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Moran Says Still More Work to be Done

JUNCTION CITY - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced the Army has decided to move forward with most military construction projects at Fort Riley despite limited funding. Moran recently joined other members of the Kansas delegation in asking the Secretary of the Army to prioritize projects at Fort Riley and Fort Leavenworth following the passage of the federal spending bill for 2007 that under funded Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) commitments.

"It is imperative that projects at our Kansas military posts remain on schedule, so the announcement today by the Army is a step in the right direction," Moran said. "We still have much work to do to secure the remainder of the funding to its original levels to be certain the needs of our soldiers and their mission can be met."

The Army will fund the following military construction projects at Fort Riley:

- \$87 million for Division Headquarters and Sustainment Brigade Headquarters
- \$17.5 million for a Health and Dental Clinic
- \$152 million for Combat Aviation Brigade Complex
- \$17 million for Runway Improvements

"Most of the projects at Fort Riley will be able to proceed, but a major project at Fort Leavenworth is on hold," Moran said. "I am committed to seeing that full funding is restored so the remaining projects at our Kansas military installations can move forward."

In February, Moran voted against the 2007 spending bill for under funding the implementation of the BRAC recommendations by \$3 billion and putting at risk nearly \$375 million in Kansas projects.

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