

WASHINGTON- The House of Representatives has passed the final version of the Energy and Water Appropriations bill, which included a \$750,000 request by Congressman Spencer Bachus to be utilized by both the University of Alabama at Birmingham and the University of Kentucky. These funds will be used to accelerate the translation of research from the Human Genome Project into actual treatment of autoimmune diseases.

Autoimmune disorders include diseases such as diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, and multiple sclerosis.

"The collaboration between UAB and The University of Kentucky is vital to unlocking the potentials that genetic research can offer to the millions of people who suffer from these terrible diseases",
Congressman Bachus said.