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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 32—HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF STAN HYWET HALL & GARDENS

Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. BROWN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

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Whereas Stan Hywet Hall was built between 1912 and 1915 by Franklin "F.A." Augustus Seiberling and his wife, Gertrude; Whereas Franklin Seiberling hired architect Charles S. Schneider of Cleveland to design the house, landscape architect William H. Manning of Boston to design the grounds, and Hugo F. Huber of New York City to decorate the interior; Whereas Stan Hywet Hall is one of the finest examples of Tudor Revival architecture in the United States; Whereas Alcoholics Anonymous, an organization that continues to help millions of individuals worldwide recover from alcohol addiction, was founded on Mother's Day 1935 following a meeting between Mr. Bill Wilson and Dr. Bob Smith hosted by Henrietta Seiberling at Stan Hywet Hall; Whereas, in 1957, in keeping with the Stan Hywet Hall crest motto of "Non Nobis Solum" (Not for ourselves alone) the Seiberlings donated Stan Hywet Hall to a nonprofit organization, which came to be known as Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, so that the public could enjoy and experience part of a noteworthy chapter in the history of the United States; Whereas Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens is identified as Historic Landmark by the Department of the Interior, the only location in Akron, Ohio, with such a designation and one of only 2,300 nationwide; Whereas Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens is one of Ohio's top 10 tourist attractions, is a Save America's Treasures project, and is accredited by the American Association of Museums; Whereas more than 5,000,000 people from around the world have visited Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, with the number of visitors annually averaging between 150,000 and 200,000 since 1999; Whereas Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens contributes over $12,000,000 annually to the greater Akron economy; Whereas Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens is a recipient of the Trustee Emeritus Award for Excellence in the Stewardship of Historic Sites from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, only the fourth recipient of the Award after George Washington's Mount Vernon, Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, and Washington, D.C.'s Octagon House; and Whereas Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens relies on more than 1,300 volunteers to ensure that its doors remain open to the public, including the Auxiliary Board, the Friends of Stan Hywet, the Stan Hywet Guild, the Stan Hywet Needlework Guild, the Stan Hywet Flowers Arrangers, the Stan Hywet Garden Committee, the Carriage House Gift Shop, the Conservatory, Vintage Base Ball, Vintage Explorers, the Akron Garden Club, and the Garden Forum of Greater Akron: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress:

(1) congratulates Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens on its commitment to sharing its history, gardens, and art collections with the public; and

(2) honors Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens for its commitment to sharing its history, gardens, and art collections with the public; and

(3) authorizes the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee to transmit a copy of this resolution to Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1034. Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1082, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize and amend the prescription drug user fee provisions, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1035. Mr. BURR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1082, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1036. Mr. CORZINE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 990 submitted by Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. SNOWE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mrs. MCCAUGHEY) to the bill S. 1082, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1037. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1082, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1038. Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1082, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1039. Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1082, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1040. Mrs. LIVINTON (for herself and Mr. LAUTENBERG) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1082, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1041. Mr. OBAMA submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1082, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1042. Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1082, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1043. Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. DODD) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1035 submitted by Mr. BURR and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 1082, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1044. Mr. KOHL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1082, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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Subtitle D—Conflicts of Interest

SEC. 241. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

(a) In General.—Subchapter A of chapter VII of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 371 et seq.), is amended by inserting at the end the following:

"SEC. 712. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

(a) Definitions.—For purposes of this section:

(1) ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—The term "advisory committee" means an advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act that provides advice or recommendations to the Secretary regarding activities of the Food and Drug Administration.

(2) FINANCIAL INTEREST.—The term 'financial interest' means financial interest under section 208(a) of title 18, United States Code.

(b) Appointments to Advisory Committees.—

(1) Recruitment.—

(A) In general.—Given the importance of advisory committees to the Food and Drug Administration, the Secretary, through the Office of Women’s Health, the Office of Orphan Product Development, the Office of Pediatric Therapeutics, and other offices within the Food and Drug Administration with relevant expertise, shall develop and implement strategies on effective outreach to individuals to serve on advisory committees at universities, colleges, other academic research centers, professional and medical societies, and patient and consumer groups. The Secretary shall seek input from professional medical and scientific societies to determine the most effective informational and recruitment activities. The Secretary shall also take into account the advisory committees with the greatest number of vacancies.

(B) Recruitment Activities.—The recruitment activities under subparagraph (A) may include—

(i) advertising the process for becoming an advisory committee member at medical and scientific society conferences;

(ii) making widely available, including by using existing electronic communications channels, the contact information for the Food and Drug Administration point of contact regarding advisory committee nominations; and

(iii) developing a method through which an entity receiving funding from the National Institutes of Health, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or the Veterans Health Administration can identify a person who the Food and Drug Administration can contact regarding the nomination of individuals to serve on advisory committees.

(c) Evaluation and Criteria.—When considering a term appointment to an advisory committee, the Secretary shall, at a minimum, consider the expertise of the individual and the financial disclosure report filed by the individual pursuant to the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, each individual’s application for the appointment, so as to reduce the likelihood that an appointed individual will later require a written determination as referred to in section 228(b)(1) of title 18, United States Code, a written certification as referred to in section 228(b)(3) of title 18, United States Code, or a waiver as referred to in subsection (o)(3) of this section for service on the committee at a meeting of the committee.

(d) Participation of Guest Expert with Financial Interest.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, an individual with a financial interest with respect to any matter considered by an advisory committee may be allowed to participate in a meeting of an advisory committee as a guest expert if the Secretary determines that the individual’s financial interests associated with the meeting. An individual participating as a guest expert may provide information and expert opinion, but shall not participate in the discussion or voting by the members of the advisory committee.

(e) Granting and Disclosure of Waiver.—(1) In General.—Prior to a meeting of an advisory committee regarding a particular matter (as that term is used in section 208(b)(3) of title 18, United States Code), a written certification as referred to in subsection (o)(3) of this section for service on the committee at a meeting of the committee.

(f) Granting and Disclosure of Waiver.—(1) In General.—Prior to a meeting of an advisory committee regarding a particular matter (as that term is used in section 208(b)(3) of title 18, United States Code), a written certification as referred to in subsection (o)(3) of this section for service on the committee at a meeting of the committee.