



C O N G R E S S M A N R U S H H O L T

Year-end Report



Congressman Rush Holt

December 2003

Dear Neighbor,

I have spent the last several years listening to your concerns. I view it as a part of my job to reach out by visiting schools and colleges...touring businesses and health care facilities...meeting with seniors, veterans, and young people...and sponsoring town meetings and sidewalk "office hours" where anyone can come to talk. Being accessible and open is essential for me to represent your values and concerns in Washington. I am always looking for new ways to stay in touch.

The first part of my job is to listen, but the second part is to get things done. I am proud of what I have been able to accomplish this year by working with members of both sides of the aisle. As you'll see from the map on the other side, it has been a busy and productive year. These represent just some of the thousands of things I've worked on at the request of people like you.

Working for you and each of the forty-four towns I represent is a wonderful privilege. I look forward to hearing from you soon, and to making government continue to work for you.

Sincerely,



Rush Holt visited more than 30 local schools and libraries in 2003 to teach lessons, hear from young people, and talk about the importance of literacy, math, and science. As a member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, Rush helped increase federal funding for math and science education by nearly \$50 million to make sure our children are prepared to succeed in the new economy.

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12th Congressional District – This is a summary of some results achieved in 2003.

Delaware Twp. Introduced bipartisan legislation to establish a National Heritage Area that recognizes New Jersey's pivotal role in the American Revolution and preserves our historic lands.

Franklin Secured federal funding for the environmental rehabilitation of Rogers Pond.

Lawrence Organized college financial aid workshops in Lawrence, Middletown, and Old Bridge, and prevented a change in the government's financial need formula that would have denied Pell Grants to thousands of New Jersey students.

East Brunswick Chaired "Einstein's Alley: The Economic Summit" with local businesses, employees, educators, and community leaders to discuss plans for creating jobs, stimulating innovation, and defining a common vision for economic development in central New Jersey.

South River Secured WWII medals for Joseph Wilk of South River – as well as for fifteen other veterans of WWII and the Korean War – more than 50 years after the medals were due.

Middletown Held town hall meetings in Middletown, Monroe, North Brunswick, and Trenton to discuss the need for a meaningful, affordable, & universal Rx drug benefit in Medicare, and held six other town meetings in West Windsor, Lambertville, South River, Franklin, and Manalapan to discuss a range of other topics.

Stockton Successfully intervened on behalf of a Stockton resident who experienced months of delay in registering for prescription drug coverage through PAAD. As a result, he was able to pay \$5 for medicines related to his treatment for cancer of the esophagus.

East Amwell Secured \$75,000 in federal funds to help construct a senior community center in Southern Hunterdon County.

Franklin Introduced legislation to make higher education expenses tax deductible.

Old Bridge Led swearing-in ceremony for six new citizens from Hong Kong, Russia, and South Africa at the Jonas Salk Middle School in Old Bridge.

Rumson Secured \$40,000 in federal funds for improvements to the local water management system.

Lambertville Sponsored "Economic Development Breakfasts" with business leaders in eight towns to discuss ways to create jobs and assist small businesses across the region.

Princeton Helped a local organization receive an IRS refund of \$50,000 for an incorrectly assessed tax penalty.

Holmdel Organized Homeland Security workshops to help first responders strengthen their federal grant applications. To date, fire departments in East Brunswick, North Brunswick, Lawrenceville, Trenton, Milltown, and Kingston have received a combined \$652,747 in federal assistance for needed equipment.

Ewing Sponsored Congressional Art Competition in which 61 students from 18 high schools participated. Today, Ewing student Dennis Powlish's artwork is on display in the U.S. Capitol.

Trenton Helped secure funding for the renovation of the Trenton train station, and for the construction of a bike path running through Trenton, Ewing, Hopewell, West Amwell, and Lambertville.

Plainsboro Cut through red tape at Social Security Administration to help a disabled Plainsboro resident obtain \$33,034 in retro-active payment.

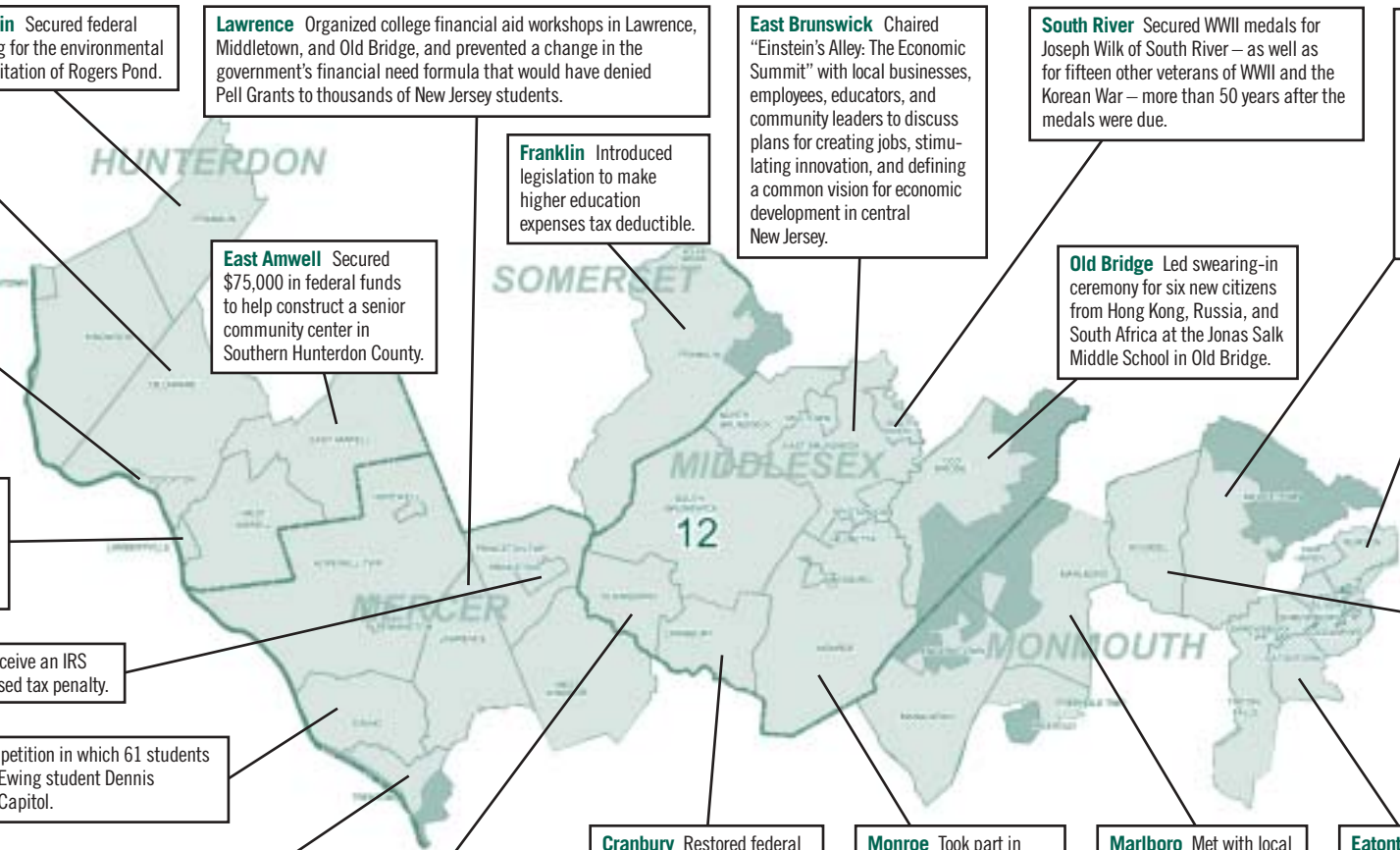
Cranbury Restored federal funding for the New Jersey Birth Defects Registry, which is used to track and analyze the incidence of birth defects.

Monroe Took part in Eagle Scout ceremonies in Monroe, Middletown, South River, East Amwell, Princeton, Monroe, West Windsor, Ewing, Red Bank, Fair Haven, Trenton, Frenchtown, and East Brunswick.

Marlboro Met with local members of the Million Mom March to call for reauthorization of the assault weapons ban.

Eatontown Helped secure \$1,000,000 in federal funds for telecommunications infrastructure improvements at Fort Monmouth, in addition to \$20,000,000 for barracks improvement secured last year. In Washington, met with New Jersey soldiers wounded in overseas missions at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

If I can be of any help, please call me toll free at 1-87-RUSH-HOLT or e-mail me through www.holt.house.gov.



Please note that the darker green areas indicate that portions of Franklin Twp. (Somerset County), Freehold, Manalapan, Marlboro, Middletown, Old Bridge, and Trenton are not in the 12th district.

* Map courtesy of the NJ Department of Transportation.