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ALLARD APPLAUDS SENATE VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE PASSAGE OF FORT LYON BILL BILL TO EXPAND HEALTH CARE OPTIONS FOR VETERANS

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) today praised the U.S. Senate Veterans Affairs Committee for passing his bill, S.2827, legislation to expedite the transfer of Fort Lyon VA Medical Center in Las Animas to the state of Colorado while expanding healthcare options for Veterans in southern Colorado.

“I am excited that this legislation is moving forward in the U.S. Senate,” Allard said. “Now that the VA decision has been made to close Fort Lyon, we must do everything possible to ensure that no veterans medical care needs go unmet.”

Allard’s legislation will require the VA to implement their plan to open at least three healthcare clinics throughout southern Colorado and a nursing home in Pueblo. In addition, it will provide full funding of nursing home healthcare for all current Veterans at Fort Lyon, guarantee continued public access to the historical chapel and cemetery, and expedite the transfer of Fort Lyon to the state of Colorado.

“Committee passage of this bill brings us one step closer to expanding healthcare options for Fort Lyon veterans and reducing the economic impact that closure will have on the Las Animas community,” Allard said. “I am hopeful the full Senate will vote on this important bill this Congress.”

Allard’s bill now becomes part of S.1810, The Veterans Claims and Appeals Procedures Clarification and Improvement Act, which was unanimously approved by the Veterans Affairs Committee also today. The Senate is expected to consider S.1810 this September.

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