



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 office has helped secure over \$1.9 million in direct benefits to constituents of the 7th Congressional District and received over \$497 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/>.

Job Fair 2012



On August 8, we hosted our first ever Job Fair at the Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center (BJCC) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. I believe it is important to use our office as a platform to bring together employers and job seekers to address this national crisis of unemployment. With nearly 100 employers participating, we had an overwhelming response as over 4,000 job seekers attended the job fair in search of employment. We remain committed to helping provide the resources and opportunities in order to put Alabamians back to work.

First Lady Michelle Obama Returns to Alabama

On July 18, we were delighted to welcome First Lady Michelle Obama to Alabama to discuss tornado recovery efforts one year after the April 27th tornadoes as well as her surprise visit with kids at McAlpine Recreation Center participating in Camp Noah. The summer camp is sponsored by Ascension Lutheran Church in Huntsville, AL and is part of a national project designed to help kids heal from their disaster experience through music, life-skill training and arts and crafts. The First Lady greeted the children with a smile and words of encouragement. She graciously took the time to hug each and every one of the children. Her visit was a life-changing event for the kids and a morale boost for our community as we continue to recover from last year's disasters.



Congresswoman Sewell Secures \$4.8 Million in USDA Funding for Uniontown



On August 3, we were pleased to announce that the City of Uniontown was awarded \$4.8 million by U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development. This funding will enable the City of Uniontown to repair their existing waste water treatment plant, install new water meters and rehabilitate and install new pumps for city pumping stations. USDA's consistent support for infrastructure projects reflects their commitment to ensuring rural communities have the vital services and resources they need to create jobs, strengthen economic development and improve quality of life for families. [Click here](#) to view the press release.

Greene County District Day



Cooper Green Mercy Hospital to Close Inpatient Care Services in Birmingham

The recent decision to close inpatient services at Cooper Green Mercy Hospital will undoubtedly have a negative impact on countless citizens in Jefferson County. While I know that we as a county are facing some tough financial times, we must still protect services that are crucial to the citizens of the 7th Congressional District. I share the concerns of other local leaders who have united together in opposition to this decision. Protecting the health and well-being of our community must remain a top priority. We must work together to find meaningful solutions that protect Cooper Green and the vital indigent care services that it offers our community. [Click here](#) to view my statement.

Congresswoman Sewell Honors PFC Julian Colvin on House Floor

On August 2, I had the privilege to honor and pay tribute to the life and service of Alabama's own, fallen soldier, Army Private First Class (PFC) Julian L. Colvin. PFC Colvin was a dedicated soldier assigned to the 508th Special Troops Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division from Fort Bragg, NC. PFC Colvin lost his life on July 22nd, while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Kandahar, Afghanistan at the young age of 21. Our nation is eternally grateful for PFC Julian Colvin's dedicated service and patriotism. This brave soldier has left an indelible mark on our nation and his service and legacy will forever remain in our hearts and memories.

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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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Member of Congress