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Congresswoman Matsui Secures \$7 Million for Key Sacramento Priorities in Defense Appropriations Bill

Will Fund Medical Research, Renewable Energy, Infrastructure and Technology

WASHINGTON, DC – Congresswoman Doris Matsui (CA-05) secured \$7 million for Sacramento area projects in the Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2010 Appropriations Bill passed today by the U.S. House of Representatives. The bill provides critical funding for four Sacramento projects: the UC Davis Military Burn Trauma Research Program; microchip production technology at the Defense Microelectronics Activity (DMEA); infrastructure improvements at the former McClellan Air Force Base; and funding for the Renewable Energy Testing Center, which is working with the Department of Defense on developing clean energy technology.

Representative Matsui was instrumental in securing these funds at the federal level and recognizes the important role these institutions play in the Sacramento community. “This legislation demonstrates this Congress’ commitment to our troops and their families by offering first class medical care to our military personnel and by helping make our national defense programs more efficient and more effective,” she said. “The inclusion of funding for these specific Sacramento area projects is a reminder that the military’s role in our local economy is still strong.”

- The UC Davis Military Burn Trauma Research Program at the Regional Burn Center will

receive \$2 million for research to examine the best practices and devise new therapies for treating severe burn injuries, which affect more than a million people every year. Funding will be used to conduct clinical burn research trials, covering the costs of enrolling patients with similar burn injuries in multiple institutions in a treatment program to treat burns sustained during military service.

- Sacramento County will receive \$1 million to improve residential, commercial, business, and aviation access into and through the former McClellan Air Force Base. This funding will also help the county improve the site's infrastructure and attract business tenants as it recovers from the closure of the base.

- The Defense Microelectronics Activity, an agency within the Department of Defense that is located at McClellan, will receive \$3 million for advanced fabrication technology used in the production of microchips. This project will prolong the life and improve the performance of military systems currently in the field by developing microcircuits, which are critical for systems operation, and to replace those no longer manufactured by the microchip industry. The project will also identify ways to reduce the time required to switch from one process to another, which helps the Defense Department in its planning and decision-making capacities, and will reduce the cost of components produced.

- The Renewable Energy Testing Center, which evaluates next-generation energy and fuel production technologies for the military, will receive \$1 million to support their efforts to reduce our military's, and our country's dependence on foreign oil. The Center's work will help reduce the military's overall carbon footprint and its toxic air emissions.

The Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2010 Appropriations Bill passed today will also keep a commitment to our troops and their families with a 3.4% pay raise for our military, first class medical care and strong support for family advocacy programs. The legislation continues efforts to end the practice of "stop loss" and pays our troops an additional \$500 for every month their term of service is involuntarily extended.

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