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REPRESENTATIVE ATSALIS ANNOUNCES THE ADOPTION OF SEVERAL FUNDING PROPOSALS IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2007 BUDGET

Today Representative Demetrius J. Atsalis announced that his major funding proposals were adopted in the final version of the Fiscal Year 2008 Appropriation Budget. Atsalis further stated that “he was pleased that both the House and Senate understood the critical need to fund the Veterans, Human Services, Educational, Health, and Economic Development initiatives that I requested for my District”

The F.Y. 2008 Budget continues Representative Atsalis’ commitment to funding the environmental technology program and job training partnership at Cape Cod Community College, a vital link to job creation and employee training on Cape Cod.

In addition, Representative Atsalis obtained funding for his traditional and historical spending programs. “Each year I file my budget requests with the goal of helping those who work and live in my district and to provide the necessary tools to continue building a vibrant economy for the Barnstable-Yarmouth area,” Atsalis said.

Representative Atsalis secured continued funding for area social services programs, including C.H.I.P.s House, which serves a client population with closed head injuries in Hyannis, Veteran Services programs for the Veterans Homestead in Hyannis and the contract of the Nam Vets of Cape Cod and the Islands, two important programs aimed at curbing child abuse administered by Children’s Cove in Hyannis, and funding for the Duffy Health Center.

Atsalis also said that the F.Y. 2008 Budget included several of his key initiatives to continue funding tourism expansion and area economic development initiatives. “I am pleased that the Cape Cod Regional Incubator Project operated by the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce will again receive \$300,000 in funding to continue their important work creating jobs for area workers,” Atsalis stated. The F.Y. 2008 Budget also includes several other Atsalis proposals, including funding for the Mature Workers Program of the Cape and Islands Workforce Investment Board, the Cape Cod Maritime Museum, the Cape Cod Economic Development Council, and the Cape Cod Cultural Center.

In addition to the perennial appropriations that he secured for his District, Atsalis said that he “was happy to announce that the F.Y. 2008 budget contains funding for two new important area initiatives.” The first, a \$50,000 appropriation for the Y.M.C.A. of Cape Cod, will help with the construction costs of bringing its facility into compliance with the American with Disabilities Act. The other is a \$10,000 appropriation for the Centerville Veterans Association to help defray the costs of erecting a monument to honor Veterans of Foreign Wars. Atsalis said the “he was especially grateful to the legislature for funding the Centerville Veterans Association’s statue, especially after the death of a longtime resident of Centerville by a roadside bomb in Iraq.” “It is only the right thing we can do to honor the sacrifices made on our behalf by the men and woman who serve in this country’s Armed Forces,” Atsalis further stated.

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