

Washington DC- This afternoon, the House approved the Commerce, Justice and Science (CJS) appropriations bill, which authorizes funding to make investments in programs that help local and state governments keep our citizens safe, and to research and development programs that facilitate scientific innovation and discovery. Congressman Gonzalez voted for the bill and helped secure millions in funding for San Antonio area programs. The bill will now proceed to the Senate.

“This bill provides our local law enforcement agencies with additional resources to keep our streets and neighborhoods safe,” said Rep. Gonzalez. **“These investments represent an important step towards addressing our community’s safety needs, while laying the groundwork for future prosperity.”**

The Commerce, Justice and Science bill included \$1.1 million for the San Antonio Police Department for the installation of in-car video equipment for 81 vehicles of the Traffic Division and the implementation of a digital imagery capture and storage system. In addition, the legislation set aside \$200,000 for the Alamo Area Rape Crisis Center’s National Online Hotline and comprehensive services for sexual assault survivors, as well as \$350,000 for area Girl Scout’s VIVA Texas to fund an outreach program, recruiting volunteers to provide the Latina girls of San Antonio with the support they need.

“We are supporting research, discovery and education at every level of government, while continuing to make the necessary investments in organizations that help support our communities,” added Rep. Gonzalez. **“I was proud to work with San Antonio’s local leaders in government, education, and science, to ensure that the funding I requested would effectively meet our community’s needs.”**

In addition to the \$1 billion provided in the Recovery Act, this bill provides \$7.4 billion to conduct the 2010 Census. The data gathered in the 2010 census effort will play a vital role in the allocation of future federal resources, such as community grants and expansion of federal programs.

Commerce, Justice and Science Act Highlights:

State and Local Law Enforcement and Crime Prevention Grants: \$3.4 billion to keep our communities safe.

- **Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS):** \$802 million to support local law enforcement agencies with personnel, technology and training grants. This includes \$298 million for COPS Hiring Grants. When combined with \$1 billion provided in the Recovery Act, this will enable the hiring of more than 7,000 police officers.

- **Office on Violence Against Women:** \$400 million to prevent and prosecute violence against women and strengthen services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including an increase of \$10 million for STOP formula grants and an increase of \$1 million for Sexual Assault Victims Services.

- **Office of Justice Programs:** \$2.2 billion for grants to state and local organizations to fight and prevent crime, including Byrne Justice Assistance Grants, the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, drug courts, and programs for at risk youth and missing or abused children.

Second Chance Act Offender Reentry Programs: \$100 million for demonstration programs and other activities to reduce recidivism and the future costs of incarceration.

Drug Enforcement Administration: \$2 billion to combat drugs with 128 new positions to stop the flow of illegal drugs across the Southwest border and to investigate, disrupt and dismantle major Mexican drug cartels.

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms: \$1.1 billion to reduce violent crime and enforce federal firearms and explosives laws including an additional 92 positions to combat firearms trafficking along the southwest border.

□

SCIENCE

Science Education: \$1 billion to support all aspects of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education from kindergarten through graduate school.

Global Climate Change Research: Over \$2 billion to study global climate change, one of the greatest challenges facing our country. This includes:

- **NASA:** Nearly \$1.3 billion, including nearly \$150 million to develop and demonstrate space-based climate measurements identified by the National Academy of Science and the science community.

- **NOAA:** Almost \$400 million to enhance climate change research and regional assessments; climate data records, data access and archiving requirements; and climate change educational programs.

- **National Science Foundation:** An estimated \$310 million for climate change research, modeling and education.

- **Economic Development Administration:** \$25 million for green building initiatives.

- **National Institute of Standards and Technology:** \$15 million for the development of greenhouse gas emission standards.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration: \$18.2 billion for scientific discovery, national security, and space exploration. NASA received \$1 billion in the Recovery Act. The bill funds the next generation of human space flight at 2009 levels pending the recommendations of the Augustine panel.

National Science Foundation: \$6.9 billion for the most promising scientific research at America's colleges and universities, and supporting scientists with cutting edge labs and equipment. The bill supports the President's commitment to double funding for basic research in key agencies over 10 years. The NSF received \$3 billion in the Recovery Act.

###