

STATES-ITEM

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Boggs Praises Ochsner, Chief Treen Backer

U.S. Rep. Hale Boggs told East Jefferson Parish civic leaders last night "the vast majority" of medical people support him, and he respects Dr. Alton Ochsner, head of Ochsner Foundation, for his dissent.

Boggs had words of high praise for Ochsner, who is general campaign chairman for his Republican opponent, David C. Treen.

"DR. OCHSNER dissents on Hale Boggs—that's his business and I respect him for it," Boggs said.

"After Nov. 5, when I will have overwhelmingly defeated his candidate for the third time, Dr. Ochsner will again

call on me for help because he knows better than anyone else that Hale Boggs delivers, regardless of whether one votes for or against him."

Boggs said he is proud of Ochsner Foundation, and promised continued efforts on its behalf.

"NOT ONCE, but repeatedly, from the inception of the foundation to the present, Dr. Ochsner has called on me for help," Boggs said.

"Because of the millions of dollars in direct grants and other aids that I have been able to obtain for him, the hospital was constructed, additions have been made to it and vital research projects have been fund-

ed. "Without this help, the Ochsner Foundation could never have been established nor attained its present fame," Boggs said.

BOGGS SAID he is happy that "the vast majority" of doctors, dentists, hospital administrators, nurses, nursing home owners, the personnel of community health centers and others associated with health programs are "overwhelmingly supporting" him.

He said this support comes because of the work he has done through Dr. Charles Odom, former president of the Louisiana State Medical Society, and others.