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“...Air Force Memorial to Tower...Turning Final...”

Arlington, VA, October 1, 2000 -- The Senate unanimously approved a five-year extension for the Air Force Memorial on 1 October 2000. The Senate action followed a unanimous House vote 12 September 2000. This sets the stage for the Memorial Foundation’s final push to raise an estimated \$30 million required to construct a Memorial honoring all of America’s airmen. Air Force Association delegates’ strong lobbying effort on the Hill during the 2000 AFA National Convention was a clear signal of the strength of our grassroots support for a memorial in the National Capital Area.

The Memorial Foundation has raised \$24.5 million to date with strong support from aerospace industry and over 70,000 individual patrons. Foundation officials cite the Air Force Association and the Air Force Sergeants Association as the key support to their progress. Ground breaking is tentatively scheduled for the fall of 2001.