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H. R. 542

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the National Urban Security Technology Laboratory, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Miss RICE of New York (for herself and Mr. KING of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Supporting Research
5 and Development for First Responders Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL URBAN SECURITY TECHNOLOGY LAB-**
7 **ORATORY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Homeland Secu-
9 rity Act of 2002 is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing new section:

1 **“SEC. 321. NATIONAL URBAN SECURITY TECHNOLOGY LAB-**
2 **ORATORY.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
4 the Under Secretary for Science and Technology, shall
5 designate the laboratory described in subsection (b) as an
6 additional laboratory pursuant to the authority under sec-
7 tion 308(c)(2). Such laboratory shall be used to test and
8 evaluate emerging technologies and conduct research and
9 development to assist emergency response providers in
10 preparing for, and protecting against, threats of terrorism.

11 “(b) LABORATORY DESCRIBED.—The laboratory de-
12 scribed in this subsection is the laboratory—

13 “(1) known, as of the date of the enactment of
14 this section, as the National Urban Security Tech-
15 nology Laboratory;

16 “(2) previously known as the Environmental
17 Measurements Laboratory; and

18 “(3) transferred to the Department pursuant to
19 section 303(1)(E).

20 “(c) LABORATORY ACTIVITIES.—The laboratory des-
21 ignated pursuant to subsection (a), shall—

22 “(1) conduct tests, evaluations, and assess-
23 ments of current and emerging technologies, includ-
24 ing, as appropriate, cybersecurity of such tech-
25 nologies that can connect to the internet, for emer-
26 gency response providers;

1 “(2) conduct research and development on radi-
2 ological and nuclear response and recovery;

3 “(3) act as a technical advisor to emergency re-
4 sponse providers; and

5 “(4) carry out other such activities as the Sec-
6 retary determines appropriate.”.

7 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
8 in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by inserting after
9 the item relating to section 320 the following new item:

“321. National Urban Security Technology Laboratory.”.

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