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Herger Hails Congressional Approval of BRAC Recommendations

Vote Ensures that Beale Air Force Base will Remain Open

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) - Congressman Wally Herger (CA-02) today voted in opposition to a House measure to disapprove the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission's recommendations. The measure of disapproval failed by a vote of 85-324, thereby in essence approving the recommendations. The House vote finalizes the BRAC process, and makes certain that Beale AFB will remain open through this BRAC round. The congressman had the following reaction to today's development:

"I am enormously pleased that Beale Air Force Base will remain open and continue its critical reconnaissance mission," Herger said. "Today's House vote completes the BRAC process, and confirms that Beale will continue to play a vital role in our national defense and be a critical economic presence in Northern California."

Beale is the largest employer north of Sacramento to the Oregon border. Employment is forecasted to exceed 5,000 as the Global Hawk mission continues to grow in the coming years. The economic impact for the neighboring eight counties exceeds \$700 million.

Herger added, "I want to again thank the entire SAVE BEALE team for working diligently in support of our base. Their incredibly hard work helped promote Beale's high military value, which the Department of Defense, the BRAC Commission, the president, and Congress repeatedly acknowledged. The SAVE BEALE team can now celebrate this tremendous victory," concluded Herger.

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