

industry for approximately 10 years. Funding provided by this request will be used to conduct rigorous military testing and evaluation. The use of Arctic Fire Freeze in military vehicles and equipment and by ground troops could significantly reduce burn-related injuries and fatalities.

Project: High Density Power Conversion and Distribution Equipment

Project Amount: \$1,500,000

Account: RDT&E Navy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity:

Westwood Corporation, L-3 Communications
Address of Requesting Entity: 12402 East 60th Street, Tulsa, OK 74146

Description of Request: Navy power switchboard technology has remained essentially the same for nearly 50 years. This technology is passed largely on past Navy applications (with lower power needs) and commercial practices (which are less volume and weight sensitive). The Navy's power needs (e.g., sensors, weapons, house loads) have escalated and the newest power architecture designs have added additional concerns (e.g., higher frequencies), but the size and weight of the power distribution equipment are still limited. The inline switchboard technology simplifies the switchboard arrangement to greatly decrease size, weight, and lifecycle cost. In summary, this will provide the Navy with technology that will result in \$0.25 M/per year per destroyer/cruiser in maintenance savings plus an additional \$1 million per ship in overhaul savings. Additional savings are estimated in size and weight at 50 tons per ship and a space savings of 1000 sq.ft. Fuel savings due to the decreased weight are anticipated to be significant given the cost of fuel.

Project: Lightweight Composite Structure Development for Aerospace Vehicles

Project Amount: \$3,000,000

Account: RDT&E Navy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Advanced Composites Group

Address of Requesting Entity: 5350 South 129th Street, Tulsa, OK 74134.

Description of Request: Funding would improve, qualify, and test advanced composite materials. The military has a demonstrated need for a domestic source of new advanced carbon fibers and testing protocols. Second-source qualification of composite materials only currently available from foreign suppliers will allow military suppliers to have access to lower cost domestic sources of composite materials.

IN HONOR OF MR. GENE COX

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. BOYD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication to the youth of our Nation and whose contributions as a highly successful high school football coach in Florida meant so much to generations of young men. He prepared hundreds of young men to face the world and taught them discipline, excellence, and the desire to strive to be the best they could be in life. We have been very fortunate to have Gene Cox as a strong, dedicated, persevering, and committed leader.

Coach Cox passed away on Monday, March 30, 2009, in Tallahassee, and he is being honored by the establishment of the Gene Cox Memorial Football Scholarship at Leon High School, which will provide continued support of deserving youth.

Gene Cox grew up in Lake City, Florida, moved to Leon County in 1963, and became one of the nation's most successful football coaches. He even served as my football coach briefly in my younger days. Not only was he a great coach, he was a veteran of the Army National Guard and an active member of East Hill Baptist Church. His long term leadership in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes showed many the true foundations of living and serving. He was also the loving husband to Patsy, father to three sons and a daughter, and grandfather to five.

Gene Cox had a tireless passion and intensity to his role as coach and mentor to our youth. I am proud to commend this man who meant so much to north Florida and to the many young men throughout this country who he coached and led.

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HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, at the request of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas, I am officially entering House Concurrent Resolution 86, as passed by the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009 of the State of Texas, into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 86

Whereas, The men and women who have served in this nation's armed forces are entitled to ready access to the best possible medical care; and

Whereas, For the more than 100,000 veterans living in the Rio Grande Valley, the nearest U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs hospital is in San Antonio, as much as 300 miles and a five-hour trip away, and the lack of a VA hospital in the Valley has long imposed great hardships on veterans in that region and on their families; and

Whereas, Veterans requesting appointments at the facility in San Antonio typically wait months to be seen, even for serious conditions; for those who cannot drive themselves, or who cannot afford to drive, van transportation is provided by veterans service groups; the lengthy trip, however, adds to the patients' physical distress; no ambulances are available to convey veterans to San Antonio, which makes the journey especially difficult for those who are bed-ridden; and

Whereas, Once veterans arrive in San Antonio, they often wait hours for an appointment that may take only 15 minutes, or they may find that their appointment has been canceled; they may also discover that they need to stay overnight, which adds to the time-consuming nature of their trip and to its expense; and

Whereas, For veterans who must go to San Antonio several times a month, the time lost to travel can make it difficult to hold a job; the demands of such a trip also place a great burden on family members who have to take time off from work, and possibly arrange for child care, to drive a veteran to San Antonio, and who may need to make such trips

for many years; the cost of gas and meals, in addition to the expense of lodging, if that is required, substantially exceeds the prescribed travel allowance; and

Whereas, The current facilities for veterans health care in the Valley are manifestly inadequate; the VA presently operates several outpatient clinics in the region, but these do not offer the full range of services, including testing and therapy, available in San Antonio; moreover, the VA has failed to pay the bills of many veterans who have had to seek emergency care at a local hospital; in addition, although there are plans to contract with area hospitals to provide some inpatient veterans care, the medical personnel in those facilities are unlikely to have the necessary expertise in treating the injuries and psychological trauma sustained by combat veterans; and

Whereas, In recent years, local veterans organizations have formed the Veterans Alliance of the Rio Grande Valley to help raise awareness of this issue; and

Whereas, Veterans who live in the Valley, veterans from out of state who make their home in the Valley during the winter months, and U.S. veterans who reside in Mexico all sorely need and clearly deserve a fully staffed, full-service veterans hospital in far South Texas; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas hereby affirm its support for the establishment of a veterans hospital in the Rio Grande Valley; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to the Congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

TESTIMONY GIVEN BY EZEKIEL LOL GATKUOTH REGARDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PEACE ACCORD (CPA) IN SUDAN

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I would like to share with our colleagues testimony that Ezekiel Lol Gatkuoth, head of the Government of Southern Sudan Mission to the United States, gave yesterday before the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission regarding the importance of full implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Accord (CPA) in Sudan.

His perspective is invaluable as a diplomat and Southern Sudanese leader who experienced firsthand the horrors of the twenty-plus year civil war between the North and the South which left more than 2 million dead in Southern Sudan.

TESTIMONY OF EZEKIEL LOL GATKUOTH HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTHERN SUDAN MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES BEFORE THE TOM LANTOS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (TLHRC)

Honorable Co-Chairman Frank R. Wolf, Honorable Co-Chairman James P. McGovern, and Members of Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, thank you for organizing this Hearing at this important juncture in Sudan's history and in the quest for peace and