

# Veranda View Revisited

## Davison Hosts Event For Alexander and Huckabee

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One of the most significant roles played by the Squire Creek Golf and Country Club in Choudrant is the influential figures it brings to north central Louisiana in every aspect of society including the political realm.

Prior to the recent Presidential election Squire Creek founder James Davison hosted an event for Governor Mike Huckabee and Congressman Rodney Alexander.

Rather than focus on the issues discussed at that forum in today's column, we present Congressman Alexander's assessment of what has happened since that event and the role the people in attendance will play in the political process over the next four years.

I asked Alexander to look ahead for John McCain, Mike Huckabee and himself with a Democrat in the White House and one of the most historic elections in our country now decided.

"As for McCain," Alexander said, "he has already said that he will be

working closely with President-elect Obama and I am sure that his opinions will be respected and solicited by the White House. And he will continue to be a force to be dealt with in the Senate. He will remain an important figure in American politics."

With reference to Huckabee, Alexander sees a somewhat different situation. He said Huckabee has a bright future, but perhaps more because of his media career than the fact that he was involved in presidential politics. Alexander said that he respected Huckabee's straightforward approach even though on a number of issues he did not agree with him. He concluded by saying that he is a good man who will continue to play a role in Republican Party leadership, no matter the exact direction he might choose to go in.

As for himself, cooperation is the spirit of the day for Alexander. "My role will be to do what I can to improve the Fifth District of Louisiana and in turn the nation," he said. "I will definitely be working with the administration in any way I can. The election is over now, and it is time to do what we can in the best

interests of our country. I will not be throwing any rocks because my party did not win."

Uppermost on all people's minds both before and after the election has been the economy. Alexander said it would be impossible to know whether the market downturn following the election would have been any different if the outcome of the voting had been different but he does have thoughts about the reaction of the market to the Obama victory.

"With one of the main planks of the Democratic platform being the raising of taxes on those with higher incomes and the taking from those who have assets which could be reinvested in the economy for redistribution to those in lower brackets, it is no wonder that Wall Street reacted the way it did. We are doing nothing short of discouraging productivity when we take that approach. I don't know what direction things will head in for the rest of the year."

In closing, I asked Alexander to comment on the role of the private citizens at the Squire Creek event and on the facility itself. He wel-

comed the opportunity.

"It is at such social events as these that public officials are able to connect with citizens from all areas of the community they represent and find out their concerns and needs," he said. "Squire Creek is a place we can be proud to bring anyone from local to national figures and offer the finest facilities and food and atmosphere and service. It is an asset for this part of the state."

"As far as James Davison is concerned, he does so much for this area without asking for or getting recognition and only part of it is politically related. And all of it is important. He devotes enormous amounts of money and his personal time and influence to the betterment of our community