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Washington, D.C. -- Congresswoman Anna G. Eshoo, D-Palo Alto, announced several important community and regional projects for the 14th Congressional District which were included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2005. The legislation passed the House on November 20 by a vote of 344 - 51. The bill includes:

EDUCATION

- After-school Programs for At-Risk Youth (City of East Palo Alto)

\$100,000 is provided to assist the City of East Palo Alto with after-school programs for at-risk youth. This funding will be used to establish or enhance a variety of after-school programs including music and dance enrichment classes, and a youth summer job training program.

- Children's Library of Palo Alto

Built in 1940, the Children's Library of Palo Alto has the distinction of being the first stand-alone children's library in the nation. \$169,750 has been secured for the library's rehabilitation and expansion effort.

- Institute of HeartMath, Boulder Creek

\$750,000 will be provided to undertake a national demonstration project on student standardized testing. The project will help identify "best practices" schools can undertake to meet the educational goals set out in the No Child Left Behind Act. The Redwood City School District has been one of eight school districts across the country to participate in the project. .

HEALTH

- Santa Clara County Children's Health Initiative (CHI)

The CHI seeks to provide health care for all uninsured children in Santa Clara County whose families have incomes at or below 300% of the federal poverty level. The \$300,000 in funding provided will be used to help workers evaluate families' eligibility and assist families in enrolling their children in the appropriate health insurance program.

- San Mateo County Medical Center

The San Mateo Medical Center's expansion program will provide a greater array and level of services to Medicare, Medicaid and uninsured residents in San Mateo County. The bill provides \$800,000 to assist in facility improvements and equipment acquisitions associated with this effort

- Lucille Packard Children's Hospital

\$450,000 was provided for the construction of a new state-of-the-art dialysis treatment facility at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. This facility will provide care to children waiting for kidney transplants and those with temporary kidney failure. Additionally, the bill provides \$100,000 for Packard's Children's Heart Center

INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION

- East Palo Alto Storm Water Infrastructure Improvements

The bill provides \$200,000 to help the City of East Palo Alto revamp its storm water infrastructure to guard against flooding that has damaged local residential neighborhoods and businesses.

- Palo Alto Intermodal Transit Center

\$750,000 will help alleviate traffic congestion by creating a regional intermodal transit center to double the number of passenger bus tracks, creating passing tracks for express service and increasing the number of bus transfer layovers.

- Pillar Point Harbor Breakwater

The Pillar Point Harbor Breakwater has deteriorated due to storm damage in recent years and the \$125,000 in funding secured for Fiscal Year 2005 will be used to help make necessary repairs.

- Port of Redwood City Navigation Channel

To ensure that the Redwood City Navigation Channel remains navigable, \$500,000 will be provided for additional dredging. This channel is losing depth at an alarming rate of three feet every six months. Over the past year, the Port has handled a record amount of cargo in ships from around the world and this project will help ensure that the Port can continue to handle rising demand for its services.

- San Francisquito Creek

\$100,000 will begin an Army Corps of Engineers general investigation on how to address costly flooding of San Francisquito Creek. Between 1910 and 1998, the Creek flooded seven times. The most recent cresting caused more than \$28 million in damage, flooding more than 1,500 homes and forcing Highway 101 to close.

- Pacific Station Multimodal-Multiuse Facility

The City of Santa Cruz and the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District will receive \$1.5 million to expand the main bus transfer station in order to create a multi-modal, transit-oriented facility.

- Anti-Jam GPS

The bill provides \$3 million for Anti-Jam GPS technology, which will, in part, allow airports to remain open during low visibility conditions, including landing during heavy fog. Radix, a leading developer of this technology from Mountain View, California, will likely benefit from this funding.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- San Mateo County Crime Lab

\$500,000 will assist in covering costs in improvements to the San Mateo County Forensic Laboratory. The Lab is the only facility in California certified to perform the most critical scientific analyses used to solve crime. It is utilized by the FBI, ATF, DEA, and a number of other federal agencies to assist in their criminal investigations.

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