



The 7th Express

Proudly Moving Alabama's 7th Congressional District Forward

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The 7th District Is On The Move!

Greetings!

The 7th Express is on the move! This office has helped secure \$1.6 million in direct benefits to constituents of the 7th Congressional District and received over \$55 million in grants for our community. We hope to keep up this proud tradition! 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 or visit <http://sewell.house.gov/>.

Congresswoman Sewell & Bi-Partisan Delegation Visit Afghanistan on Mother's Day Weekend

On Mother's Day weekend, I was honored to join Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi and four of my female colleagues on a bi-partisan Congressional Delegation to Afghanistan for the first trip since President Barack Obama signed the historic Strategic Partnership Agreement with President Hamid Karzai. Our troops play such an integral role in Afghanistan and it was a pleasure to travel to the Helmand and Kandahar provinces to discuss important issues facing Afghans from our commanders and their Afghan coalition partners on the ground. [Click here](#) to view the press release.



Congresswoman Sewell Presents a \$3.6 Million Check from USDA in Choctaw County



On May 22, we presented North Choctaw Water Authority \$3.6 million from the U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development to make vital repairs and improvements to existing water infrastructure. This funding will stimulate economic growth through job creation and infrastructure development, while helping improve the quality of life for families in the North Choctaw community. [Click here](#) to view the press release.

\$1.59 Million in Upward Bound Program Funding Awarded to Four Colleges in the 7th District

On May 10, we announced that \$1.59 million was awarded to four colleges in the 7th Congressional District for the Upward Bound Program under the Department of Education. The Upward Bound Program is one of eight Federal TRIO programs targeted to serve and assist low-income individuals, first generation college students and individuals with disabilities to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to post baccalaureate programs. The four institutions awarded funding are: Lawson State Community College \$337,500; Miles College \$353,266; Stillman College \$553,367; University of West Alabama \$347,834. [Click here](#) to view the press release.

Congresswoman Sewell Co-Sponsors Voting Rights Legislation



On May 17, I joined my colleagues as an original co-sponsor of H.R. 5799 the “Voter Empowerment Act of 2012” which seeks to modernize voter registration, ensure equal access to the ballot box and prohibit deceptive practices and voter discrimination. The right to vote is fundamental to our democracy and this legislation will help ensure free and fair elections so that everyone, including students, seniors, minorities and veterans can exercise their constitutional right. [Click here](#) to view the press release.

U.S. Postal Service Releases New Plan to Preserve & Protect Post Offices

On May 10, we were pleased that U.S. Postmaster General Patrick Donahue released a new plan for the restructuring of the United State Postal Service that will preserve the existence of the post offices in our district and across this nation. This plan is a vital step forward toward ensuring the future of rural, isolated and underserved communities across this nation. [Click here](#) to view the press release.

Congresswoman Sewell Observes Memorial Day at Alabama National Cemetery

This Memorial Day, we paid tribute and honored the commitment of our brave servicemen and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice to defend this great nation at the Alabama National Cemetery. We were joined by special guest speaker Jefferson County Commissioner George Bowman and other community leaders. We owe our country’s freedom and safety to the willingness and courage of our troops who answered the call of duty. [Click here](#) to view the press release.



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

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