WASHINGTON – Congressman Spencer Bachus, who represents Taylor Hicks' hometown of Hoover, tonight congratulated Hicks on being crowned the newest *American Idol*.

"It has seemed evident for several weeks now that the next *American Idol* would be 'Taylor-made.'

After his stellar performance on Tuesday and tonight's victory, I believe I speak for everyone in Alabama when I say, 'Yes, Taylor, you do make us proud.'"

Hicks is the third finalist in *American Idol's* five seasons to hail from Alabama's Sixth Congressional District.

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