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ALEXANDER MEETS WITH STATE'S "OUTSTANDING OLDER WORKER"

ALLEN PARISH NATIVE HONORED WITH AWARD

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-Quitman, took time this week to visit with Patricia R. (Pat) Jones, 75, executive director of Allen Parish's Council on Aging, located in Oakdale.

Jones and her husband have owned and operated a printing plant in Oakdale for 45 years. Jones was recognized by Experience Works, the nation's largest provider of training and employment services for older workers.

"It was a pleasure to visit with Mrs. Jones earlier this week," Alexander said.

"We talked about our state, her experiences in the newspaper business and the value of hard work. Individuals like Mrs. Jones work hard for years, and embody the spirit of America."

Jones and her husband also served as publisher and editor of the Oakdale Journal for 15 years until they sold the business, according to Experience Works.

Experience Works honors 52 outstanding older workers from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and outstanding employers of older workers.

"I am proud to say that Louisiana's 2005 'Outstanding Older Worker' is from the 5th District," Alexander added. **"This means so much to the City of Oakdale, the 5th District and Louisiana."**

Editor's note: Attached is a picture of U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-Quitman, and Mrs. Pat Jones in Alexander's Washington, D.C. office.

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