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**CAMPBELL & ALLARD PRAISE
BUSH'S COLORADO DISTRICT COURT NOMINATIONS
CALL BLACKBURN AND KRIEGER EXTREMELY WELL QUALIFIED**

Washington, D.C. – Colorado U.S. Senators Wayne Allard and Ben Nighthorse Campbell today praised President Bush's nomination of U.S. Chief Bankruptcy Judge Marcia Krieger of Denver and Colorado District Court Judge Robert Blackburn of Las Animas for the two current vacancies on the Colorado District of the United States District Court.

"President Bush could not have selected two more qualified individuals to serve on the federal bench. Both nominees possess judicial experience, are highly regarded in Colorado's legal community and have an extensive record of public service to the people of Colorado," Allard said. "Judge Marcia Krieger has been an outstanding federal bankruptcy court judge since 1994. She has handled many difficult and complicated cases during her career. Judge Robert Blackburn has served the people of southeastern Colorado by serving as a Deputy District Attorney and as the District Court Judge for Colorado's 16th Judicial District since 1988."

"To know Judge Robert Blackburn and Judge Marcia Krieger is to feel confident that their control of the courtroom is justice for all. Both of them have established themselves within the state as exemplary jurists and have taken on significant cases that affect a wide range of Colorado issues," said Campbell.

Both Krieger and Blackburn were recommended to President Bush by the two Colorado lawmakers in May along with seven other Coloradans to fill the two vacancies on the U.S. District Court in Colorado. They expressed hope that Krieger and Blackburn would be confirmed quickly.

"I am eager for these nominees to be confirmed by the Senate. All of Colorado would be well served by these judges," said Campbell.

"We currently have two vacancies on the District Court, one which has been vacant for nearly three years," added Allard. "The people of Colorado deserve to have these vacancies filled. My hope is the U.S. Senate will act quickly in confirming both of these eminently qualified nominees."

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