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### MORE ON THE ECONOMY...

Over the past few weeks, hundreds of you have called, written, faxed and emailed me regarding legislation Congress passed to address our Nation's economic crisis.

I can't say thank you enough to all of you who took the time to share your thoughts.

While there is no way to make all of the 635,000 people I represent happy on this or any other vote, I assure you I will always do my very best to do what I believe is right for our district, our state and our country.

To read a letter I wrote to my constituents explaining why I voted for the Economic Rescue Plan, click [here](#).

### WORKFORCE 2013 - RESCHEDULED

*Workforce 2013*, a day-long summit focusing on setting a five-year vision for the workforce future of the region, has been rescheduled for Friday, February 20, 2009.

The summit, which is open to the public and a must-attend event for local and state officials, economic development leaders, workforce training directors and human relations specialists, is to assess current strategies for a broad, skilled workforce and offer specific recommendations for action between now and 2013.

Be sure to check our website, <http://bonner.house.gov>, in the coming months for additional details on this exciting day.

### ACADEMY NIGHT A GREAT SUCCESS



*I was pleased to host my annual Academy Night this month at St. Paul's Episcopal School in Mobile. We had a great turnout of high school juniors and seniors interested in learning more about the educational opportunities available at the distinguished United States Service Academies as well as the requirements and procedures for seeking a congressional nomination. For more information, please visit my website <http://bonner.house.gov>.*

### "IN GOD WE TRUST"

The motto "In God We Trust" is inscribed above the Speaker's chair in the U.S. House Chamber; however, the replica of the House chamber that will be on display in the new Capitol Visitor Center (CVC), did not include this motto.



I questioned the decision to omit these important words from the replica, and I was told by the majority party that I was not a museum curator and to let the professionals decide what should or should not be on display.

Needless to say, this answer did not sit well with me. I continued to question the CVC staff during the oversight hearings of the Legislative Branch Subcommittee on Appropriations, of which I am a member.

Due to my persistence, the CVC addressed this blatant omission and will include the words "In God We Trust" in the CVC replica of the House Chamber.

I hope the next time you are in Washington you will be able to visit the new CVC, which opens in early December. I am so proud that from now on, all those who visit our nation's Capitol will see these important words displayed where they belong.



*I was pleased to participate in the Mobile Area Education Foundation's Principal for a Day Program. Pictured with me are Mary B. Austin Elementary School Principal Jacquelyn M. Zeigler and her daughter, Maggie, a 5th grader at the elementary school.*

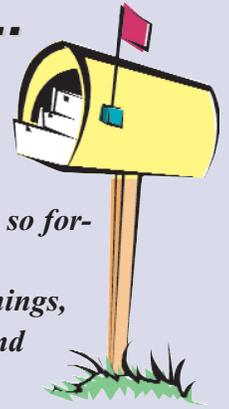


*I joined Governor Bob Riley last month in Atmore where we visited with sugar cane farmers and community leaders who are working to explore the use of sugar cane as a bio-fuel alternative, which may be used to fuel jet planes. Pictured with me are students from Delta Elementary School in Bay Minette.*

**✓ VOTE**

**on Tuesday, November 4!**

## From the mailbox...



*Dear Congressman Bonner,*

*As I sit at my new kitchen table with my coffee, my hands are numb yet burn with pain, I must write this, so forgive any mistakes.*

*I look forward now to so many things, including my daily pain with hope and zeal, for you have given me this...*

*Thank you falls short of what I feel, but it is all I have with much humbleness, thank you.*

*You have given me, a "Homeless person", a real home, the ability to have hot water to bathe, to eat healthy food, also so much more.*

*I am in a world now that I no longer must be the first one to be at the local dumpsters to survive. I still pick up pennies I find on the ground feeling as though it's Christmas, I've a lot to learn in my new world.*

*Every day is a joy to fight Acute RA, for I am blessed.*

*I also at this time want to thank you for helping me to keep my Animal Children (dogs) with me. They gave me so much reason while I lived through 6 years of abuse and 2 years of homelessness.*

*Congressman Bonner, you are a kind, compassionate person, a great man in office, whom I know now — does not "turn a deaf ear".*

*If I had the chance to do a story on abused and disabled women with Animal children, your name of grace would be well known and first mentioned.*

*You've never met me or my children, yet you cared, you did not give up on us in a more-so-than-not unkind world, you are a wonderful person.*

*You provided my cherished children and I with the promise and hope of a tomorrow.*

*So much more I could say, but my hands will not allow me to write further, besides you are most likely trying to do something more for another "me" out there...*

*Thank you again, so much for moving a mountain in my life I was overcome by.*

*Sincerely,*

*A grateful constituent in Baldwin County*