

may terminate or choose not to renew the designation of a Regional Center.

(g) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—A Regional Center shall be administered by an executive director, subject to approval by the Program Coordinator.

(h) PUBLICATION OF RESEARCH RESULTS.—A Regional Center shall periodically publish the results of any research carried out under the program in appropriate peer-reviewed journals.

SEC. 7. PROGRAM GRANTS.

(a) BLOCK GRANTS TO REGIONAL CENTERS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Program Coordinator shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, provide a block grant to a Regional Center for the conduct of research in the specific area identified for the Research Center under section 6(b).

(2) DISTRIBUTION.—Of the amounts made available to a Regional Center under paragraph (1), 50 percent shall be distributed to the university partners selected under section 6(c), in accordance with the operational procedures for the Regional Center developed under section 6(d).

(3) COST-SHARING REQUIREMENT.—A National Laboratory or university partner that receives a grant provided under this subsection shall not be subject to a cost-sharing requirement.

(b) GRANTS TO COLLABORATIVE INSTITUTIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Program Coordinator shall provide competitive grants to eligible collaborative institutions for water supply technology research, development, and demonstration projects.

(2) ELIGIBLE COLLABORATIVE INSTITUTIONS.—The following are eligible for grants under paragraph (1):

(A) Nongovernmental organizations.

(B) National Laboratories.

(C) Private corporations.

(D) Industry consortia.

(E) Universities or university consortia.

(F) International research consortia.

(G) Any other entity with expertise in the conduct of research on water supply technologies.

(3) DISTRIBUTION.—Of the amounts made available for grants under paragraph (1)—

(A) not less than 15 percent or more than 25 percent shall be provided as block grants to nongovernmental organizations, which may be redistributed by the nongovernmental organization to individual projects;

(B) not less than 20 percent or more than 30 percent shall be provided to National Laboratories;

(C) not less than 15 percent or more than 25 percent shall be provided to support individual projects that are recommended by at least 1 other Federal Agency; and

(D) any amounts remaining after the distributions under subparagraphs (A) through (C) may be provided to support individual projects, as the Program Coordinator determines to be appropriate.

(4) COST-SHARING REQUIREMENTS.—

(A) GRANTS TO NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS.—The non-Federal share of the total cost of any project assisted under subparagraphs (A) or (C) of paragraph (3) shall be 50 percent.

(B) GRANTS TO NATIONAL LABORATORIES.—A National Laboratory that receives a grant under paragraph (3)(B) shall not be subject to a cost-sharing requirement.

(C) GRANTS TO OTHER ENTITIES.—The non-Federal share of the total cost of any project assisted under paragraph (3)(D) shall be 25 percent.

(5) TERM OF GRANT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), a grant provided under paragraph (1) shall be for a term of 2 years.

(B) RENEWAL.—The Program Coordinator may renew a grant for up to 2 additional years as the Program Coordinator determines to be appropriate.

(6) TREATMENT OF FUNDS.—Amounts received under a grant provided to a non-Federal entity under this subsection shall be considered to be non-Federal funds when used as matching funds by the non-Federal entity toward a Federal cost-shared project conducted under another program.

(7) CRITERIA.—The Program Coordinator shall establish criteria for the submission and review of grant applications and the provision of grants under paragraph (1).

SEC. 8. NATIONAL WATER SUPPLY LAW AND POLICY INSTITUTE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The Utton Center at the University of New Mexico Law School is designated as the National Water Supply Law and Policy Institute.

(b) DUTIES.—The Institute shall—

(1) establish a database of existing water laws, regulations, and policy;

(2) provide legal, regulatory, and policy alternatives to increase national and international water supplies;

(3) consult with the Regional Centers, other participants in the program (including States), and other interested persons, on water law and policy and the effect of that policy on the development and commercialization of water supply technologies; and

(4) conduct an annual water law and policy seminar to provide information on research carried out or funded by the Institute.

(c) PARTNERSHIPS.—The Institute may enter into partnerships with other institutions to assist in carrying out the duties of the Institute under subsection (b).

(d) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—The Institute shall be administered by an executive director, to be appointed by the dean of the University of New Mexico Law School, in consultation with the Program Coordinator.

SEC. 9. REPORTS.

(a) REPORTS TO PROGRAM COORDINATOR.—Any Regional Center, National Laboratory, or collaborative institution that receives a grant under section 7 shall submit to the Program Coordinator an annual report on activities carried out using amounts made available under this Act during the preceding fiscal year.

(b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act and each year thereafter, the Program Coordinator shall submit to the Secretary and Congress a report that describes the activities carried out under this Act.

SEC. 10. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2005 and each subsequent fiscal year—

(1) for the administration of the program by the Program Coordinator and the construction of any necessary program facilities, \$25,000,000; and

(2) for research and development carried out under the program, \$200,000,000.

(b) ALLOCATION.—Of amounts made available under subsection (a)(2) for a fiscal year—

(1) at least 15 percent shall be made available for the water supply technology transfer program established under section 4(b)(2)(I);

(2) the lesser of \$10,000,000 or 5 percent shall be made available for grants under section 7(a);

(3) at least 30 percent shall be made available for grants to collaborative institutions under section 7(b); and

(4) the lesser of \$10,000,000 or 5 percent shall be made available for the Institute.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 405—HONORING FORMER PRESIDENT GERARD R. FORD ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 91ST BIRTHDAY AND EXTENDING THE BEST WISHES OF THE SENATE TO FORMER PRESIDENT FORD AND HIS FAMILY

Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. HATCH) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 405

Whereas Gerald Rudolph Ford was born on July 14, 1913;

Whereas Gerald R. Ford is the only person from the State of Michigan to have served as President of the United States;

Whereas Gerald R. Ford graduated from the University of Michigan where he was a star center on the football team and later turned down offers to play in the National Football League;

Whereas Gerald R. Ford attended Yale University Law School and graduated in the top 25 percent of his class while also working as a football coach;

Whereas in 1942, Gerald R. Ford joined the United States Navy Reserves and served valiantly on the U.S.S. Monterey in the Philippines during World War II, surviving a heavy storm during which he came within inches of being swept overboard;

Whereas the U.S.S. Monterey earned 10 battle stars, awarded for participation in battle, while Gerald R. Ford served on the ship;

Whereas Gerald R. Ford was released to inactive duty in 1946 with the rank of Lieutenant Commander;

Whereas in 1948, Gerald R. Ford was elected to the House of Representatives where he served with integrity for 25 years;

Whereas in 1963, President Lyndon Johnson appointed Gerald R. Ford to the Warren Commission investigating the assassination of President John F. Kennedy;

Whereas from 1965 to 1973, Gerald R. Ford served as minority leader of the House of Representatives;

Whereas from 1974 to 1976, Gerald R. Ford served as the 38th President of the United States, taking office at a dark hour in the history of the United States and restoring the faith of the people of the United States in the Presidency through his wisdom, courage, and integrity;

Whereas in 1975, the United States signed the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, commonly known as the "Helsinki Agreement", which ratified post-World War II European borders and supported human rights;

Whereas since leaving the Presidency, Gerald R. Ford has been an international ambassador of American goodwill, a noted scholar and lecturer, and a strong supporter of the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan, which was named for the former President in 1999;

Whereas Gerald R. Ford was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 1999; and

Whereas on July 14, 2004, Gerald R. Ford will celebrate his 91st birthday: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate honors former President Gerald R. Ford on the occasion of his 91st birthday and extends its congratulations and best wishes to former President Ford and his family.