WASHINGTON - Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) made the following statement on the President's report to the American people and Congress on events in Libya.

Whenever our troops are in harm's way, they need out support and prayers. But the President has a responsibility to clearly define to the American people the purpose of the mission in Libya, the nature of our involvement, and the duration of our commitment. His speech on Monday failed to provide a satisfactory explanation and, without disclosing any specifics, neither did the briefing that House Republicans received from the Administration yesterday. The American people deserve more clarity, and the House Armed Services Committee took a first step today by calling a hearing with Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Admiral Michael Mullen.