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CONGRESSWOMAN  
**TERRI SEWELL**  
REPRESENTING ALABAMA'S 7TH DISTRICT



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 my office is 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 month of December.

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

Sincerely,

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### Rep. Sewell Tours Hurricane Damage in Southwest Birmingham



A tornado swept across parts of Southwest Birmingham on Christmas Day. We have been through similar tragedies together, and we know what is possible when communities come together in times of need. Hopewell Baptist Church, Pastor E.E. Rodgers, Commissioner Sandra Little Brown and countless others quickly responded to this tragedy and have been actively assisting with the recovery efforts.

On December 27, I toured the impacted communities alongside Governor Robert Bentley, Birmingham Mayor William Bell, and State Representative Merica Coleman. My staff is continuing to work with local and state officials to help assess the extent of the damage and to bring assistance to those affected.

### Rep. Sewell Hosts Second Annual Veterans Resource Fair in Linden

Thank you to everyone who attended our second annual Veterans Resource Fair in Linden on December 11! My office is committed to assisting veterans obtain quality housing and health care, and helping them receive the benefits they so rightly deserve. This year, we focused our assistance on helping veterans in the Black Belt.

We offered veterans free health screenings and information on a variety of resources including VA benefits, transportation, housing, health care, and women's services. Bringing these resources to our local veterans is a small way of thanking them for their selfless service to this nation.



## Preserving the A.G. Gaston Motel



The A.G. Gaston Motel is a historic treasure. My office is working with Mayor William Bell, the Birmingham City Council, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the National Parks Conservation Association to preserve it. Stay tuned!

### We're Looking for Interns!

We are accepting applications from highly motivated students and recent graduates to join our Washington, D.C., Birmingham, Selma, Montgomery, or Tuscaloosa offices as unpaid interns.

Interns will work in a fast-paced Congressional office, gain valuable legislative or communications experience, and learn more about how Congress works.

Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA or higher, be enrolled in or have graduated from college, and be 18 years of age or older. Please apply online at <https://sewell.house.gov/services/internships>

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It is an honor to serve the 7<sup>th</sup> District in Congress. We'll be back in touch again soon!



## 60th Anniversary of the Montgomery Bus Boycott



Sixty years ago, Rosa Parks took a bold stand against racial discrimination by refusing to give up her seat on a public bus. Her quiet, dignified courage sparked a city-wide boycott of the Montgomery bus system and fueled the civil rights movement. The Montgomery Bus Boycott stands as a powerful testament of the will of a disenfranchised people to work collectively to achieve extraordinary social change.

Congressman G.K. Butterfield, my esteemed colleague and Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, joined me in Montgomery for the 60th Anniversary of the Bus Boycott. I also delighted that Congresswoman Corrine Brown came to Montgomery to celebrate this historic event.

We cannot take for granted the battles endured by those who came before us, nor can we neglect our own responsibilities to ensure liberty and justice. The struggle continues, and each of us must do our part to further the cause of human and civil rights for all Americans.

## 150th Anniversary of the Ratification of the 13th Amendment



President Obama came to Capitol Hill to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the ratification of the 13th Amendment, which abolished slavery in the United States.

It was an honor to hear President Obama speak, and a pleasure to share this moment with Selma Mayor George Evans, civil rights icon Congressman John Lewis, and members of the Congressional Black Caucus.

