

WASHINGTON- Congressman Spencer Bachus was pleased to announce that the House of Representatives passed a bill that includes over \$5.5 million for renovations and new facilities at the Centreville National Guard Armory.

The \$5,537,000 federal appropriation was included in the 2005 Military Construction Appropriations Bill that passed the House late last night. The money will go to construct new classrooms and modernize much of the existing Armory.

“This money will greatly improve the accessibility of the Armory to the community. Among the many things we do abroad, we also host blood drives and serve as the polling place on Election Day. We also direct the “About Face” program, which teaches disadvantaged children of all ages various life skills,” said Major James Hoven of the HHD 145 Chemical Battalion.

The current Armory was constructed in 1985, and was only designed to house a single National Guard Unit. Today, the Armory is currently home to the Detachment 1, 167<sup>th</sup> Engineers and the HHD 145<sup>th</sup> Chemical Battalion, which totals around 120 men and women in uniform.

“Our two National Guard units in Centreville are well deserving of the new facilities that will be

added to the Armory. It is important to stand behind our troops now more than ever. I am proud of our men and women in uniform, and hope the renovations will recognize the sacrifices they make on a daily basis," said Congressman Bachus.

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