

Statistics, the National Research Council and the National Academy of Science. In 1994, Dr. Peace founded the Biopharmaceutical Applied Statistics Symposium to provide a forum for pharmaceutical and medical researchers and regulators to share timely and pertinent information concerning the application of biostatistics in the pharmaceutical field. Dr. Peace is the founding editor of the *Journal of Biopharmaceutical Statistics* and reviewer and editor of several additional journals including the *American Statistical Association*, *Communications in Statistics*, the *Journal of the American Medical Association* and the *American Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Dr. Peace has a dedicated record of philanthropy to education. He has created twenty-one endowments at five institutions including three at his alma mater, the Medical College of Virginia and one at Randolph-Macon College. Dr. Peace has generously donated time and resources to organizations such as the American Cancer Society, the Georgia Cancer Coalition and the Southeast Georgia Cancer Alliance that are dedicated to cancer research, treatments and cures.

Madam Speaker, I am honored today to recognize Dr. Peace in celebration of his 70th birthday. I hope the year to come will bring him health, happiness and special times with family and friends.

IN RECOGNITION OF AMBASSADOR
FERENC SOMOGYI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in Recognition of the Ambassador of Hungary, Ferenc Somogyi, and his family as they celebrate their departure from the United States after nearly two years of exemplary service.

Ambassador Somogyi was born on September 1st, 1945 in Hartkirchen, Austria. In 1952 the Ambassador began his education in Budapest. He earned a University Degree in 1968 from the University of Economics, Budapest in the field of International Relations and in 1977 was awarded a Doctoral Degree in World Economics from the same institution. Moreover, Ambassador Somogyi gained an additional University Degree in the area of International Relations from the College for Political Science in Budapest.

After obtaining his degree, Ambassador Somogyi began his career at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Hungary. He worked his way from a junior desk officer in 1968 to Professional State Secretary in 1990, during which he served as the Chief Negotiator for talks on the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Hungary. By 1996 Ambassador Somogyi became the State Secretary for Euro-Atlantic Integration. While State Secretary, Ambassador Somogyi acted as the Chief Negotiator for the Hungary-Slovakia Framework Treaty, Hungary-Romania Framework Treaty, Hungary's NATO accession talks and Hungary's EU accession talks. Ambassador Somogyi took positions as the Director for Euro-Atlantic Integration for MATAV Hungarian Telecommunications and CEO of Stonebridge Communications AD between 1998 and 2006. Later in 2006, the Am-

bassador became the Director for International Affairs for Magyar Telekom before being named the Ambassador of Hungary in 2007.

In addition to Ambassador Somogyi's impressive professional career, he has also played a vital role in several Hungarian national and international organizations. For nearly a decade Ambassador Somogyi was a member of the Hungarian Olympic Committee. Between 1998 and 2003 the Ambassador served as President of the Hungarian Athletic Council. He was also a member of the Board of the American Chamber of Commerce in Hungary from 1999 through 2001. Between 2001 and 2003, Ambassador Somogyi served as Vice President of the Atlantic Treaty Associations. Finally, the Ambassador continues to be a member of the Board of Trustees for McDaniel College in Westminster, Maryland and the International Advisory Board for the Institute for the Study of Europe at Columbia University.

While serving as the Ambassador of Hungary, Ferenc Somogyi has focused on strengthening transatlantic relations between Hungary and the United States. He also continued to work with the United States on achieving stability in the Balkans as well as with the business community to explore new ways in economic and technological cooperation.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing Ambassador Ferenc Somogyi for his dedication to improving relations between Hungary and the United States. Furthermore, I wish Ambassador Somogyi and his family a joyous celebration before returning to Hungary.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. LATTA. 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. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBERT E. LATTA

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Health & Human Services; Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Van Wert County Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 1250 South Washington Street, Van Wert, OH 45891

Description of Request: \$840,000 for the Emergency Services Department Expansion project. Funds would be used to expand the emergency services department, and construction of a second floor shell for additional capacity. This project would assist in local job creation during both the construction and post-construction phases of the expansion. Van Wert County Hospital provides essential medical services to residents of Van Wert and sur-

rounding counties, and this emergency department expansion would allow for increased patient capacity. On numerous occasions, people in need of emergency services had to be diverted due to limited space. This capacity constraint will loom larger as the number of patients receiving care in the emergency department is projected to increase sharply from 15,000 at present to 20,000 by 2010. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

ENCOURAGING SELECTION OF CHICAGO AS THE 2016 OLYMPIC HOST CITY

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to begin by thanking Congresswoman JANICE SCHAKOWSKY for introducing this legislation. It is with great pride that I encourage the International Olympic Committee to select the fine city of Chicago, Illinois, as the host city for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Since World War II, at least eighty-one athletes who were either born in Texas or lived in the state at the time of their competition, have won Olympic gold medals. From Michael Johnson to Tara Lipinski, from Nastia Liukin to Sheryl Swoopes, the list is filled with the world's best athletes. These great athletes represent eleven different sports, with track and field, the premier Olympic sport, having the largest number. Therefore, I know the value that the Olympic spirit can have on the citizens of a city and country, and I fully support Chicago in their efforts to bring this worldwide event to their city. Chicago, Illinois, advocates the ideals of the Olympic movement and governments from across the United States, including Houston, are joining together to show their support for bringing the Olympic Games to Chicago, Illinois, in 2016.

The Olympic movement has built a more peaceful and better world by educating young people through amateur athletics, by bringing together athletes from many countries in friendly competition, and by forging new relationships bound by friendship, solidarity, and fair play. June 23rd, Olympic Day, is a unique, global event held every year. National Olympic Committees (NOCs) around the world share this universal festivity with their respective communities, making it the most celebrated Olympic event after the Olympic Games.

On June 23, 2009, Houston celebrated Olympic Day with a special event featuring former Olympian Leigh Barczewski at the NFL Youth Education Town #2 at James Driver Park Boys and Girls Club facility. Leigh presented on one of the 4 Olympic values, Respect, as well as shared with the children his experience as an Olympic cyclist in the 1976 games. Olympic Day has greatly impacted the youth of the world and is teaching them important lessons that they will use for a lifetime.

In a world where many nations are still choosing conflict over cooperation, Olympic Day is a venue through which countries all over the world are exhibiting the Olympic values and choosing friendship and respect over conflict and discord.