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Congressman Rodney Alexander

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ALEXANDER GARNERS U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARD

CONGRESSMAN VOTED OVER 70 PERCENT IN FAVOR OF BUSINESS, ENTERPRISE

Washington, D.C.--U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-Quitman, will attend the Bastrop Chamber award luncheon at noon, Thursday, at the Bastrop Municipal Center.

Alexander will be awarded the "Spirit of Enterprise" award, which is presented by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

In order to be eligible for the award, members of congress must vote in support of free enterprise and business at least 70 percent of the time.

Alexander said this honor shows his commitment to expanding and protecting businesses in the 5th Congressional District.

"I'm honored to receive this award and plan to continue voting on issues and legislation that helps businesses," Alexander said.

"I am also honored that this award will be presented to me in Bastrop, where it is imperative that businesses, such as International Paper, realize that we--the Louisiana congressional delegation and Gov. Blanco--are committed to saving this business and others throughout the state."

Pete Havel, executive director of the Southwest and South Central Regions U.S. Chamber of Commerce, will present Alexander with the award.