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The Honorable Bill Young
Chairman
House Appropriations Subcommittee On Defense
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Dear Chairman Young:

I am respectfully requesting your support for a grant for the Battleship Texas Foundation in the FY2006 Defense Appropriations bill.

The Battleship TEXAS was commissioned in 1914, decommissioned in 1948, and moved to San Jacinto Battleground Park, where it became the nation's first memorial battleship. TEXAS is the only remaining battleship that has served our nation in both World Wars. Matched with \$16 million from the Texas Parks and Wildlife, the \$6 million grant I am requesting would evaluate permanent docking solutions for the long term preservation of the ship. As a strong supporter of historic preservation, I believe this project is an important piece of our national heritage.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Culberson".

John Culberson
Member of Congress

*Thank you
Mr. Chairman!
This is my
only request*