

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mike Boyle, Assistant County Executive Officer

DATE: October 10, 2006

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – Approve and present a Resolution honoring United States Congressman John T. Doolittle for his efforts to secure federal funding for multiple projects in Placer County.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve and present a Resolution honoring United States Congressman John T. Doolittle for his efforts to secure federal funding for multiple projects in Placer County.

BACKGROUND

Congressman Doolittle has been very supportive of Placer County throughout his career as Congressman for District 4. Through his aggressive and tenacious efforts to secure funding for several key projects affecting Placer County, many projects have been completed or are targeted for completion. Among those projects are the Public Safety Radio Network Project, the Interstate 80 (I-80) "Bottleneck" Project, the Sub Regional Wastewater Treatment and Water Reclamation Facility Project, the Walerga Road Bridge Replacement Project, and the Children's Health Center/Emergency Shelter Project. All of these projects will have positive impacts on Placer County and could not be realized without the support and funding secured by Congressman Doolittle.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

COUNTY OF
Placer
Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION

In the Matter of a Resolution Honoring
United States Congressman John T. Doolittle
On his Efforts to Secure Federal Funding for
Multiple Projects in Placer County.

Resolution No. 2006 - 291

Whereas, United States Congressman John T. Doolittle was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1991 serving the 14th Congressional District of California and following the redistricting, he began representing the 4th Congressional District. Congressman Doolittle lives with his wife, Julia, has two grown children, and has provided responsible representation for the people of Placer County; and

Whereas, Congressman Doolittle's dedicated service to the constituents in the 4th Congressional District, which includes Placer County, has successfully secured, over the past eight years, nearly \$90 million dollars in federal funding for many projects in Placer County; and

Whereas, there have been five key projects to receive federal funding within the past eight years in Placer County, including the Public Safety Radio Network Project, the Interstate 80 "Bottleneck" project, the Sub Regional Wastewater Treatment and Water Reclamation Facility project, the Walerga Road Bridge Replacement project and the Children's Health Center/Emergency Shelter project; and

Whereas, the Placer County Board of Supervisors adopted a Countywide Public Safety Communications Strategic Plan on February 4, 2003 that identified a three-phased approach to implement a new digital radio network. This project is known as the Public Safety Radio Network Project. Congressman Doolittle secured funding for both Phase I, the initial planning, network upgrades and radio frequency acquisition phase and Phase II, which identified avenues for securing project funding and upgrading network support infrastructure. Phase I and Phase II are now complete as a result of Congressional Earmarks secured by Congressman Doolittle through the Community Oriented Policing Grant Program. With his support, Placer County is proceeding with Phase III, the final phase of implementation. This project reflects Congressman Doolittle's commitment to ensure that public safety and first responder agencies are properly equipped with the tools necessary to serve and protect the citizens of Placer County; and

Whereas, the Interstate 80 "Bottleneck" project is a regional project designed to increase capacity and improve operations on Interstate 80 (I-80) in south Placer County. Congressman Doolittle has been successful in securing over \$71 million in federal funding for this project alone. I-80 is a key connector and critical economic artery between California and the nation, and one of only three continuous coast-to-coast highways. Additionally, the interstate is one of only two all-weather interstate crossings of the Sierra Nevada (to Lake Tahoe and Reno, Nevada) in California and is the lifeline for freight travel. The limited capacity of I-80 results in traffic gridlock in both directions for many hours daily. The funding secured by Congressman Doolittle is expected to facilitate construction to widen I-80 by the year 2010; and

Whereas, Congressman Doolittle has also secured considerable funding for the Sub Regional Wastewater Treatment and Water Reclamation Facility project that will serve the citizens of south Placer County and the projected growth in the area over the next 15 years. This project was authorized in the 2003 Reauthorization of the Water Resources Development Act and has consistently been supported by Congressman Doolittle. The regional design of this facility will provide significant environmental benefits to receiving waters throughout the region, including the Bay-Delta ecosystem; and

Whereas, another significant project in Placer County secured through federal funding by Congressman Doolittle is the Walerga Road Bridge replacement located in western Placer County. Walerga Road is a critical arterial roadway that connects Sacramento County to the City of Roseville. The existing bridge was constructed in 1973 and is frequently covered by floodwaters resulting in road closures. These closures have adverse effects on emergency response and traffic patterns. The proposed project, constructed above the flood plain, would provide for four vehicle lanes and shoulders/bike lanes. The federal funding secured by Congressman Doolittle is essential to completion of this project and to accommodate the traffic levels that are expected to double over the next ten years in the area; and

Whereas, in direct response to Placer County's commitment to provide safe, secure and healthy temporary housing facilities for children under the protective care of Placer County's child protective services agency, Congressman Doolittle has secured financial support for the construction of a Children's Health Center/Emergency Shelter to serve children removed from their families as a result of abuse or neglect. In addition, this facility will include a mental health and behavioral health housing area and on-site medical facilities to conduct primary health screening and examinations. Placer County has prided itself on being innovative in our approaches to protecting children and Congressman Doolittle, with his support, has helped to provide a much needed resource to families in need of emergency facilities.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That, on October 10, 2006, the Placer County Board of Supervisors do hereby honor Congressman John T. Doolittle for his commitment to his constituents and his unwavering policy and financial support that has secured funding used in the construction of these and other projects in Placer County.

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