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To rename the Guam South Elementary/Middle School of the Department of Defense Domestic Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools System in honor of Navy Commander William ''Willie'' McCool, who was the pilot of the Space Shuttle Columbia when it was tragically lost on February 1, 2003.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2003

Ms. BORDALLO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF COMMANDER WILLIAM ''WILLIE'' MCCOOL ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL, APRA HEIGHTS, GUAM.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) Commander William C. McCool of the United States Navy, pilot of the Space Shuttle Columbia when it was tragically lost on February 1, 2003, attended Dededo Middle School and John F. Kennedy High School on Guam.

(2) Commander McCool carried a flag commemorating the liberation of Guam on NASA mission STS–107 of the Space Shuttle Columbia.

(3) Commander McCool pursued his dream of space flight with vigor and passion and, by his life and accomplishments, is an inspiration for school children everywhere to dare to dream big things, to believe in themselves, and to reach for the stars.

(b) DESIGNATION.—The Guam South Elementary/Middle School of the Department of Defense Domestic Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools System in Apra Heights, Guam, shall be known and designated as the ''Commander William 'Willie' McCool Elementary/Middle School'', in honor of William C. McCool, who was a commander in the United States Navy and pilot of the Space Shuttle Columbia when it was tragically lost on February 1, 2003.

(c) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Guam South Elementary/Middle School shall

be deemed to be a reference to the ''Commander William 'Willie' McCool Elementary/Middle School''.

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