

critically needed service to patients unable to access regular dental/dental hygiene care. The mobile dental unit would serve the delta area of Louisiana which has been designated an economically and socially depressed area, which in the past has been approved for federal development funding. The mobile unit would benefit underserved patients who lack the financial resources and/or transportation to obtain proper dental care. The unit would be staffed by a dentist, dental assistant, dental hygienist and dental hygiene students who would work with local public health offices to coordinate services.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER  
H.R. 3170  
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Grambling University, 400 Main St., Grambling, LA 71245

The primary goals of the Greater North Louisiana Community Development Corp are to: a) stimulate creation, attraction, retention and expansion of business and industry in North Louisiana, b) provide access to financial capital, c) promote the growth of "homegrown" business using technology to provide rural isolated entrepreneurs with access to information, technical assistance, professional services and expertise. The Rural U.S. is home to over 56 million Americans who live in some of the country's poorest regions. As nationally publicized by all mediums, the state of Louisiana is involved in a long-running battle to find solutions to poverty and combating literacy (see attachments A & B—GNLCDC Service Area Demographics and Maps). The primary employers in the targeted parishes are light manufacturing companies. It is expected that manufacturing jobs will continue to decline in the 21st Century, therefore diversification is critical to the stimulation and survival of rural communities.

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Louisiana Tech University, 700 W California Ave, Ruston, LA 71272

Anti-Tamper Research and Development \$3,800,000. This program will provide the research, development, and testing of technologies that can significantly reduce or eliminate the threat of reverse-engineering or software extraction from the guidance/avionics package of military aircraft and missiles. We will initiate the R&D of specific technologies that can be used to prevent tampering of aviation and missile systems, initiate the development and instrumentation of techniques that can be used to test the vulnerability of missile systems before and after insertion of the technology, and test the initial technology produced by this program. Technologies developed will prevent the extraction, disassembly, and reuse of U.S. aviation and missile Critical Technology/Critical Program Information hardware and software. The DoD is currently aware of how vulnerable its weapons systems are to reverse-engineering, and this effort will develop measures to decrease or eliminate this vulnerability.

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Remote Language-Independent Suspect Identification \$3,200,000. Louisiana Tech University seeks funding for research in remote

language-independent suspect identification. Our researchers have developed technologies that use mathematical models for identity verification. Aspects of this work have been commercialized in the private sector. The University has worked with the Air Force and industry partners in further development of the algorithms and software for military applications. These funds will support our faculty and partners identified by the Air Force in extending the development of these algorithms.

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Cyber Security Research Program \$1,500,000. Louisiana Tech University seeks funding to initiate programs in the recently funded Cyber Security Laboratory to support new research and educational efforts in cyber security. This laboratory is a key component of the Center for Secure Cyberspace (CSC), a collaboration between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana State University. Funding for the CSC, totaling \$8 million, has been provided by the Louisiana Board of Regents and the two universities. Researchers are developing core research foundations in evolvable sensor hardware/software and corresponding transformational technologies for the early prediction, detection, and control of anomalous behavior in cyberspace. The CSC has built strategic collaborative relationships between national and international academic and industrial partners, with the Air Force Cyber Command (P), Air Force Research Laboratory, and other state and federal agencies. Many of these partners have provided input into the design of the CSL. The proposed funding will enable us to configure, test and validate the new equipment and software, which is being purchased in FY 2009, and to support initial research projects between the CSC and partners. These initial projects will enable Tech and its partners to gather preliminary data to serve as the basis for further funding from multiple agencies.

#### TEXAS H. CON. RES. 39

### HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, at the request of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas, I am officially entering House Joint Resolution 39, as passed by the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009 of the State of Texas, into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

#### A JOINT RESOLUTION

post-ratifying Amendment XXIV to the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the denial or abridgment of the right to vote for failure to pay any poll tax or other tax.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The 87th Congress of the United States, on August 27, 1962, in the form of Senate Joint Resolution No. 29, proposed to the legislatures of the several states an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and by a proclamation dated February 4, 1964, published at 29 *Federal Register* 1715-16 and at 78 Statutes at Large 1117-18, the Administrator of General Services,

Bernard L. Boutin—in the presence of native Texan, President Lyndon Baines Johnson—declared the amendment to have been ratified by the legislatures of 38 of the 50 states, thereby becoming Amendment XXIV to the United States Constitution, pursuant to Article V thereof, and reading as follows:

#### "AMENDMENT XXIV.

"SECTION 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote in any primary or other election for President or Vice President, or for electors for President or Vice President, or for Senator or Representative in Congress, shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State by reason of failure to pay any poll tax or other tax.

"SECTION 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

"SECTION 2. While the congress was still deliberating on the poll tax amendment in August of 1962, President John Fitzgerald Kennedy urged the United States House of Representatives to follow the lead of the Senate and propose the amendment for the consideration of the state legislatures "... to finally eliminate this outmoded and arbitrary bar to voting. American citizens should not have to pay to vote." And in witnessing the issuance of Amendment XXIV's certificate of validity 17 months later, Kennedy's successor, President Johnson, noted that abolishing the tax requirement "... reaffirmed the simple but unbreakable theme of this Republic. Nothing is so valuable as liberty, and nothing is so necessary to liberty as the freedom to vote without bans or barriers. ... A change in our Constitution is a serious event. ... There can now be no one too poor to vote."

SECTION 3. Although Amendment XXIV has been the law of the land since 1964, some 13 years following its effective date, it received symbolic post-ratification in 1977 from the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia, as reflected in the *Congressional Record* of March 28, 1977, which printed the full text of Virginia's post-ratification; 12 years after that, the amendment gained ceremonial post-ratification in 1989 from the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, as reflected in the *Congressional Record* of June 6, 1989, which printed the full text of North Carolina's post-ratification; and nearly 13 years after that, the amendment acquired its most recent post-ratification in 2002 from the Legislature of the State of Alabama, as reflected in the *Congressional Record* of September 26, 2002, which printed the full text of Alabama's post-ratification.

SECTION 4. The Legislature of the State of Texas—one of only five states still levying a poll tax by 1964—has never approved Amendment XXIV to the Constitution of the United States, but precedent makes clear the opportunity of Texas to post-ratify the amendment in a manner similar to the actions of lawmakers in Alabama, North Carolina, and Virginia.

SECTION 5. The Legislature of the State of Texas, as a symbolic gesture, hereby post-ratifies Amendment XXIV to the Constitution of the United States.

SECTION 6. Pursuant to Public Law No. 98-497, the Texas secretary of state shall notify the archivist of the United States of the action of the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas, Regular Session, 2009, by forwarding to the archivist an official copy of this resolution.

SECTION 7. The Texas secretary of state shall also forward official copies of this resolution to both United States senators from Texas, to all United States representatives from Texas, to the vice president of the United States in his capacity as presiding officer of the United States Senate, and to the

speaker of the United States House of Representatives, with the request that this resolution be printed in full in the *Congressional Record*.

DAVID DEWHURST,  
*President of the Senate.*

JOE STRAUS,  
*Speaker of the House.*

ROBERT HANEY,  
*Chief Clerk of the House.*

PATSY SPAW,  
*Secretary of the Senate.*

HOPE ANDRADE,  
*Secretary of State.*

## SALUTING THE NOMINEES OF THE 2009 TECH TITANS FINALISTS

### HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 31, 2009*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the finalists for the 2009 Tech Titans Award presented by Metroplex Technology Business Council, the largest technology trade association in Texas. On August 28th, the winners will be announced in categories designed to showcase the most cutting-edge technologies and the brightest talent emerging from the North Texas region at the 2009 Tech Titans Awards and Fast Tech gala. The event will also reveal the rankings of the 2009 Titan Fast Tech, which lists the fastest-growing DFW technology companies based on percentage revenue growth over the last year and the fastest-growing DFW technology companies based on percentage revenue growth over the last five years.

The Tech Titans gala also raises funds to support a scholarship program for students at local universities who are pursuing degrees in math, science, engineering and technology, as well as high school teachers who teach in these disciplines. Founded in 1994, the Metroplex Technology Business Council (MTBC) is a non-profit organization composed of approximately 300 members that include technology businesses and providers from across the DFW Metroplex. The MTBC produces numerous events, including the Management in High-Tech Luncheon Series, the Technical Luncheon Series, Tech Week in Austin and the Tech Titans and Fast Tech Awards.

Recently, the Economist, a reputable international magazine, featured a special in-depth section showcasing the wonders of Texas for business. The MTBC is a shining example of the face of the future for Texas. Make no mistake, the MTBC is making great things happen for the Lone Star State—and the world.

"The Tech Titans Awards and Fast Tech provide the premier recognition of fast-growing, highly innovative companies that contribute to the vibrancy of the North Texas economy and make our region an exciting place to live and work," said Cindi Keith, partner/technology marketing industry leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and co-chair of the MTBC's Tech Titans steering committee. "We look forward to showcasing the true leaders in our industry and celebrating their hard work and creativity."

Besides the MTBC, other supporters of the Tech Titans Awards and Fast Tech event are PricewaterhouseCoopers, TechAmerica (formerly American Electronics Association), Deloitte, Dallas Business Journal, KBA Group LLP, Time Warner Cable Business Class, GSCS Inc., Farstar Inc., and AVMG.

Congratulations one and all. I salute you. The 2009 Tech Titan Finalist names and the categories follow:

#### CORPORATE CEO AWARD CATEGORY

Bruce Ballengee, CEO and Co-Founder, Pariveda Solutions, Inc.

Timothy Gallagher, CEO, Electronic Transaction Consultants Corporation

Dale Sohn, President, Samsung Telecommunications America

Charlie Vogt, President and CEO, GENBAND

#### EMERGING COMPANY CEO AWARD CATEGORY

Steve Steinheimer, CEO, SSG Ltd  
Nina Vaca, CEO, Pinnacle Technical Resources, Inc.

Paul VanMeter, President and CEO, Colo4Dallas

Alastair Westgarth, President and CEO, Tango Networks, Inc.

#### CORPORATE HORIZON AWARD CATEGORY

Electronic Transaction Consultants Corporation

Entrust

Fujitsu Network Communications, Inc.

Nokia Siemens Networks

#### EMERGING COMPANY HORIZON AWARD CATEGORY

Airwalk Communications, Inc.

OnAsset Intelligence, Inc.

Sipera Systems

Tango Networks, Inc.

#### TECH INNOVATOR AWARD CATEGORY

Austin Crowder, CEO and Founder, Alpha Med-Surge, Inc., dba L.I.T. Surgical

Dr. Harold "Skip" Garner, PO'B Montgomery Distinguished Chair, Professor of Biochemistry and Internal Medicine, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

Dr. Bruce Li, President and CTO, 21-Century Silicon, Inc.

Dr. Frank Lu, Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Director of the Aerodynamics Research Center, University of Texas at Arlington

#### TECH ADVOCATE AWARD CATEGORY

Rep. Dan Branch, Texas State House of Representatives

North Texas Enterprise Center for Medical Technology, Larry Calton

North Texas Regional Center for Innovation & Commercialization, Mike Lockerd

TECH Fort Worth, Darlene Ryan

#### TECH ADOPTER AWARD CATEGORY

Chesapeake Energy Corporation

North Texas Tollway Authority

Smart Hospital at the University of Texas at Arlington

Travelocity Business

#### COMMUNITY HERO AWARD CATEGORY

Corey Kirkendoll, Solutions Architect, 2009 National Society of Black Engineers Alumni, Extension Pre-College Initiative for Region V, Cisco Systems

Paul Klocek, General Manager, ELCAN Optical Technologies

Jo-ann Olsovsky, Vice President, Technology Services and CIO, Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

Gurvendra Suri,

CEO, Optimal Solutions Integration, Inc.

#### TECH TITAN OF THE FUTURE UNIVERSITY LEVEL

Challenging Algorithmics and Mathematics in Problem Solving (CHAMPS) The University of Texas at Dallas—Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science

Military Programs of the Dallas TeleCollege Dallas County Community College District

UTeach Dallas, The University of Texas at Dallas

Venture Innovation Partnership, The University of Texas at Arlington

#### TECH TITAN OF THE FUTURE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL

Daniel Brown, Hillcrest High School, Dallas Independent School District

Dr. George J. Hademenos, Richardson High School,

Richardson Independent School District Wesley Kirpach, Plano West Senior High School, Plano Independent School District

Jacqueline Lewis, Williams High School, Plano Independent School District

TechAmerica

TEXAS LEGEND AWARD, Jim Von Ehr, President and Founder, Zyvex Corporation.

### HONORING BRUCE G. MCATTEE

#### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 31, 2009*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Bruce G. McAttee as he retires from his position as CAP Coordinator for UAW Region 1C. A retirement party is planned for August 28th in Lansing Michigan.

Bruce McAttee began his career working for General Motors in August 1976. In 1982 he completed his Electrician Apprenticeship and ran for Committeeman in November of that year. He was elected and held the position until 1990. He was elected Financial Secretary Treasurer of UAW Local 652 in June 1990. During this time he also was elected Vice Chair of Region 1C Skilled Trades Council and Chairman in 1986. This made him the youngest person to ever serve on the UAW International Skilled Trades Advisory Committee. In 1994 he accepted a position on the UAW International Staff and was assigned to UAW Region 1C as CAP Coordinator one year later.

Bruce's interest in politics was sparked at the age of 13 when he worked on his first political campaign. He went to Wolverine Boys State during his high school years and he served as an intern with the Michigan House of Representatives. Since that time he has worked on numerous campaigns including the campaigns for every Democratic Presidential candidate since Jimmy Carter ran for office in 1976. He has served on the Michigan Democratic Party's State Central Committee for the past 14 years. He has served as delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 2000 and 2004. In 2004 he served as a Presidential Elector for the 8th District casting his ballot for JOHN KERRY. The Clinton County Democratic Party honored him with their 2009 Phil Hart Award.

In addition to his work with the UAW and the Democratic Party, Bruce is active with Cancer Society, the Martin Luther King Holiday Commission and the Red Cross Great