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ALLARD BRINGS “I WILL PLEDGE” TO SENATE FLOOR SAYS “I WILL PLEDGE” EFFORT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) on Thursday took “the pledge” to the floor of the U.S. Senate. Allard, who earlier this month endorsed an effort by northern Colorado school districts in Fort Collins, Greeley, Windsor and Loveland to address the problem of youth violence, informed his fellow colleagues of the program and encouraged others to use the campaign in their communities.

“The pledge is a symbolic gesture meant to heighten everyone’s awareness of the problem of youth violence,” Allard said. “It stresses personal responsibility, tolerance and empowers each student to be part of the solution.”

Allard entered the entire pledge into the Congressional Record and encouraged others to follow the lead set by the students from northern Colorado.

THE PLEDGE

To end violence...

I will pledge to be part of the solution.

I will eliminate taunting from my behavior.

I will encourage others to do the same.

I will do my part to make my community a safe place by being more sensitive to others.

I will set the example of a caring individual.

I will eliminate profanity toward others from my language.

I will not let my words or actions hurt others...

And if others won’t become part of the solution, I will.

“Last week, literally thousands of students across northern Colorado took this pledge,” added Allard. “They committed themselves to be part of the solution to ending youth violence. It is an example I encourage others to follow.”