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U.S. House Approves Funds for Owensboro Cancer Research Program

WASHINGTON, D.C. –August 5, 2007 – The United States House of Representatives approved a measure to designate \$2.5M for the Owensboro Cancer Research Program at the Mitchell Memorial Cancer Center, U.S. Representative Ron Lewis announced Monday. The designation was included as part of the *Department of Defense Appropriations Act of 2008* (H.R. 3222).

“These funds will provide the Owensboro Cancer Research Program with new resources to better understand, treat, and prevent cancer,” said Lewis. “This research is critical for the development of important new plant-based pharmaceuticals.”

The University of Louisville’s Brown Cancer Center and the Owensboro Medical Health System created the Owensboro Cancer Research Program as a joint venture to develop cancer therapies using plant production systems. Research is conducted at laboratories maintained by OMHS at their Mitchell Memorial Cancer Center.

"On behalf of the Owensboro Cancer Research Program partnership, I commend Congressman Lewis and the U.S. House for their support of the biopharmaceutical research currently underway in Owensboro", said Dr. Jeff Barber, Owensboro Medical Health System President and CEO. "The University of Louisville and Owensboro Medical Health System have already made a multi-million dollar investment in the research infrastructure allowing these federal funds to go directly into the research pipeline".

The partnership expands Owensboro position as a leader in plant-based pharmaceutical research, which already includes the industry leader, Kentucky Bioprocessing LLC.

"This research program is not just of national significance; its success will have global implications", said Dr. Keith Davis, Executive Director of the Owensboro Cancer Research Program. "This funding provides a tremendous opportunity to accelerate the

vital research now underway".

Sunday's action by the House is first step in the appropriations process. *The Department of Defense Appropriations Act of 2008* will be considered in the U.S. Senate and by a joint Conference Committee before being sent to the President to be signed into law later this year.

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