



[April 24](#) saw the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously approve awarding the Congressional Gold Medal posthumously to Addie Mae Collins, Carol Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley, all 14; and Denise McNair, 11 - the four young girls killed when [Sixteenth Street Baptist Church](#) was bombed on September 15, 1963. [The Senate approved the bill in similar fashion on May 9.](#)

Today, as Birmingham mayor William Bell, Rep. Terri Sewell, and relatives of the four girls among those as witnesses, President Obama's signature made it official.

The photo above was [posted to the congresswoman's fan page on Facebook early Friday evening, May 24](#), and it also appears with [the story filed by NPR](#) and attributed to the Getty Images pool.