



# The 7<sup>th</sup> Express

Proudly Moving Alabama's 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Forward

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell

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## The 7<sup>th</sup> District Is On The Move!

### Greetings!

The 7<sup>th</sup> Express is on the move! This office has helped secure \$1.6 million in direct benefits to constituents of the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Joins University of Alabama Football Team at White House

On April 19, we joined the University of Alabama Crimson Tide football team at the White House to celebrate their 2011 BCS National Championship. For the second time in three years, the crystal trophy calls the 7<sup>th</sup> District of Alabama home. We are so proud of Coach Nick Saban, his coaching staff, and all of the players for their hard work and dedication that made this victory possible. Roll Tide!! [Click here](#) to view the press release.



### Congresswoman Sewell Announces Winners of 2012 Congressional Art Competition



On April 21, we hosted the annual Congressional Art Competition for the 7<sup>th</sup> District at the Alabama School of Fine Arts in Birmingham. The competition was open to all high school students (grades 9-12) in Alabama's 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and offered the winning participant the opportunity to have their artwork displayed in the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, DC for one year. The 2012 Congressional Art Competition winner is **Jessica Johnson**, a senior from Paul Bryant High School in Tuscaloosa, AL for her piece "Time." Second place was awarded to **Ke'Shuntae Tapping**, a sophomore at Minor High School in Birmingham, Alabama for her piece "UnModern Steel." Third place was awarded to **Christina Burroughs**, a senior at Thomasville High School in Thomasville, Alabama for her piece "The Lively Museum." [Click here](#) to view the press release.

### \$235,543 in Funding for the University of West Alabama for STEM Education

On April 25, we announced that the University of West Alabama was awarded \$235,543 from the U.S. Department of Education under the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program (MSEIP). This funding will be used for UWA's Project Engage which seeks to attract and retain students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines, as well as address the shortage of minorities in professional STEM fields. [Click here](#) to view the press release.

## Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Observes the One-Year Anniversary of the April 2011 Tornadoes

One year ago, we witnessed some of the strongest and most devastating tornadoes in our nation's history. As we reflect on April 27<sup>th</sup>, we are reminded of the strength, the generosity and the hope of the human spirit that was displayed in the face of such an unimaginable tragedy. Today, we stand together as a stronger, more united and better prepared community committed to recovering, rebuilding and advancing our state. Since last year, remarkable progress has been made and I am confident that even greater progress is to come. [Click here](#) to view the press release.



## \$3.6 Million Funding from USDA for North Choctaw County

On April 24, we announced that North Choctaw County was awarded \$3.6 million from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development. This project funding will enable the North Choctaw Water and Sewer Authority to make vital repairs and improvements to existing water infrastructure, add interconnectivity to neighboring water systems and purchase new radio read meters and equipment. 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.

## Congresswoman Sewell Brings Defense Logistics Agency to American Apparel in Selma



On April 11, we hosted Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) representatives at the American Apparel factory headquarters in Selma, AL to discuss military procurement opportunities as well as industry needs and concerns. American Apparel, Inc. continues to be a valued employer in the 7<sup>th</sup> District and is an industry leader in manufacturing combat and utility uniforms for the Department of Defense. We applaud American Apparel and DLA for their commitment to maintaining and strengthening this essential partnership between businesses and the federal government. [Click here](#) to view the press release.

## \$1.8 Million in Funding for Demopolis Municipal Airport

On April 20, we announced that \$1.8 million was awarded to the Demopolis Municipal Airport in Alabama from the U.S. Department of Transportation under the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). These funds will be used to update and rehabilitate the existing runways at Demopolis Municipal Airport. When new businesses are attracted, jobs are created and more goods are transported across the country. These are the types of funding opportunities that will make the State of Alabama and the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District stronger. [Click here](#) to view the press release.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terri".

**Terri A. Sewell**  
Member of Congress