

WELCOME TO CONGRESSMAN CARTER'S 2023 YEAR IN REVIEW



2023 HIGHLIGHTS

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JANUARY

- Performed Infrastructure Evaluation at Southern University with White House Senior Advisor Mitch Landrieu
- House Passed My Small Business Advocacy Improvements Act

- Held an Infrastructure Town Hall with White House Senior Advisor Mitch Landrieu
- Celebrated the End of the Road Home Program
- Introduced My Resolution Recognizing 70th Anniversary of the Baton Rouge Bus Boycott
- Introduced My Dr. Norman C. Francis Congressional Gold Medal Act
- Hosted U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack and U.S. Small Business Administration Administrator Isabel Casillas Guzman in LA-02

FEBRUARY

MARCH

- Toured the Louisiana Cancer Research Center with First Lady Dr. Jill Biden
- Introduced My ADD SOY Act
- Co-led PSA Screening for HIM Act

- Toured LA-02 with EPA Administrator Michael Regan
- Announced \$10,000,000 million for the Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center in Louisiana
- Co-led V.A. Flood Preparedness Act
- Introduced My Emergency Preparedness in Higher Education Act

APRIL

MAY

- Celebrated LSU Women's Basketball National Championship in Washington, D.C.
- Held Veterans Resource Curbside - New Orleans
- Hosted Student Maliq Barnes in Washington D.C.
- Introduced My WARTAC Act

- Held Community Resource Curbside - Baton Rouge
- Presented Congressional Record to Juvenile and Mannie Fresh
- Greeted Vice President Kamala Harris at Essence Fest
- Celebrated Congressional Art Competition Winner Wanda Hu in Washington, D.C.
- Launched bipartisan Flood Resilience Caucus
- Reformed bipartisan Congressional Disaster Preparedness and Recovery Caucus
- Introduced My Mental Health Workforce Act
- Introduced My School Sports Safety Study Act

JUNE

JULY

- Hosted HBCU Cares Mental Health Symposium
- Co-led bill to Strengthen Port Infrastructure and Support American Manufacturing
- Introduced My PRIME Act

- Hosted Partnership for Housing Roundtables
- Joined with the EPA to Provide \$10,000,000 to the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice
- Toured the First 72+ with Leader Hakeem Jeffries
- Hosted White House Senior Advisor Mitch Landrieu in LA-02 to Celebrate \$207 Million for Climate Resilience
- Introduced My Economic Empowerment Through Predevelopment Act
- Introduced My Whitney Plantation Resolution

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

- Provided Federal Resources to Combat the Mississippi Saltwater Intrusion
- Presented Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference Panel, 'Our Kids are Not OK and Neither are We!'
- Gave Regional Leadership Council Special Order Hour Floor Speech Highlighting House Democrats Accomplishments

- House Passed My Dr. Rudy Lombard Post Office Bill
- Co-led Duplication of Benefits Relief Provision
- Introduced My African American Members Not Seated in Congress Resolution

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

- Attended 50th Annual Bayou Classic Events
- Celebrated Annual Family & Friends Thanksgiving Dinner
- Toured Koura Plant with DOE Secretary Jennifer M. Granholm
- Launched bipartisan Unified Voices Caucus
- House Passed My Securing the Cities Improvement Act
- Introduced My National High School Seniors Voter Registration Day Resolution
- Held Veterans Resource Curbside - New Orleans
- Held Passport Resource Curbside - New Orleans, Baton Rouge, River Parishes

- Participated in the 28th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the UNFCCC
- Held Annual Holiday Toy Giveaway
- Highlighted New Federal Marijuana Pardons and Clemencies

DECEMBER

2023 LEGISLATIVE RECAP



ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Environmental Justice must be at the center of any action to address disproportionate health and environmental impacts on our communities, especially communities of color. This



year, I hosted the Secretary of Energy, the EPA Administrator, and other EPA officials right here in LA-02. Louisiana was also selected to establish a new Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center. This center will provide resources to help communities and nonprofits navigate the complex federal grant process.



MENTAL HEALTH

Mental health is a global crisis. Regardless of age, location, education, or economic standing, mental health struggles can affect anyone. This year I hosted multiple forums where I brought together leaders who are shaping the future of this field in the Black community. These events focused on themes including reducing isolation, improving campus safety, and



increasing access to health care providers. I am committed to fighting for greater representation and inclusivity in mental health care.



HEALTH CARE

Ensuring equity in healthcare is a moral imperative and a fundamental principle of justice. I am committed to addressing the glaring disparities faced by Black and minority communities in accessing quality healthcare. By championing policies that prioritize equity, we not only foster healthier communities, but also fortify the foundation of a fair and inclusive healthcare system for all Americans.

This year, I launched the bipartisan Congressional Unified Voices Caucus to advocate for individuals facing communication challenges, with a primary focus on stuttering. Access to effective speech therapy isn't just about improving speech; it's about enhancing social and emotional well-being, promoting greater confidence, and fostering more effective communication. It can make the difference in a child's achievement, an adult's success, and a community's understanding.



INFRASTRUCTURE

In Louisiana, we know better than anyone that storms are coming on stronger, staying for longer, and having a greater impact than ever before. As your elected representative, I have continued to emphasize improving our infrastructure. Adequate funding is essential to enhance the resilience of our roads, bridges, and levees, ensuring they can withstand and recover from future natural disasters.

By investing in robust infrastructure our lives and property are protected, and our economic stability is bolstered throughout the region. Strengthening our infrastructure is a proactive measure that reduces the long-term costs associated with disaster recovery, ultimately fostering a safer and more sustainable future for Louisianians. I will keep fighting for funding to fortify our infrastructure, recognizing its pivotal role in safeguarding our communities against the ever-present threat of natural disasters and climate change.

This year, we continued to see the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law bring real results home to Louisiana. For a full breakdown, visit my website's infrastructure hub here.



VETERANS

Our veterans give so much to us, we owe it to them to do everything we can to help them live healthy, productive, and meaningful lives both during and after their service. This year I hosted multiple VA Curbside events across LA-02 to bring federal resources to your front door. That includes specific help for veterans, such as signing up for disability pay, VA benefits, FEMA assistance, and accessing tax refunds.



HOUSING

I recognize the pressing need to make housing more accessible for all Americans. Our nation faces a critical challenge, and our responsibility is to implement policies that facilitate easier access to affordable and secure housing. By advocating for increased affordable housing funding, we can pave the way for individuals and families to find homes without unnecessary obstacles. We must address this issue comprehensively, considering the economic and social factors contributing to housing challenges. By doing so, we not only provide shelter but also strengthen the foundation for vibrant, resilient communities.



EDUCATION

Improving access to quality education is one of my most important priorities in Congress. This year, I delivered federal investments to Head Start, primary and secondary education, and post-secondary education. This includes investments in our community colleges and HBCUs. By investing in every aspect of education, our children will receive every opportunity to choose opportunities that are careers, not just jobs. Education must also be affordable. That's why I'm working to forgive existing student debt while ensuring future students never carry student debt at all.



CARTER IN THE COMMUNITY

I was thrilled to spend quality time with so many of my neighbors this year! This included Mardi Gras parades, the LSU Lady Tigers visiting Washington, D.C., hosting White House officials in LA-02, meeting students, and celebrating our local traditions. We'll be doing even more in 2024 - so please subscribe to my newsletter at **TroyCarter.House.Gov** and follow me on social media **@RepTroyCarter** to receive updates from my office about upcoming events.



2023 GRADUATIONS

The culmination of a student's academic achievement at every level is a graduation celebration. I was fortunate enough to speak at multiple graduations throughout LA-02 to acknowledge students' accomplishments and point them to the future.

BIGGEST 2023 GRANT DOLLARS

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

\$3,149,999

in Environmental Justice grant funding from the EPA for five programs in Louisiana. Thrive New Orleans Project, Micah Six Eight Mission, Groundwork New Orleans Project, LA Department of Environmental Quality, Louisiana Department of Health

\$3.9 MILLION

for New Orleans Recycling Expansion and Planning

MENTAL HEALTH

\$1.2 MILLION

from the Health Resources & Services Administration for Louisiana Health Centers to expand access to mental health care in schools

HEALTH CARE

\$1.6 MILLION

from the CDC to New Orleans to reduce the risk of diseases like West Nile and Malaria in the Gulf Coast region

INFRASTRUCTURE

\$19 MILLION

from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program to strengthen the electrical grid in Jefferson Parish

\$77.5 MILLION

from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program for flood control and individual property mitigation projects such as elevation

\$24.8 MILLION

from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act from the Department of Transportation to build a new Downtown Transit Center for the bus and streetcar network, making rides safer and providing convenient facilities

\$178 MILLION

from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program to restore Amtrak service from New Orleans to Mobile

\$73.8 MILLION

from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to the Port of New Orleans Louisiana International Terminal Project to build a new container terminal in St. Bernard Parish along the Mississippi River.

\$1.4 BILLION

from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to bring internet to every Louisianian through the BEAD program. Louisiana is the first state in the country to reach this important milestone and received one of the top ten highest appropriations of funding.

HOUSING

\$14,962,540

to UNITY to address homelessness in LA-02 by improving access to shelters & providing services for permanent housing

\$4,515,321

from HUD to increase the supply of decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing

EDUCATION

\$5 MILLION

to Southern University and A&M College from the Department of Education's Research and Development Infrastructure program to pursue a higher research designation.

COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING

The annual federal appropriations process allows Members of Congress to request federal funding for projects in their districts each year. Learn more about my selections for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 here.

DEMOCRAT'S 2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Expanded Health Care Coverage for Millions
- Capped Insulin Costs at \$35/month for Seniors
- Voted to Protect Reproductive Rights
- Fought to Cancel \$132 Billion in Student Loan Debt
- Rolling out the Largest-Ever Investment in Clean Energy
- Increased American Manufacturing Jobs

