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SENATOR ALLARD ANNOUNCES \$71 MILLION IN COLORADO-SPRINGS AREA MILITARY FUNDING

U.S. Senate approves 2005 Department of Defense Authorization Bill

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado), a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, announced Thursday that the U.S. Senate has approved a FY 2005 Department of Defense Authorization Bill containing significant military installation funding for Fort Carson and other Colorado Springs facilities.

“The Senate has shown 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,” Senator Allard said. “The funding levels in this bill will allow our Colorado Springs-area bases 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 Senate-authorized military construction funds for Colorado Springs-area military bases include:

- \$12.4 million for the arrival/departure air control group complex at Fort Carson
- \$3.65 million a multipurpose machine-gun range and shoothouse at Fort Carson.
- \$14.10 million for a barracks complex in the hospital area of Fort Carson
- \$33 million for a digital multipurpose training range at Fort Carson
- \$3.2 million for an automated qualification range at Fort Carson
- \$5 million for the Joint National Integration Center missile defense project at Schriever Air Force Base

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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