

# Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, Michigan's 13th District



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### **This Week In Congress:**

## FORMER PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

Most Congressional business was canceled this week due to the death of the United States' 40th President Ronald Wilson Reagan. Reagan's remains were flown in from California on Wednesday, and transported via hearse to 16th and Constitution where the flag-draped coffin was transferred to a horse-pulled caisson that brought the former President to the U.S. Capitol. His body will lie in state until 7am on Friday. During this time, the Capitol is closed to public tours. Public tours will resume at 9am Saturday.

#### APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Interior and Homeland Security bills for the fiscal year 2005 allocations were debated in the U.S. House Appropriations Committee this week. The Interior bill included proposed funding for wildland firefigting and national fire plan, national park operations, Indian health service, operation of Indian programs, the National Forest System, and the U.S. Geological survey. The Homeland Security bill included proposed funding for first responders, border protection, transportation, science and technology and information analysis and infrastructure protection. Both measures will move to the U.S. House floor next week for votes. Next week in the House Appropriations Committee, there will be discussion on fiscal year 2005 Department of Defense and Energy and Water legislation.

#### TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION IN CONFERENCE

House and Senate conferees debating a six-year transportation reauthorization bill met this week. The White House is pushing a six-year \$256 billion plan which is lower than the \$284 billion House and \$318 billion Senate bills. So far, conferees have agreed on 12 non-controversial provisions that include language nearly identical in both bills.

### WITH OWNERSHIP WEALTH HOMEBUYERS' FAIR

On Saturday, June 12, 2004, there will be a WOW Homebuyer's Fair at the Highland Park Career Academy located at Glendale and Second Avenue from 10:00am to 3:00pm. This event brings together housing professionals with an interest in helping to increase the number of minority homeowners in Metro-Detroit. During the fair there will be a host of seminars, including; understanding the credit process, avoiding predatory lenders, and navigating the loan process. If you are interested in purchasing a home, stop by the Homebuyer's Fair.

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