

WASHINGTON – Commemorating the seventh anniversary, Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) today attended a remembrance ceremony held on the steps of the U.S. Capitol for victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Bachus joined more than 250 Members of the House and Senate at the event, which paid tribute to the nearly 3,000 people killed on September 11, 2001 when hijacked planes struck the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. A third plane believed to be destined for the Capitol Building crashed in rural Pennsylvania.

"First and foremost today, we honor those who lost their lives in these evil attacks and offer our prayers to their families. Americans will remember them, just as we will never forget the courage of the first responders who risked their own lives to save others. The terrorists thought they could break our will. But as always, Americans stood up to protect our precious freedoms. We are safer today than seven years ago because of the bravery of our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and improved security here at home. Still, we must remain on guard because al-Qaeda is waiting for its next opening," Bachus stated after the event.

The bipartisan ceremony on the west front of the Capitol included remarks by the majority and minority leadership of the House and Senate and concluded with the singing of "God Bless America."

The House today passed a resolution which extended condolences to the victims of 9/11 and their families and recognized September 11 as a day of solemn commemoration.