities to travel to Pandora. Each time I visit, I am greeted by friendly people who truly know how to make one feel at home.

Madam Speaker, the individuality of the American culture and the freedom of the American spirit are embodied in small towns and villages like Pandora, Ohio. For 175 years, the Village of Pandora has served as a model by which other communities can pattern themselves. As we begin this 175th Anniversary celebration, I urge my colleagues to stand and join me in this special tribute to Pandora, Ohio.

HONORING EMMETT SHEPPARD ON HIS RETIREMENT AND CAREER OF SERVICE TO WORKING FAMILIES

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2007

Mr. EDWARDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a lifelong friend of working men and women, Emmett Sheppard, who has given decades of his life in service to the Labor movement. Emmett is retiring as President of the Texas AFL-CIO, but his work on behalf of working people in the Lone Star State will be felt for many years to come.

Emmett has worn many hats over the years. He served as a City Council Member and Mayor Pro Tem in his hometown of Groves, Texas. Emmett worked for the Gulf Oil Corporation, and in this capacity, he took on var-

ious responsibilities for his union, the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Local 4-23.

In 1982, Emmett was elected President of the Sabine Area Central Labor Council, which includes a large portion of Southeast Texas. In 1989, Emmett went to work for the Texas AFL-CIO as its legislative director, where he worked hard for the interests of working men and women at the Texas Capitol.

In 1993, Emmett was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Texas AFL-CIO. In this capacity, Emmett worked tirelessly for workers' rights in Texas, traveling the state and listening and responding to the needs of working men and women.

In 2003, the Texas AFL-CIO recognized Emmett's leadership and dedication by unanimously electing him President of the 220,000 member organization. As President, Emmett has been an effective leader and tenacious advocate for the rights of all Texas workers.

Emmett has also served on the executive board of the Workers' Assistance Program, which assists workers with a variety of problems, and on the executive advisory board of Project SAFE Texas.

If I had to say what the secret of Emmett's success all these years has been, I would have to say that it comes down to one word: respect. Emmett respects others, and treats them accordingly. That is one of many reasons I am honored to call him my friend.

As Emmett retires, he can look forward to spending more time with his wife, Kathy, their two daughters and a granddaughter, who I understand Emmett is fond of spoiling.

Emmett, on behalf of myself and the Texas Democratic Congressional Delegation, we thank you for your service and most importantly, I thank you for your friendship. Enjoy your retirement—you have more than earned it, and I wish you all the best in the years ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2007

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, July 31, I was unable to vote on roll No. 777 to sustain the ruling of the Chair. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on this motion.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND MEDICARE PROTECTION ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of our Nation's children, a strong and secure Medicare program, and for passage of the Children's Health and Medicare Protection Act of 2007, CHAMP Act, H.R. 3162.

More than 6.6 million children today have health insurance because of the creation a decade ago of the State Children's Health Insurance Program SCHIP. However, these children will lose their access to good, affordable