

BIRMINGHAM – Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) today received the “Spirit of Enterprise” award from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for his voting record on business and economic growth issues.

“Jobs are created by a strong and healthy business community. Keeping taxes low and reducing regulatory costs are critical issues for business owners and entrepreneurs in Alabama,” Bachus said.

Bachus was recognized for his votes to extend tax relief, repeal the death tax, protect property rights, promote energy independence, and encourage international trade and investment.

The Chamber based the award on 15 key business votes taken in the House during the second session of the 109th Congress.

Members who supported the business group's position at least 70% of the time were presented with the honor.

Bachus compiled a 93% score.

“Rep. Bachus proved to be a valuable ally to the business community last year, supporting measures to

stimulate job creation and spur economic growth,” said Tom Donohue, Chamber president and CEO. “The business community appreciates Spencer’s dedication to a pro-growth agenda and we are proud to present him with this award.”

Bachus has one of the highest ratings of supporting the Chamber’s business priorities, holding a cumulative 92% ranking during his service in Congress. The U.S.

Chamber of Commerce represents more than three million businesses and organizations across the country.