

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 672

To rename the Guam South Elementary/Middle School of the Department of Defense Domestic Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools System in honor of Navy Commander William “Willie” McCool, who was the pilot of the Space Shuttle Columbia when it was tragically lost on February 1, 2003.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2003

Ms. BORDALLO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Armed Services

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF COMMANDER WILLIAM**
4 **“WILLIE” MCCOOL ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE**
5 **SCHOOL, APRA HEIGHTS, GUAM.**

6 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Commander William C. McCool of the
2 United States Navy, pilot of the Space Shuttle Co-
3 lumbia when it was tragically lost on February 1,
4 2003, attended Dededo Middle School and John F.
5 Kennedy High School on Guam.

6 (2) Commander McCool carried a flag com-
7 memorating the liberation of Guam on NASA mis-
8 sion STS-107 of the Space Shuttle Columbia.

9 (3) Commander McCool pursued his dream of
10 space flight with vigor and passion and, by his life
11 and accomplishments, is an inspiration for school
12 children everywhere to dare to dream big things, to
13 believe in themselves, and to reach for the stars.

14 (b) DESIGNATION.—The Guam South Elementary/
15 Middle School of the Department of Defense Domestic De-
16 pendents Elementary and Secondary Schools System in
17 Apra Heights, Guam, shall be known and designated as
18 the “Commander William ‘Willie’ McCool Elementary/
19 Middle School”, in honor of William C. McCool, who was
20 a commander in the United States Navy and pilot of the
21 Space Shuttle Columbia when it was tragically lost on
22 February 1, 2003.

23 (c) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
24 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
25 States to the Guam South Elementary/Middle School shall

- 1 be deemed to be a reference to the “Commander William
- 2 ‘Willie’ McCool Elementary/Middle School”.

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