

BIRMINGHAM – Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) released the following statement on today’s U.S. Supreme Court decision upholding a ban on partial birth abortions. Bachus was the only Alabama congressman to sit on the House Judiciary Committee as the legislation originated, and attended the ceremony at the White House when President Bush signed the historic measure into law in November 2003.

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“Some have expressed outrage at today’s decision.□ I would say their outrage is misplaced.

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It is not this decision, but partial birth abortions which are outrageous.

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This ruling shows respect for human life and basic decency.

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Partial birth abortion is an inhumane and gruesome procedure, and it has no legitimate place in a civilized society.

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If you listen to someone describe what this procedure does to unborn children – or see the pictures – you understand why there is no defending it.

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Congress recognized that partial birth abortion is medically

unnecessary and morally repugnant, and I proudly cosponsored the bill making it illegal.

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President Bush deserves great credit for signing the law and for having the Department of Justice take the case to the Supreme Court after reversals in the lower courts.

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For years, we've waited for our courts to preserve the sanctity of human life and now we can celebrate a landmark ruling that protects mothers and unborn children.”