

MAY 2014

CONGRESSWOMAN TERRI SEWELL

REPRESENTING ALABAMA'S 7TH DISTRICT

Friend,

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 we are doing on your behalf. This newsletter serves as a monthly update on the progress we have made both in Washington and in Alabama's 7th Congressional District. For more information, please visit our website at <http://sewell.house.gov/>.



Sincerely,

#BringBackOurGirls



Congresswoman Sewell signed a bi-partisan letter to President Obama on May 9, 2014 commending the administration's efforts to rescue the more 200 Nigerian girls kidnapped in April by the terrorist group, Boko Haram. The letter requests that the President "use every avenue possible to assist in the immediate recovery of the missing girls and in bringing the perpetrators to justice."

Lowndes County Ministers



On May 24, 2014, Congresswoman Sewell met with Ministers from Lowndes County at her grandfather's church, Beulah Primitive Baptist Church, in Hope Hull.

Congresswoman Sewell Welcomes Golden Dragon Copper USA to the 7th District!

On May 28, 2014, we attended the grand opening of Golden Dragon Copper USA in Pine Hill, Alabama. We are looking forward to the resources and opportunities that GD Copper will provide for our constituents in Wilcox and Clarke Counties. GD Copper is considered to be one of the most modern copper tube plants in the world and we are proud the company has chosen to bring more than 300 jobs to the 7th District.



Honoring Bessemer Artist Thornton Dial

On Saturday, May 31, 2014 we attended the Bob Sykes BBQ and Blues Festival in Bessemer. Congresswoman Sewell presented Bessemer Artist, Thornton Dial, with the Congressional Record she delivered on the House Floor on May 29, 2014. Congresswoman Sewell's former law school classmate, Actor Hill Harper, joined us in Bessemer. He is filming a movie about the life and work of Thornton Dial. To watch Congresswoman Sewell's remarks on the House Floor honoring Thornton Dial, visit our YouTube page [here](#).



Miles College Commencement



Congresswoman Sewell was honored to receive an honorary doctorate from Miles College during their Commencement Ceremony on May 3, 2014.

60th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education

Congresswoman Sewell submitted remarks into the Congressional Record to honor the 60th Anniversary of Brown vs. Board of Education on May 19, 2014.

“Today, we cannot honestly expect our low-income, minority children to succeed in life when they are zoned for schools that are sub-standard, under-resourced and underfunded...As we enjoy the benefits of Brown vs. Board of Education, we must work together to ensure that no one growing up in America is denied a quality education because of the school they are zoned to attend, the color of their skin or the amount of money they have. It is our job to do no less!”

To read Congresswoman Sewell’s full remarks, visit our website [here](#).

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It is an honor to serve the 7th District in Congress. I’ll be back in touch again soon!



President Obama Declares a Major Disaster in the State of Alabama

Congresswoman Sewell joined the Alabama delegation in sending a letter to President Obama urging him to declare a major disaster in the State of Alabama following the April 28 tornadoes. After we toured tornado damage in Bessemer on May 3, 2014, President Obama issued a major disaster declaration in parts of the 7th Congressional District. The disaster declaration triggered immediate federal assistance for the people and communities affected by the April 28th tornadoes.



To read Congresswoman Sewell’s statement on President Obama’s declaration and her tour of the storm and tornado damage, visit our website, [here](#).

#RaiseTheWage

Raising the minimum wage to \$10.10 will lift up to 4.5 million Americans out of poverty.



It's time to
[#raisethewage](#)

The benefits of raising the minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour are clear! Congresswoman Sewell remains committed to working with her colleagues to ensure that no one who works full-time has to raise their family in poverty.

Memorial Day 2014

“We acknowledge that no statement or ceremony can repay the solemn debt we owe. Our gratitude must be displayed in the support we provide to our service members and their families when they return home. No one who fights for our country should have to return home and fight delays in receiving health care or obstacles to attaining a job. The courage and sacrifice our nation's service men and women compels us to do no less.”

Read Congresswoman Sewell’s complete Memorial Day statement [here](#).

Congresswoman Sewell Supports Bill to End NSA Bulk Data Collection While Preserving Counter-Terrorism Capabilities

On May 22, Congresswoman Sewell voted in favor of the USA FREEDOM Act which modifies domestic surveillance procedures by ending bulk collection and storage of business records by the NSA under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA).

“This legislation is an important step toward restoring the confidence of the American people while preserving our nation’s ability to protect our National Security,” explained Rep. Sewell. “Safeguarding the privacy of all Americans, while ensuring that our intelligence community can continue to protect against terrorist threats, is of the utmost importance. As a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, I remain committed to ensuring that our policies reflect the delicate balance between security and privacy.”

To read Congresswoman Sewell’s full statement on her support of the USA FREEDOM Act, visit our website [here](#).