

Washington, DC -- Congressman Vern Buchanan (FL-13) yesterday received the "A in English" award from U.S. English, Inc. for his support of legislation making English the official language of the United States.

"Theodore Roosevelt once said, 'we have room for but one language, the language of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, the language of the Declaration of Independence – the English language,'" Buchanan said. "I strongly support making English our official language because it is a common language helps us live and work together. Learning English will open doors for legal immigrants working to build a better life in this country."

Congressman Buchanan is a cosponsor of H.R. 769, legislation that would make English our official language and end federal bilingual programs.

"I am pleased to present this award to Congressman Buchanan for his efforts to unite our diverse nation under the common language of English," said Mauro E. Mujica, Chairman of the Board of U.S. English, Inc. "Rep. Buchanan has actively reflected the viewpoints of his constituents regarding official English legislation. At a time when there is renewed interest toward preserving what unites us as a nation, we are grateful to the Congressman for his dedicated and enthusiastic support of this issue."

Buchanan is a member of the House Immigration Reform Caucus.