

WASHINGTON – Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) today joined a bipartisan effort to provide earlier tornado and severe storm warnings to people who live in manufactured housing.

Bachus is a lead Republican sponsor of CJ's Home Protection Act, which requires new manufactured homes to be equipped with NOAA Weather Radios. Reps. Brad Ellsworth (D-IN), Dennis Moore (D-KS), Kay Granger (R-TX), and Bachus today reintroduced the legislation named in memory of CJ Martin, a two year old boy killed by a tornado in Indiana in 2005. His family, which lived in a manufactured home, could not hear a distant storm siren and did not have a weather radio.

An identical bill was approved by the House last session but was not voted on by the Senate.

Congressman Bachus said, "With today's technology, we have the science to predict a severe storm, sometimes as much as a half hour before it arrives. We are building more storm shelters. Now, we address the missing link for people who live in manufactured housing, making sure that people get emergency warnings in time to seek shelter from the storm."

Congressman Ellsworth said, "This bill is about public safety. When it comes to surviving these violent storms, a warning can make all the difference. We are going to keep pushing for this bill because if it prevents just one mother from losing her son, a \$30 weather radio is not too much to ask."

The legislation will be referred to the Financial Services Committee, where Bachus serves as Ranking Member. Bachus successfully moved the bill through the committee during the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress.