

WASHINGTON-Congressman Spencer Bachus is pleased to announce that the Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), which includes Alabama's 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, will receive an additional \$110,000 this year. The goal of the program is to focus on the drug organizations that are controlling the drug market in this county, and to disrupt and dismantle their operations. "With the recent seizure of over 57,000 ecstasy pills in Warrior, it is very clear that the drug traffickers are stepping up their activity in Alabama", Bachus said. "We need to acknowledge and react to the increased activity by these criminals."

The drug trafficking organizations are involved in transportation, distribution, money laundering, extortion, murder, and bribery. A majority of the drug traffickers operate from insulated overseas headquarters. "We must attack their domestic operations, and make them realize that it is not in their best interest to try and do business here. That is the only thing that will stop them. They do not respect our borders or our laws, but they will respect our law enforcement", Bachus said.