

WASHINGTON - Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) announced that he has obtained \$200,000 in a House bill for the City of Irondale's Downtown Renovation project.

The funds will assist the city with infrastructure improvements planned for the historic Whistle Stop District including sidewalk, lighting, and landscaping upgrades.

Congressman Bachus said, "The Whistle Stop District is an integral part of Irondale's rich heritage. These improvements will promote economic development and make the Whistle Stop District an even more attractive place to visit and do business."

Mayor Tommy Joe Alexander said, "The Whistle Stop District is our oldest district and attracts many visitors who have read the book 'Fried Green Tomatoes' or seen the popular movie. We want to keep the area spruced up so it looks good to people coming to our community. The assistance provided by Congressman Bachus will be of great help to us."

The project is included in the FY10 Transportation-Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill, which has been approved by the House. Legislation must be passed by both the House and the Senate and signed by the President before becoming law.