WASHINGTON - Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) has issued a message commemorating this year's Fourth of July festivities.

"As we celebrate our independence on the Fourth of July, we should remember the many brave patriots who have given us the priceless gift of freedom. From the soldiers of the Revolutionary War to the troops in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the world today, we have been blessed by generations of heroes who have always put their country first. Alabama has a long tradition of honoring the servicemen and women who keep us free and the new Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo for our veterans is another sign of our gratitude. As we enjoy the parades, picnics, and fireworks on the Fourth of July, I ask that we all take time in our way to show appreciation to the dedicated American soldiers, past and present, who are responsible for keeping this our Independence Day."