MOBILE - U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner, R-Alabama, today announced the award of funding to the Epworth Volunteer Fire Department in Vinegar Bend from the United States Department of Homeland Security through the United States Fire Administration. The grant, totaling $126,477, is being made available through the USFA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program and will be used for the purpose of fire operations and firefighter safety.

"I am extremely pleased the Department of Homeland Security has approved this funding for the Epworth Volunteer Fire Department," Bonner said. "Vinegar Bend and its residents are to be strongly commended for their efforts to strengthen their own department and, through that process, provide a greater degree of safety and fire prevention for their community."