

This year, Dr. Thomson accepted an additional appointment as Director of Regenerative Biology at the Morgridge Institute for Research, the nonprofit side of the new Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery. He is the first member of the Morgridge Institute's multidisciplinary scientific leadership team and will continue his pioneering research at the Institute. In addition, Dr. Thomson is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Dr. Thomson's latest achievements are in a long line of accolades, which include his receipt of the 2003 Frank Annunzio Award from the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation, an independent Federal agency that gives the award to individuals who have improved the world through ingenuity and innovation. In 2005, Dr. Thomson was instrumental in the selection of the WiCell Research Institute—a private, nonprofit supporting organization of the University of Wisconsin-Madison—as the first National Stem Cell Bank. I was proud to join him in celebrating the announcement of that selection. As noted by the managing director of the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (WARF), Dr. Carl Gulbrandsen, Dr. Thomson "is really the reason why UW-Madison is the center of the universe for stem cell research."

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Dr. James Thomson for his extraordinary achievements. With a long career ahead, I wish him years of continued success, and I invite the Congress to join me in applauding him for his enormous contributions to developmental biology, which will shape the world and alleviate human suffering in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE CRISISLINK HOTLINE

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of dedicated individuals who volunteer their time to support CrisisLink's efforts to save lives and prevent tragedies in the 8th Congressional District and throughout the National Capital Region. Their efforts to prevent suicide are worthy of recognition.

Since 1969, CrisisLink volunteers have provided invaluable, free, confidential crisis intervention services to anyone who calls their hotline. CrisisLink has played a major role in educating the community on how to recognize signs of depression and respond to the threats of suicide. Last year, CrisisLink volunteers donated a total of 17,000 hours of their time, answered 30,000 calls, and saved the National Capital Region approximately 4 million dollars in ambulance, police, emergency room, and treatment costs for attempted suicides.

In addition to CrisisLink's regional hotline, volunteers also service the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, NSPL—1-800-273-TALK—and 1-800-SUICIDE. For NSPL, the

help of Crisis Link volunteers is crucial. Answering calls to prevent tragedies are performed by volunteers and staff at CrisisLink as well as other independent crisis centers across the country.

It is a sad fact that 56 percent of all deaths in the U.S. are due to suicide. In comparison, homicides make up only 30 percent of all deaths. While distressing, these numbers would surely be higher if not for CrisisLink's volunteers who help individuals in a time of crisis, promote stabilization, and provide resources to empower people to help themselves. With 20 percent of suicides attributed to veterans and active duty military, crisis centers are working closely with the Department of Veteran's Affairs through the NSPL to answer calls from our service members in order to save lives and prevent tragedies.

I am very grateful to CrisisLink's current and former volunteers for all they do to serve the residents of Virginia's 8th District and our region. They are available 7 days a week, 365 days a year to help people when it is most desperately needed and there is nowhere else to turn. These volunteers give their time so that others may have the gift of time—time to survive a crisis, time to heal, time to live. I laud the efforts of these dedicated volunteers and thank CrisisLink for providing such a vital service to our community.

LAMAR MEN'S BASKETBALL OUTSTANDING 2007-2008 SEASON

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, during the 1970's and 80s the Lamar University Cardinals dominated Southland Conference basketball, at one point putting together 80 straight home wins, which is still the 7th longest home winning streak in NCAA history.

Lamar men's basketball continued this winning tradition with an outstanding 2007-2008 season. Led by first team all-conference performers Kenny Dawkins and Lamar Sanders, and All-Conference Honorable mention Darren Hopkins, Lamar Men's Basketball team and their coach Steve Roccaforte posted a 19-11 record. Earning its 12th conference title and first since the 1982-83 season. Coach Roccaforte guided the Cardinals to the title in only his second year at the helm, which ties him with legendary Lamar coach Billy Tubbs as fastest to conference championship in school history.

The effort and resilience shown by the Lamar Men's Basketball team and staff has been nothing short of tremendous. In a season that did not start as planned, the Cardinals never gave in. Lamar started the season with a disappointing 1-5 record; however, the self-confident Cardinals turned their season around. Coach Roccaforte said the turning point in their season was a narrow two point loss to Big 12 conference power Texas Tech. With renewed confidence the Cardinals went on a tear winning 13 out of their next 14 games, propelling them to the regular season conference title.

On behalf of the entire Second Congressional District of Texas I would like to commend Lamar University Men's Basketball team hard fought season and congratulate them on a well deserved Conference Title.

And that's just the way it is.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JIM MCCRERY

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. MCCRERY. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman JIM MCCRERY (LA-04).

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, FY2009 National Defense Authorization Act.

Account: Research and Development, Air Force.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Distributed Infinity, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1382 Quartz Mountain Drive, Larkspur, CO 80118.

Description of Request: This \$3M authorization authorizes appropriations for continued research and development of the Cybercraft initiative, a cyber security utility that will ensure secure communications between warfighters over computer networks. Research is presently underway on Cybercraft at the Air Force Research Laboratory, Rome NY. Project is supported by the Air Force Cyberspace Command (P), Barksdale Air Force Base, Bossier City, LA.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Bill Number: H.R. 5658: Army, RDT&E, Line 177, PE #0305208A (Distributed Common Ground/Surface Systems).

Legal name and address of entity receiving earmark: Battle Command Battle Lab, Mr. Jason Denno, Deputy Director, Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613.

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: The Constant Look system is a prototype biometric sensing capability developed for the U.S. Army to support MOUT (military operations in urbanized terrain). Its unique stand-off capability gives users an ability to support surveillance and special operations remotely. User comments from several demonstration tests included requests for enhancements to improve usability and extend the capability of the system in terms of what can be collected. The Constant Look Operational Support Environment (CLOSE) will provide that additional functionality by leveraging several proven off-the-shelf technologies—a stand-off digital collection system and additional digital signal processing (DSP) to extract other types of biometric signatures.