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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 29, 1993

Mr. MONTGOMERY (for himself, Mr. STUMP, Mr. ROWLAND, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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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. GRANT FOR SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHMENT OF**
4 **RESEARCH FACILITY TO STUDY LOW-LEVEL**
5 **CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY.**

6 (a) GRANT.—Of the amount authorized to be appro-
7 priated to the Department of Defense for research, devel-
8 opment, test, and evaluation for fiscal year 1994, the sum

1 of \$1,200,000 shall be available for a grant by the Sec-
2 retary of Defense to a qualifying facility to construct and
3 equip a specialized environmental medical research unit in
4 a hospital setting to conduct environmentally controlled
5 research into possible chemical sensitivities to low-level ex-
6 posures to organic chemicals and other substances, espe-
7 cially among persons who served on active duty in the
8 Southwest Asia theater of operations during the Persian
9 Gulf War.

10 (b) SELECTION CRITERIA.—The grant authorized by
11 subsection (a) may be awarded only to a health care facil-
12 ity that (as determined by the Secretary of Defense)—

13 (1) is operated by or affiliated with an accred-
14 ited medical school;

15 (2) has the capacity, or demonstrable potential,
16 to ensure the participation of scientists who are ca-
17 pable of winning extramural funding support for,
18 and carrying out, outstanding research into possible
19 chemical sensitivities to low-level exposures to or-
20 ganic chemicals and other substances; and

21 (3) is located in proximity to, and is affiliated
22 with a medical facility of the Department of De-
23 fense, which itself has an affiliation with a medical
24 facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

1 (c) REQUIRED AGREEMENT.—The Secretary may not
2 award the grant under subsection (a) to a health care fa-
3 cility unless the facility has entered into an agreement
4 with the Secretary that includes provisions ensuring
5 that—

6 (1) research personnel of the affiliated Depart-
7 ment of Veterans Affairs medical facility, and of the
8 Department of Defense medical facility with which it
9 is associated, and any other appropriate Federal per-
10 sonnel with relevant expertise, may carry out re-
11 search activities at the unit on an ongoing basis;

12 (2) to the extent not inconsistent with para-
13 graph (1), the facilities of the research unit con-
14 structed and equipped with the assistance of such
15 grant support shall be made available for research
16 activities on a competitive basis; and

17 (3) Federal funding for the research unit, and
18 any Federal research activities carried out at the
19 unit, are acknowledged in the activities and publica-
20 tions of the grantee.

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