



Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, Michigan's 13th District

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This E-Newsletter is a weekly summary of the events taking place in the United States' Congress that effect the State of Michigan and primarily Michigan's 13th Congressional District.

This Week In Congress:

CONGRESS RETURNS

This week, the 108th Congress returned from the Easter recess. The e-newsletter resumes today, April 23, 2004.

CONTINUITY IN REPRESENTATION ACT (H.R. 2844)

The U.S. House voted on the bill that provides for a quick special election of new Members of Congress to fill seats left vacant if 100 or more House Members are killed suddenly. It requires a special election called within 45 days, unless a regularly scheduled general election for the office involved is scheduled within 75 days. While I appreciate the hard work of several Members, this bill does little to maintain our democratic values, which should still be our guiding principles even in crisis situations. The bill forces affected states to conduct rapid elections with so little lead time there is no assurance that polling places, poll workers and ballots will be universally available. This truncated process could deprive candidates of the right to run, deprive voters of the right to nominate candidates, deprive citizens of the ability to register to vote and effectively prevent absentee voting. The end result could lack legitimacy and send "winners" to the House without real campaigns, public participation and democratic choice. That is why I voted against this bill. Nonetheless, it passed the House with a vote of 306-97.

MEDICARE/Rx DRUG TOWN HALL MEETING

The next scheduled Medicare/Rx town hall featuring the Walter Cronkite video will be held May 3rd at the Lincoln Park Senior Center located at 3240 Ferris Street at 10:00AM.

MEDICARE BROCHURE

Most of my senior constituents should have received my new brochure that outlines the problems with the new Medicare law. If you are a senior constituent and have not received the brochure, please contact my Press Secretary Denise Mixon and she will get one to you.

WITH OWNERSHIP WEALTH

I would like to thank everyone who worked so very hard on the With Ownership Wealth Housing Fair that was held in Ecorse last Saturday. Our next WOW event will be held in Highland Park. If you or anyone you know is interested in purchasing a home, visit the WOW event at the Highland Park Career Academy at 2nd and Glendale in June.

WMXD - FRANKIE DARCELL SHOW

I will be live with Frankie Darcell this Sunday at 11:00AM. We will be discussing a myriad of topics including the war in Iraq, healthcare and the new Medicare law.

WOMEN ACHIEVEMENT OF COURAGE AWARD

I am honored to be this year's recipient of the Michigan Women's Foundation "Women of Achievement and Courage Award." As this year's recipient I must attend two events. One program is scheduled in Grand Rapids on Wednesday and another in Dearborn on May 5th.

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