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News Release

USU's Dr. Harry Holloway named to NSBRI External Advisory Council

HOUSTON – (March 17, 2009) – Dr. Harry C. Holloway, professor of psychiatry and neuroscience at the F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) has been named to the External Advisory Council for the National Space Biomedical Research Institute (NSBRI).

The NSBRI, funded by NASA, is a consortium of institutions studying the health risks related to long-duration spaceflight. The Institute's External Advisory Council is composed of leaders in research fields central to the Institute's mission and advises management on strategic issues and programmatic effectiveness.

During his 50-year career, Holloway has been a pioneer in research on how humans adapt to extreme environments. He has an extensive resume with the U.S. Army and has been a leader in the country's human spaceflight program, which includes serving as NASA's first associate administrator for the Office of Life and Microgravity Sciences and Applications from 1993 to 1996.

"Dr. Holloway's impressive research and leadership experience concerning human adaptation to extreme environments will be beneficial to our efforts to protect astronaut health and improve health care on Earth," said Dr. Jeffrey P. Sutton, NSBRI director.

After graduating from the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, Holloway served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps for 30 years. During that time, he served as chief of neuropsychiatry at SEATO Medical Research Laboratory in Bangkok, Thailand, as the director of neuropsychiatry at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Silver Spring, Md., and as chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at USU. Before joining NASA, he served as deputy dean and acting dean of the School of Medicine at USU.

His other activities with NASA included a term as chairman of the Aerospace Medicine Advisory Committee and as a member of the U.S./U.S.S.R. Joint Working Group on Space Biology and Medicine. He was also the co-director of the NASA Enterprise for the Human Exploration and Development of Space.

Holloway has authored numerous articles and major reports and has received numerous awards, including NASA's medals for Distinguished Service, Leadership and Public Service. He is a Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and has received the organization's Distinguished Psychiatrist Award.

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NSBRI is a NASA-funded consortium of institutions studying the health risks related to long-duration spaceflight and developing countermeasures to mitigate the risks. The Institute's science, technology and education projects take place at more than 60 institutions across the United States. NSBRI projects address space health concerns, which include bone and muscle loss, cardiovascular changes, radiation exposure, neurobehavioral and psychosocial factors, remote medical care and research, and habitability and performance issues such as sleep cycles and lunar dust exposure. Research findings also impact the understanding and treatment of similar medical conditions experienced on Earth.

Located on the grounds of Bethesda's National Naval Medical Center and across from the National Institutes of Health, USU is the nation's federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing. The university educates health care professionals dedicated to career service in the Department of Defense and the U.S. Public Health Service. Students are active-duty uniformed officers in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Public Health Service, who are being educated to deal with wartime casualties, natural disasters, emerging infectious diseases, and other public health emergencies. Of the university's more than 4,200 physician alumni, the vast majority serve on active duty and are supporting operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere, offering their leadership and expertise.

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