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U. S. Congresswoman
CAROLYN CHEEKS KILPATRICK

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This e-newsletter summarizes events taking place in the U. S. Congress that affect the State of Michigan, with particular emphasis on Michigan's 13th Congressional District. A printable version of this e-newsletter will also be available on my website: www.house.gov/kilpatrick.

Hill Highlights

Legislative Action from 02/03/07 through 02/16/07

H. Con. Res. 63 – Iraq War Resolution

The measure disapproves of President Bush's decision to increase U.S. forces in Iraq, but expresses support for members of the armed forces. The resolution constitutes a congressional policy declaration, but, as such, would not be binding and would not have the force of law. Congresswoman Kilpatrick supported this resolution, which passed the House by a vote of 246 to 182. To read the Congresswoman's floor statement on H. Con. Res. 63, click [here](#).

H. R. 365 – Methamphetamine Remediation Research Act

This bill requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to create voluntary guidelines for the cleanup of sites that contained methamphetamine laboratories. The measure establishes a research program to identify harmful chemicals related to methamphetamine labs, to assess consequences of exposure to those chemicals, and to evaluate methods of decontamination. It creates a study of existing research into residual effects of methamphetamine labs, which would focus on the effects on residents in buildings that previously housed labs and the effects on law enforcement personnel and other first responders who are exposed to such labs. The bill also requires the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to create a research program to develop methamphetamine detection methods and to standardize existing procedures for such testing. Congresswoman Kilpatrick co-sponsored this measure, which passed by a vote of 426 to 2.

H. R. 547 – Advanced Fuels Infrastructure Research & Development Act

This bill instructs the EPA to implement a program of research and development regarding materials to be added to biofuels and ultra low sulfur diesel fuels to make them more compatible with existing infrastructure used to store and deliver petroleum-based fuels to the point of final sale. The measure instructs the EPA—in cooperation with the NIST—to research portable, low-cost, and accurate methods and technologies for testing of sulfur content in fuel. It also requires the NIST to develop a physical properties database and standard reference materials for alternative fuels. The bill authorizes \$10 million for the EPA to conduct these projects. The Congresswoman supported this measure, which passed the House by a vote of 400 to 3.

H. R. 976 – Small Business Tax Relief Act

This bill provides tax cuts targeted to small businesses, including a one-year extension of increased limits for expensing business-related purchases and a modified and extended credit for hiring certain disadvantaged employees. Congresswoman Kilpatrick voted in support of this measure, which passed the by a vote of 360 to 45.

H. Con. Res. 35 – Supporting National Black AIDS/HIV Day

This bill supports the goals and ideals of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. The resolution encourages state and local governments, including their public health agencies, to recognize the day, publicize its importance, and encourage individuals to undergo testing for HIV. The measure also supports full and equitable funding for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act and appropriate expansion of HIV/AIDS funding under Medicare and Medicaid. The resolution also supports the expansion of effective and comprehensive HIV prevention education programs to promote early identification of HIV through voluntary testing and to provide treatment as early as possible. Congresswoman

comprehensive HIV prevention education programs to promote early identification of HIV through voluntary testing and to provide treatment as early as possible. Congresswoman Kilpatrick co-sponsored this measure, which received unanimous bipartisan support.

H. R. 512 – Study on Creating the Museum of the American Latino

This bill authorizes the establishment of a commission to study the potential creation of a National Museum of the American Latino. The 23-member commission would submit a report to the President and Congress containing its recommendations with respect to a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of a museum, including a fundraising plan. The bill authorizes \$3 million for the activities of the commission over the two-year period. The Congresswoman co-sponsored this bill, which passed the House by a voice vote.

H. Res. 94 – Supporting National Consumer Protection Week

This resolution supports the goals and ideals of the 9th Annual National Consumer Protection Week, including raising public awareness about the importance of consumer protection. The measure asks the President to issue a proclamation calling on governmental officials, industry leaders, schools, nonprofit organizations, and consumer advocates to provide citizens with the information they need to protect themselves against consumer fraud. The bill also encourages the American people to take advantage of the wealth of consumer protection information available to them. This resolution passed the House unanimously.

To read more about these measures or any other legislation, please visit the Library of Congress' legislative information site at <http://thomas.loc.gov/>.

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In the District

Congresswoman Kilpatrick Receives Soul and Spirit Humanitarian Award

Congresswoman Kilpatrick was presented with the *Soul and Spirit Humanitarian Award* during the 20th Annual Soul Food Luncheon hosted by U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Damon J. Keith. Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, Congressman John Conyers, Jr., and Michigan Governor



Congresswoman Kilpatrick admires the Soul and Spirit Humanitarian Award, a beautiful crystal bowl with her name inscribed on it. Judge Keith and a community committee selected the Congresswoman to be the recipient of this year's award, which was presented to her by Congressman Conyers.

Jennifer Granholm were among the hundreds of guests who honored the Congresswoman for her strong leadership, contributions, and ongoing commitment to Michigan's 13th District, families across the United States, and our global community.

The Congresswoman accepted the award on behalf of Dr. Rachel Boone Keith, Judge Keith's late wife. She encouraged those in attendance to work toward building the world Dr. Keith—a universal healthcare advocate, civil rights supporter, community activist, and dedicated wife and mother—wanted. "Today is the first day of the rest of our lives," said Congresswoman Kilpatrick. "We must give, sacrifice, and serve to build a better America for our children and grandchildren."

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