

is Tex Tech's work with high-tech fabrics, however, that has been most impressive. From durable and well-engineered fireblocking protection for mattresses, aircraft hulls, and school bus seats, to small and precise components found in specialized machine parts like rollers for X-ray processing, Tex Tech's products have a functional, everyday use to them.

I am most grateful to Tex Tech for its stellar and critical work developing specialized body armor used to protect our Nation's servicemembers. Tex Tech's ground-breaking Core Matrix Technology is used to produce hard and soft armor, safety products, and hard composites for ballistic structural reinforcement. This distinctive invention effectively protects our Nation's law enforcement officers and military personnel facing danger. In particular, it is employed to create the body armor that is used on outer tactical vests worn by our country's soldiers in Iraq.

For its outstanding work and dedicated service, Tex Tech Industries has received prestigious national recognition. In particular, the Small Business Technology Council honored Tex Tech with its 2006 Tibbetts Award as a result of the company's work with the Small Business Innovation Research, SBIR, and Small Business Technology Transfer, STTR, programs, which provide critical seed funding for small businesses developing our Nation's next generation of innovations. The award specifically highlighted the company's contributions to the Maine economy and research and development field in the State. The SBIR-STTR programs are critical to the growth of thousands of companies nationwide, and I am proud of Tex Tech's success story.

Tex Tech has left an indelible mark on dozens of products we use every day; but on a larger scale, it has also contributed to improving safety for millions of Americans facing danger day in and day out. As our service men and women fight tirelessly to keep our country safe—and prevent another 9/11—I thank Tex Tech Industries for doing its part to keep them safe. Their commitment to our State and Nation are extremely laudable, and I wish them continued success in their multiple endeavors.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) announced that on today, September 11, 2009, he had signed the following enrolled joint resolution, previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S.J. Res. 9. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of France A. Córdova as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, September 11, 2009, she

had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled joint resolution:

S.J. Res. 9. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of France A. Córdova as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 1663. A bill to make available funds from the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 for funding a voluntary employees' beneficiary association with respect to former employees of Delphi Corporation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. Res. 262. A resolution designating the month of September 2009 as 'National Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Month' and encouraging efforts to educate the public about atrial fibrillation; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 182

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 182, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 491

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 593

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 593, a bill to ban the use of bisphenol A in food containers, and for other purposes.

S. 846

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 846, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Muhammad Yunus, in recognition of his contributions to the fight against global poverty.

S. 981

At the request of Mr. DODD, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 981, a

bill to support research and public awareness activities with respect to inflammatory bowel disease, and for other purposes.

S. 1076

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1076, a bill to improve the accuracy of fur product labeling, and for other purposes.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 262—DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2009 AS 'NATIONAL ATRIAL FIBRILLATION AWARENESS MONTH' AND ENCOURAGING EFFORTS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. CRAPO) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 262

Whereas atrial fibrillation is a cardiac condition in which electrical pulses disrupt the regular beating of the atria in the heart, hampering the ability of the atria to fill the ventricles with blood, and subsequently causing blood to pool in the atria and form clots;

Whereas atrial fibrillation is the most common cardiac malfunction and affects at least 2,200,000 people in the United States, with increased prevalence anticipated as the population of the United States ages;

Whereas atrial fibrillation is associated with an increased long-term risk of stroke, heart failure, and mortality from all causes, especially among women;

Whereas, according to the Journal of the American College of Cardiology, atrial fibrillation accounts for approximately 1/3 of hospitalizations for cardiac rhythm disturbances;

Whereas, according to the American Heart Association, 3 to 5 percent of people in the United States who are 65 years of age and older are estimated to have atrial fibrillation;

Whereas, according to a study in the American Heart Association journal "Circulation", atrial fibrillation is recognized as a major contributor to strokes, with an estimated 15 to 20 percent of strokes occurring in people with atrial fibrillation;

Whereas the Journal of the American College of Cardiology estimates that the treatment of atrial fibrillation costs approximately \$3,600 per patient annually, for a total cost burden in the United States of approximately \$15,700,000,000;

Whereas obesity is a significant risk factor for atrial fibrillation;

Whereas better education for patients and health care providers is needed in order to ensure timely recognition of atrial fibrillation symptoms; and

Whereas more research into effective treatments for atrial fibrillation is needed: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the month of September 2009 as "National Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Month";

(2) supports efforts to educate people about atrial fibrillation;

(3) recognizes the need for additional research into treatment for atrial fibrillation; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States and interested groups to observe and support National Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Month through appropriate programs and activities that promote public awareness of atrial fibrillation and potential treatments for atrial fibrillation.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2330. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2331. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2332. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2333. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 2338. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2339. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2340. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2341. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2342. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2343. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2344. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2345. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2346. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2347. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2348. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2349. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2350. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2351. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2352. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2353. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2354. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2355. Mr. JOHANNIS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2356. Mr. JOHANNIS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2357. Mr. NELSON of Nebraska submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2358. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2359. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2360. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2361. Mr. GREGG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2330. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ None of the funds in this Act may be used to fund the ARC/THE Tunnel (New Jersey Trans-Hudson Midtown Corridor).

SA 2331. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ None of the funds in this Act may be used to fund the Sound Transit-University Link LRT Extension, WA.

SA 2332. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ None of the funds in this Act may be used to fund the RTD West Corridor, CO.

SA 2333. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ None of the funds in this Act may be used to fund the Mid-Jordan Light Rail, UT.

SA 2334. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ None of the funds in this Act may be used to fund the Northwest/Southeast Light Rail MOS, TX.

SA 2335. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ None of the funds in this Act may be used to fund the Dulles Corridor Rail Project, VA.

SA 2336. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following: