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2011 Washington, D.C. Legislative Rally Highlights



ECA members with US Congressman Robert Aderholt (AL-R, 4th) in Washington, D.C.

from the White House, hosted over 68 ECA attendees for the annual legislative dinner. Members of the Alabama Congressional Delegation who attended the dinner included Senator Jeff Sessions, Congressmen Robert Aderholt, Congressman Jo Bonner, Congressman Mo Brooks, Congressman Mike Rogers and Congressman Martha Roby. Chief of Staff Alan Hanson represented Senator Richard Shelby's office and Chief of Staff Michael Staley and Legislative Assistant Philip Swartzfager represented Congressman Spencer Bachus' office.

ECA had very successful meetings on Capitol Hill with Alabama's Congressional Delegation. Issues addressed included EPA Green House Gas Emissions and the Clean Air Act, Water Wars, Federal Regulations by FERC and the FCC. ECA also thanked members of the Delegation for their opposition to Cap-and-Trade legislation.

If you attended the Legislative Rally this year, please fill out a survey by logging on to ECA's website, www.electriccities.org, and downloading the Legislative Rally Performance Questionnaire. ECA asks that all attendees fill out the questionnaire and fax to (334) 954-3223 or email your questionnaire to jhand@electriccities.org.

Electric Cities of Alabama's (ECA) Washington, D.C. Legislative Rally proved to be huge success with strong attendance from ECA members. The Legislative Rally was held at The Renaissance Mayflower Hotel in conjunction with the American Public Power Association's (APPA) Legislative Rally on Feb. 28 - March 3. The APPA Welcoming Reception kicked off the week's events Monday night followed by ECA's Legislative Briefing Tuesday evening, and meetings with the entire Alabama Congressional Delegation on Capitol Hill Wednesday and Thursday.

ECA tried a new venue for the annual legislative dinner. Morton's Steakhouse, located just four blocks

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Congressional Member Spotlight: Terri Sewell



Congresswoman Terri Sewell (AL-D, 7th)

Electric Cities of Alabama will feature a monthly spotlight on Alabama's Congressional Delegation to help its members learn more about the Alabama Congressional Members and their views on legislation. This month's spotlight is Congresswoman Terri Sewell.

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell of Birmingham was elected by Alabama's Seventh Congressional District as the first black woman to represent Alabama in Congress in the November 2010 General Election. The freshman Congresswoman was selected to serve on the House Committee on Agriculture and House Committee of Science, Space and Technology. She also serves on the subcommittees of Rural Development, Research, Biotechnology and Foreign Agriculture, General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, Space and Aeronautics and Research and

Science Education.

Sewell was raised in Selma where she inherited her family's legacy of public service. Her mother was the first black woman elected to the city council in Selma. Sewell's grandfather, a Primitive Baptist Minister and a farmer, instilled in her a love for the land, an appreciation of hard work and the importance of her faith. It was her grandfather and the members of his beloved Beulah Primitive Baptist Church that gave Sewell a deep appreciation and respect for the Black Belt region of Alabama and its people.

Sewell went on to graduate cum laude from Princeton University in 1986 and received a Masters degree with first class Honors from Oxford University in 1988. She graduated in 1992 from Harvard Law School where she served as editor of the Civil Rights Civil Liberties Law Review.

After graduation, Sewell served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Chief Judge U.W. Clemon, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Alabama, in Birmingham. Sewell began her legal career at the prestigious law firm of Davis, Polk & Wardwell in New York City, where she was a successful securities lawyer for more than a decade.

Prior to being sworn in as a member of the 112th Congress, Sewell was a partner in the Birmingham law office of Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. where she distinguished

herself as one of the only black public finance lawyers in the State of Alabama.

What was the best part of your swearing-in ceremony?

The best part of my swearing-in ceremony was being surrounded by family, friends, mentors and supporters to celebrate what I hope will be the beginning of a wonderful tenure in Congress. Being surrounded by my mother, the first African American woman to serve on the Selma City Council and my mentor, Judge U.W. Clemon, was almost surreal. It was as if my life had come full circle and I could not think of a more humbling moment than to be representing my home district in Congress. I recognize that it all would not be possible without the trailblazers who came before me.

How are you adjusting to life in our Nation's Capitol?

As a freshman Member of Congress, I am still figuring out where everything is, what the bells mean, the importance of seniority, and how to best advocate and achieve solutions the constituents of the 7th Congressional District as a member of a body of 435 members. These four months have given a preview of the tough choices that inevitably lie ahead, and I am up to the challenge. I look forward to working with my colleagues to win the future.

Congressional Member Spotlight: Terri Sewell (Continued)

What would you like Electric Cities of Alabama members to know about you?

I serve as a member of the House Committee on Agriculture and the House Committee on Science & Technology. By being a member of both of these committees, I will be in prime position to help preserve and protect our natural resources in addition to helping many of our farmers,

businesses, universities and students. These committee assignments will enable us to utilize and preserve our natural resources and strengthen our economy.

I come from a family of preachers, teachers and farmers and have a unique understanding of the people and resources of the 7th Congressional District, which includes my hometown of Selma. I

understand that we live in a world with many challenges to overcome, and that means that our solutions must be multifaceted. We must not continue solving our nation's problems with an "either/or" approach. We can advance this nation, cultivate the 7th Congressional District and the State of Alabama—and we must do it together!

ECA's Blast From the Past

We want to see your old ECA annual meeting photos! Submit your favorite ECA annual meeting photos to share in the next newsletter to asalvador@electriccities.org. ECA will showcase a new set of photos each month until the Annual Meeting and Governmental Affairs Conference in July. Here are just a few photos ECA dug up in our 2005 archives!



Calling all Perdido Beachians!

How would you like to go Stock Car Racing on an amazing super speedway track up to 180 MPH or own a brand new flat screen TV? ECA's Annual Meeting and Governmental Affairs Conference in Orange Beach is right around the corner and these are just a few of the prizes that will be given to ECA attendees who book their room at the Perdido Beach Resort and become a Perdido Beachian. There is nothing better than staying at a full-service resort located directly on the sugary white beaches of Alabama's Gulf Coast. You can stay in paradise and be rewarded for it! So go ahead and book your room today and you could be one of the first winners of ECA's Perdido Beachian prize give away! Call 1-800-634-8001 and mention Electric Cities / Group Code #5072 for the special rate of \$224 a night. You can also book online by logging on to www.perdidobeachresort.com and entering the Group Code #5072. Winners will be announced throughout the 2011 annual conference.

Happenings on Goat Hill



March 1, 2011 - The Regular Legislative Session begins.

March 3, 2011 - Lt. Gov. Kay Ivey announces the appointment of eleven state senators to a committee that will redraw lines for congressional, state and local political boundaries. The committee is responsible for divvying up Alabama's seven U.S. House of Representatives seats, based on each district's proportion of the state population as determined by the most recent census. The committee of lawmakers also will redraw the lines for the 105 Alabama House of Representative seats, the 35 Alabama Senate seats and the eight State Board of Education seats. Ivey appoints:

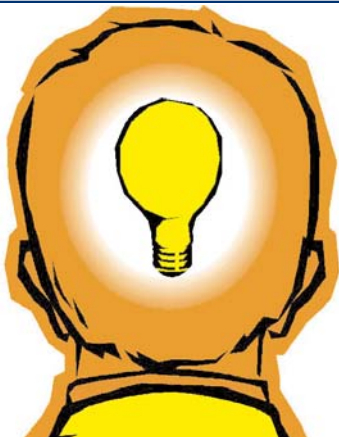
Congressional District 1– Sen. Trip Pittman, R.-Daphne
Congressional District 2– Sen. Jimmy Holley, R-Elba; Congressional District 3 – Sen. Gerald Dial, R-Lineville; Congressional District 4– Sen. Clay Scofield, R-Guntersville; Congressional District 5 – Sen. Bill Holtzclaw, R-Madison; Congressional District 6 – Sen. Cam Ward, R-Alabaster; Congressional District 7 – Sen. Linda Coleman, D-Birmingham. In addition, the Lieutenant Governor appointed 4 at-large members: Sen. Vivian Figures, D-Mobile; Sen. Arthur Orr, R-Decatur; Sen. Gerald Allen, R-Tuscaloosa; Sen. Bryan Taylor, R-Prattville.

March 17, 2011 - Republican Party Chairman Bill Armistead selects Timothy James “TJ” Maloney as the executive director of the Alabama Republican Party.

March 23, 2011 - Representative Ron Johnson's one-call legislation, or House Bill 110, is passed by the Committee of Transportation, Utilities and Infrastructure by unanimous consent and now awaits floor action.

March 24, 2011 - Governor Robert Bentley signs Senate Bill 72, otherwise known as the DROP bill.

ECA Trivia Grid



The power grid serving most of the United States operates at how many cycles per second (Hz)?

A. 25
C. 60

B. 50
D. 120

Be the first to email the correct answer to Andrea Salvador at asalvador@electriccities.org and win a \$25.00 gift card. Good Luck!

Last month's winner was Hartselle Utilities General Manager, Ferrell Vest. Ferrell chose Hawaii as the one state that does not have a single public power utility and won a \$25 American Express gift card. Congratulations Ferrell!



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March 29, 2011

Board of Directors Meeting
Montgomery Legislative
Briefing & Meet & Greet
Reception
RSA Plaza Terrace
Montgomery, AL

March 30, 2011

Strategic Planning Meeting
Montgomery Renaissance
Hotel & Spa
Montgomery, AL

July 10, 2011

Annual Business Meeting
(Board of Directors)
Perdido Beach Resort
Orange Beach, AL

July 10 - 12, 2011

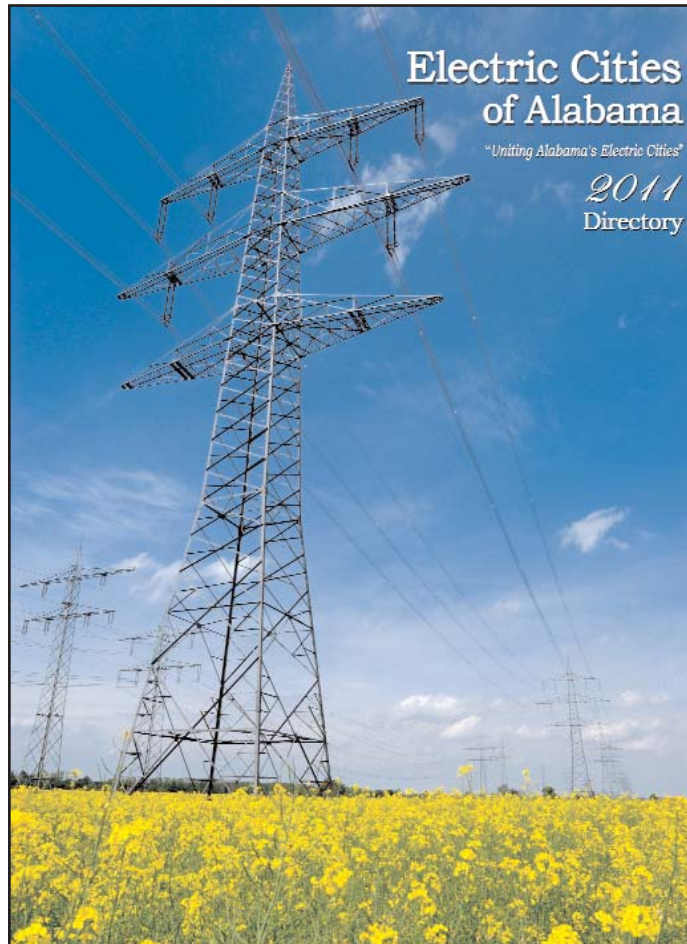
Annual Meeting and
Governmental Affairs
Conference
Perdido Beach Resort
Orange Beach, AL

October 19 - 21, 2011

Engineering & Operations
Conference
Ross Bridge Hotel & Spa
Birmingham, AL

October 21, 2011

Board of Directors Meeting
Ross Bridge Hotel & Spa
Birmingham, AL



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