

WASHINGTON- Congressman Spencer Bachus was pleased to announce that the House of Representatives passed a bill that includes over \$3.6 million for renovations and new facilities at the Clanton National Guard Armory.

The \$3,649,000 federal appropriation was included in the 2005 Military Construction Appropriations Bill that passed the House late last night. The money will go to completely renovate much of the current facility that was constructed during the 1950's.

“This will be a boost for both the surrounding community and Chilton County. Having a new facility can encourage greater participation in the National Guard and help with the local economy at the same time.

The new Armory will help with both the looks and public image of the Clanton Community,” said Sergeant Byron Goggins.

Today, the aging National Guard Armory is currently home to the Detachment 1, 440th Chemical Company, which totals around 50 men and women in uniform.

“Given the increasing importance of the National Guard in today’s violent world, it is appropriate

that they have the very best facilities and infrastructure here at home. We've placed great reliance on our National Guard and Reservist in the war against terror, and they deserve our respect, admiration, and support," said Bachus.

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