

WASHINGTON (May 1) – Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) will deliver a U.S. flag that flew over the tornado-ravaged Alberta Elementary School in Tuscaloosa to President Obama.

The tattered and muddied flag was discovered in the rubble of the demolished school building during a recovery search. Principal Brenda Parker has asked Congressman Bachus to deliver the flag to the President, who along with the First Lady toured storm damage in Tuscaloosa on Friday.

“The flag is a symbol of Alberta Elementary School and the State of Alabama in these days following a tragic disaster. The flag is physically damaged, but when unfurled it still stirs us with pride and inspiration. Resilience and hope are helping to lift the people of Alabama through this time of trial, and I have faith that the communities in our state – both large and small – will see much better days ahead. My emotions were strong when I saw the flag, and on behalf of Principal Parker we will deliver it to the President. The school flag belongs to our country now,” said Congressman Bachus.

Congressman Bachus said he will take the flag and letters from Principal Parker and District Attorney Tommy Smith to Washington for delivery to the President at the earliest possible occasion. Bachus displayed the flag during a news conference with Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and other Administration officials after their tour of storm-ravaged communities in Alabama today.

**UPDATE (May 2) - The White House confirmed that it received the flag and letters and reported they were well received and appreciated.**