

January to March 2015

CONGRESSWOMAN
TERRI SEWELL
REPRESENTING ALABAMA'S 7TH DISTRICT

Friend,

It is an honor to serve you in Congress! One of the most important responsibilities I have as your Representative is to update you on the work we are doing on your behalf. This newsletter serves as an update on the progress we have made both in Washington and in Alabama's 7th Congressional District during the first quarter of this year.

For more information on recent developments in our office, please visit our website at <http://sewell.house.gov/>.

Sincerely,



103-year-old Civil Rights Activist Amelia Boynton Robinson Attends State of the Union



One of the highlights of this year was when 103-year-old voting rights activist Amelia Boynton Robinson came to the State of the Union as my special guest.

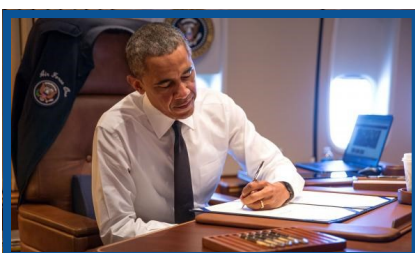
A pillar in the Alabama civil rights movement, Mrs. Boynton Robinson worked tirelessly in the city of Selma to secure voting rights for blacks throughout Alabama and the nation. She put her life on the



line during the first 1965 protest march from Selma to Montgomery—which later became known as “Bloody Sunday.”

Immediately following the address, Mrs. Boynton Robinson met President Barack Obama and former Attorney General Eric Holder. Mrs. Robinson paved the way for me to accomplish all that I have today, and her legacy should inspire us not to take any of our rights for granted.

President Obama Signs Congressional Gold Medal Bill



I introduced in January bill to award the Foot Soldiers of the Voting Rights Movement a Congressional Gold Medal – the highest honor that Congress can bestow. President Obama signed the bill into law on aboard Air Force One en route to Selma for the 50th Anniversary of Bloody Sunday.

The Congressional Gold medal is a great reminder of the power of ordinary Americans to collectively achieve extraordinary social change. Their stories and courage should not be lost on the pages of American history.

President Obama Comes to Lawson State



I joined President Barack Obama for his speech at Lawson State Community College where he discussed the need to protect hard-working Americans from predatory lending practices, and outlined the advances made by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Keeping America Safe

I am proud that my colleagues selected me as the top Democrat on the Subcommittee on Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture, a key subcommittee of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues in shaping policies that help preserve our national security.

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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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Congress in Your Community



From January to April we hosted our annual “Congress in Your Community” town hall tour. We toured all 14 of the counties in the 7th Congressional district.

Each year, my annual tour serves as a catalyst for meaningful dialogue with my constituents.

Our annual town hall meetings give constituents an opportunity to share their views, their concerns, and to hear updates on the latest happenings in Congress.

Royal Visit to Washington, D.C.



On March 18, I escorted the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall around the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial during the royal couple’s visit to Washington, D.C.

We were joined by Rev. Jessie Jackson, Rep. John Lewis, Harry Johnson, Sr. and Dr. Ed Jackson, Jr. who serves as the Executive Architect of the MLK Memorial.

Celebrating Selma

Selma is the epicenter of the Voting Rights Movement, and the City where the courageous Foot Soldiers of the Voting Rights dared to march for full equality. I welcomed over 100 members of Congress to my hometown on March 7, 2015, to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery marches.

It was a day filled with hope, inspiration, tales of perseverance and bravery, and the stories of how ordinary Americans ultimately came together to change the trajectory of American history.

President Obama said the march for voter equality was “a contest to determine the true meaning of America,” one in which “the idea of a just America and a fair America, an inclusive America, and a generous America” ultimately prevailed. I was proud to share this moment with my colleagues in Congress, and to introduce the nation to my hometown.

