

MOBILE - U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner, R-Alabama today announced that the FY 2005 Commerce, Justice, State (CJS) Appropriations bill includes federal funding for two area programs, the University of South Alabama Youth Violence Prevention Program and the City of Mobile Data Terminals Program

The Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary, and Related Programs, chaired by Rep. Frank Wolf, R-Virginia, included this funding in the bill which was passed today by the House of Representatives.

“I am extremely pleased funding for these two projects has been included in the House version of the CJS appropriations bill,” Bonner said. “Should this money be included in the final spending measure passed by Congress later this year, it will provide significant assistance for these two area programs.

Chairman Wolf and the members of his subcommittee, along with the membership of the full Appropriations Committee, should be commended for their work on this bill, and I am grateful for their consideration of south Alabama in this measure.”

The USA Youth Violence Prevention Program funds research by university faculty and students who are gathering valuable information on the causes of youth violence, on how these causes vary between gender and race, and how best to rehabilitate offenders using innovative "aftercare programs." The funding received by the City of Mobile will be used for the purchase of 150 laptop computers to insure the availability of motor vehicle registration information from all fifty states. This program provides benefits to law enforcement officials in the area of homeland security as well as the Mobile Police Department's other crime-fighting functions.