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ALEXANDER, VITTER ANNOUNCE USDA FUNDING FOR NURSING HOME IN 5TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

GRANT FUNDING TOTALS \$100,000

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-Quitman, and U.S. Sen. David Vitter, R-La., today announced that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has approved a grant totaling \$100,000 for Prairie Manor Nursing home.

The grant, disbursed by the Community Facility Loan and Grant Economic Impact Initiative, will go toward the purchase of a 290 kilowatt generator. The generator will sustain the operations of the nursing home in the event of a hurricane or other disaster.

"With Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, we realized that anything that can go wrong will go wrong," Alexander said. "By securing federal funding for our nursing home residents, we are taking a proactive step toward protecting our elderly residents during the event of a disaster."

Vitter added, "The lessons of Hurricanes Rita and Katrina showed us the importance of having sustainable backup power. This is good news for Evangeline Parish, and I am pleased the U.S. Department of Agriculture made this federal funding available."

What: USDA grant totaling \$100,000

For: Prairie Manor Nursing Home

Purpose: To purchase a 290 kilowatt generator