WASHINGTON (May 3) – The U.S. House of Representatives today observed a moment of silence for the victims and families affected by tornadoes and severe storms in Alabama and Southern states.

Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) made the following remarks from the well of the House chamber. To view his remarks, click here.

“Mr. Chairman: I am joined on the floor today by my colleagues from Southern states. We have Members from Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia. Together, families in our states have lost over 300 of their loved ones and I ask that the House at this time join my colleagues and I in a moment of silence for these families and victims. Our thoughts and prayers go with them.”