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BENNIE G. THOMPSON

MISSISSIPPI'S SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



January 4, 2018
Congressman Bennie G. Thompson met with the South Delta Regional Housing Authority (SDRHA) Board to discuss housing concerns and improvements in Bolivar, Humphreys, Sunflower, Issaquena, Sharkey, and Washington counties.

Seated clockwise:
Congressman Bennie Thompson (Head of Table), Mr. Henry Reed, Mr. William Carpenter, Mr. Robert Gray (hand showing), Ms. Mellanie Thomas, Mr. Howard Sanders, Ms. Patricia Logan, (Exec. Dir. SDRHA), Mr. Lewis Douglas, Mr. Michael Fratesi, and Ms. Mattie Minor (Standing)

Welcome...

To the first edition of The Thompson Report on the Second Congressional District of Mississippi. I will share important information about the district, grants, legislative actions and more in my monthly newsletter which will be distributed by email to constituents.

Spread the word, share this newsletter. [Click here](#) to subscribe or unsubscribe to the newsletter.

Thank you.

SDRHA East Gate Housing Development

The Eastgate subdivision that was built in 1971 in the Cleveland area is getting a total makeover and upgrade. The South Delta Regional Housing Authority (SDRHA) partnered with United Family Life Center, Inc., Collins Development, USDA Rural Development, HUD and other State, public and private partners to transform 116 single family homes, a Community Center and park in the Eastgate neighborhood.

Patricia Logan, Exec. Director of SDRHA, said, "We have also converted this property into a project-based Section 8 Housing community. Each home is equipped with new energy efficient appliances, indoor washer and dryer, and new central air and heat, to say the least. The exterior has hardi-plank siding instead of vinyl siding coupled with brick for low maintenance."

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District Calendar of Events



MARCH

29th 2018 Congressional Art Competition

Call: Ms. Ashley Beale
(662) 335-9003

29th 2018 Federal Resources Workshop for Municipalities

Call: Dr. Timla G. Washington
(662) 335-9003

Annual Dates

FEBRUARY 1st - OCTOBER 31st

Congressional Nominations for Military Academies - Applications Accepted

Call: Mr. Cedric Watkins
(662) 741-9003

CONGRESSIONAL RECORDS

What is a Congressional Record? A Congressional Record is documentation of activity (e.g., debates, legislative bills introduced, resolutions, etc.) carried out on the house floor by members of Congress. All documentation of these proceedings become permanent records of the United States Congress.

Every month, I honor constituents from the District for their outstanding achievements. I request that each individual be recognized for their achievements and therefore he/she be entered into the Congressional Record as a permanent record. Recognition of this type is a high honor.

If you know someone that deserves to be recognized call one of my district offices.

2018 Congressional Records Monthly Categories

- February **Black History**
- March **Black Organization**
- April **Outstanding Students**
- May **Black Churches**
- June **Law Enforcement**
- July **Unsung Heroes**
- August **Black Professional Women**
- September **Minority Businesses**
- October **Local Artists**
- November **Veterans**

Legislative Update

These updates are provided to keep you informed of legislative activity in Wasington, DC...

1. Introduced: H.R. 4895, to establish the home of late Civil Rights icon Medgar Evers National Monument in the State of Mississippi through the U.S. Department of Interior National Park Service. The bill has passed the House and has been ordered to be brought to the House floor for debate and vote.
2. Co-Sponsored: H.R. 4547, bipartisan legislation that strengthens the protection of the Social Security Benefits Acts of 2017.
3. Co-Sponsored: H.R. 2913, the Mental Health in Schools Act of 2017, which will revise a community children and violence pogram to assist local communities and schools in applying a public health approach to mental health services.
4. Co-Sponsored: H.R. 4820, a bill introduced that will permanently reauthorize the Children’s Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) funding.

Congressman Thompson writes EPA on Rockwell/Textron Plant

The letter was sent to Scott Pruitt, Administrator for EPA requesting that the Eastern Heights neighborhood be included in the Superfund site because of toxic waste released from the Rockwell/Textron Plant in Grenada.



You need to know...

Here is what you need to know about the latest news happening that could affect you and your family or friends.



PROTECTING CITIZENS THE RESPONSIBLE WAY

To help fight identity theft, prevent fraud, and to keep tax payer dollars safe, Centers for Medicaid and Medicare (CMS) will no longer print cards with social security numbers on them. New Medicare cards will be mailed from April 2018 to April 2019. Medicaid providers must use Medicare Beneficiary Identifiers (MBIs) starting January 1, 2020.



PRESIDENT TRUMP PLAN TO CUT SNAP BENEFITS

The Trump administration has proposed a plan to cut food aid for low-income families by giving them boxes of government selected canned foods instead of the EBT card. The policy will replace half of the benefits, \$90 or more, with food packages from USDA. The packets will contain no fresh fruits and vegetables. What you eat is their choice.



BEWARE: 2018 TAX SEASON SCAM

Cybercriminals are on the prowl this tax season. They are filing fraudulent tax returns using taxpayers' real bank account information. If you get a call from someone saying a refund was deposited in error to your account and you need to return the money, do not give your information. To report a call click here [IRS Stakeholder Liaison](#).

THE 2020 CENSUS AND THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Your participation in the 2020 Census is important. The data collected will help Mississippi decide the number of congressional representatives it will send to Washington DC to represent the state in the

U.S. House of Representatives. As your federal representative, it will help us decide how to spend federal money and how much to spend on local community programs, infrastructure, and services.

Accurate addresses leads to accurate population count....



2017 SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM AVERAGE DAILY PARTICIPATION - MEALS SERVED

Attala	560
Bolivar	1790
Carroll	308
Claiborne	322
Coahoma	4920
Copiah	639
Grenada	903
Hinds	11841
Holmes	1997
Humphreys	1300
Jefferson	173
Leake	523
Leflore	4198
Madison	1139
Montgomery	297
Panola	637
Quitman	200
Sharkey	888
Sunflower	3423
Tallahatchie	481
Tunica	759
Warren	1094
Washington	4299
Yalobusha	120
Yazoo	592

Grants and Funding Opportunities

Grants are competitive. Grants have deadlines set by the agency who has the money. Below are current grants. Visit each one for more information. Click this link to see a compiled list of other [Grant Resources](#).

Grants.gov [Click Here](#)

Federal Student Aid [Click Here](#)

Community Economic Development [Click Here](#)

US Department of Education Small Rural School Achievement Grant [Click Here](#)

MDA CDBG Grants for Public Facilities, Economic Development, The Home Program, [Click Here](#)

Small Business Administration Business Loans [Click Here](#)

National Trust for Historic Places Preservation Grants [Click Here](#)

USDA Rural Development Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants [Click Here](#)

For free information on affordable housing programs

[Click Here](#)

Feeding Children During the Summer

Usually when we think of summer, we think about having fun and vacationing. It is also during the summer that many children will not have access to health and nutritious meals because school is out. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) provides healthy and nutritious meals to youth during the summer.

For the last five years, starting in 2013, my office has been working hard with the USDA Office of Food and Nutrition Services and the Mississippi Department of Education to increase participation in the SFSP across the Second Congressional District of Mississippi. As a result of our effort, we have seen an increase but there is room for more sponsors and site locations. To learn more call Ms. April Catchings at the Mississippi Department of Education at (601) 576-4970.

Constituent Services

Constituent Services is about being available and willing to assist you when you need it. Below are just some of the ways I can help. If you have trouble with any of the links below on my website, call Ms. Stephanie Booker at 601-866-9003.

HELP WITH A FEDERAL AGENCY

Sometimes dealing with federal agencies can be overwhelming. If you live in the Second Congressional District of Mississippi you can call my office for assistance with a federal agency. We will do our best to help you. I cannot guarantee you a favorable outcome, but I guarantee you my office is willing to try. Click here to fill out a [Privacy Authorization](#) form.

VISITING WASHINGTON D.C.

Washington D.C. is a beautiful place to visit with lots of educational and tourist attractions. I think everyone should visit the nation's capitol and see how government is operated. If you are planning to visit Washington D.C., my office can assist you with tours of the U.S.

Capitol and the White House. Please call my Washington D.C. office at 202-225-5876 at least three months before arrival. On [My Website](#) I have suggested some sites to visit.

FLAG REQUESTS

If you would like to order a U.S. flag through my office, click here to print and fill out a [Flag Order](#) form. Here you can calculate the price and shipping cost. You may choose to have your flag flown over the U.S. Capitol which comes with a certificate that can be personalized at your request.

MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS

Every year I have the opportunity to nominate a limited number of qualified young people who live in the Second Congressional District of Mississippi to the Military Service Academies. One of the benefits is that graduates come out as commissioned officers in a branch of the military or reserve. Applications are accepted every year beginning February 1st through October 31st. For questions call Mr. Cedric Watkins in my Mound Bayou Office at 662-741-9003. Visit the [Military Academies Nominations](#) page on my website.

WORDS OF THANKS...

Ms. Shavonne Thigpen
Batesville, MS

"I want to express my sincere gratitude for your referral to Mrs. Hollia Thompson with the Arc of Jackson concerning my son... I want you to know with her help, the Mississippi Department of Education ruled in my son's favor in EVERY area noted...Again, I say THANK YOU for your help..."

Ms. Sharon Walker, Program
Director

Greenville Reflections and Youth
Development Museum
Greenville, MS

"Our first obligation in our program is to help and develop the children here in the Delta. Our food program will be one of our staple programs. We want to thank you and your office for guidance and support in your encouragement of our quest on feeding the children..."

Mr. Edgar Hodges
Holcomb, MS

"Just want to thank you for providing an avenue for people to call or visit to find answers to our questions. Your office in Greenwood has been just that. Mine was and is VA Affairs. I can truly say with your help I have been notified that I will meet with the travel board Feb 26th.

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