



THE

AL GREEN REPORT

Proudly Representing Texas' 9th Congressional District



WE WILL NOT ALLOW INFAMY TO OVERSHADOW OUR PROUD HISTORY



Congressman Al Green along with other Members of Congress at the Twelfth Observance of September 11, 2011 Congressional Remembrance Ceremony.

On the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, we will not allow infamy to overshadow our proud history.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. tragically lost his life at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee on April 4, 1968. However, we must not allow that infamous occasion to overshadow his historic "I Have A Dream Speech" at the National Mall on August 28, 1963.

President John F. Kennedy tragically lost his life in Dallas, Texas on November 22, 1963 while riding in an open-air car. However, we must not allow that infamous occasion to overshadow his historic Inaugural Address on January 20, 1961. In that address, he told a nation: "[H]ere on Earth, God's work must truly be our own."

Congressman John Lewis was brutally assaulted while peacefully marching in Selma, Alabama across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in support of voting rights for all on March 7, 1965. However, we must not allow that infamous occasion to overshadow the historic signing of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. On August 6, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the bill into law after a dramatic shift in public opinion due to the broadcasting of the violence perpetrated on the bridge against the peaceful protesters. The law has resulted in a significant increase in the Congressional representation of African Americans (from 5 to 42), Asian Pacific Americans (from 3 to 12), and Hispanic Americans (from 4 to 26).

On December 7, 1941, our nation was shocked by the surprise attack on our Hawaii naval base at Pearl Harbor. However, we must not allow that infamous occasion to overshadow the historic bravery and sacrifice of our troops and nation as a whole in defeating monstrous tyranny during World War II.

On September 11, 2001, our nation was infamously attacked by those who sought to break our spirit and kill our will, but instead they revealed our historic character and enhanced our national unity.

We will not allow infamy to overshadow our proud history.

Sincerely,

AL GREEN
Member of Congress

