

BIRMINGHAM - Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) delivered the following remarks at the consecration ceremony for the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo.

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These observances share with this cemetery a common theme of sacrifice, faith, and freedom.

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The central theme of Passover is freedom from bondage and tyranny.

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The sacrifice and suffering of Good Friday is followed by the victory of faith and hope over oppression on Easter.

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This cemetery will remind us that our hard-fought freedom is not without cost every time we look at the crosses and the stars or shields of David across these green fields.

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This is a solemn ceremony today but it is also a time of celebration.

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It represents the victory of freedom over tyranny, peace over suffering, security over captivity, life over death, and the devotion and sacrifice of those buried here who fought and died in service to their fellow citizens, country, and God.”

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