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NOVEMBER LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



When Congress returned after the election for a five-day lame duck session, the major item of business was passage of the fiscal year 2005 Omnibus Appropriations bill that incorporated nine annual appropriations measures. The bill was 3,016 pages long and included \$388.4 billion. It also complied with the \$821.9 billion spending cap that the White House and Congressional leaders agreed to earlier this year, limiting spending growth by freezing non-defense discretionary programs at last year's level.

Of special interest to south Alabama, a number of projects were approved. They include:

Alabama School for Math & Science computer lab	\$100,000
Alabama State Docks Choctaw Point terminal	\$10 million
Alabama State Docks, Garrows Bend	\$ 1 million
Alabama State Docks, Harbor dredging	\$20 million
Brewton flood study	\$145,000
Clarke County economic development initiative	\$750,000
Fairhope Arts Center	\$250,000
Fourteen Mile Bridge	\$5.5 million
Jackson water improvements	\$250,000
Mobile Airport Authority, Runway 18 36	\$1 million
Mobile Saenger Theatre	\$200,000
Mobile Greenways/Broad St. initiative	\$1 million
Mobile Infirmary digital mammography	\$100,000
Mobile-Tensaw delta	\$1.2 million
Alabama national forests	\$1.9 million
Orange Beach, Highway 82 lighting	\$250,000
Hamilton Boulevard crossing	\$1 million
University of South Alabama:	
Youth Violence Prevention	\$700,000
Oyster bed reseeded	\$800,000
Cancer Institute	\$20.25 million
Smart Energy Management	\$1 million
Coastal Transportation Engineering	\$750,000
Center for Rural Vehicular Trauma	\$500,000
Center for Estuarine Research	\$1 million

“CONGRESSIONAL REPORT” RETURNS TO THE AIR

After a hiatus of several months during this year's campaign season, I am pleased to announce that my weekly television show, *"The Congressional Report,"* returned to the air on November 21, 2004. As in past years, Mobile's CBS affiliate, WKRG, has generously agreed to continue broadcasting these weekly reports each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.

I am also pleased to tell you that all episodes of "The Congressional Report" taped in the House recording studios in Washington, D.C., are now being posted to my Internet website in digital format. As I have done with my weekly radio show, I am posting these shows on the Internet to provide a further opportunity for my constituents to keep up with the latest events in our nation's capital. I would encourage you to visit <http://bonner.house.gov> to view these broadcasts and the additional information available there.



It was an honor to have former Senator Bob Dole on "The Congressional Report" this past July.

SOUTH ALABAMIANS CONTINUE TO SERVE IN IRAQ

During this holiday season, I hope each of you remembers the many men and women from south Alabama who are serving in our armed forces. While this time is traditionally when families gather for parties, dinners, and fellowship, many of our loved ones will be prevented from joining us because their duties continue to keep them far from home.



The Thanksgiving chefs in Iraq served up an elaborate buffet for our troops.

Periodically, I receive updates from Specialist Charles Harris, a south Alabama native currently serving in Iraq as a member of Company D of the Army's 711th Signal Battalion. The husband of Prichard City Councilwoman Earline Martin-Harris, he and the other members of the 711th have been crucial in the process of ensuring that coalition forces have access to functional and secure communications systems. This month, I wanted to take an opportunity to provide a few digital snapshots sent to my office by Specialist Harris as a visual update on some of our "home folks."



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From the mailbox...

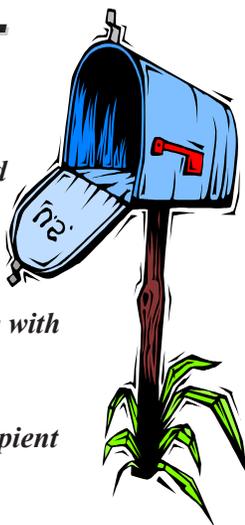
Dear Congressman Bonner and Staff,

I do appreciate your help with the problem with Medicare Complete. I did receive my C-Plus health card and all is well. Thank you so very much for your help.

Thanks again and may God continue with you in your service.

Respectfully,

A thankful Medicare recipient
September 13, 2004

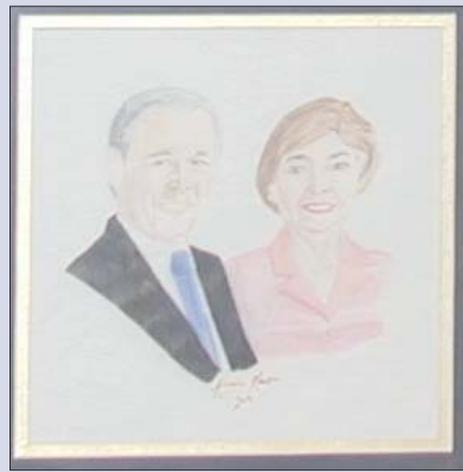


LOCAL STUDENT ARTIST PAINTS FIRST COUPLE

One of the pleasures of serving as your congressman is having the opportunity to showcase the talents of young men and women from throughout the First District. Earlier this month, I was privileged to host Miss Alexis Martin and her family during a visit to my Mobile office. Alexis, a student at Mobile's Davidson High School, recently completed a portrait of President and Mrs. George W. Bush as a tribute to the First Couple for the leadership they have displayed dating back to their days in the Texas governor's mansion. I was honored to deliver this portrait and an accompanying letter to President and Mrs. Bush on behalf of Alexis and her entire family.



Alexis Martin proudly displays her portrait of President and Mrs. George W. Bush.



Right: A close-up view of Alexis' portrait of the First Couple.



I was honored to be recognized by the National Association of Manufacturers for my work on legislative issues important to the manufacturing and small business community. Pictured with me are Tom Bates, Vice President and Site Manager for the Degussa Plant in Theodore, and Win Hallett, President of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce.