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WHAT: The University of New Hampshire will name its Environmental Technology Building “Gregg Hall” in honor of U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-N.H.), who has shepherded more than $266 million to critical research projects based at UNH over the course of his career in the U.S. Senate.

WHEN: Friday, April 30, 2004, 2 p.m. Reception to follow.

WHERE: UNH's Environmental Technology Building, 35 Colovos Road. At traffic light intersecting Main Street and College Road, turn right from the north, left from the south. After Pettee Hall, take a right onto Colovos, go under railroad trestle and bear left. Bear left at the fork, driveway in on your immediate right.

DETAILS: Speakers will include UNH President Ann Weaver Hart; UNH Vice President for Research and Public Service John Aber; UNH Research Professor of Civil Engineering and Director of the Environmental Research Group Taylor Eighmy; President of the Seacoast Science Center Wendy Lull; doctoral candidate in water resources engineering and the Department of Civil Engineering Alison Watts; and U.S. Senator Judd Gregg.

BACKGROUND: In 2001, Gregg Hall began its service as the Environmental Technology Building, designed to aid the university in its efforts to provide innovative solutions to national environmental problems through top-tier research. The multi-disciplinary science and engineering building is home to the NOAA-UNH Cooperative Institute for Coastal and Estuarine Environment Technology (CICEET); the Environmental Research Group; the Office of Intellectual Property Management; the N.H. Industrial Research Center; NOAA's Northeast Coastal Ocean Program; The Hubbard Genome Center; and the NASA/NOAA Center for Technology Commercialization.

Gregg Hall, along with the Jere Chase Ocean Engineering Laboratory, anchors the university's “West Campus.” Funded primarily through federal grants, with additional state awards and
private gifts, Gregg Hall and its programs symbolize the university's commitment to inquiry-based education and engagement through research and scholarship.