

MOBILE - The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has presented U.S. Representative Jo Bonner, R-Alabama, the organization's prestigious "Spirit of Enterprise" award for his pro-business voting record in Congress.

The award was given to Congressman Bonner by Moore Hallmark, Southeast Region Executive Director for the U.S. Chamber, during a morning meeting of the Mobile County Chamber of Commerce, Wednesday.

"Rep. Jo Bonner is a true friend of business not only for Alabama's First Congressional District but for the entire country," said Moore Hallmark.

"During his tenure in Congress, Rep. Bonner's 92 percent cumulative voting record on pro-business issues is a perfect example of his strong support for business."

Congressman Bonner noted that local and national job growth cannot be accomplished without empowering businesses to expand and hire new workers.

"Government cannot lead us out of recession, only business can. I have supported and continue to vote for efforts to lessen government's regulatory burdens on business, particularly America's small businesses which are vital to new job creation," said Congressman Bonner.

The Chamber's "Spirit of Enterprise" award is given annually to Members of Congress based on rankings for key business votes outlined in its yearly publication, How They Voted. This is the twenty-second year the U.S. Chamber has formally honored the accomplishments of this select group of Members of Congress.

During the second session of the 111th Congress, the Chamber scored lawmakers on at least nine key votes, including passage of a tax cut extension, health care reform, and financial services legislation.

Congressman Bonner has received the U.S. Chamber's "Spirit of Enterprise" award every year he has served in the U.S. House of Representatives.

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