

MOBILE - U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner, R-Alabama, today issued the following statement regarding an upcoming economic summit to be held in Mobile, Alabama:

"I am pleased to announce that the Honorable Donald Evans, Secretary of the United States Department of Commerce, has accepted my invitation to visit Mobile, Alabama, on November 17, 2003, to participate in a Southwest Alabama Economic Summit. This summit is designed to bring the Southwest Alabama community together to address ways of utilizing the area's resources to stimulate further economic development and bring new jobs and employment opportunities to the region. The event will focus on the six counties of the First Congressional District: Baldwin, Clarke, Escambia, Mobile, Monroe and Washington.

"I am honored to serve as the honorary chair for this event, and Secretary Evans will be delivering the keynote address during the November 17 conference. The Public Forum Institute, a non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to creating public policy forums throughout the United States, will facilitate the event. The event will be free and open to the public, and I would encourage anyone who would like additional information or to register to participate in the summit to visit the Forum's website, [www.publicforuminstitute.org](http://www.publicforuminstitute.org)."