

MOBILE - U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner, R-Alabama, today announced that the FY 2005 Interior Appropriations bill includes \$1.2 million in federal funding for the Mobile-Tensaw River Delta. The Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, chaired by Rep. Charles Taylor, R-North Carolina, included this funding in the bill which was approved by the House Appropriations Committee and passed late Thursday by the full House of Representatives.

“I am extremely pleased this amount has been included in the current version of the Interior appropriations bill,” Bonner said. “Should this money be included in the final spending measure passed by Congress later this year, it will be a significant step to further protect one of Alabama’s true natural treasures.

Chairman Taylor 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 Mobile-Tensaw Delta project, located within Baldwin and Mobile Counties, contributes to the conservation of Alabama’s largest and most ecologically significant forested wetland ecosystem and the nation’s second largest delta recognized as a National Natural Landmark.