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SENATOR ALLARD ANNOUNCES \$50 MILLION IN NEW FUNDING FOR BUCKLEY AIR FORCE BASE

U.S. SENATE APPROVES 2005 DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BILL

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Senate has approved the FY 2005 Department of Defense Authorization Bill containing significant military construction project funding for Buckley Air Force Base in Aurora, U.S. Senate Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) announced Thursday.

“This is great news for Buckley Air Force Base,” Senator Allard said. “The Senate has affirmed its commitment to providing our men and women in uniform with the resources, training, equipment and technology they need to carry out their missions effectively.”

“The funding levels in this bill will allow us to maintain the readiness of our armed forces and upgrade the quality of life for the individuals and their families who so heroically serve,” the Senator said.

The Senate authorized more than \$50 million in military construction funds for Buckley Air Force Base, including:

- \$34 million for an Army Aviation Support Facility
- \$1.75 million for a military equipment package alteration
- \$6.24 million for a chapel center
- \$6.1 million for a child development center
- \$2.1 million for an addition to the Aeromedical Clinic

The legislation that the Senate approved also authorizes a 3.5 percent across-the-board pay raise for military personnel and an additional \$925 million for heavily-armored Humvees and enhanced individual body armor. It recommends overall funding of \$422.2 billion in budget authority for defense programs in FY2005, an increase of \$20.9 billion above the amount authorized by Congress for FY2004.

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