



The 7th Express

Proudly Moving Alabama's 7th Congressional District Forward

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell

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The 7th District Is On The Move!

Greetings!

The 7th Express is on the move! This newsletter is a way to track our progress. You can subscribe to this newsletter by visiting our website. Please forward to others so that they can stay informed. [Click here](#) to visit our website!

Sewell Introduces Southeastern Tax Relief Act

As we continue down the long road to recovery, it is critical that we provide communities with the resources and opportunities they need to repair, rebuild, and move forward. That is why on June 23, I introduced the Southeastern Tax Relief Act of 2011 with my colleague Rep. Spencer Bachus. This bipartisan disaster relief legislation will help provide tax incentives for homeowners, businesses and the agriculture industry so that they can rebuild. The bill will aid communities in their effort to rebuild and strengthen infrastructure, and it will spur investment. In conjunction with the federal assistance already provided by FEMA, the Department of Agriculture and the Small Business Administration, this legislation will help our communities recover and come out stronger than before.

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2011 7th Congressional District Art Competition Winner Rashia Martin Visits Washington, DC



On June 22, Rashia Martin, the 2011 7th Congressional District Art Competition winner visited our offices in Washington, DC. Martin and the other winners of the Art Competition were in Washington to attend the annual Congressional Art Competition Reception and meet with their members of Congress.

Martin graduated from Paul Bryant High School in Tuscaloosa, Alabama this year. As the first place winner, Martin received two round-trip tickets to Washington, DC to attend the National Congressional Art Competition Reception, and is eligible for a scholarship to the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Georgia. Her winning piece, "Carnival," will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year.

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***The Barber of Birmingham* Premieres in Washington, DC**



On June 21, our offices had the honor of co-hosting the Capitol Hill premiere of the documentary *The Barber of Birmingham: Foot Soldier of the Civil Rights Movement*. The documentary chronicles the life of James Armstrong, a Birmingham barber and civil rights activist and celebrates the thousands of foot soldiers whose names are not in the history books, but on whose shoulders we all stand.

This documentary had its world premiere in January at the Sundance Film Festival and later won Best Documentary Short at the Ashland Independent Film Festival. It has been premiered in Birmingham and Selma, and will be in theatres in New York and Los Angeles in August and September.

Dollar General Distribution Center Groundbreaking in Bessemer

On June 9, I had the honor of attending the groundbreaking for a new Dollar General Distribution Center in Bessemer. Dollar General's \$60 million dollar investment in the 7th Congressional District will not only employ approximately 650 people, but it will provide a valuable source of income for countless families throughout the community in these difficult economic times. I am honored to be a part of this partnership that is going to help create jobs and move our district, this state and this nation forward.



Auburn Tigers Honored at the White House



On June 8, I joined President Obama and other Members of the Alabama Congressional Delegation at the White House to honor the Auburn Tigers on their 2010 BCS National Football Championship.

Pictured: 2010-2011 Heisman Trophy Winner and Auburn Quarterback Cam Newton, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell

It is an honor to serve the 7th District in Congress.
I'll be back in touch again soon!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Terri".

Terri A. Sewell
Member of Congress