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Thompson Announces \$2.1 million in funding for Defense Projects in Centre County

Washington, D.C.—U.S. Representative Glenn 'GT' Thompson, R-Howard, today announced two projects in Centre County he requested in the Department of Defense appropriations measure for fiscal year 2010. Thompson, the father of an injured veteran, said, "Both projects center around assisting wounded service men and women and advancing medical technologies that will someday greatly benefit the civilian population."

Piezo Resonance Innovations, Inc., 310 Rolling Ridge Drive, Bellefonte

\$500,000 for Piezo's lightweight, battery driven and battlefield deployment ready, nasogastric feeding tube cleaner.

"In the current Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts, critically injured soldiers are put on feeding tubes to assist in removing liquids and gases from the stomach, then the tubes are used to dispense liquid formula as a nutritional supplement," said Thompson. "However, clogging of these tubes is a significant concern."

"The tubes are about one millimeter in diameter and are one meter long and bend several times as they enter the stomach. It is also a significant risk to the patient to have to change the tube. "Developing the technology to effectively clear clogs, without the need of additional equipment, will be a great advance to medical personnel in the field, and will help our wounded soldiers" said Thompson.

"Replacing a feeding tube can often be difficult, dangerous, or impossible depending on the location and tactical situation of the injured soldier. The project will be a simple and fast-acting solution in clearing clogged tubes. We are honored to solve an unmet critical care need of our wounded soldiers," said Maureen Mulvihill, Ph.D., President and CEO of Piezo Resonance Innovations, Inc.

KCF Technologies, 112 W. Foster Avenue, State College

\$1.6 million for further research, development, and delivery of self-powered prosthetic limb technology.

The House of Representatives passed the final version of the Department of Defense on Dec. 16th and the Senate passed it on Dec. 19th. It now goes to the President for signature.

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