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Welcome...

To The Thompson Report on the Second Congressional District of Mississippi. Inside you will find information about the district, grants, legislative actions and more. My monthly newsletter will be distributed by email to constituents.

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Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bennie G. Thompson".

Highlighting Graduates in the 2nd Congressional District

I think about our nation's young people and how this dreaded virus has changed so many things for them such as prom, trips, in person activities, and more. Graduation is a special day to rejoice and celebrate with your loved ones. It's a time where students take a trip down memory lane and get excited about the future. My advice is go out into the world and make a purpose. Allow your voices to be heard and support each other. "Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today." - Malcolm X

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District Calendar of Events



Annual Dates

FEBRUARY 1st - OCTOBER 31st

Congressional Nominations
for Military Academies -
Applications Accepted

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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.

2022 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 activities in Washington, DC.

1. Co-Sponsored: H.R. 7395 is the Educators Expense Deduction Modernization Act of 2022. This bill is to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the deduction for certain expenses of elementary and secondary school teachers.
2. Sponsored: H.R. 780 is a resolution that recognizes the service and sacrifices of Transportation Security Administration (TSA) employees and officers on the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the TSA and the role its employees and officers play in keeping our nation secure.
3. Co-Sponsored: H.R. 1051 is a bill that supports the week of April 11-17, 2022, as the fifth annual "Black Maternal Health Week". The bill brings national attention to the maternal health crisis in the United States and the importance of reducing maternal mortality and morbidity rates among Black women.
4. Co-Sponsored: H.R. 7272 is the Feed Hungry Veterans Act of 2022. This bill will expand the eligibility of disabled veterans to receive supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits.

Resource and Referral Center in Jackson, Mississippi Re-Open

The Resource and Referral Center (R&R) has re-opened in Jackson, Mississippi. The center was initially closed due to COVID-19 precautions. The overall goal of the Resource and Referral Center is to deliver quality professional development and technical assistance to child care providers and families. The R&R is a library that provides age-appropriate learning materials and resources for families, children, and practitioners that can be checked out on a regular basis. It also assists families and caregivers needing help with searching for quality childcare. The center will provide assistance to childcare providers to help teachers experience a better learning environment and outcome for children.

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.



TAX FILING DEADLINE FOR TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS

The Internal Revenue Service is reminding tax-exempt organizations that May 16, 2022 is the filing deadline. Those that operate on a calendar-year basis have certain annual information and tax returns they must file with the IRS. Electronic filing provides fast acknowledgement that the IRS received the return and reduces processing time, and makes compliance with reporting requirements easier. For more information, click [here](#).



SNAP REPLACEMENT BENEFITS SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM

SNAP provides nutrition benefits to eligible families so they can purchase healthy foods and move towards self-sufficiency. To request a replacement of SNAP benefits, households must report the disaster to their local MDHS office within 10 days of the disaster. To learn more about SNAP replacement benefits, click [here](#).



USDA INVITES APPLICATIONS TO STRENGTHEN RURAL COOPERATIVES

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development announced it is accepting grants applications to help start, expand, or improve rural cooperatives and other businesses. USDA is offering priority points to projects that advance [key priorities](#) under the Biden-Harris Administration. For fiscal year 2022, the maximum award is \$20,000. The deadline is June 6, 2022. For more information, click [here](#).

FEMA Accepting Nominations for Emergency Management Exchange Program

FEMA Administrators announced the agency is accepting nominations for a new emergency manager exchange program. The staff exchange program will allow states, locals, and tribal officials to work with FEMA leadership to develop and implement emergency management policies and programs. Program participants will work with FEMA leadership and staff from FEMA's Office of Response and Recovery or Resilience. These stakeholders will contribute to federal emergency management and see the impact of their contributions from a different governmental perspective. There will be a total of four participants selected for the six-month assignment. Nominations are due by May 6, 2022. To submit a nomination, email FEMA-EMX-Nominations@fema.dhs.gov. For additional information, click [here](#).

Grants and Funding Opportunities

Grants are competitive. Grants have deadlines set by the agency who provide the funds. 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](#)

Funding for NRCS's Regional Conservation Partnership Program [Click Here](#)

Local Food Purchase Assistance Program [Click Here](#)

Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program [Click Here](#)

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

Mississippi Conversation Delivery Technical Assistance - FY2022 [Click Here](#)

Frequently Asked Questions for No Surprises Act

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 established several new requirements to protect consumers from surprise medical bills. These requirements are collectively referred to as "No Surprises" rules.

Requirements generally apply to items and services provided to consumers enrolled in group health plans, group or individual health insurance coverage, and Federal Employees Health Benefits plans. Information for providers and facilities regarding No Surprises rules, independent dispute resolution, and exceptions to the new rules and requirements can be found [here](#).

USDA Extends Deadline for the Rural Innovation Stronger Economy Grant

USDA has extended the deadline for the Rural Innovation Stronger Economy (RISE) grant program to May 19, 2022. The RISE program encourages a regional, innovation-driven approach to economic development by funding job accelerator partnerships in low-income rural communities. This includes communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality. Applications must be submitted through www.grants.gov. Applicants are encouraged to contact their nearest USDA [Rural Development State Office](#) ahead of the application deadline for more information about the program or the application process.

Grant Announcements for the 2nd Congressional District

\$7.9 Million in Funding is awarded to schools and libraries across the district to help kids access the internet at home and close the homework gap.

\$508,572 is awarded to Jackson State University for The National Science Foundation. The project serves the national interest by promoting the progress of science and advancing public health.

\$8,406,000 is awarded to the State of Mississippi in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds to help communities recover from disasters.

\$15,000 is awarded to the Joan Ganz Cooney Center at Sesame Workshop and the Mississippi Public Broadcasting. The grant program is designed to help public media stations explore new models for engaging young people in their communities.

\$6.7 Million is awarded to the Continuum of Care Program, which will be administered through Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The program provides funding for nonprofit providers through state and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families.

\$10,527,500 is awarded in Community Project Funding. Funds will be used to support projects in the Mississippi Delta.

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 Alexis Hunter at 202-225-5876.

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 capital 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. Visit the [Military Academies Nominations](#) page on my website.

WORDS OF THANKS...

Sammy Long
Greenville, Mississippi
"Thank you for your support of the National Endowment for the Arts. As a recipient of a Mississippi Arts Commission Apprenticeship Grant, your support has allowed me to continue to create, learn, and share art with our community, state, and region."

Beatty Thomas
Greenwood, Mississippi
"Thank you for continued service to our district. You have made an impact to the 2nd Congressional District. We have believed in you since 93'. I will always support your work and trust in the decisions you make for my community."

Margaret Huang - CEO
Southern Poverty Law Center
"Thank you again for your important role in helping to preserve and amplify the stories of Black men and women whose accomplishments, struggles and humanity have too often been ignored in American history."

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