WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Vern Buchanan (FL-13) issued the following statement regarding Osama bin Laden's death at the hands of American military forces:

"The death of Osama bin Laden represents a historic victory in our fight against Al-Qaeda and terrorism across the globe. I congratulate the men and women of our Armed Forces and the intelligence community for their perseverance in finding and killing bin Laden. I would also like to commend the Obama and Bush administration's tireless efforts in bringing the September 11th mastermind to justice. While it will not bring back the lives that were lost at his hand, America has proven once again that it will not back down when the stakes are high and the cause is just. In these dangerous times, we will continue to fight Al-Qaeda and world terrorism with an added certainty that the battle can and will be won."