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Congressman Rodney Alexander 5th Congressional District of Louisiana

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ALEXANDER, GUTIERREZ TO TOUR NORTH LOUISIANA PORT PROJECT

GUTIERREZ TO ADDRESS MONROE ROTARY CLUB

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-Quitman, and U.S. Sec. of Commerce Carlos M. Gutierrez, will tour the Monroe/West Monroe Port project beginning at 10:15 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 1.

Gutierrez will then speak to the Monroe Rotary Club beginning at 12:10 p.m, at the Monroe Holidome, located at 1051 Martin Luther King Drive. For more information on attending this event, call the Monroe Rotary Club at 318-322-9502 or contact Greta Jones 318-323-2270. The fee to attend this event at the Holidome is \$10 and is payable at the door. Non-Rotarians must make reservations no later than 2 p.m., Monday.

All media officials interested in interviews must contact Adam Terry, Alexander's press secretary, or Ginny Justice, Gutierrez's press secretary at 202-482-4883 or e-mail at gjustice@doc.gov.

Media must contact either Terry or Justice by noon, Monday, Aug. 29.

"I applaud the leadership shown by Rep. Rodney Alexander for voting to support President Bush's trade agenda in our hemisphere," Gutierrez said. **"Rep. Alexander made a courageous decision that is in the best interest of his constituents and Louisianans. CAFTA will remove tariffs on Louisiana's products exported into Central America and it will create new markets and jobs for Louisiana businesses."**

Alexander added he is pleased that Gutierrez will see a project that has the potential to have a tremendous impact on north Louisiana.

"Sec. Gutierrez's visit means so much to north Louisiana," Alexander said. **"My goal is to show him that this Monroe/West Monroe Port project can truly benefit Louisiana's economy and help link our state to the rest of the world."**

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