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ISRAEL AND BISHOP: FULL FUNDING FOR BROOKHAVEN LAB PROJECTS PASSED IN ENERGY SPENDING BILL

Washington, DC—On Tuesday the House passed the 2008 Energy and Water Appropriations Act, which includes long-term funding for Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL). Because federal funding for BNL has been threatened in recent years, Congressmen Steve Israel (NY-02), who sits on the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee, and Tim Bishop (NY-01), who represents the district in which BNL operates, have been working to secure these funds so that the vital research done at BNL can continue.

Israel said, “As a Member of the House Appropriations Energy and Water Committee, I was pleased to ensure that the 2008 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill provides full funding for Brookhaven National Lab’s Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) and National Synchrotron Light Source projects. This research, done right in our backyard, is critical to our national competitiveness in science. I’m proud to work alongside Congressman Bishop to fight to ensure that Brookhaven National Lab always has the funding it needs.”

“Earlier this year, I was pleased to ensure that the Fiscal Year 2008 budget resolution allocated sufficient funds for continued operations at BNL,” said Bishop. “With Congressman Israel as a key ally on the Appropriations Committee, we have made significant progress. Preserving BNL’s status as a leading research institution will hopefully result in more decisions like yesterday’s announcement that BNL will be the permanent home of the NSLS II, which uses intense light for x-ray imaging.”

The Energy-Water Appropriations Bill fully funds the President’s requests of \$65 million for BNL’s National Synchrotron Light Source-II (NSLS-II) project and \$162.1 million for operations of the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC). The bill was passed on Tuesday by the full House with a bi-partisan, veto-proof vote of 312-112, important since President Bush has threatened to veto this and other spending measures.