



THE

# AL GREEN REPORT

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## ***OCTOBER WAS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH***

It is important that we recognize domestic violence is a problem that will not abate unless we continue to take direct action and support current initiatives. Domestic violence is too widespread and affects women as well as men in all communities, of all ages, races, nationalities, educational backgrounds, sexual orientations, and socioeconomic statuses.

We must renew our dedication to supporting

and assisting all domestic violence victims. This is why every year I collaborate with Congressman Ted Poe to introduce a bipartisan resolution to raise awareness about the prevalence of domestic violence in our society by recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Since 1987, the month of October has been observed as

Domestic Violence Awareness Month. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in four women will experience domestic violence at some point in her life. Additionally, according to the Department of Justice, one in fifteen children are exposed to domestic violence each year.

The impact of

domestic violence is too prevalent in our communities. Hence, I will continue to work with my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to pass legislation that supports and assists all domestic violence victims.

**Sincerely,**

**Al Green  
Your Congressman**

## ***GREEN LIGHT TO HEALTHY LIVING***

(Houston, TX)--On August 20, 2016, Congressman Al Green (TX-09), hosted the Twelfth Annual "Green Light to Healthy Living" Health Fair at Westbury High School, 11911 Chimney Rock, Houston, TX 77035. This was done in conjunction with Community Health Choice, Central Care Community Health Center, HISD, Kid's Vision for Life, Raindrop Turkish House, and the University of Texas Health and Stroke Team. The event provided free immunizations, health screenings, eye exams, dental screenings, prostate exams, as well as information assistance with Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) applications, renewals, and recertifications.

"It is widely understood that regular

check-ups and immunizations are essential for a healthy lifestyle," Congressman Al Green said. "Our intention with our health fair is to foster a culture and understanding of healthiness in our community such that preventable conditions are minimized and treatable conditions are addressed."



**Rep. Al Green handing out backpacks at this Annual Green Light to Healthy Living Health fair.**

Participating vendors provided immunizations for children heading back to school and free on-the-spot eyeglasses for children. There were also screenings for diabetes, cholesterol, high blood pressure, as well as for HIV. Prizes included free backpacks with school supplies for the first 200 school-aged children, 200 children's museum passes, and a drawing for three bicycles.

## KOREAN WAR REMEMBRANCE

(Houston, TX)—On June 4, 2016, Congressman Al Green, a consistent advocate for honoring our nation’s heroes, spoke at a Gathering of the Eagles Commemorative Celebration in honor of Korean War Veterans.

“As I see it, one of my primary duties in Congress is to ensure that those individuals that were willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for our nation, as well as their families, are shown the proper appreciation,” Congressman Al Green said.



**Congressman Al Green speaking at a Gathering of the Eagles Commemorative Celebration in honor of Korean War veterans.**

## NEIGHBORHOOD IFTAR DINNER

(Houston, TX)—On June 18, 2016, Congressman Al Green (TX-09) joined members of the community, community leaders, and other elected officials at the Annual Neighborhood Iftar Dinner held at the Raindrop Turkish House. “Living together” was the theme of the dinner.

“The Raindrop Turkish House is an excellent community institution that seeks to increase the educational and cultural capital of our community,” Congressman Al Green said. “It was a pleasure to join in the Annual Neighborhood Iftar Dinner and see the meaning of ‘living together’ so wonderfully displayed.”



**Congressman Al Green speaking at the Raindrop Turkish House.**

## CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

(Houston, TX)—On May 14, 2016, Congressman Al Green (TX-09) recognized Hightower High School student Juqua Gamble as the winner of the 2016 Ninth Congressional District Art Competition.

His work of art, entitled “Finding His Way,” was chosen from numerous other submissions by young artists. The competition was open to all public high school students currently attending school or residing in the Ninth Congressional District. The first place winner’s art is displayed on the wall in the Cannon House Office Building walkway that leads to the U.S. Capitol building to be viewed by visitors for an entire year.

“Juqua is an exceptionally talented artist with great promise,” Congressman Al Green said. “I am proud that his artwork will represent the Ninth District in the halls of the U.S. Capitol.”



**Congressman Al Green and Congressional Art Competition first place winner Juqua Gamble and his work of art entitled “Finding His Way.”**

## ALZHEIMER’S RESEARCH CONGRESSIONAL UPDATE

(Houston, TX)—On August 3, 2016, Rep. Al Green joined his colleagues Reps. Gene Green and Pete Olson for a Congressional Update on Alzheimer’s Research at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston McGovern Medical School. The Alzheimer’s Association-Houston and Southeast Texas Chapter and the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) also made presentations on the current state of Alzheimer’s research.

“Knowing that Alzheimer’s Disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States and affects more than 350,000 Texans, it is clear that Alzheimer’s Disease is a growing public health crisis and we need to treat it like one. Houston is fortunate to have academic institutions such as UTHealth leading the way toward a world without Alzheimer’s,” Congressman Al Green said.



**Rep. Al Green being interviewed during the tour of the Alzheimer’s research laboratory.**

## VETERANS SUMMIT

(Houston, TX)—On August 20, 2016, Congressman Al Green spoke at the Windsor Village United Methodist Church Veterans Ministry Veterans Summit. He joined Windsor Village Pastor Kirbyjon Caldwell and other members of the community at the summit to discuss how our community can best serve veterans.

“I applaud Pastor Kirbyjon Caldwell’s willingness to engage in a thoughtful dialogue with the community about how we can best serve and assist those among us who were willing to make the ultimate sacrifice,” Congressman Al Green said.



Congressman Al Green and Pastor Kirbyjon Caldwell at the Windsor Village UMC Veterans Ministry Veterans Summit.

## USW CONFERENCE

(Houston, TX)—On August 23, 2016, Congressman Al Green addressed the United Steelworkers District 13 Fourth Annual Conference. Congressman Al Green discussed the importance of unions and his own ongoing efforts to ensure American workers are treated fairly.

“I believe the men and women who work hard every day in pursuit of the American Dream ought to know that they are not alone in their fight for just wages, needed benefits, and improved working conditions. While there is much work to be done to ensure hard-working Americans are being treated fairly, unions have accomplished much to be proud of over the years.”



Congressman Al Green speaking at the USW District 13 Fourth Annual Conference.

## HOUSTON IFTAR

(Houston, TX)—On June 13, 2016, Congressman Al Green spoke at the Houston Iftar Ramadan Dinner. He joined Mayor Sylvester Turner and other elected officials in addressing the crowd.

“It is always my pleasure to join with the Muslim community during the Holy Month of Ramadan and call for peace and solidarity,” Congressman Al Green said.



Congressman Al Green speaking at the Houston Iftar Ramadan Dinner.

## WORTHING HIGH SCHOOL NEW BUILDING DEDICATION

(Houston, TX)—On August 17, 2016, Congressman Al Green joined members of the community and other elected officials at the Worthing High School New Building Dedication. Worthing H.S. received funding for the building addition under HISD’s 2012 municipal bond program. The new facility will house academics, performance arts, athletics, and other departments.

“I am proud to represent the Ninth Congressional District where Worthing High School is located,” Congressman Al Green said. “This new addition to Worthing High School is more than a new facility, it is a vital investment in our community’s most precious resource, our young people. It is my hope that this new addition and continued renovation of Worthing High School will show why the school motto is ‘Sunnyside Pride.’”



Rep. Al Green presenting a flag flanked by (from right to left) Constable May Walker, State Rep-Elect Shawn Thierry, State Rep. Alma Allen, Houston City Councilman Dwight Boykins, Worthing H.S. Principal Duane Clark, H.I.S.D Trustee Wanda Adams, and State Senator Rodney Ellis.

## **COURAGEOUS CONVERSATION ABOUT POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

(Houston, TX)--Congressman Al Green honoring a request from Pastor Kirbyjon Caldwell, agreed to join representatives from the Houston Police Department, Harris County District Attorney Devon Anderson, and others in a dialogue about police-community relations



**Rep. Al Green with HPD Executive Assistant Chief Michael Dirden and attendees at the "Courageous Conversation."**

on Saturday, July 16, 2016, at the Kingdom Builders' Center. "I applaud and thank Pastor Kirbyjon Caldwell for being a visionary leader and for hosting this candid dialogue. While the 'Courageous Conversation' we had did not end the heartache over the recent senseless killing of peace officers or civilians, I hope that it is the beginning of a better understanding between our peace officers and our communities," Congressman Al Green said. "We must all (communities and police) engage in earnest introspection as we ask others not to broadly label us or cynically dismiss our legitimate safety and security concerns."

Congressman Al Green, whose uncle was a deputy sheriff, is a devoted supporter of peace officers. He strongly believes that both peace officers and civilians should be respected and protected. This is why Congressman Al Green, in tandem with Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, sponsored the bipartisan H.Res. 295, which specifically acknowledges local law enforcement agencies for their service to communities, and recognizes the positive benefits body-worn cameras have had on police-community relations. H.Res. 295

passed the House overwhelmingly in a bipartisan vote of 421 to 6 in June 2015. He also worked with Congressman Cleaver to sponsor the Camera Authorization and Maintenance-Transparency in Policing Act (CAM-TIP) of 2015. The legislation aims to establish a grant program to help fund the use of body-worn-cameras by local law enforcement agencies. This legislation was a forerunner to the 22.5 million tax dollars, in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016, being returned to our communities for police body-worn cameras.

"I want our peace officers to have the tools necessary for their personal safety as well as for our

public safety, as we foster better police-community relations and improve transparency. Police body-worn cameras can assist in identifying those who seek to harm peace officers and help communities better understand the nature of questionable uses of force," Congressman Al Green said.



**Congressman Al Green praying at the conclusion of the "Courageous Conversation" with (from left to right) Harris County District Attorney Devon Anderson, Crystal Webster, Turner Caldwell, and Pastor Suzette Caldwell.**

This "Courageous Conversation" was held to allow the people to speak truth to power and power to speak truth to the people.

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