

# Wayne Allard

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## ALLARD PAYS TRIBUTE TO ELWAY GIVES TRIBUTE TO RETIRING QUARTERBACK'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Washington, D.C. — U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) paid tribute to retiring Denver Bronco Quarterback John Elway this week in a floor speech given to the U.S. Senate. In his remarks, Allard praised Elway's accomplishments both on and off the playing field, saying he is more than just a professional football player.

“John and Janet Elway have through their collective efforts made Colorado a better place to work and live,” Allard said after presenting his remarks to the Senate. “Their efforts on behalf of countless charities, being good role models for the young people of Colorado, and his tremendous accomplishments on the football field, have made them very valued citizens of our state.”

In his Senate floor speech, Allard singled out many of Elway's football records and his work through the Elway Foundation, which has raised millions of dollars in contributions since its inception.

“In an age when so many celebrities shrink under the intensity of the spotlight John Elway has carried himself with class and dignity,” said Allard. “It is hard to define what John Elway means to Colorado, but it is clear to me that he is more than just a football player. He is more than just a superstar. He is a figure that stands for something good, something strong and dedicated. It makes you feel good to see his jersey on a kid playing in the park.”

Allard said he watched Elway's retirement on television like most Coloradans, and like many fans held out hope for one more season.

“Like many Bronco fans, I hoped we would have one more football season to enjoy John Elway, but I know every Coloradan joins me in wishing John Elway and his family the very best,” concluded Allard.