



**Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, Michigan's 13th District**

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**News From The Office of Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick**  
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This E-Newsletter is a weekly summary of the events taking place in the United States' Congress that effect the State of Michigan and primarily Michigan's 13th Congressional District.

**This Week In Congress:**

**U.S. HOUSE VOTES ON 2005 REPUBLICAN BUDGET**

The U.S. House of Representatives passed their 2005 budget resolution (House Concurrent Resolution 393) last night by a vote of 215-212. I voted against this budget because it creates record deficits. A \$1.3 billion five-year deficit to be exact. Also, this budget ignores the very real challenges American families are facing in Michigan. It fails to create jobs, shortchanges education, homeland security, health care and small business. It provides billions less than needed to improve veterans' health care and fails to give them the benefits they have earned. There was an alternative budget introduced that would balance the budget in eight years, create good paying jobs, improve education, lower health care costs, support out veterans and military retirees, but again, Republicans chose instead to provide additional tax breaks for those who need them least and millions of dollars in new giveaways to wealthy corporate interests.

**DETROIT TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZATIONS**

These new projects have been authorized for the City of Detroit in under the transportation measure H.R. 3550, Tea-LU Transportation Equity Act. The Detroit People Mover Overhaul, a total of \$14.4 million; Detroit Timed Transfer Facility, \$9.4 million; Replacement buses and facilities, a total of \$1.5 million for fiscal years 2005, 2006 and 2007. The last two earmarks were a joint effort between Congressman John Conyers and myself.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF MILDRED MCWILLIAMS "MILLIE" JEFFREY**

I introduced legislation this week honoring the life of Mildred "Millie" Jeffrey. House Resolution 573 will give Millie the recognition she is due for all of her works with labor, civil rights, and politics. She paved the way for myself and other women in politics, laying a sturdy foundation for us to stand upon. Millie is one of a kind and she will truly be missed.

**DR. DOROTHY HEIGHT RECEIVES CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL**

President George Bush presented National Council of Negro Women President, Dr. Dorothy Height with the Congressional Gold Medal. Those in attendance included Members of Congress, actor/comedian Bill Cosby, Former Secretary of Labor Alexis Herman and the Reverend Jesse Jackson. President Ronald Reagan awarded Dr. Height the Citizens Medal and President Bill Clinton awarded her the Medal of Freedom. She is truly deserving of this honor. Dr. Height provides a critical voice in our communities and sets the highest standards for our community.

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