

U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner's congressional voting record has earned him special recognition from the conservative, pro-economic growth organization, Club for Growth.

The national fiscally conservative advocacy group has released its 2009 "scorecard," ranking Rep. Bonner highest among his colleagues in the Alabama congressional delegation for voting in support of limited government, lower taxes and economic freedom.

The Club for Growth gave Rep. Bonner a 90 percent score, placing him among just 58 members of Congress, out of a total 435, who will receive the group's "Defender of Economic Freedom Award" this year.

"The people of South Alabama expect their congressman to be a strong voice for responsible federal spending and holding the line on tax increases," Rep. Bonner observed.

"As the country struggles to recover from a prolonged recession, I have opposed efforts to dramatically expand government control over health care and raise taxes on businesses and working families. I opposed both of the administration's failed economic stimulus bills and the job-killing Cap and Trade energy bill, and I will continue to push for less government interference in our economy."

The Club for Growth's 2009 Scorecard can be accessed via the group's website at www.clubforgrowth.com