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**Weldon Secures \$12 Million for Beach, Port,
and Lagoon Projects in 15th District**
Energy and Water Appropriations Bill Passes on House Floor

(Washington, D.C.) – U.S. Representative Dave Weldon, M.D. hailed the passage of H.R. 4614, the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2005. Weldon worked diligently to include a variety of projects for the benefit of the people of Florida's 15th Congressional District.

“The passage of this bill is good news for our nation and for our part of Florida. I pushed for the inclusion of important concerns to Brevard's shore and Port Canaveral efforts,” Weldon said. They include the following :

- \$3 million was secured to provide funding for work at Port Canaveral to keep sand from falling into the channel by making the jetty less porous. This funding will help keep sand on the beaches and initiate work to move sand from the beaches north of Port Canaveral to the beaches south of the inlet.
- \$1 million for Brevard County to study and evaluate how best to address the seriously eroded parts of the beach with wormrock outcroppments.
- \$7.5 million needed for annual operation and maintenance at Port Canaveral, a significant economic engine for our community.

Additionally, the bill includes language urging the Corps of Engineers to give a high priority to funding the following projects:

- \$300,000 for C-1 Red version Project
- \$245,000 for Lake Hell'n Blazes Project
- \$245,000 for Lake Sawgrass Project

The above projects are part of a coordinated effort to restore Lakes Sawgrass and Hell'n Blazes by removing muck that has accumulated in these lakes and to enhance the quality of the Indian River Lagoon by reducing the flow of sediment and fresh water through C-1 into the lagoon.

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