Receives Spirit of Enterprise Award from U.S. Chamber

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Vern Buchanan (FL-13) was awarded the “Spirit of Enterprise” Award today by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for his strong record on job creation and pro-growth policies.

“I am a businessman, not a politician,” said Buchanan. “I understand that for businesses to grow and create jobs, we need lower taxes, less government, and less litigation.”

The award is based on rankings it gives members of Congress for key votes on issues established as priorities by the Chamber’s board of directors. Members of Congress who support the Chamber’s position on at least 70 percent of key votes receive the “Spirit of Enterprise” Award. Buchanan received a score of 88 percent.

“As a former member of the U.S. Chamber, I am honored to receive this award,” added Buchanan. “I will continue working to strengthen our economy and create more jobs.”

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business federation, representing more than three million businesses and organizations of every size, sector, and region.

Buchanan is a self-made businessman and respected leader in Florida's business community. He chaired both the Florida Chamber of Commerce and the Sarasota Chamber of Commerce. He was inducted into the Tampa Bay Business Hall of Fame in 2005.