



# The 7th 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 7th Express is on the move! This year alone, this office helped secure over \$985,000 in direct benefits to constituents of the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and received over \$232 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/>.

## Congressional Gold Medal to Honor "Four Little Girls" Passes Unanimously in House and Senate



On April 24, we were delighted that the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously passed H.R. 360, the resolution to bestow a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Cynthia Wesley and Carole Robertson who lost their lives in the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing of 1963. We were honored to be joined by Dianne Braddock and Lisa McNair, sisters of Carole Robertson and Denise McNair, for this historic occasion. On May 9, the resolution also unanimously passed in the Senate. The bill will now go on to the President for his signature. [Click here](#) to view my press release.

## Congresswoman Sewell Joins Crimson Tide Football Team at White House

On April 16, we joined the University of Alabama football team at the White House with President Obama to celebrate the team's third BCS National Championship in four years. What an accomplishment for such a storied program! I look forward to Alabama continuing its winning tradition next season.

**Roll Tide!!**



## Congresswoman Sewell Hosts Project R.E.A.D.Y Workshops Throughout the District



## 2013 Congressional Art Competition



On April 27, we hosted the 7th Congressional District's Annual Art Competition. The theme this year is "An Artistic Discovery: The Future of the 7th Congressional District." The 2013 Art Competition winner is Minsoo Thigpen of the Alabama School of Fine Arts for her piece entitled *Rolling Crevices*.

### Statement on the Second Anniversary of the April 27<sup>th</sup> Tornadoes

Two years ago, we experienced extensive damage and unimaginable tragedy as some of most powerful tornadoes in our nation's history swept across our state. And now as we reflect on April 27th, we are reminded of the courage and generosity of so many resilient Alabamians who came together to help our state recover and rebuild. We have made significant progress the last two years and I remain committed to helping our state move forward. [Click here](#) to view my statement.

### Constituent Corner

#### Veterans Benefits: A Success Story

A Tuscaloosa veteran with an outstanding case from a previous administration contact our Tuscaloosa office in January of 2011 regarding a case he had filed for service connection for PTSD several years ago. He had been denied benefits numerous times since 2005. Our office worked diligently and persistently on his behalf with the Department of Veterans Affairs and in January 2013, he was approved for his service-connected disability and received retroactive benefits for over \$200,000.

### Cooper Green Hospital Community Forum



On April 30, we hosted a community forum on the future of Cooper Greene Hospital with local officials.

### Social Media

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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 cursive script.

Terri A. Sewell  
Member of Congress