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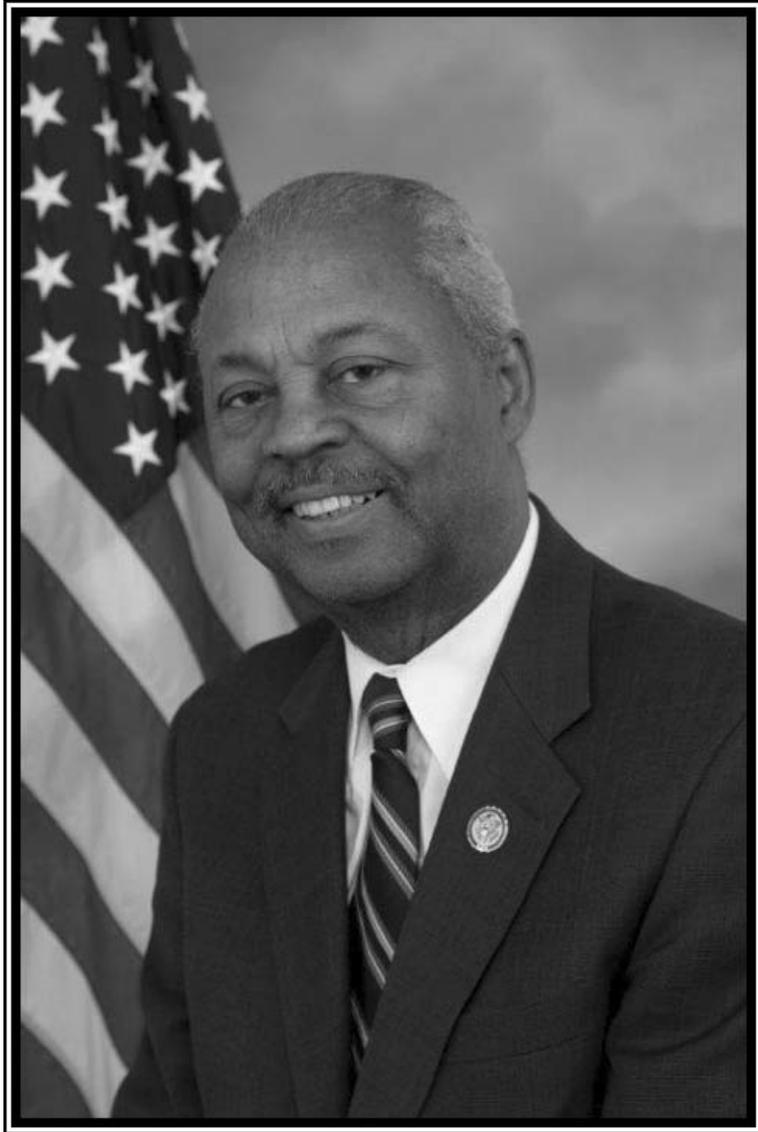
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BIOGRAPHY

DONALD M. PAYNE, a native of Newark, NJ, became New Jersey's first African American to be elected to the U.S. Congress in 1988. In 2010, he was elected to serve his 12th term to represent the 10th District in the 112th Congress.

Representative PAYNE served as chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, whose mission is to advance the global Black community by developing leaders through internship and fellowship programs, informing policy, and educating the public. He also served as a past chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus. He was a member of the Democratic Whip Organization and served as a member of the House Democratic Leadership Advisory Group.

Representative PAYNE was a senior member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, where he served on two subcommittees—the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education and the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections. Throughout his tenure in Congress, he was a leading advocate of education and was instrumental in making K–12 public schools more successful and college more affordable. He was a key player in the passage of the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, which cuts interest rates on Stafford loans in half, increases Pell grants, and provides loan forgiveness to public service employees with student loan debt. He also introduced legislation designed to close the achievement gap, including the Expanded Learning Time Act, the Prescribe a Book Act, and the Youth Financial Education Act.

A true champion of workforce protections for America's working families, Representative PAYNE was vocal in the passage of minimum wage increase legislation, the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, worker health and safety legislation, and the historic America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009. Through his public policy efforts, billions of dollars for economic development and other key programs have been allocated to Essex, Hudson, and Union Counties in his district.

Representative PAYNE was a senior member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, where he served as ranking member of the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and

Human Rights and as a member of the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere.

Representative PAYNE was at the forefront of efforts to restore democracy and human rights in nations throughout the globe. He joined with his colleagues to introduce a measure which was subsequently approved by Congress to strengthen the Microenterprise Act, providing small business loans to people in developing nations. Representative PAYNE was recognized as having the most supportive record in Congress on issues involving the Northern Ireland peace process. He was successful in passing a resolution condemning genocide in Darfur, Sudan. He authored the Sudan Peace Act to facilitate famine relief efforts and a comprehensive solution to the war in Sudan, which was approved by Congress.

On the global health front, he cofounded the Malaria Caucus, which was launched at an event with former First Lady Laura Bush. He successfully secured \$50 million for prevention, control, and treatment of drug-resistant tuberculosis. Representative PAYNE also helped secure passage of a bill authorizing \$50 billion for HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria under the historic PEPFAR Program, which assists individuals primarily in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Before being elected to serve as New Jersey's first African American Congressman, Representative PAYNE's career included service on the Newark Municipal Council; Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders; Essex County Democratic chairman; executive of the Prudential Insurance Company; Vice President of Urban Data Systems, Inc., and an educator in the Newark and Passaic Public School Districts. A former national president of the YMCA, he also served as chairman of the World Refugee and Rehabilitation Committee. Representative PAYNE has served on the board of directors of the National Endowment for Democracy, TransAfrica, Discovery Channel Global Education Fund, Congressional Award Foundation, Boys and Girls Clubs of Newark, Newark Day Center, and the Newark YMCA. He received numerous awards and honors from national, international, and community-based organizations.

A graduate of Seton Hall University, Mr. PAYNE pursued graduate studies at Springfield College in Massachusetts. He held honorary doctorates from Drew University, Essex County College, William Paterson University, Chicago State University, Bloomfield College, and Berkeley College.

Congressman PAYNE was a widower, the father of three, grandfather of four, and great-grandfather of one.

LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Legislation, Resolutions, and Amendments Signed into Public Law

110TH CONGRESS (2007–2008)

Commission on the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave
Trade Act (H.R. 3432; Public Law 110–183)

103D CONGRESS (1993–1994)

Amendment adds increased access to physical education and
health education as an additional objective for the GOALS
2000 (H. Amdt. 355 to H.R. 1804; Public Law 103–227)

Designating July 2, 1993 and July 2, 1994 as “National Lit-
eracy Day” (H.J. Res. 213; Public Law 103–52)

102D CONGRESS (1991–1992)

Designating July 2, 1991 as “National Literacy Day” (H.J.
Res. 259; Public Law 102–66)

Designating July 2, 1992 as “National Literacy Day” (H.J.
Res. 499; Public Law 102–315)

Concurrent Resolutions Passed in Both Chambers of Congress

110TH CONGRESS (2007–2008)

Supporting the goals and ideals of the International Year of
Sanitation (H. Con. Res. 318)

Honoring and recognizing the dedication and achievements
of Thurgood Marshall on the 100th anniversary of his
birth (H. Con. Res. 381)

Legislation, Resolutions, and Amendments Approved in the House

112TH CONGRESS (2011–2012)

To designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at
369 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Jersey City, NJ, as

the “Judge Shirley A. Tolentino Post Office Building” (H.R. 2896)

111TH CONGRESS (2009–2010)

Supporting the goals and ideals of Malaria Awareness Day (H. Con. Res. 103)

Recognizing the “Day of the African Child” on June 16, 2009, devoted to the theme of child survival and to emphasize the importance of reducing maternal, newborn, and child deaths in Africa (H. Res. 550)

110TH CONGRESS (2007–2008)

Ethiopia Democracy and Accountability Act of 2007 (H.R. 2003)

Act commemorating the LITE, or Lifetime Innovations of Thomas Edison (H.R. 2627)

Supporting the goals and ideals of World Diabetes Day (H. Con. Res. 211)

Calling for a peaceful resolution to the current electoral crisis in Kenya (H. Con. Res. 283)

Honoring the life and achievements of the late Dr. John Garang de Mabior and reaffirming the continued commitment of the House of Representatives to a just and lasting peace in the Republic of the Sudan (H. Res. 98)

Supporting the goals and ideals of Malaria Awareness Day (H. Res. 389)

Condemning postelection violence in Zimbabwe and calling for a peaceful resolution to the current political crisis (H. Res. 1230)

109TH CONGRESS (2005–2006)

Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Weekend of Prayer and Reflection for Darfur, Sudan (H. Res. 333)

108TH CONGRESS (2003–2004)

Celebrating 10 years of majority rule in the Republic of South Africa and recognizing the momentous social and economic achievements of South Africa since the institution of democracy in that country (H. Con. Res. 436)

Declaring genocide in Darfur, Sudan (H. Con. Res. 467)

106TH CONGRESS (1999–2000)

Condemning the National Islamic Front (NIF) government for its genocidal war in southern Sudan, support for ter-

rorism, and continued human rights violations, and for other purposes (H. Con. Res. 75)
Expressing concern over the escalating violence, the gross violations of human rights, and the ongoing attempts to overthrow a democratically elected government in Sierra Leone (H. Res. 62)
Congratulating the people of Senegal on the success of the multiparty electoral process (H. Res. 449)

105TH CONGRESS (1997–1998)

Congratulating the people of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana for holding multiparty elections (H. Con. Res. 215)
Condemning the forced abduction of Ugandan children and their use as soldiers (H. Con. Res. 309)
Amendment allows foreign assistance to be made to the Democratic Republic of Congo as a part of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (H. Amdt. 166 to H.R. 1757; approved by both Chambers but vetoed by President)

103D CONGRESS (1993–1994)

Concerning the movement toward democracy in the Federal Republic of Nigeria (H. Con. Res. 151)
Concerning U.S. support for the new South Africa (H. Res. 560)

102D CONGRESS (1991–1992)

Abandoned Infants Assistance Act Amendments of 1991 (H.R. 2722)
Concerning democratic changes and violations of human rights in Zaire (H. Con. Res. 238)

Legislation, Resolutions, and Amendments Authored and Introduced

112TH CONGRESS (2011–2012)

Prescribe a Book Act (H.R. 820)
Previous introductions: 111th Congress, H.R. 1526;
110th Congress, H.R. 4449
Lead Act (H.R. 1524)
Previous introduction: 111th Congress, H.R. 5495
Time for Innovation Matters in Education Act of 2011 (H.R. 1636)

Previous introductions: 111th Congress, H.R. 3130;
110th Congress, H.R. 3642

Promise Neighborhoods Act of 2011 (H.R. 2098)

To authorize National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor free persons and slaves who fought for independence, liberty, and justice for all during the American Revolution (H.R. 2181)

Previous introductions: 111th Congress, H.R. 4036;
110th Congress, H.R. 1693

Keeping PACE Act (H.R. 2691)

Previous introduction: 111th Congress, H.R. 3343

African Higher Education Advancement and Development Act (H.R. 2792)

Previous introduction: 111th Congress, H.R. 4392

To amend Title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to help close the gaps in principal preparation and provide new principals with the support and tools they need to meet the complex challenges of school leadership (H.R. 4113)

Althea Gibson Excellence Act (H.R. 4130)

International Food Assistance Improvement Act of 2012 (H.R. 4141)

Supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day, and reaffirming U.S. leadership and support for efforts to combat malaria as a critical component of the President's Global Health Initiative (H. Con. Res. 49)

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Parthenon Marbles should be returned to Greece (H. Con. Res. 54)

Previous introductions: 111th Congress, H. Con. Res. 122; 108th Congress, H. Con. Res. 165; 107th Congress, H. Con. Res. 436; 106th Congress, H. Con. Res. 294

Welcoming the independence of the Republic of South Sudan, congratulating the people of South Sudan for freely and peacefully expressing their will through an internationally accepted referendum, and calling on the Governments and people of Sudan and South Sudan to peacefully resolve outstanding issues including the final status of Abyei (H. Con. Res. 65)

Supporting the democratic aspirations of the Ivoirian people and calling on the United States to apply intense diplomatic pressure and provide humanitarian support in response to the political crisis in Côte d'Ivoire (H. Res. 85)

Concerning efforts to provide humanitarian relief to mitigate the effects of drought and avert famine in the Horn of Africa, particularly Somalia, Ethiopia, Djibouti, and Kenya (H. Res. 361)

Recognizing the importance labor unions play in ensuring a strong middle class by advocating for more equitable wages, humane work conditions, improved benefits, and increased civic engagement by everyday workers (H. Res. 452)

To commemorate the life and accomplishments of Whitney Elizabeth Houston over the past 48 years; and expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to her family upon her death (H. Res. 555)

111TH CONGRESS (2009–2010)

Act commemorating the LITE (H.R. 165)

Substitute Teaching Improvement Act (H.R. 2011)

Previous introduction: 110th Congress, H.R. 3345

To promote youth financial education (H.R. 2012)

Previous introduction: 110th Congress, H.R. 4335

To award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Thurgood Marshall (H.R. 2013)

Previous introductions: 109th Congress, H.R. 657; 108th Congress, H.R. 4178

Restitution for the Exonerated Act of 2009 (H.R. 2095)

Previous introduction: 110th Congress, H.R. 4063

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against tax for expenses paid or incurred in nonclinical research for neglected diseases (H.R. 3156)

Equity in Excellence Act of 2010 (H.R. 5586)

Zimbabwe Renewal Act of 2010 (H.R. 5971)

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain private education loans for physicians practicing primary care medicine (H.R. 6374)

Expressing congratulations and support for the appointment of former President William J. Clinton as United Nations Special Envoy for Haiti, and for other purposes (H. Res. 801)

Expressing strong support for lasting peace, democracy, and economic recovery in Somalia (H. Res. 859)

110TH CONGRESS (2007–2008)

To award a Congressional Gold Medal to Jerry Lewis in recognition of his outstanding service to the Nation (H.R. 3035)

Global HIV/AIDS Food Security and Nutrition Support Act of 2007 (H.R. 4914)
Just and Lasting Peace in Sudan Act of 2008 (H.R. 6416)
South African Enterprise Development Fund Act of 2008 (H.R. 7164)
Millennium Challenge Compact Improvement Act (MICA) (H.R. 7165)
Expressing support for advancing vital U.S. interests through increased engagement in health programs that alleviate disease and poverty, and reduce premature death in developing nations, especially through programs that combat high levels of infectious disease, improve children's and women's health, decrease malnutrition, reduce unintended pregnancies, fight the spread of HIV/AIDS, encourage healthy behaviors, and strengthen health care capacity (H. Con. Res. 247)
Recognizing the importance of addressing the plight of Afro-Colombians (H. Res. 618)
Honoring the dedication and hard work of Professor Eric Reeves on behalf of the people of Sudan (H. Res. 792)
Calling for the full implementation of the Sudan Comprehensive Peace Agreement (H. Res. 910)
Amendment increases funding to fight the global spread of tuberculosis by \$50 million (H. Amdt. 359 to H.R. 2764)

109TH CONGRESS (2005–2006)

Darfur Genocide Accountability Act of 2005 (H.R. 1424)
Remembering the victims of the genocide that occurred in 1994 in Rwanda and pledging to work to ensure that such an atrocity does not take place again (H. Con. Res. 88)
Previous introduction: 108th Congress, H. Con. Res. 406
Paying tribute to the Africa-America Institute (AAI) for its more than 50 years of dedicated service toward nurturing and unleashing the productive capacities of knowledgeable, capable, and effective African leaders through education (H. Con. Res. 261)
Commending the people of the Republic of Liberia for holding peaceful national elections in 2005 and congratulating President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf on her victory and becoming the first female president of any African country (H. Con. Res. 313)
Honoring the life and achievements of the late Dr. John Garang de Mabior and reaffirming the continued commitment of the House of Representatives to a just and lasting peace in the Republic of the Sudan (H. Res. 496)

Expressing condolences to the people and Government of Nigeria for the loss of life suffered in the crash of a Nigerian passenger jet on October 22, 2005 and the tragic death of Stella Obasanjo, wife of Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo, at a hospital in Spain on October 23, 2005 (H. Res. 536)

Urging the Government of the Gabonese Republic to hold orderly, peaceful, and free and fair Presidential elections in November 2005 (H. Res. 554)

108TH CONGRESS (2003–2004)

Ending Polio in Our Time Act (H.R. 1892)

To designate the air traffic control tower at Newark International Airport in Newark, NJ, as the “William J. ‘Whitey’ Conrad Air Traffic Control Tower” (H.R. 1987)

Previous introduction: 107th Congress, H.R. 2803

Ralph J. Bunche Scholarship Act (H.R. 3152)

Hour of Pay for an Hour of Work Act (H.R. 3174)

Previous introduction: 107th Congress, H.R. 4762

Concerning the transition to democracy in the Republic of Burundi (H. Con. Res. 154)

Acknowledging the strong relationship between the United States and the Republic of Mali and recognizing Mali’s role in building a participative democracy, providing leadership through conflict resolution and peacekeeping activities, and supporting the fight against terrorism (H. Con. Res. 229)

Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the urgency of providing support for the “Agreement on Ceasefire and Cessation of Hostilities Between the Government of the Republic of Liberia and Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy and the Movement for Democracy of Liberia,” and for other purposes (H. Con. Res. 240)

Urging a full and impartial inquiry into the murder of attorney Pat Finucane in 1989 in Northern Ireland (H. Con. Res. 267)

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to polio (H. Res. 20)

Expressing support for the Head Start Program, which has had a positive impact on the lives of low-income children and families since its inception and endorsing its administrative structure and program content (H. Res. 238)

Recognizing and honoring the 50th anniversary of the United States Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* (H. Res. 508)

Honoring and recognizing the achievements of Thurgood Marshall and encouraging Congress to award him the Congressional Gold Medal (H. Res. 509)

107TH CONGRESS (2001–2002)

Stop Gun Trafficking Act of 2001 (H.R. 998)

To restrict U.S. assistance of any kind to Turkey until Turkey uses its influence with the Turkish Cypriot leadership to achieve a settlement on Cyprus based on United Nations Security Council resolutions (H.R. 2707)

Regarding the human rights situation in the Republic of the Sudan, including the practice of chattel slavery and all other forms of booty and related practices (H. Con. Res. 82)

Regarding the human rights situation in Sudan, including the practice of chattel slavery (H. Con. Res. 112)

Regarding human rights violations and oil development in Sudan (H. Con. Res. 113)

Condemning the National Islamic Front (NIF) Government of Sudan for its genocidal war against the people of southern Sudan and expressing support for the Vigil for Sudan being held at Galvez Park in Washington, DC (H. Con. Res. 478)

106TH CONGRESS (1999–2000)

Northern Ireland Peace Act (H.R. 2109)

Previous introduction: 105th Congress, H.R. 1075

Northern Ireland Peace and Reconciliation Act (H.R. 2110)

Previous introduction: 105th Congress, H.R. 4494

Teacher Loan Forgiveness Act of 2000 (H.R. 4956)

Condemning the brutal killing of Rosemary Nelson (H. Con. Res. 59)

Expressing the sense of Congress with regard to cultural education and awareness of the history of slavery in America (H. Con. Res. 103)

Concerning efforts to avert drought and famine in Africa, particularly Ethiopia (H. Con. Res. 316)

Amendment sought to strike title VIII of the bill that permits schoolwide program funding for schools that serve at least 40 percent of children from low-income families (H. Amdt. 537 to H.R. 2)

An amendment to provide that not less than \$720 million shall be made available for the Development Fund for Africa (H. Amdt. 989 to H.R. 4811)

An amendment to provide that \$500,000 shall be made available for a grant to the Office of the Facilitator of the Na-

tional Dialogue for the peace process in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (H. Amdt. 990 to H.R. 4811)
An amendment to prohibit assistance to any country that is not in compliance with U.N. sanctions against Angola (H. Amdt. 994 to H.R. 4811)
Amendment no. 56 printed in the *Congressional Record* to restrict assistance to governments destabilizing Angola (H. Amdt. 996 to H.R. 4811)
Amendment no. 57 printed in the *Congressional Record* to provide \$15 million in assistance for the National Democratic Alliance of Sudan (H. Amdt. 1002 to H.R. 4811)

105TH CONGRESS (1997–1998)

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance programs, to restore such exclusion for graduate level courses, and to allow a deduction for interest on education loans (H.R. 1632)
Nigeria Democracy Act (H.R. 1786)
Previous introduction: 104th Congress, H.R. 2697
Expanding International Education for All Act (H.R. 3311)
To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require providers of wireless services to render bills that itemize the calls made by the subscriber (H.R. 4493)
To amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the legislative authority for the Black Patriots Foundation to establish a commemorative work (H.R. 4573)
Expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to the discrimination by the German Government against members of minority religious groups, particularly the continued and increasing discrimination by the German Government against performers, entertainers, and other artists from the United States associated with Scientology (H. Con. Res. 22)
Congratulating the people of the Republic of Liberia for holding multiparty elections (H. Con. Res. 135)
Regarding the human rights situation in Sudan and Mauritania, including the practice of chattel slavery and all other forms of booty (H. Con. Res. 234)
Amendment allows foreign assistance to be made to the Democratic Republic of Congo (H. Amdt. 166 to H.R. 1757)

104TH CONGRESS (1995–1996)

- Abandoned and Medically Fragile Infants Assistance Act of 1995 (H.R. 1263)
- Agriculture Modernization Act of 1995 (H.R. 1354)
- Congressional Award Act Amendments of 1995 (H.R. 2396)
- To prohibit economic assistance, military assistance, or arms transfers to the Government of Sudan until appropriate action is taken to eliminate chattel slavery in Sudan, and for other purposes (H.R. 3766)
- Liberian Peace and Democracy Act (H.R. 4001)
- Concerning the movement toward democracy in the Federal Republic of Nigeria (H. Con. Res. 40)
- Expressing the sense of the Congress that any legislation passed by the Congress relating to assistance for school lunch and breakfast programs should include a requirement to provide free lunches and breakfasts to economically disadvantaged students (H. Con. Res. 49)
- Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the promotion of democracy and civil society in Zaire (H. Res. 399)
- Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that criminals from the genocide in Rwanda should be brought to justice by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (H. Res. 491)
- Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that criminals from the genocide in Rwanda should be brought to justice by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (H. Res. 494)
- Amendment in the nature of a substitute sought to achieve a balanced budget by fiscal year 2002 through spending cuts of \$518 billion along with \$583 billion in net revenues, spending less on defense and keeping Medicare and Medicaid funding at levels that the Congressional Budget Office estimates is necessary to continue current services, and placing priorities on programs such as education and job training, and increasing taxes on multinational corporations, slowing down depreciation writeoffs for business equipment and taxing capital gains income at the same rate as ordinary income (H. Amdt. 397 to H. Con. Res. 67)
- Amendment sought to provide that nothing in the bill shall be construed as prohibiting the investment by an employee benefit plan in infrastructure improvements (H. Amdt. 772 to H.R. 1594)
- Amendment in the nature of a substitute sought to provide for a balanced budget by FY 2002 by reducing spending by

\$333.1 billion and increasing revenue by \$486.6 billion. It would have provided for decreased funding for defense over 6 years; maintained Medicare and Medicaid expenditures at levels that CBO estimates is required to maintain current services; increased funding for education, job training, and social services; and provided for revenue increases by revising tax provisions relating to capital gains, and multinational and foreign controlled corporations (H. Amdt. 1061 to H. Con. Res. 178)

An amendment to appropriate \$704,000,000 for the Development Fund for Africa (H. Amdt. 1115 to H.R. 3540)

103D CONGRESS (1993–1994)

Homestead Rebate Exemption Act of 1993 (H.R. 735)

To exclude shipboard supervisory personnel from selection as employer representatives, and for other purposes (H.R. 859)

To reduce until January 1, 1995, the duty on succinic anhydride (H.R. 1117)

Previous introduction: 102d Congress, H.R. 4945

Urban Schools of America (USA) Act of 1993 (H.R. 1202)

Community Job Training and Investment Act of 1993 (H.R. 1467)

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 in order to provide an incentive for business to invest in pollution abatement property and related assets (H.R. 2456)

Elementary School Counseling Demonstration Act (H.R. 2571)

Youth Development Block Grant Act of 1993 (H.R. 4086)

1995 Black Revolutionary War Patriots Commemorative Coin Act (H.R. 5192)

Concerning democracy for Zaire (H. Res. 128)

102D CONGRESS (1991–1992)

College Opportunity Act of 1991 (H.R. 3364)

Concerning democratic changes and violations of human rights in Zaire (H.R. 3406)

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the results of the 1990 census should be statistically adjusted to include individuals who were overlooked in the census (H. Res. 214)

101ST CONGRESS (1989–1990)

Community Education Empowerment Center Act of 1989
(H.R. 3465)

Designating July 2, 1989, as “National Literacy Day” (H.J.
Res. 277)

Designating July 2, 1990, as “National Literacy Day” (H.J.
Res. 530)

Additional Legislative Achievements

112TH CONGRESS (2011–2012)

In honor of his longtime commitment to international development and diversity, on March 2, 2012, USAID announced the Donald M. Payne Development Fellowship Program, designed to attract outstanding young members of minority groups who have historically been underrepresented in international development careers.

110TH CONGRESS (2007–2008)

In 2008, Congressman PAYNE was successful in his advocacy of H.R. 5501 that allocated \$50 billion to help combat the HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis that burden the world under the historic PEPFAR Program.

109TH CONGRESS (2005–2006)

In 2006, Congressman PAYNE served as the ranking member of the House International Relations Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights, and International Operations when the Subcommittee marked up the Darfur Peace and Accountability Act of 2006, which was signed into law.

108TH CONGRESS (2003–2004)

Congressman PAYNE helped introduce a measure, subsequently approved, to strengthen the Microenterprise Act, providing small business loans to people in developing nations.

106TH CONGRESS (1999–2000)

In 2000, Congressman PAYNE helped spearhead the passage of critical economic legislation, the African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA), which promotes African economic development and trade with the United States. In 2009, he helped launch the African Partnership for Economic Growth Caucus.

MEMORIAL ADDRESSES

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FOR

DONALD M. PAYNE

Proceedings in the House of Representatives

TUESDAY, *March 6, 2012*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I came here to speak about a topic which I will address shortly, but I could not take the moment to reflect on the passing of a great man who served in this Chamber since 1989, Representative DONALD PAYNE of New Jersey, who passed away this morning. Representative PAYNE sat in this section. He was a quiet, righteous, courageous man with whom I had the good fortune to travel with at the request of and sponsorship of CARE and the Gates Foundation to Rwanda and to the Congo last August.

He cared about children greatly. He cared about education. He cared about people, and was very upset some years back when Don Imus, the radio shock jock, said some wrongful things about the Rutgers women's basketball team that cost Mr. Imus his position. . . .

Ms. WOOLSEY. . . . My 7-year-old grandson, Jake Eddie, is joining me in Washington this week, and I believe it is our responsibility to make a promise to him and to his classmates and his peers. Our legacy to them must be a world free of nuclear weapons. Our legacy to them must be a peaceful future. And one step in the right direction, in the memory of DONALD PAYNE, is to bring our troops home from Afghanistan.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Loving God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Today is a significant day for Americans in this election year. We ask Your blessing upon the American people, especially those who choose to participate this day in primary elections. Give them good judgment and a sincere desire for the welfare of this great Nation as they cast their ballots.

Bless, as well, the Members of this People's House. May they be filled with Your spirit this day and exercise their responsibilities with wisdom, understanding, and goodwill. May all they do be for Your greater honor and glory.

In the past few days, O Lord, many have been assailed by terrifying and destructive weather. Send Your healing balm upon those who have been afflicted and bless with rapid success the efforts of those emergency responders who are working tirelessly to rebuild shattered lives and communities.

And finally, with sorrow, we acknowledge the passing of DONALD PAYNE of the 10th District of New Jersey. We thank You for his years of service in this assembly and ask You to bless his family and loved ones. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, last night we lost a world leader, a father, a grandfather, a brother, an uncle, a great leader who consistently brought light to human suffering taking place around the world and what we here in Washington, DC, can do for it.

It is with a heavy heart that I rise today in memory and in honor of Congressman DON PAYNE, a brilliant leader, former chair of the Africa Subcommittee on Foreign Affairs, and to do what I'm sure he would be doing if he were with us today, speak out against the massacres taking place in Sudan.

These killings are taking place in the Sudanese state of South Kordofan, outside the view of this Congress, and most Americans are unaware of this humanitarian catastrophe unfolding in the same region where we saw bloodshed in Darfur for many years.

Madam Speaker, on this day of mourning for Representative PAYNE, I know he would want us to recommit ourselves to act to prevent further bloodshed and suffering in Sudan.

My thoughts and my prayers are with Congressman PAYNE's family, his friends, and his constituents. May his legacy live forever. I will deeply miss his wise counsel and his friendship.

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, today the House of Representatives lost a distinguished Member who served with honor for more than two decades. I had the pleasure of working with DONALD PAYNE many times over the years. He had

an incredible heart for Africa and suffering people in every corner of the continent.

From Morocco to South Africa, he was a tireless advocate for freedom and self-determination. We worked together speaking on behalf of the Sahrawi people in Western Sahara. Representative PAYNE watched Western Sahara closely, working toward a peaceful resolution that would allow for a free referendum that could establish self-government.

We also worked together in 2007 to recognize the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the British slave trade and to honor the legacy of William Wilberforce.

In one amazing episode, he risked his life seeking peace in Sudan and nearly had his plane shot down in 2009.

DONALD PAYNE never missed an opportunity to advocate on behalf of the oppressed, and his work has had a lasting impact on the human rights of people around the world. I'm proud to have fought the good fight alongside of him.

He will be missed.

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I would like to speak about my dear friend and colleague, DONALD PAYNE, who passed away this morning. I saw him on Saturday for the last time, and I can't think of anybody who in this House has been closer to me and someone who made it so much better for us to be in Congress, not only for all of us as colleagues but also for the rest of the world.

DONALD always made me smile. DONALD was a very serious person who cared so much about his constituents in Newark and the rest of the towns that he represented in New Jersey and really reached out to the rest of the world. He was always looking out for the concerns of the poor and the disadvantaged and the people in need, whether it was their health care or whether they had adequate food or housing.

But I think more than anything else, I remember his smile. He would always be happy. He would always have a joke to tell; and, frankly, in dealing with all the serious issues that he dealt with and he cared so much about, both here at home, as well as overseas, it was always nice to have someone that you could call a friend, that you could confide in, that you could talk to about your own problems as well, but always with that smile, always with that joke, always with the ability to say, Frank, you know, let's not take ourselves too seriously, even though we have a lot of serious work to do.

I will sorely miss him. I don't think there will be anybody who can replace him, and I just want to reach out to his family and his friends back at home today and express my sympathy to all of them for such a wonderful person that you were able to share some time with here.

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Would the gentleman yield for just a moment?

Mr. PALLONE. I yield to the gentlewoman.

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Just one simple statement. I couldn't leave the floor.

Just to express our love and affection for DON PAYNE and just to say that he saved lives because he intruded in places like Africa and Sudan, and many other places. He saved lives because of his compassion for people, his fight for human rights, and his fight for peace.

Mr. PALLONE. Thank you.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sorrow that I inform the House that our dear friend and colleague, DON PAYNE, has passed. He had colon cancer.

In a few moments a privileged resolution will be offered on the floor that recognizes and honors this extraordinary man who dedicated his entire life to public service, a man who made a significant difference in the lives of many in his district, in our State, in the Nation, and in the world.

Elected in 1988, after first serving as a Newark city councilman and Essex County freeholder, this high school teacher and coach-turned-politician went on to be the first African American ever to serve in Congress from the State of New Jersey.

DON fought tenaciously to combat the HIV/AIDS pandemic and mitigate the loss of life and morbidity from tuberculosis and malaria on the subcontinent of Africa. He coauthored the Sudan Peace Act and worked tirelessly to end the genocide in both South Sudan and Darfur. As a matter of fact, he even risked his life in Somalia—was shot at—in the pursuit of peace.

I know first hand, Mr. Speaker, how much he truly cared and how hard he worked for peace and reconciliation in war-ravaged nations. I served as the ranking member of the Africa Subcommittee when he chaired it, and he served as the ranking member when I chaired it.

Finally, let me just say that DON PAYNE also served as chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, and until his

untimely death today, chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. He was predeceased by his wife, Hazel. DON is also the proud father of three, grandfather of four, and great-grandfather of one.

DONALD PAYNE, Mr. Speaker, will be missed.

I yield to my good friend and colleague, Mr. Pallone.

Mr. PALLONE. I thank my friend.

Mr. Speaker, I can't believe that DON PAYNE is not with us today. I'm looking over there where he would often sit, and I would come down on the floor and ask him to do a One Minute or a Special Order.

He was very proud of his African American roots, and it was one of the reasons that he would often go to Africa and champion so many causes for those there.

DON cared so deeply about his hometown of Newark and the other towns that he represented. He was always looking out for those in need—the disadvantaged and the poor. Those were the people that he cared about, and he spent so much time trying to deal with their problems and making their lives better.

I think more than anything else I remember DON's smile. DON always felt that things could get better and that we could work together. I think a lot of people don't know that his district was very diverse. There were many African Americans, but there were also many people of other nationalities. We would often talk about the Italian Americans that he had lived with, grew up with, and worked with in his district.

DON always felt that we could have a better world, that Democrats and Republicans could work together and that people could work across ethnic and racial barriers. He always made me feel, no matter how down I was on a particular day, that this place was important and that we can make a difference in people's lives. So I will sorely miss him.

I would ask that this afternoon, at the end of the day, at approximately 4 o'clock, we have unlimited One Minutes, and we're going to have a bipartisan hour Special Order where Members can come down and pay tribute.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I do ask for a moment of silence to remember our dearly departed friend, DON PAYNE.

The SPEAKER. Members and guests will rise and observe a moment of silence.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 571

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable DONALD M. PAYNE, a Representative from the State of New Jersey.

Resolved, That a committee of such Members of the House as the Speaker may designate, together with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of applicable accounts of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Fincher). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. Christensen) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, today, as you heard, the House, the Congress as a whole, the 10th District of New Jersey, our Nation, the countries of Africa and the Caribbean, of Ireland, where he was an honorary citizen and, indeed, the world, has suffered a great loss. DONALD PAYNE was a friend and advocate for the world and all of its peoples, but particularly for the sons of Africa here and worldwide.

Tonight I am honored to chair this Special Order in his honor, and to recognize my colleagues from both sides of the aisle who will be coming to pay tribute to DONALD PAYNE.

I'd like to begin by asking unanimous consent that all Members might have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of the Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands?

There was no objection.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. I'd like to begin by yielding 2 minutes to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. Ellison).

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, DONALD PAYNE played a very special role in my service as a Member of Congress. I didn't know him nearly as long as many other Members, and I guess I probably didn't know him as well; but there is no doubt that as a Member coming into Congress trying to figure out how to be the best Member I could be, DONALD PAYNE was one of the people who I admired and looked to, and no more so than when he was fighting for the human rights of all people.

DONALD PAYNE gave me a new and unique perspective on suffering in Darfur, explaining the complexities as it related to making sure that Darfurians not only got relief, but also eventually one day would get justice.

But he didn't stop there. I have a large percentage of my constituents who hail from Somalia, and DONALD PAYNE gave me historic perspective on Somalia on a regular basis, which I didn't have, and also, again, helped me understand how difficult it was and how important it also was that we stand for stability for the people of Somalia. In fact, his level of commitment to the people of Somalia was so great, he got into an airplane and flew there and, on his way out, was actually shot at when al-Shabab tried to take his life for showing concern for the people.

Yet he traveled many places and really went all around the world; but he also went into my district, as he went to many districts, and I'll never forget the day when we organized a community forum on East Africa. We had Somalis in the room, people from the Ogaden region of Ethiopia, people from Eritrea, all over, immigrants who made America their home either by choice or because they were refugees. For 3 straight hours, DONALD PAYNE answered their questions, gave them comfort and assurance and information.

He is a towering figure in my world, and I don't think we'll ever forget DONALD PAYNE. I just say, may he rest in peace, and God bless him and his family.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. I'd like to yield 2 minutes to Mr. Wolf of Virginia.

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Congressman DONALD PAYNE.

As a public servant, Congressman PAYNE has consistently stood with the forgotten people and causes. He has championed their plight and advocated on their behalf, perhaps

none more so than the long-suffering people of the Southern Sudan.

For years, Congressman PAYNE advocated for self-determination for the people of South Sudan, who had endured great hardship at the hands of the government in Khartoum. He was also the leading voice in urging States in the United States to divest from companies doing business in Sudan in light of the government's horrific human rights abuses.

Congressman PAYNE was the sponsor of the congressional resolution calling attention to the horrors unfolding in Darfur, a resolution which was rightly labeled as "tragedy," "genocide." The list goes on and on.

I had the honor of being with Congressman PAYNE in Nairobi, Kenya, in 2005 for the historic signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement which marked the end of a brutal civil war between the north and the south which spanned 21 years and claimed the lives of more than 2 million people. Congressman PAYNE labored for years to see that day arrive. No one did more than DON PAYNE to bring about the new country, which is now the country of Southern Sudan.

He, fittingly, returned to South Sudan in July 2011 to join the people of that land in celebrating their long-awaited independence, a fulfillment of the promise. Upon being chosen to be part of the official U.S. delegation, Congressman PAYNE issued the following statement. He said:

As a ranking member on the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, I have been committed to helping Sudan achieve peace and justice.

Indeed, he was committed. Congressman PAYNE worked hard. He traveled to the region countless times. He experienced the people suffering, and then he acted. Congressman PAYNE heard the people suffering and never chose to look the other way.

My thoughts and prayers are with Congressman PAYNE's family as they grieve, and Congress will profoundly miss his voice, as will thousands of others around the world.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. I would next like to yield 2 minutes to the Congresswoman from Texas, Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Thank you to my colleague from the Virgin Islands.

I rise to speak today about the loss of Congressman DONALD PAYNE. Congressman PAYNE lost his battle with cancer

early this morning, and we in Congress lost an esteemed colleague.

My relationship and acquaintance with Congressman PAYNE began before I came to Congress when I met him while he served on the national YMCA board and became the chair of the national YMCA board; and I know him as a devoted public servant who used his position in Congress to advocate for those less fortunate, first, as a teacher, and later, serving on the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. He was an advocate for children and worked to make college more affordable.

As the highest ranking Democrat on the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, he worked to promote human rights around the world and helped secure billions of dollars in foreign aid for treating HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria.

It is difficult to lose a member of the Congressional Black Caucus family. We're small but very connected. Congressman PAYNE served the 10th District of New Jersey with dedication and served as the chair of the Congressional Black Caucus as well.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family today in this difficult time.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. I would like to yield 2 minutes to the Congresswoman from the District of Columbia, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton.

Ms. NORTON. I thank the gentlelady for yielding and for leading this Special Order for our good friend and colleague, DONALD PAYNE, whose passing leaves me shocked and deeply saddened after his 12 terms of outstanding service in the House of Representatives.

DON was a friend. He was more than a colleague. He was the kind of friend you could always strike up a conversation with about technical matters or just matters at hand because DON was easy of manner but strong of conviction.

DON was a real pathbreaker and history maker. He came to Congress as the first African American to serve in Congress from the State of New Jersey. He followed the great Peter Rodino, who had served Newark for decades. Newark had become a majority African American city, but DON grew up in a neighborhood that was as Italian as it was Black and felt comfortable with people of all ethnic groups.

When Congressman Rodino, who was then chair of the House Judiciary Committee, retired—this was, of course, be-

fore I came to Congress, but it was much commented upon—DON, who had run against him several times and was the logical person to win that seat, plunged into his work for a city that needed a man of his depth of understanding and conviction of their problems, their education, their health care, their housing needs.

Newark, when the Congressman came here 12 terms ago, personified, symbolized the great urban communities of our country and the upheavals that they were undergoing. He plunged into that work, and yet he was able, at the same time, to become perhaps the House's most expert Member on Africa and the Caribbean.

DON was a leader on Africa, who did not work from the newspapers or the journals, but traveled the continent and came back with firsthand information. For the Congressional Black Caucus, DON was the go-to man. Nobody from the caucus moved on a matter affecting Africa without going to DON first. Go to the expert first, find out if you're on the right foot, and then perhaps move forward.

DON was rigorous in his evaluation of the leadership of the various countries of Africa. He never withheld when an African leader needed the strong criticism of the United States and his own strong criticism. Thus, his leadership was trusted all across the Congress when he stepped forward with his views. He worked with every President because Republican and Democratic Presidents alike have been involved in the issues affecting Africa; and they, like us, turned to DON on those issues.

Where will we find such a Member today? Is there such a Member who has devoted so much of his life not only to urban America, but especially to Africa, who knew everything, knew everyone, and knew anything we needed to know?

DON will be greatly missed by this Chamber. He will always be remembered. I know I speak for us all when I say that his family has our deepest sympathy and our everlasting love.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Thank you, Congresswoman.

I would like to now yield 2 minutes to one of DONALD's colleagues from New Jersey, Congressman Holt.

Mr. HOLT. I thank the gentlelady.

Mr. Speaker, all of us are saddened by the country's loss of DON PAYNE, and it is going to be hard to get used to the absence of DON.

DON has been a good friend to me, someone I've looked up to here in Congress.

No one in Congress has been a stronger advocate for equality of opportunity in education. No one in Congress has been a greater advocate for children's services and youth development. No one has been more knowledgeable about Africa. No one has voted more consistently for peaceful and non-military resolutions to problems. No one has been more consistent in the fight to respect workers' safety and workers' conditions.

Throughout all of this, DON PAYNE was very attentive to the interests of the entire State of New Jersey and especially to the interests of his constituents.

He was instrumental in bringing international attention and condemnation to the genocide in Darfur, as we've heard already.

As a former educator, he brought an invaluable perspective to our work together on the Education Committee. He was responsible for getting many millions of dollars to the PEPFAR Program for dealing with HIV, resistant tuberculosis, malaria around the world, and especially in Africa. I might add he did that with President Bush.

He was a strong advocate for an adequate minimum wage. He was a key player in writing the College Cost Reduction and Access Act to cut interest rates for college loans, to increase Pell grants, and to provide loan forgiveness to public service employees with student debt. It was a great pleasure and really a marvel to watch him on the Education and the Workforce Committee.

DON was, I think you would say, an unabashed liberal, recognizing that there are some things that we can do better together than separately. He was not a you're-on-your-own kind of guy. That was true in person too. He was very inclusive. He had good humor and dignity in everything he did. DON PAYNE was a good friend, a good Member of this House, and a great public servant.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family and his many friends, and I know his constituents will be hard pressed to find somebody to represent them as well as DON PAYNE.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Thank you, Congressman Holt.

Now, I would like to yield 2 minutes to another colleague from New Jersey, Congressman Frelinghuysen.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

DON PAYNE and I have been friends for over 35 years. We served together in county government as freeholders in New Jersey from our respective counties, Morris and Essex Counties, before he preceded me to Congress.

During his service in this House, he worked long and hard on issues that literally cried out for attention.

At home we all admired his steadfast commitment to ensuring that our Nation's children had the best quality education possible.

Abroad he focused on global public health issues like childhood survival and human rights on the continent of Africa and elsewhere. DON PAYNE took up the cause for suffering people around the world and gave voice to their plight even at great personal risk.

Mr. Speaker, DON PAYNE loved Congress, he loved public service, he loved New Jersey, and he loved his hometown of Newark.

I was proud to work with him to revitalize the Passaic River in Newark, that waterfront that for many years had remained inaccessible to the public.

DON will be sorely missed, especially for his dedicated service to his constituents over many decades. I'll never forget his valuable service and his enduring friendship. We've lost a great principled man who lived a life from which we could all learn something.

May the tributes and prayers of so many of his colleagues here this afternoon today be a source of strength to his family.

Thank you.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Thank you for joining us and for offering those words on behalf of Congressman PAYNE.

I would now like to yield 2 minutes to the Congresswoman from California, another dear friend of Congressman PAYNE, Lynn Woolsey.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a man I loved, a man I respected, a friend for life, and a mentor.

When I came to Congress, I couldn't have picked a better mentor: a public school teacher from New Jersey, someone kind and smart, dedicated, actually burning in his belly about issues of value and conscience.

I served on Congressman PAYNE's Africa Subcommittee. He served on my Workforce Protections Subcommittee. On both panels, I benefited from his wisdom, advice, and exper-

tise. On the Africa Subcommittee, I was always amazed at how much and who he knew.

This is a man who knew what public service was all about. He was, as he described himself, a mild-mannered man; but he was also tenacious, dedicated, and stubborn.

No one has worked harder to bring peace, democracy, and human rights to Africa. He almost gave his life for the cause a few years ago when his plane was shot by rebels as he prepared to come home after a Somalia mission that actually the State Department had warned him against.

As change continues to come—particularly to Africa in the coming years—we'll all remember the role that DONALD PAYNE played in laying the groundwork in helping make that change happen.

A true statesman and humanitarian, DONALD's death this morning already leaves an indescribable void. DONALD PAYNE had a huge heart and a keen mind. And believe me, I will miss them both.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Thank you, Congresswoman Woolsey.

I would now like to yield 2 minutes to another colleague from New Jersey, Congressman Lance.

Mr. LANCE. Thank you very much, and thank you for yielding.

The Payne family occupies a fabled position in the history of Newark, New Jersey's largest and greatest city. The whole family has been involved in public service; and, of course, Congressman PAYNE's public service here is of almost a quarter-century duration.

Congressman PAYNE succeeded Congressman Rodino, the distinguished chairman of the House Judiciary Committee at the time of Watergate, well known in American history. Congressman Rodino succeeded Congressman Hartley, who was the Congressman from that part of New Jersey for a generation, he, the author, with Senator Taft, of the Taft-Hartley Act.

Over the course of the 20th century, in the district that has been represented by Congressman PAYNE for a quarter century, the provenance of that district is Fred Hartley, a Republican, of the Taft-Hartley Act; Peter Rodino, the distinguished chairman of the Judiciary Committee during Watergate; and now for 24 years, DONALD PAYNE. The character of that district is the character of this Nation and certainly the

character of the great city of Newark over the course of the 20th and into the 21st century.

The Payne family not only includes the distinguished Congressman, but his brother, Bill Payne, with whom I had the honor of serving in the New Jersey Legislature. His brother, Bill, and I worked together in the creation of the *Amistad* Commission in New Jersey. Of course, that commission dealing with the work of the great *Amistad* trial based upon the mutiny in 1839 of a slave ship, so brilliantly defended by John Quincy Adams, whose portrait hangs 10 feet from the entrance of the House of Representatives. In working with Congressman PAYNE's brother, Bill Payne, in the New Jersey Legislature, I got to know the Payne family and certainly, through his brother, Bill, I got to know the Congressman, and what a great honor for me to have served here in Congress with DON PAYNE.

Mr. Speaker, finally, several days before Martin Luther King was assassinated in Memphis, he was in Newark, and he was in Newark at the request of leaders there, including DONALD PAYNE and William Payne. Among the most prized possessions of the Payne family are photographs of Martin Luther King taken days before his assassination as the Paynes were attempting to bring about justice in the city of Newark. Certainly no Member of the House of Representatives was more committed to justice, not only here in this country, and within this country, in the city of Newark and the State of New Jersey, but justice across the world, so that children in poverty could have a decent quality of health care and, as has been cited, the Congressman almost lost his life in that regard.

The country is poorer for the loss of DONALD PAYNE, but this country is greater for his public service on the governing body of the city of Newark, his public service as a county commissioner—we use the term freeholder in Essex County, NJ—his public service to the entire State, and I respectfully suggest, to the United States of America. We mourn his loss, but we celebrate his life.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Thank you, Congressman Lance.

I yield to the gentlewoman from California, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, who I believe succeeded DONALD PAYNE as the chairperson of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Ms. WATERS. I appreciate your organizing the time for us to come to the floor and speak about our friend, DONALD

PAYNE. We are all so sad, and we are going to miss him, but we also know that the service that he gave to this country, even long before he came to the Congress of the United States, and the service that he has given to this country since being a Member of Congress, is unmatched by any Member of Congress.

DONALD PAYNE was a true servant who not only served his State of New Jersey, but DONALD PAYNE was someone who took care of his district. When I take a look at all of the capacities that he served in the State of New Jersey, I am just in awe, counting Democratic chairman, executive of the Prudential Insurance Company, vice president of Urban Data Systems, educator for the Newark and Passaic Public School Districts, former national president of the YMCA, chairman of the World Refugee and Rehabilitation Committee—it goes on and on. He brought with him to Congress the same attitude, the same commitment to service.

Since his service in Congress, of course, he left us as chair of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. He served as the chair of the Congressional Black Caucus immediately prior to my being elected to that post, and I learned a lot from his service about how to chair the Congressional Black Caucus.

DON PAYNE was known for several things but certainly known and respected for his commitment to education, closing the achievement gap, making sure that we expand opportunities for the least of these with Pell grants, making sure that he reduced the interest rates on some of the loans, the Stafford loans, for example. He was known because he understood that as a public policy maker he could influence education in this country, and he certainly did that.

I also would like to point to his record of achievement serving as the chair of the Africa Subcommittee of the Foreign Affairs Committee, where he was the expert, unmatched. As a matter of fact, DONALD PAYNE traveled to Africa, East Africa, West Africa, throughout his career, and he knew all of these countries on the continent, and he knew the leaders, past and present.

As a matter of fact, DON didn't wait for a codel of a lot of people to be organized to go to a troubled spot. DON would get on the airplane by himself, a one-person codel, and travel, set up his own meetings with the leaders of those countries, talk with them about what was taking place in those countries and get an understanding of what needed to be

done. He coupled all of this with the history of the countries of Africa.

DON was an educator, he was a teacher, he was a historian. So he knew a lot about the backgrounds of these countries because he had studied that. When he coupled that information with what was going on at the present time that he was visiting and working on issues in those countries, he made it all come together, and he helped us all to understand. He was our go-to person on Africa for sure.

When we wanted to know what was going on—and some people who were not that involved in foreign affairs and in Africa, they just followed his vote. When they looked upon that panel, they looked at how DON PAYNE was voting, and then they followed his leadership.

We are going to miss that leadership. We are going to miss this dedication. We are going to miss this mild-mannered man who loved his job, who loved his district. I'm always going to remember that he invited me to his district on several occasions. I went up with DON, I campaigned with him. I went about the community. He introduced me to the ministers, and he was well respected and loved in his district.

Of course, we all know why, because he was dedicated to the district, and he did so much for the district. The district is going to miss DON PAYNE. It will be hard to match the work that he did and his success and his achievements. We're going to remember each time we're involved in some of the same issues that DON was involved in. We're going to ask ourselves, what would DON have done, and we're going to follow the thinking of DON PAYNE on those issues.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Thank you, Congresswoman Waters.

I yield 2 minutes to the Congressman from Texas (Mr. Al Green).

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. I thank the gentlelady.

Mr. Speaker, it is said that a politician will always rise to the occasion, and the Honorable DON PAYNE did rise to the occasion many times.

It is also said that a statesman makes the occasion. DON PAYNE was more than a politician, he was a statesman. He made the occasion in Darfur, where he went to make sure those who were suffering would have an opportunity to have a better quality of life, and he was to this day still working to help the people of Darfur. When it came to AIDS, he

helped raise \$50 million to help those who are beset with this disease.

He worked with his colleagues, pulled us together, helped us unite to do things collectively that we could never do apart. He developed a symbiotic relationship among his many relationships. When I think of DONALD PAYNE, I will always remember that he was a person of honor. He honored his word. To his friends his word meant something, but more important, he honored his word to foes, people who disagreed with him. Once they had his word, they had a word they could count on.

I will remember that he was a person who respected this institution. This institution meant something to the Honorable DON PAYNE.

What this institution stood for and how we could utilize this institution to make a difference in the lives of others was important to him. He was a person of valor. He would stand with you. He was determined. He was a fighter. He came under fire, I'm told, in Africa as he was trying to help others.

And finally, I will say this: I truly do believe that God is good all the time. Even under circumstances such as these, I believe God is good because we didn't have to have him for 77 years. We didn't have to have him in this House for 12 terms. I didn't have to have him as a friend for 8 years. I believe that God is good all the time, and I am so proud that God allowed him to come this way and I had the benefit of calling him my friend.

DON, we love you, and I know that wherever you are, there is a statesman there who is making the occasion.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. I thank Congressman Green, and now I would like to yield to another colleague from New Jersey and friend of DONALD PAYNE, Congressman Chris Smith.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. I thank you very much and appreciate the gentlelady for yielding. Let me join my distinguished colleagues in expressing our deepest condolences to DON PAYNE's family. He was truly a remarkable man. I had the privilege of sitting next to him for about 15 years as I was the chairman or he was the chairman of the Human Rights Committee, the Africa Committee as well. I was his ranking, he was my chairman, and we always worked in a very cooperative way. We always had mutual respect, and he had such a deep compassion for the people who have suffered so much on the subcontinent of Africa.

DON PAYNE was quiet, but always determined. Extremely thoughtful, a humanitarian in the extreme, and he fought for so many important issues. You know, it was not a slam dunk or in any way a given that PEPFAR, the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, would become law. DON was there working in a bipartisan way to ensure that sufficient funding, sufficient authorities were given to the U.S. Agency for International Development to mount a massive effort to combat the pandemic of HIV/AIDS. He did the same thing with malaria and the Malaria Caucus, and he did the same thing with tuberculosis, which sadly is an opportunistic disease that afflicts so many people who have HIV/AIDS.

On the Sudan Peace Act, again when we were looking and working so hard to try to stop the slaughter in South Sudan, there was DON PAYNE working every day of the week to ensure that somehow peace would break out and the genocide would end there, as well as in Darfur.

Again, I know that he cared deeply because I was there having those conversations with him day in and day out. Very often in my Subcommittee on Human Rights when I chaired that and he was the ranking member, we would go on receiving testimony, debating for hours. There would be two Members left standing in the room, DON PAYNE and me, because he cared so deeply about human rights globally, as well as in Africa. He will be deeply missed. Again, a great man, a great friend, and his passing is mourned by everyone in this Chamber and everybody in the State of New Jersey.

God bless him, God bless his family, and thank you, DON PAYNE, for the great work you did in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. I thank Congressman Smith, and now I'd like to yield to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. Clarke).

Mr. CLARKE of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands for yielding to me.

I am one of the newest members of the Congressional Black Caucus. Being a freshman here in this body, you become immediately aware of the traditions of the House. For example, male Members of the House are referred to as the gentleman from the State that they represent. DONALD PAYNE was a gentleman not because he was elected to Congress but because he was a good, decent human being. He welcomed me with open arms as a new guy from Detroit that very few in the House even knew about.

Less than 2 weeks ago, DONALD PAYNE returned a call that I had placed to him. We had a short, but gracious, conversation. I knew after I hung up the phone that I would see him soon right here in the Halls of Congress, but that never came to pass. The lesson is clear to all of us: our time, our life here on Earth is very fleeting. Let's do everything we can to cherish each moment, not necessarily to pursue a wild ambition or do a lot of things, but just to be like DONALD PAYNE, respecting others, caring for others. That's what he stood for.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. I now would like to yield to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. Ros-Lehtinen).

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. I thank the gentlelady for yielding me this time. Just a few hours ago, we lost a dear friend, an esteemed and honored and respected colleague, Congressman DON PAYNE of New Jersey.

DON was a proud member of the New Jersey delegation. He was a faithful servant to his constituents. For more than two decades, he served them in this body. He was also a committed member of our Foreign Affairs Committee. He was chairman and the ranking Democrat on the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights; and in that capacity he showed us his unwavering commitment to fighting diseases worldwide, but especially in Africa. He shone the light on human rights abuses throughout the world. DON's tireless efforts provided a voice for the afflicted and for the oppressed.

We are saddened as an institution, as a body, and as friends by the loss of such a courageous and loyal and conscientious public servant. DON will be greatly missed by our Foreign Affairs Committee because he was such a tireless advocate for the causes for which he felt such passion.

He will be missed here on the House floor because he was ever present whenever there was an important issue to be debated. He will be missed in his home State of New Jersey where he was so revered and respected by his constituents whom he so faithfully served. He will be missed especially by the thousands and, indeed, countless people whom he inspired and affected throughout his tenure and long career in public service.

Without a doubt, Congressman DON PAYNE's contributions will be remembered for many years to come, and our thoughts and prayers are with all of the members of the

Payne family and all of the people who he touched in a very special way.

I thank the gentlelady for the time; and in our Foreign Affairs Committee tomorrow, we will hold a special remembrance for Congressman DON PAYNE.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Thank you, Congresswoman Ros-Lehtinen. And now I would like to yield to the gentleman from American Samoa, Congressman Faleomavaega.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. I do want to thank the gentlelady from the Virgin Islands for managing the time for our colleagues in this Special Order that has been taken to honor our good friend who has just passed away, Congressman DON PAYNE.

Congressman DON PAYNE was my classmate. We sat next to each other for the past 23 years as members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. We were talking about the situation in which we were proud Americans, and yet we knew something was missing here in terms of the activities of how our foreign policies have come about, in doing things about our relationship with other countries, so DON PAYNE was committed to looking after the needs of what are our foreign policies toward Africa. My commitment was to find out what are our foreign policies toward the Asia and Pacific region.

I want to share this little interesting thought with my colleagues. When DON PAYNE and I first became members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, hardly any of the members wanted to be on the Asia and the Pacific or Africa Subcommittees. The mentality here in Washington was entirely toward Europe and the Middle East. Being members of these two subcommittees was almost like the pits. They were not even on the radar screen, weren't even given any real sense of priority or interest.

I want to say to my colleagues that it has been truly an honor to be sitting next to my brother, DON PAYNE, and to commit to the idea that as a champion and advocate for the needs of the poor, the great champion of human rights throughout the world, not just toward Africa, but all other regions of the world, DON PAYNE and I worked on the plight, the needs of the people of West Papua, New Guinea.

I always have remembered DON PAYNE's admonition to me every time we discussed issues about fairness and equality. He said:

Eni, let me just remind you of what Martin Luther King, Jr., once said: "In the end, we will not remember the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

I think it's so true in terms of what he instituted in my own heart and mind: you can't just sit back and let things go by. We've got to be out there being proactive and expressing ideas that will solve the many issues and problems that we are faced with, not only in our own country, but throughout the world.

I want to express my deepest sympathies and condolences to the family of my brother, Congressman DON PAYNE. I'm reminded of the saying, "blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." This truly was a peacemaker, whom I've had the honor and privilege of witnessing his life as an example not only to our colleagues, but certainly to the American people. Both in deed and by his conduct, DON PAYNE was truly a statesman, and his voice will be surely missed in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I am so happy to see that so many of our colleagues are here to pay special tribute to this great man, a gentle man, and yet by such great tremendous example showing us what we should be doing: going about helping other people. I want to wish him well. We have a saying in my culture, *Ia manuia lau faiga malaga*—"May you have a good voyage."

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. I thank the gentleman from American Samoa.

I would now like to yield 2 minutes to the gentlelady from Illinois, Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky.

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Thank you for this opportunity to speak about a really good friend of mine, DON PAYNE. When I heard that his situation was grave, I gave a call to his brother, Bill, whom I had gotten to know on trips that he and DON took, and had the privilege then of speaking with DON. He was in hospice. This was just a couple of days ago. I was able to tell him how much I loved him and able to tell him that I hoped that he found peace and comfort in the knowledge that he helped so many people in this world.

DON PAYNE was a real citizen of the world, a quiet and dignified gentleman, but he had a fierce commitment to justice and human rights everywhere. He was really the de facto ambassador to Africa. No one in this Congress knew or cared more for the people of Africa. He also personally knew the leaders, and they knew and respected him. His knowl-

edge and his relationships will leave a big hole here. He was the go-to person. If you wanted to know anything about what was going on, the political situation, or who was who on the continent, DON PAYNE was the one to go to.

As I said, I was able to travel with DON and Bill to many places around the world and always listened carefully, as everyone did, when DON spoke with the kind of knowledge that he had about all things dealing with foreign relations, about all things dealing with human rights. So my heart goes out to my good friend, Bill Payne, to the children and grandchildren and one great-grandchild of DONALD PAYNE, my beloved friend, whom I'll miss so much.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Thank you, Congresswoman Schakowsky.

I would now like to yield 2 minutes to another colleague of DON PAYNE from New Jersey, Congressman Bill Pascrell.

Mr. PASCRELL. Ladies and gentlemen, the House has lost a real advocate, a person who respected this institution and who understood what it was.

So I know I speak for all of us when I say our condolences to the family and our condolences to his constituents. He served most distinctly.

Rather than tell you some things I was going to prepare myself about my relationship with DONALD, I got a letter this afternoon, and I think it's appropriate if I read this letter on the floor of the House because it tells us that DONALD PAYNE was not just interested in Africa. His interests as a humanitarian went beyond that.

Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams has spoken of the deep sadness at the death of U.S. Congressman DONALD PAYNE. On behalf of Sinn Fein, and all of those in Ireland who met Congressman PAYNE on his many visits there, the Sinn Fein leader extended his deepest sympathy to Congressman PAYNE's children and his family circle and many friends. This is what Gerry's own words are:

DONALD PAYNE was a champion for the disadvantaged and the down-trodden in the United States and around the world. He devoted his life to promoting civil rights, equality, and democracy.

My friends, just think who is saying this. A man of valor, a very courageous person, Gerry Adams. This is how close we are in the tribe of humanity and how many times we fail to recognize it.

I met DONALD many times both in Washington and in Ireland. He was always very interested in Ireland and had visited the north before the cessa-

tions in the mid-1990s. DONALD was very supportive of the Irish peace process from the beginning and was a regular participant in briefings which I and other Sinn Fein visitors gave to political leaders on Capitol Hill.

Many of us were there, many of us in this room.

He was also a frequent member of congressional delegations that visited Ireland. DONALD will also be fondly remembered by citizens on Garvaghy Road, in North Belfast, and the Short Strand, which he visited at a time when efforts were being made to force controversial Orange marches through those districts.

His experience as a civil rights campaigner resonated with his audience in West Belfast when he spoke there during the West Belfast Feile on the issue of equality and anti-discrimination legislation.

During a debate in Washington on the McBride principles he remarked that: "I and other members of the Congressional Black Caucus can easily identify with the Catholic minorities. I recognize many similarities in how they are treated with how people here were treated."

DONALD was a thoughtful, generous and well-informed politician who was personally dedicated to improving conditions for others and who worked diligently on behalf of his constituents and of his party.

He will be remembered with gratitude and real affection for his support at difficult and dangerous times in Ireland—in difficult and dangerous times all over the world. He will be sadly missed by his constituents, by people the world over. I want to extend regrets and deepest sympathy to his family and his friends.

Go ndeanfaidh dia trocaire ar a n'anam dilis—may he rest in peace, and may all of his friends gather in this institution that he loved so well.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Thank you, Congressman Pascrell. And thank you for bringing the sympathies of Sinn Fein to the floor.

I would now like to yield 2 minutes to a person who served with DON for quite awhile on the Foreign Affairs Committee, Chairman Dan Burton of Indiana.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. I thank the gentlelady for yielding.

We judge, as Congressmen, our colleagues based upon their ability and how hard they work. But the thing I liked about DON PAYNE, as a colleague with whom I worked for 24 years on the Foreign Affairs Committee, was he was a nice guy. He was really a nice guy. Even when we had our differences—and there were many when we served on the Africa Subcommittee together—we would debate, and then we would walk together down the hall and talk as friends and still discuss our differences, but we did it in such a friendly way, and I really liked the guy.

One of the things I think is so important is we really don't get to know each other too much in this place. We have 435 of us. People come who are wealthy and some who are very poor, some who came from bad beginnings and tough begin-

nings and some come from the top; and we don't get to know each other very well. But I knew DON PAYNE because he worked so hard for the people he represented in Newark, and he really fought for them.

He wanted a garage in Newark because of the business downtown. I remember I fought him on that garage and we were able to stop it. I think one of the things I'll regret the day I leave this place is that I stopped that garage because I think DON PAYNE, as the kind of guy he was, really felt like it was needed for Newark. DON, if you're listening, if I had a chance, I'd vote differently on that thing.

But anyhow, he was a nice guy. He was a credit to the Congress of the United States and to everybody who knew him. I'd like to say to his family that I extend my deepest sympathies, as the other speakers have said, but I'd also like to say that to his staff. I know his staff is going through a difficult time right now as well as his family, so I want to extend my deepest sympathy to them as well.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Thank you, Chairman Burton.

At this time, I would like to yield 2 minutes to another colleague from New Jersey, Congressman Rob Andrews.

Mr. ANDREWS. I thank my friend for yielding.

Sometimes the quietest voices are the ones that have the greatest impact. DONALD PAYNE always spoke quietly, humbly; but as we reflect on his life, the impact is monumental.

Tonight, there are villages in Africa where people have self-determination, human dignity, education, and health care because of the impact of his voice and his life. There are people working in the city of Newark, the counties of Essex and Union and Hudson because of businesses he helped to bring and schools he helped to build and progress he helped to make.

As we heard my friend Bill Pascrell talk about, there are people in Ireland from very different heritages and backgrounds that DONALD brought here who are celebrating his life because of the reach of his voice and of his life.

I think, most important, the impact of his voice is the hollowness and sorrow that we all feel here in this institution because the quietness of his voice brought us together at times of discord and stress. DONALD believed passionately in his progressive ideology, but he believed with equal passion in tolerance for those who disputed it. DONALD fought fiercely for the causes in which he and I believed and he and others believed, but he never fought the rights of others to ex-

press differing views. He cared very personally about his causes, but he never took personally those who disagreed with him. This is a lesson that we should learn and abide by in this institution in years to come because it makes us better people and it makes our institution stronger.

Later this week, it is a remarkable thing that this humble young man, a schoolteacher, a leader in the YMCA who at the beginning of his career lost many more elections than he won—lost two elections for the county executive position, lost multiple attempts to become elected to this House of Representatives, and then triumphed—someone from those humble beginnings that world leaders will come to a place of worship in the city of Newark to commemorate his life.

I think what's more indicative of DONALD's contribution is that as those world leaders come through Newark Airport into the city that DONALD loved, there will be janitors and schoolteachers and truckdrivers and day care providers and laborers and electricians and Americans of all walks of life, who will know and acknowledge the great impact of this quiet voice.

His voice has sadly been stilled; but let us celebrate the fact that his impact will live in our world, in our country, in our institution, and in our hearts forever. May God bless his family and comfort them at this time of affliction.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Thank you, Congressman Andrews.

At this time, I would like to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Troy, the gentleman from Georgia, Congressman John Lewis.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. I want to thank the gentlelady for yielding.

I rise today to honor the memory of our beloved colleague, the distinguished gentleman from the State of New Jersey, DONALD PAYNE.

Today we have lost a wonderful and good friend, and the people of the 10th District of New Jersey have lost a fearless leader and advocate.

Any American can be elected to public office, but not everyone can serve with dignity and great respect. DONALD PAYNE, my friend, my brother, enjoyed the admiration of his colleagues because he led by example, and through quiet, determined diplomacy he accomplished a great deal.

A deep sensitivity to the human condition was at the center of all he did. His work was an extension of the belief that each of us has a responsibility to serve one another, and that

we must use the power and resources of a great Nation to relieve the burdens of the poor, the oppressed, the hungry, and the sick. That is why this former public school teacher wanted to unlock the power of education to free those who are struggling in the urban centers in America. And that is why he was a tireless advocate for the people of Africa because a heartfelt compassion guided all that he did.

In a time when the needs of the poor are hardly spoken, when the cries of the locked out and left behind are rarely heard, the Chamber will deeply miss a gentle statesman with a heart that was big enough to serve all humankind.

The thoughts and prayers of the people of the Fifth District of Georgia and many Members of this Congress are with his family, staff, and friends now as they move through a difficult time. Just know that DONALD PAYNE was loved, and he will be deeply missed, not only by the people of the 10th District of New Jersey, but by people around this Nation and all around the world.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. We are coming close to the end of our hour. I think our colleague will probably yield us some time, but I would like to close out this particular hour, and I ask unanimous consent to extend the hour to allow the Members who are on the floor to speak.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair cannot entertain a request to extend a Special Order speech.

Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. Roe) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. I yield to your next speaker.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. The next speaker would be Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, the chair of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, this is not one of the highlights of stepping into the well of the House. This is a moment that does not yield great joy, at least not for what just happened in terms of the death of my friend and my colleague, DONALD PAYNE. There is, however, some joy, and the joy is related to the fact that I had the opportunity to know DONALD PAYNE, and I believe that my life was enriched because of it.

During his final days here in Washington, I had a number of conversations with him at Georgetown Hospital where I tried, and was successful at least on a couple of occasions,

to get him to laugh, even as he experienced excruciating pain in his hospital bed.

DONALD PAYNE can be observed by all Members of the House, and from that observation, we can extract something that can make this place better. DONALD PAYNE was about as good and decent a human being as has ever walked the Halls of this stately House.

At a time when many elected officials believe that acidic language, acrimony, and red meat discussions are the order of the day, DONALD PAYNE was firm, soft spoken, and respectful. No matter what happened, you could count on DONALD PAYNE being calm through it, except on one occasion, which I will not talk about on the floor. We'll talk about it later, but not here.

DONALD PAYNE was a man who was as peaceful in private as he was in committee or even on the floor. He had a passion for the diaspora. I joked with him that everywhere I've ever gone in the diaspora, people asked about him.

Just 1 week before he died, 1 week, I met with a representative from Brazil who was inviting members of the Congressional Black Caucus to come to Brazil to meet with their caucus and they would send members here. Before the meeting ended, as I knew would happen, he asked about DONALD PAYNE. I don't believe there is an elected official or king or prince or potentate in the diaspora who does not know the name of DONALD PAYNE.

What I hope will happen is one of the Members will pick up the mantle and delve into the issues and matters of foreign relations as has DONALD PAYNE. Somebody needs to step up to the plate and do that.

My final comment is this: I hate cancer. I can't think of a human being that I hate, but I hate cancer. And in my hatred of cancer, I have come to the realization that all of us are temporary, that we are not permanent creatures. No matter how strong and healthy we feel we are, we are all temporary. If we understand our temporariness, it might inspire us to be just a little better, a little kinder, a little nicer, a little more receptive to others, because we are temporary, at least in this place.

Now, I conclude by saying that life must end, but death is not a cul-de-sac. It leads somewhere. If DONALD PAYNE is not there, that door must be locked and the rest of us can give up. He was about as good and decent and loving a human being who's walked these Halls, and I'm glad that God gave me the chance to know him.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. I now would like to yield time to the minority leader from California (Ms. Pelosi).

Ms. PELOSI. Thank you, Mr. Roe, for yielding. I thank you and I thank our colleague, Congresswoman Christensen, for taking this Special Order today so that we can sing the praises of a great man, our colleague, dear friend, precious person, DONALD PAYNE.

I waited. I said I wanted to go after Mr. Cleaver because I didn't know how I was going to even have the strength to come to the floor because this is a personal as well as official loss to many of us here. He is always a source of strength to us, putting in perspective the fragility of life and the value that we must place on the contribution of all of our colleagues, especially when we are blessed with the life, service, and leadership of someone like DONALD PAYNE. There are very few people that you can say "someone like DONALD PAYNE," because he was exceptional and unique.

When the distinguished Mr. Cleaver and Reverend Cleaver says that we have to fill in and take his mantle, that would be almost impossible to do because, over a lifetime, in public service, and a long time in the Congress of the United States, DONALD PAYNE gained standing on issues that takes years to do. But he did teach us along the way. He gave us guidance on what paths to follow, what clues to recognize, and doing the right thing, whether it was in the continent of Asia, Africa, or Latin America, wherever it was, and in our own country.

I had the privilege of traveling with DONALD PAYNE when we were going to Darfur. He didn't want to go to Sudan. He'd been there many times, Darfur, but he was at that moment boycotting the regime in Khartoum because of how they treated their people there. While we were in Khartoum and in Darfur, he was in Ethiopia and Somalia and the rest, always working to have policy advice to all of us and caring about what the impact of that policy was on people.

What was interesting to us, though, it was that on that same trip to Africa, which many of the members of the Congressional Black Caucus were on, including our distinguished assistant leader, Mr. Clyburn, when we went to Liberia it was a boiling hot day. We all went to the AME college there, the AME university, and they were honoring DONALD PAYNE for what he knew about Africa, for his values and how he was concerned about, again, policy as it related to people, the encyclopedic knowledge that he had, the great wisdom that sprang from that knowledge, the plans that he

always had to make things better, and the way people just flocked to him because they would learn, they would be inspired, and they would love DONALD PAYNE.

It was boiling hot. And we decided that we're all going to dress alike that day, so it even got hotter as we donned our robes. And here we were, seeing—not only telling them the esteem with which he was held in Congress, that was the least of it, because what we were hearing was the people from around Africa held him in esteem, and they named a library for him at that university in Liberia.

He was a schoolteacher, and he never forgot how important it was for us to put our students first. He called them the bright lights of our Nation's future, for investing in their potential, for inspiring them to succeed, igniting the sparks that they had within them to do their very best.

He was very proud of Newark and serving there. I remember when he first came here, his work on behalf of his constituents, his neighbors, the middle class, working people, people who were striving to reach up into the middle class. He was always working for them.

He was New Jersey's, as has been mentioned, first African American Member of Congress. He remained a committed champion of equality and opportunity for all. His accomplishments, both on his committee, where he served with Congressman George Miller, who holds him in the highest esteem, and now the Foreign Affairs Committee, where he served with Congressman Howard Berman. Well, we hear the two of them talk today as if they have lost a brother, and we all have.

We all have an appreciation of his hard work ethic. The knowledge that he brought to his subject, the concern he had for the American people, and the love he had for our country.

Just think, last week we had a visit from Bill Gates coming to our office to talk about the issue of global health, and he asked if DONALD PAYNE could be in the meeting. We had hoped that would be possible but then had to say that he was not feeling well that day. That was a week ago.

Up until the end, he was in demand, recognized for his, again, standing on issues that related to the alleviation of poverty, the eradication of disease, again, alleviation of hunger throughout the world. What more could be about the Gospel of Matthew than ministering to the needs of God's creation, which the Bible tells us is an act of worship. To ignore those needs is to dishonor the God who made us.

DONALD PAYNE was all about worshiping God by ministering to the needs.

He was an expert on economic, political, and security situations throughout Africa, and I had the honor of nominating him, recognizing his extraordinary work around the world. I was proud to recommend that President George W. Bush name Congressman PAYNE our representative of the House Democrats at the United Nations. Usually it was just for one term. In the case of DONALD PAYNE, we went well beyond that in recognition of the extraordinary contribution that he made.

So again, whether it was in his own district, whether it was Newark, NJ, or across the world, he was a powerful and passionate voice. I hope it's a comfort to his children—Donald, Jr., to Wanda, and Nicole—and all who loved DONALD PAYNE, his dear brother, Bill, who traveled with him frequently and loved him so much, I hope it's a comfort to them that so many people who knew him well, loved him so much, mourn their loss and are praying for them at this sad time.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I again thank Mr. Roe and Congresswoman Christensen for the opportunity to say just a few things about our dear friend who will be sadly missed and long remembered. His legacy lives on in the Congress of the United States.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. I would now like to yield time to the distinguished gentleman from Maryland, Mr. Steny Hoyer.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

This is a sad day for America. It's a sad day for the Congress. It's a sad day for our African American brothers and sisters who have lost a real leader and an extraordinary friend.

I first met DONALD PAYNE when I was in my mid-twenties. He was active in the Young Democrats in New Jersey, and I was active in the Young Democrats in Maryland, and that's how we first met. DON was about 6 years older than I am. When you're in your middle twenties, somebody in their thirties is really old. But we all saw him as a very serious individual, serious about his activities, serious about his objectives, serious about the people.

He had an extraordinarily productive career. As the leader has mentioned and as I know other speakers before me have mentioned, he was a teacher. He was a teacher in the tradition of Frederick Douglass. Frederick Douglass, a fellow

Marylander, said that it is easier to build strong children than it is to repair broken men. DONALD PAYNE was focused on that concept as a teacher.

Then throughout his life, he was focused on making sure that America kept the faith with people around the world; that its values, that its hopes, its visions for ourselves were also our hopes and visions for others.

DONALD PAYNE, before he came to the Congress, I think had traveled to more countries than perhaps any other Member of Congress. He cared about people, and particularly people who lived in Africa. I think there was no Member who knew Africa better than DONALD PAYNE, no Member who risked more for the welfare of those who lived on that continent.

My first trip as majority leader was to Sudan and to Darfur. I made that my first trip because, at that point in time, it was one of the most troubled—and still remains—lands in our globe. DONALD PAYNE, unfortunately, could not go on that trip. He had another thing to do.

But we had a briefing before we went, and DONALD PAYNE was there. It was clear from those who briefed us that DONALD PAYNE was obviously the person they looked to for knowledge and insight into how we could get from where we were then to the plebiscite, to what is now the independent South Sudan, and hopefully it will remain so, notwithstanding the violence of Sudan itself.

DONALD PAYNE was an extraordinarily conscientious Member of this body, but more than that, he was a man who cared about his fellow man and fellow woman. DONALD PAYNE was a serious Member of this body.

That does not mean he was always serious. He had a sense of humor. He was a wonderful, engaging person, but he was serious about what he did, and it reflected how deeply he cared about those whom he served and about his country.

We could all speak for Special Order after Special Order after Special Order and still not reach the magnitude of praise and thanks that he deserves. Suffice it to say that this body was a better place for his service. As Reverend Cleaver so eloquently intoned, we were better people for having been his friend and his colleague and his coworker.

I am pleased to join all of you who, like me, knew DONALD PAYNE as a Member of Congress, yes, but as a human being, as an individual, as someone who cared about us, and we cared about him.

I join Leader Pelosi and all of you and our friends on the other side of the aisle, because DON worked across the aisle. DON was not an observer of partisan differences, although he understood they existed. His objective was to work with all for the betterment of all.

So, I'm pleased to have this opportunity to join all of you in thanking God that He gave us DON PAYNE, that He gave him sufficient years to make an extraordinary mark here in this country and around the world.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I would now like to yield time to the dean of the Michigan delegation, Mr. Conyers.

Mr. CONYERS. I thank the gentleman for yielding to me. I also thank Donna Christensen for her leadership in bringing us all together this evening.

This is a wonderful way, when this *Record* is read of this Special Order for DONALD PAYNE, for everyone to know the depth of the love and respect that we all had for this great and gentle human being.

He was a committed public servant and a true champion for social and economic justice at home and around the world. He had a global perspective that helped teach us that all of the 6.4 billion people on Earth are connected and related. So when I was asked to campaign for his first run for Congress that I knew about, which was in 1988, I was pleased to do so. I traveled to Newark and joined with him in that victory. I remember being struck by his deep desire to help people, and I had no idea that he would grow and develop into this leader whom we mourn and praise here today.

Through his work as a member of the House Education and the Workforce Committee and of the Foreign Affairs Committee, he led the fight to address inequities in every realm of existence. He was a great proponent for peace. I must say that I am convinced that he had the spirit and the philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that he lived and demonstrated every single day of his life. He is the one Member of whom I can say I never saw angry, I never saw upset. When I was able to take him away from his African commitments, I took him to Haiti, where he immediately understood the depth of the suffering and the tragedy that required us to go back again and again.

So, DONALD PAYNE, what has been said of you today is only a small token of the contributions that you have made

during your life. You will be missed by your colleagues. You will be mourned by your family. You will be treasured by many people in many places on this globe.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. I will now take the opportunity to yield 2 minutes to the gentlelady from Texas (Ms. Jackson Lee).

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. I want to thank my distinguished friend for your kindness and generosity in yielding the time and to the Speaker. I want to thank Dr. Christensen for starting us on this journey, and I want to thank the Speaker for being educated by these powerful words of my colleagues.

I do want to say that, if you had to give a tribute biblically to DONALD PAYNE, you would certainly quote from Timothy in saying, "I fought the good fight." I am grateful to also say that DONALD PAYNE had a lot of fun in life. Some of us can trace our friendship to years past, to decades past; but I know that, as the world loves DONALD PAYNE, he loved Newark and New Jersey.

I had the good pleasure of joining him and his friends during the last Congressional Black Caucus. We had a variety of receptions to meet our constituents, and there was nothing but love in that room. I had, I would call it, the humble privilege to visit him at Georgetown Hospital, where his brother and sister were in the room as well as his chief of staff LaVerne Alexander, and to have him smile as some of our colleagues have said. In the course of being in the room, I heard that the former President of South Africa, President Mbeki, was trying to reach him.

There would be a long list of Presidents and former Presidents and others of great renown trying to reach him; but you cannot in any way doubt the fact that in his acceptance and acknowledgment by all of those iconic figures, President Mandela as well, that he as a progressive stood along with the family members he loved, whether it was his son, who was a council member, and his other children, or Bill Payne, and epitomized the struggles of a generation of African Americans in Newark and New Jersey in the 1950s and 1960s, and he was on the front lines of fighting for equal rights out of the North Ward.

Oh, leave it only to DONALD PAYNE to talk about New Jersey politics, and he loved it. He had an iconic presence, but he also had a leadership, boss-man presence—and I say that lovingly—because if you needed something in that area, as

my good friends, Brothers Pallone and Pascrell out of that area, knew, no matter who you were in his district who needed something, you could get a hold of DON PAYNE. He loved the richness of his district and its diversity, but you can be sure that he was fighting for the poor and dispossessed.

Maybe that's what brought him to his affinity and kinship for Africa. One of my predecessors, Mickey Leland, whom DON PAYNE knew, we always said died on the side of an Ethiopian mountain while trying to feed those who could not feed themselves.

DON PAYNE was everywhere, from Ethiopia, to Sudan, to South Africa, to Angola, to the Congo, to Ghana, to Liberia. He was in all of those, if you will, conflicts where he wanted to bring about peace. He counseled Presidents—Republicans and Democrats. I remember Bill Clinton's historic trip, and you can be assured that DONALD PAYNE was at the nexus of drawing him to making that historic trip. I believe, in 1998, he counseled George Bush and others, and he counseled President Obama.

I don't know if many of you know that DONALD PAYNE was a longshoreman who worked in many different places; but when reminded of his work as a longshoreman, he said that he loved the port. I heard a Member talk about that, I believe, but he loved the working person.

Let me just conclude, as I salute him for being the progressive who did not forget the poor as well as being one who could speak eloquently with the leaders of international positions around the world, albeit that he was teacher and coach and Newark Municipal Council member and Board of Chosen freeholder, that I remember traveling to Africa on several occasions. In this instance, what I would say, beyond having known that in Somalia he was almost, in essence, taken down, is that many of you will remember the first Kabila, the father of the present President of the Congo, and you will know that that area has always been in conflict and that DONALD PAYNE never shunned going into conflict.

One place we went was Angola, when it was still in conflict. DONALD PAYNE said, "Well, I know we can meet the President in his castle and office and the place where he is, but I'm going up in the bush, and if you all are with me, we're getting on this little one-propeller plane." Not two propellers—it only had one. Congressman PAYNE continued, "and we're going to go up there and meet with the opponent of the President."

We sat with DONALD PAYNE, encouraging this opponent to put down his guns and come and meet with this President, who through DONALD PAYNE had promised peace. I know that man wished that he had answered the call that DONALD PAYNE made. He never left the bush, and he died in that place. I got to see him up close and personal, where no risk of life was too much for him to bring about peace.

As I conclude, let me simply say to the peacemaker, to the intended noble peacemaker, to the man who didn't shun or didn't shy away from a conflict that might have taken his life, to the lover of Newark, to the lover of his family and his children, to the lover of his staff, to the lover of this institution: DON, may you rest in peace. Warrior, leader, hero, God knows that you never stopped working, and you deserve that angel's place in Heaven.

[Ms. Jackson Lee's prepared statement follows.]

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute of the life and service of my dear friend and colleague, Congressman PAYNE. Noted for his quiet gravitas, progressive issues advocacy, and pioneering life story, Congressman PAYNE along with his older brother Bill Payne defined the struggles of a generation of Newark Blacks who in the 1950s and 1960s fought for equal rights out of the North Ward.

By the dawn of the 1970s, the Paynes relocated to the south of Newark, where they built a political base on Bergen Street that served as the launch pad for Mr. PAYNE's historic campaigns for Congress in the 1980s.

DONALD PAYNE was a champion of the poor and dispossessed not only in Newark but in Africa, notably the Sudan, where he took one of this country's most forceful stands against the genocide he witnessed there. Congressman PAYNE was once arrested in Washington, DC, for protesting against the Sudanese Government.

As the chairman of the Subcommittee on Africa of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Congressman PAYNE became a leading advocate for international human rights. "I would be remiss if I did not thank those who are personally responsible for making sure that I know about Africa," said then-President Bill Clinton.

After a 2009 trip to Africa, the Congressman prepared to depart from Mogadishu when his plane sustained small arms gunfire from the ground, according to CNN. The Congressman had earlier that same day discussed the crisis of piracy off the failed state's coast.

DONALD PAYNE grew up in a section of the North Ward known as Doodletown and worked on the docks in his young manhood. “I love this place,” he told longshoremen at a 2008 campaign stop at Port Newark. “I worked down here from 1952 to 1956, on Doremus Avenue, where they used to have about one ship a week, believe me. But we’re so glad to see this port come to where it is today.”

At the beginning of their careers, he and his older brother worked in tandem as they sought greater African American representation within the Newark Democratic Party, with Bill Payne very early gaining a reputation as the aggressive activist and DONALD PAYNE showing skills as a diplomat. Never an obvious self-promoter, DONALD PAYNE as a public person embodied old school qualities of humility and toughness. He seldom sought out a microphone but commanded attention naturally by being a presence in the room.

In the aftermath of the Newark riots, the Payne brothers became the strongest South Ward political brand in the city, using the Bergen Street business district as their most visible base of operations. The Congressman scorned conventional polling, preferring instead to gauge his own popularity by the number of beeps on the horn he heard as he walked along his beloved Bergen Street.

He was a former leader of the Congressional Black Caucus. DONALD PAYNE served as a Newark city councilman and as an Essex freeholder. Congressman PAYNE was someone who knew Presidents and Kings but was more comfortable with the man in the street, that’s just who he was.

America has lost a noble statesman, New Jersey has lost a brilliant and caring Representative and I have lost a remarkable friend and distinguished colleague. A skilled and compassionate politician, DONALD PAYNE represented his constituents well. An ardent supporter of educational opportunity, he worked to ensure college was within reach for everyone.

DONALD worked tirelessly for small business and had a focused passion for Africa. Because of his knowledge and dedication to the issues of human rights and peace—he saved lives all over Africa. He enjoyed the respect of his colleagues; his calm demeanor will be missed. DONALD dedicated his life to helping the less fortunate and expanding and protecting human rights everywhere in a strong and determined way. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. My thoughts and prayers go out to family, friends, and constituents at this sorrowful time. The world has suffered a great loss.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I now yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, first let me say that I join my colleagues in recognizing not only the life and work of DON PAYNE, but I also wanted to add my words of support for what DON meant to me personally as a cochairman of the Caribbean Caucus a number of years ago.

Speaker Hastert asked both DON and me to become engaged in issues that would be considered in our hemisphere as a result of the war on terror. The Speaker recognized that the Caribbean was a gateway not only for terrorism, but also a number of other issues. DON and I accepted that role, had a number of trips down to the Caribbean, and also met with Caribbean leaders here in Washington, DC.

DON was always upbeat, DON was always looking for answers and responses to the needs of our friends in the Caribbean, and really found a way to cut some good friendships with people to where they became better friends of the U.S. Congress and the United States because of his personal involvement in issues and matters.

I enjoyed working with DON. He accepted not only his role and mine, us working together—I as a younger Member, he as a senior Member. He welcomed my ideas and thoughts.

It was difficult for me also as I was walking into the Capitol a few minutes ago to see the beautiful flag that flies outside the U.S. Capitol at half-staff in honor of our colleague DON PAYNE.

So I do want to thank this body for allowing me a chance to express not only my thoughts about DON, but also to recognize him as an outstanding Member of this body.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. May I inquire, Mr. Speaker, how much time we have remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has 26 minutes remaining.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. We have 11 speakers, so I would ask if you would limit your remarks. I want to have an opportunity for everyone who wants to speak to speak.

Now I would yield time to my colleague and one of DON's very dear colleagues from New Jersey (Mr. Pallone).

Mr. PALLONE. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I have a lot of DON PAYNE stories. I wanted to tell one that I think says a lot about the man.

I listened to what Sheila Jackson Lee said before about how he was always humorous and telling jokes, but also about New Jersey politics and how he was so well respected and had the ability to basically tell other Members or indicate to other Members what they should do.

I also listened to Hansen Clarke when he mentioned DON being a gentleman. DON was a gentleman, and people respected him as such in the city of Newark and throughout his district.

There was an occasion after the redistricting when I gained an area—I won't mention the name necessarily—in my new district that was mostly African American, and DON PAYNE was very well known there, and I wasn't known at all.

I actually lived at the Jersey shore. Some of you may know that the people that are down at the Jersey shore, the people from North Jersey and Newark often refer to us with names like "clam digger" and other things to indicate that we're not as sophisticated as the people from Essex County.

I was at a meeting with African American ministers in this new area of my district. And of course the purpose of DON being there was to tell them it was okay; in other words, it was okay that this guy from the shore, the clam digger, so to speak, was now going to represent you because he was okay.

As you know, DON couldn't take an occasion like that without making it into a joke and still getting the point across, but in a very humorous way. So he said to the African American ministers as we assembled:

Well, you know, this guy Frank Pallone is now coming up here and he is going to represent you. But he is down at the shore, and most of the time he spends his time talking about crabs and fish and the things at the shore. You know, I don't know if he can relate to this urban area now that he is going to represent where you all know me, but I'm going to tell you a story. You'll often see Congressman Pallone in pictures at the shore picking up the crabs, and he picks up the crabs and he talks about how the crab had been injured, and it was important to help the crab, and the crab needed some help and needed to be fixed, needed some health care so it can become a whole crab again and lead a good life.

Of course everybody was laughing at this point, figuring out what this is all about. It was his way of getting across in a humorous way that it was okay to have Frank Pallone represent you, that he was going to relate to you. He could relate to a crab, so he could obviously relate to you.

I don't know if I'm saying this properly, but this is how DON was. He was just able to use humor to get a point across, a very serious point in a very effective way.

I will miss him so much because he made me laugh so many times when situations were serious, and there didn't seem to be much humor, but he always did it in a way that made me understand how important it was to be here as a Member of Congress. He really understood how important our jobs were and how they could make a difference in people's lives.

Thank you.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Now I would like to yield to a gentleman also from New Jersey, one of Mr. PAYNE's very close colleagues, Mr. Rothman.

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. I thank the gentleman for the time.

Madam Speaker, today Newark, the State of New Jersey, and the United States of America lost a hero, and the world lost, especially those that needed help, those who were being persecuted, they lost a champion.

DON PAYNE's family, they've lost their patriarch, the strong, gentle, warm, beautiful, handsome hero who held them together all these many years.

Like so many others, but in a very special way, I lost, we lost a dear friend. I loved DONALD PAYNE. I know he loved me. We spent many times together as dear friends, buddies, laughing and joking, but also many great times speaking about the very serious issues confronting our State, his district, my district, the country, and the world.

DONALD PAYNE led an extraordinary life. A young, African American man from very humble beginnings did not have it easy growing up in America and didn't have it easy acquiring political power that enabled him to help everyone, whether it was in Newark or Essex County or New Jersey, the United States, or in the world.

History will record that this young man from Newark, DONALD PAYNE, literally saved tens of thousands of lives—he did—all over the world—in America, in Africa, and in Northern Ireland. He was known throughout the world as a champion of the downtrodden, those in need, and a champion of human rights.

He was a longshoreman; he was a teacher; he was a waiter. He was an elected official from New Jersey who made us

all so proud, but he was a citizen of the world. He was a leader in this world.

He leaves behind a legacy, not only as a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, family man, but also as a dear, loving friend. Beneath that strong, serious statesman's demeanor was a warm, charming, funny, irreverent, smart, and great friend. I will miss him very much.

God bless you, DON PAYNE, my friend. God bless you, Congressman DONALD PAYNE, you iconic figure for America and the world. We will miss you dearly, but we will never forget you.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I now yield to the distinguished gentleman from Illinois (Mr. Rush).

Mr. RUSH. I want to thank the gentleman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, in the Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, these words are recorded:

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose, and to everything under the sun, a time to be mourned and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted.

Madam Speaker, today a giant oak tree has fallen. There's a gaping hole in the forest. DON PAYNE has moved from an earthly life into an eternal heavenly life. A time, a purpose, a season.

DON PAYNE did not take his time, his season, nor his purpose for granted. Every moment, every season, the purpose for which he was created meant something to him and he gave his life. He spent his life working on his time, his season, and his purpose.

Last Thursday, DON, through his chief of staff, asked me to come to the hospital; and we talked for awhile and he whispered some words to me, some directions for me, some orders from his hospital bed. But what stands out to me on that occasion last Thursday was his last words spoken to me. We were in the middle of votes, and he said: "Make those votes. Don't miss those votes."

Here, a man who knew he was spending his last hours on this Earth, he knew that his life was coming to an end. He had told me some weeks before that he had colon cancer and he didn't know what was going to happen, but his last words to me were not "Woe is me," but he was thinking about public service. He was thinking about this House. He was thinking about me and the vote that I was to cast. He was thinking about a time and a purpose and a season.

In the Book of Micah, life really becomes quite simple. God asked the Prophet Micah: "What do I require of thee, O man, but to love mercy and do justice and walk humbly before your God."

Madam Speaker, I know that DON passed God's requirement. He lived his life with purpose. He was a son of Africa, but he was also a servant of Africa and a servant of the world.

We're all going to miss DON. We all looked to DON being a beacon in terms of public service. I will miss him, and my condolences go out to his entire family and his entire staff.

I might add that just this morning my staff and I went to his office, as others have. We sang a song together, "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross."

DON not only had the cross in mind, but now he sits in his heavenly home in a better place.

God bless you, DON. God bless you.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. I now would like to yield to the distinguished gentlelady from California (Ms. Lee).

Ms. LEE of California. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, it is with a very heavy heart that I rise tonight to honor and commemorate the life of a world leader, but more important, a grandfather, a great-grandfather, a father, a brother, an uncle, a boss, a dedicated family member to so many. I offer my condolences and prayers to DON's family, to his staff. They need our comfort during these very difficult days.

DON was more than a colleague to many of us, myself included. He was a very good friend. We lived near each other in Washington, DC, here, and I had the privilege to drive him home quite often. These were special moments for me which I will always cherish; for it was during these rides that he counseled me. He cracked so many jokes to cheer me up because he always knew what we were going through, and we talked about family, friends, and what was really real in our lives.

DON loved children, and he relished his membership on the Committee on Education and the Workforce. Of course, before coming to Congress, he was the national president of the YMCA and an elementary school teacher. But, yes, DON was also a global leader. I have traveled abroad with DON, and he was greeted as a head of state and a comrade. DON didn't especially like traveling with large congressional delegations. He liked going by himself and with his brother to

the middle of conflicts, sometimes in the bush and in the jungles, to meet with guerrilla leaders and freedom fighters. He helped negotiate truces; and all sides, everywhere in the world, loved and respected him.

Now, for many years, DON was the lone voice in the wilderness calling for a declaration of genocide in Darfur, Sudan. Finally, we all got it. As a result of DON's persistence working with both sides of the aisle to address the atrocities of genocide, his bill passed, this declaration of condemnation of genocide, with bipartisan support.

I was honored to serve on Congressman PAYNE's subcommittee for many years, the Subcommittee on Africa. He was a brilliant and fair chairman, and he helped me shepherd and negotiate many bills and many of my legislative efforts.

Yes, I was blessed to have visited DON on Thursday afternoon. He smiled, we talked, he whispered a few words, and he gave me a thumbs up.

I met DON PAYNE through the mail in 1998 when my predecessor, who I know sends his condolences today, Congressman Ron Dellums, told him I was running for Congress. He sent me a wonderful note then—I didn't even know him—and a contribution. And when I was elected, he came up to me; he hugged me and he became my mentor on so many issues.

In closing, let me just say that I know—and we talked a lot about this, and I've been to church with him—that DON PAYNE was a humble man of tremendous faith. In thinking of DON this evening, I'm reminded of a Scripture taken from 2 Timothy 4:6-8. It says:

As for me, the hour has come for me to be sacrificed; the time is here for me to leave this life. I have done my best in the race, I have run the full distance, and I have kept the faith. And now there is waiting for me the victory prize of being put right with God, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that Day—and not only to me, but to all those who wait with love for Him to appear.

May DON's soul rest in peace.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. I would now like to yield to the distinguished gentleman from Missouri (Mr. Clay).

Mr. CLAY. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, the untimely passing of my good friend and colleague, Congressman DONALD PAYNE, early this morning is a terrible loss for DONALD's family and friends,

the House of Representatives, the people of the 10th Congressional District of New Jersey, and our Nation.

DONALD PAYNE was a tireless advocate for his constituents at the local and municipal level before winning election to the House more than two decades ago. As New Jersey's first and—until his death—only African American Member of Congress, he was the voice of working families from all backgrounds who called the 10th District their home.

I am privileged to have known and worked with DONALD PAYNE. I will always be grateful to him for the warm way he welcomed me into this House and into the Congressional Black Caucus. I know that my father, who worked with DONALD for more than 10 years, joins me in extending our family's sympathies to DONALD's family, friends, colleagues, and constituents. As the people of Newark and across the State of New Jersey mourn the loss of their friend, DONALD PAYNE, the people of St. Louis, all of Missouri, and all across our country mourn with them.

His leadership, friendship, and passion for his work will be missed.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. I now would like to yield to the distinguished gentleman from New Orleans, LA (Mr. Richmond).

Mr. RICHMOND. Thank you for yielding, and thank you, Madam Speaker, for the time.

It was once said that a politician worries about the next election, but a statesman worries about the next generation. DON PAYNE was a statesman.

To the Payne family, I offer my sincere condolences and prayers. Thank you for sharing your brother and your father with us. While I do not have as many personal memories as my colleagues of serving with Congressman PAYNE, I stand here as a beneficiary of his work over his 77 years. I can honestly say but not for DONALD PAYNE, I probably wouldn't be here.

I, along with others of my generation and the generations after me, not only in America but all across the world, stand on the shoulders of Congressman PAYNE. So I have the honor and the pleasure of serving with him, but I also have the obligation on behalf of those generations to say thank you to Congressman PAYNE for making this world a better place for us.

If we can remember anything with his passing, we can rest assured that DONALD PAYNE did what he was purposed to

accomplish in his lifetime. So I can say right now without a doubt that DONALD PAYNE earned the right to say exactly what Paul said to Timothy, and that is, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have kept the faith."

So, Madam Speaker, this body, this country, and the entire world lost a true gentleman in DONALD PAYNE, and we lost a quintessential statesman.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I would yield now to my colleague and friend from Memphis, a fellow Tennessean, Mr. Cohen.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Roe. I appreciate the time.

Everything has been said justly about Congressman PAYNE, and by such wonderful gentlemen and gentleladies who pay tribute to the man. I had the opportunity to meet him early in my entry into the Congress, and he made me feel at home from day one. He was, indeed, a gentleman, quiet but with a marvelous record for peace and for justice for the downtrodden people who needed a helping hand.

I had the opportunity through the auspices of CARE and the Gates Foundation to travel with Congressman PAYNE, his brother, and others to Rwanda, to Goma, and to Congo this past August; and I saw how he was beloved among people in Africa where he had traveled on many occasions before. We shared the experience of going to the memorial to the victims of the genocide there, and Congressman PAYNE told me some stories about when he'd been there with President Clinton, and President Clinton had gone back and expressed his regrets of not having done more earlier to prevent the genocide, but was strong in supporting the Nation of Rwanda and the people getting their country back together.

DONALD PAYNE had a progressive record. He was respected and loved by all. I was fortunate that my life intersected with his for he made me feel at home. As so many other members of the Congressional Black Caucus have done, he made it known that it wasn't necessary to be a member of the Congressional Black Caucus to be with the Congressional Black Caucus. I value my time with him.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. Buerkle). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the Chair

now recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Ms. Lee) for 30 minutes.

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I'd like to yield now to the gentleman from South Carolina, our assistant leader, Congressman Jim Clyburn.

Mr. CLYBURN. I thank the gentlelady for yielding me the time.

Madam Speaker, I often quote the poet Robert Frost, who once admonished us that two roads diverged in the wood, and I picked the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference. I would not quarrel with Mr. Frost, but I would believe that it's the people that you meet as you travel the roads of life that really make the difference with all of us.

Several years before I came to this body I met DONALD PAYNE. I was a bit in awe of him because he struck out to attain a seat here, and in that race, right after I met him, things did not go as he had hoped—as many of us had hoped. But DON did not lose faith. He gathered himself, and he tried again. And of course, upon his success, all of us know what a successful Congressman he made.

I traveled with DON often. We went to Africa together. Traveling with him on the continent of Africa, going in and out of country after country, sitting with him as he called heads of state by their names, and seeing the respect that all of them had for him was just a joy to behold.

I learned a lot from DONALD PAYNE. I always, whenever I could, wanted to be around him. Just this past December, in my congressional district, DONALD came to Charleston to help me participate in a congressional panel, talking about sustaining good, healthy communities. DON, that particular day, was sort of the star, as he usually was. I had no idea at that time that we would be in this place today.

I think I can say without any threat of contradiction that if anybody has left his or her mark of service in this body, it was DONALD PAYNE. His record will never, in my estimation, be equaled. To know two continents as well as he did is something few people in this body will ever get to attain.

I want to join with my colleagues in wishing his family—his brother, Bill, who I got to know so well; his son, Donald, Jr.; and other family members—as much sympathy as I can muster. I hope that they will achieve real solace in the fact that their brother, their dad, their uncle gave so much and demanded so little in return.

Ms. LEE of California. I would now like to yield to the gentleman from Illinois, Representative Danny Davis.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. I thank the lady for yielding.

We've heard a great deal about Representative PAYNE this evening. Some of the fondest memories that I have of DONALD was talking. He was a philosopher and a poet. All of the things that people have said that he did, he has done. The last conversation we had was sort of a philosophical conversation. I believe that Tennyson framed DONALD PAYNE long before he was born, and he wrote this poem that said:

Sunset and evening star
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.
Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;
For though from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

DONALD crossed, but he left a great deal behind.

Ms. LEE of California. I would now like to yield to the gentlewoman from New York, Congresswoman Yvette Clarke.

Ms. CLARKE of New York. I thank my colleague, Barbara Lee.

Madam Speaker, today I am here to pay tribute to a quintessential public servant, a person who tirelessly fought on behalf of his constituents of the 10th Congressional District of New Jersey, and for all Americans of all backgrounds across this Nation. Today I pay tribute and celebrate the life of our beloved colleague, Congressman DONALD PAYNE.

DONALD made history as the first African American in New Jersey to be elected to Congress. He served as the former chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus and was recent chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, where I really saw him go to work on behalf of the people across this Nation.

Along with many others, I consider Representative PAYNE not just an accomplished colleague, but a role model and a

dear friend. He was a relentless and iconic advocate for the continent of Africa, the African diaspora, as well as the Caribbean region. He spoke out boldly against genocide in Darfur and Rwanda, and fought alongside the Congressional Black Caucus to help Haiti recover from the devastating earthquake that struck the nation in 2010.

Congressman PAYNE was a representative of Newark, but his leadership was global. We are grateful for his world view. We will never forget his passion, zeal, and commitment to improve U.S. diplomatic relations around the world.

I count myself fortunate to have established a real bond with Congressman PAYNE. He shared with me his quick wit, and we shared a lot of laughs together. We often joked about who was tougher, Newark or Brooklyn. He was also very skilled on the dance floor. I had an opportunity to travel with Mr. PAYNE.

I extend my condolences to his son, Councilman Donald Payne, Jr.; to his very devoted brother; his daughters Nicole and Wanda; his grandchildren; great-grandchild; his close friends; his devoted staff; and the people of the 10th Congressional District of New Jersey.

Know that he has left us a great legacy, building blocks, if you will, for future generations of leaders. We will continue to celebrate the contributions of this great statesman. The stars in the heavens will twinkle just a bit brighter as Congressman DONALD PAYNE makes his transition to be with our Creator in heaven.

Thank you, Congressman, for all your commitment and sacrifice for the betterment of our global community.

Ms. LEE of California. I would now like to yield to the gentleman from North Carolina, Congressman Price.

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, it was with great sadness that I learned of the passing of my good friend and colleague, DONALD PAYNE. Few Members who've served in this institution have left a greater impression on their constituents, their colleagues, and their country's domestic and foreign policy than DON PAYNE.

From the moment DON set foot in Congress, he was a powerful advocate for the needs and interests of his central New Jersey community and of working Americans across our country. Bringing to bear his impressive and diverse record as a public school teacher, president of the National Council of YMCAs, and an elected official in Newark, DON quickly became one of the most forceful and effective advocates for

public education in the Congress, playing a key role as a member of the Education and Labor Committee on virtually every major educational reform enacted over the last two decades. As the first African American elected to Congress from New Jersey, DON was an equally forceful advocate for the continued struggle for civil rights, eventually becoming chair of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Now, these accomplishments in education and civil rights would qualify as a successful career for any Member, but DON didn't stop there. Driven by his early fascination with Africa and his adventuresome travels there, DON recognized that the struggle for civil rights and human dignity knew no borders, rising to become one of the most effective chairmen of the Foreign Affairs Africa and Global Health Subcommittee that we have ever had in this institution.

Our Nation's expanded focus on AIDS, malaria, and other pandemic diseases over the past decade would simply not have occurred without DON's visionary leadership and moral courage. It was fitting that USAID announced the launch of a Donald Payne Fellowship Program last week, designed to help young people enter careers in international service.

I was fortunate to benefit from DON's knowledge and advocacy personally as he became a founding member of the bipartisan House Democracy Partnership, which I cochair with my California colleague, Representative David Dreier.

DON's counsel and guidance and encouragement were invaluable as the House Democracy Partnership initiated partnerships with legislatures in Africa and conducted outreach in countries affected by the Arab Spring. Our frequent travels together in the region forged a deep and lasting friendship. He probably knew more about the ins and outs of African politics than all the other Members of this institution combined. He had strong and well-informed views about what our country's policies should be, and he was ready to articulate those views persuasively, no matter who the President was or which party was in charge.

He also insisted on investigating situations on the ground for himself, which led to quite a few one-man codels and some anxious moments for those who wanted to prepackage congressional visits or maintain airtight security. It was fascinating to talk to him about his diplomatic forays, which offered a combination of high adventure and a remarkable, inspiring dedication to the freedom and dignity of the people of Africa.

Congress has lost a true statesman, a dedicated humanitarian, and a loyal public servant. We mourn his passing, and we will miss DON PAYNE's counsel and friendship.

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I would like to yield now to the gentlelady from Florida, Congresswoman Brown.

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Often I say, "God is good," and the audience says, "All the time." But God has been good for giving us the life of DONALD PAYNE.

You know, when you're born, you get a birth certificate, and when you die, you get a death certificate, and that dash in between is what you have done to make this world a better place, and DON PAYNE has done his work.

When I think of what Paul said, "You have fought a good fight," and he has. And you've finished the course, but there is still work for us to do.

We talk about DONALD PAYNE, and all of his work in Africa, and I don't know anyone that knew the continent or the people more than DONALD PAYNE.

I want to mention that my first trip as a Member of Congress was with Congressman PAYNE, and we went to Ireland and we went to other countries. He was an international leader.

I want to thank his family and the constituents that sent him here. You know that you sent someone here that loved. He loved the Lord, but more than that, he was what we want our public servants to be: someone that actually believes in serving the public.

So DONALD's work speaks for itself, and we are so grateful that we've had the opportunity to serve with him.

[Ms. Brown's prepared statement follows.]

My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and staff. And in fact, I participate in a weekly prayer call, and I have asked all of the parishioners and participants to pray for him and his family, and all of the constituents who cared about him in the State of New Jersey.

Beyond a doubt, our Nation will mourn the loss of such a dedicated Member of Congress, who lived his life as a true symbol of an ideal public servant.

I feel privileged to have been able to work with Congressman PAYNE on a number of issues throughout the years. For me personally, within the Congressional Black Caucus, and for the Congress, he was a leader on all issues relating to the continent of Africa. He knew all of the leaders, and knew ex-

traordinarily well the various countries' histories and domestic politics, and worked tirelessly throughout his tenure to resolve numerous deep-seated conflicts on the continent, while leading many congressional delegations to war-torn areas. Indeed, Congressman PAYNE always spoke out on behalf of people who struggled in many of the most difficult nations around the world: from Rwanda to Sudan and Haiti, to the peace process in Northern Ireland.

Congressman PAYNE will be deeply missed here in Washington. I will always remember his soft-spoken manner, will power, drive, intelligence, and energy. As the first African American to serve in the House of Representatives from the State of New Jersey, I am certain that he will serve as an inspiration for others to follow in his footsteps.

Ms. LEE of California. I would now like to yield to the gentlelady from the Virgin Islands, Congresswoman Donna Christensen.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Thank you, Congresswoman Lee. And thank you, everyone who's come out to pay tribute to DONALD PAYNE this evening; and thank you, Father Conroy, for being here with us.

I recently had the opportunity to introduce DONALD at an annual gala of the Mountainside Marketing Group, where he was being honored with the 2011 Congressional Minority Business Award, and it was really an honor to do that.

I talked then about his commitment to Africa and how I always told DONALD I would never travel with him. You see, he was as comfortable, as you've heard, meeting rebels in the jungle as he was meeting Presidents and chiefs. State Department warnings meant nothing to him. You heard about his plane being shot at in Mogadishu, and he also did some jail time here at home for protests on behalf of the justice here and abroad.

Because of the high respect in which he was held by everyone on all sides, he was able to bring peace to warring factions, to broker truces, and to ease the pathway to democracy for many. His legacy as a peacemaker was not limited to Africa. He's considered an honorary son of Ireland for his contributions there.

I talked that evening about his commitment to children. As a teacher, he used his senior position on Education and Labor to ensure that educational opportunities are available for all children, but especially poor and minority children. He worked hard to close the achievement gap, and was also a

key player in legislation to reduce interest rates on college loans and to increase Pell grants.

I was able to tell those gathered how working families had no stronger supporter of labor and worker protections than DONALD PAYNE.

Last year the Health Braintrust and all of our partners honored DONALD with the Congressional Leadership Award.

I had the honor also of traveling to Newark every other year to the Donald Payne health summits and health fairs. He was just as determined that the people in his district have access to quality health care as he was committed to their education and economic opportunity. It was always an event that was looked forward to and attended by thousands who were then connected to the health care system, some for the very first time.

But his commitment to health extended beyond his district to our entire country, to Africa and the Caribbean. He made sure that global health was added to the responsibility of the Subcommittee on Africa, which he chaired.

He led the effort to increase PEPFAR funding more than threefold. When President Bush signaled his willingness to go from \$15 billion to \$30 billion over 5 years, DONALD took that as an opening to push for even more and, with Barbara Lee and others, parlayed that to \$48 billion. He also led in ensuring that, for the first time, all the countries in the Caribbean would be included.

So it's no surprise that condolences are pouring in from all over the world, and I want to submit one from Dr. Claire Nelson on behalf of the Institute of Caribbean Studies.

There were only a few of us that knew that DONALD was diagnosed with cancer and was undergoing treatment. He was truly amazing. I thought he was even more feisty after his diagnosis than before. He would add his humorous commentary even more often at our meetings. He teased many of us mercilessly.

He led the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation with boundless energy which, of course, all of us on the board and the staff had to try to keep up with.

His most recent boat ride, of which he takes pictures with everyone who comes, was lots of fun as always; and he thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it, as all of us did.

His work in this body, of course, never faltered, and I think he would have been a more formidable adversary or advocate, as the case might have been.

But above all, DONALD was a dear friend.

In the end, he succumbed to the cancer, but up until the very last, he lived his life to the fullest. The people of the U.S. Virgin Islands, and he visited us several times, my family and staff join me in extending our heartfelt sympathy to his family: his children Donald, Jr., Wanda, and Nicole; his four grandchildren and his great-grandchild; his brother Bill, and sister Kathryn; LaVerne Alexander, and all of his staff, past and present, here and in the district; and the people of the 10th District of New Jersey.

DONALD was not only a respected member of the Congressional Black Caucus, which he chaired. He was loved by all of us. We will miss him terribly, but we will remember him with such great affection and consider ourselves blessed to have known him, to have served with him, and to have him call us his friend.

So long, DONALD. Rest in peace. Until we meet again.

March 6, 2012

DEAR FRIENDS:

“Every once in a while a GIANT walks the earth.”

Over the past several years, I was privileged to have worked with Congressman PAYNE who was tireless in his support for the Caribbean, as well as Africa. I remember well the first time I moderated a task force at the CBC Annual Legislative Caucus, that he was cochair of. He was so gracious, with my anxiety about following the appropriate protocol. As chair of the Bipartisan Caribbean Caucus, he led the way for us to have our voice heard and helped us to understand how we as Caribbean Americans may better impact the Congress he loved and served so well.

On behalf of the Caribbean American community, ICS will offer condolences to his family and friends as the arrangements become known to us, by way of our advisors who were his personal friends.

In the meantime, I offer my prayers of thanksgiving for his life and legacy and my prayers of comfort to those he loved best. May he rest in peace.

DR. CLAIRE NELSON,

President of the Institute of Caribbean Studies.

Ms. LEE of California. I would like to yield now to the gentleman from Indiana, Congressman André Carson.

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, from my first days in Congress, I always considered DONALD PAYNE to be a mentor and a friend. He took me and others under his wing and showed us what it truly means to be a Member of Congress, not just a politician. He showed me, like he showed so many of us in this Chamber, how much more we accomplish through humility and cooperation than through bravado and partisanship.

He was brilliant, and he put thought into every word he said; and because of that, Madam Speaker, his words carried weight on both sides of the aisle and in both Chambers.

Most recently, I was privileged to serve under his leadership on the board of the Congressional Black Caucus, and I was able to see up close how he brought together the diverse personalities and opinions of the caucus in order to achieve a greater purpose.

Congressman PAYNE made our caucus strong and united; and while we attempt to fill the gap he leaves behind, I know we will never have another leader like DONALD PAYNE.

Madam Speaker, learning to serve in the House is truly an honor, but it also comes with many challenges. As a young Member, I am continuing to grow and find my place among my distinguished colleagues; but I feel just a little more confident because I had a role model in DONALD PAYNE.

As long as I am given the privilege to serve in this great House, I look forward to carrying that legacy, the one that he started—to fight for the underprivileged, to bring attention to the critical issues that don't make the front page, Madam Speaker.

I want to extend my deepest sympathies to his family and staff, and they know like I do how great a Member and how great a man he was.

I'm reminded of a passage of a conversation that Jesus had with his disciples in the Book of Matthew, and they were dealing with this notion of leadership; and Jesus said very succinctly and very clearly and very wisely, and prophetically to them: "He who wishes to be chief among you shall first be your servant."

Let us remember and honor DONALD PAYNE, a true public servant.

Ms. LEE of California. I would like to yield to the gentleman from Oregon, Congressman Blumenauer.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Today we mourn the loss of a colleague and friend. Newark lost its champion. Africa lost its informal ambassador, as DONALD PAYNE exercised tremendous leadership and influence as a senior member and chair of the Subcommittee on Africa.

With the passing of DONALD PAYNE, I think it's important to note one other loss, because for millions of people around the world who never knew DON PAYNE, they lost a hero. DON knew that almost 1 billion of the world's poorest people lacked access to clean drinking water, that almost 3 times that number lacked access to sanitation resulting in the death every 15 seconds of a child needlessly to waterborne disease.

One of the great privileges of my career in the House was working with DON PAYNE on the Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act. DON PAYNE was a quiet Member of Congress, but he knew what was important. He was clear in expressing those needs, expressing what needed to be done; and his leadership, his work behind the scenes, as well as on the front lines, made it possible for the first time in our history for the United States to have a cohesive policy toward meeting the unmet needs of water and sanitation for these poor people, to set a very clear objective that within the next 4 years we would cut in half the number of people who lack access to this fundamental.

Because of the leadership of Congressman DONALD PAYNE, literally millions of lives have been touched, improved, indeed, saved.

We thank you, Congressman PAYNE, for your leadership and influence that extended far beyond your district in New Jersey, and we thank his family and constituents for sharing him with us and sending him back repeatedly so that he could do his important work.

Ms. LEE of California. I would now like to yield to the gentleman from Georgia, Congressman Scott.

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Thank you very much, Ms. Lee.

This is indeed a very sad and, at the same time, a very precious time because we're here to talk about a life.

A life is so precious. DONALD PAYNE was indeed a very special human being. I served with DONALD PAYNE on the Foreign Affairs Committee; and through his work on the Foreign Affairs Committee, I got to know him.

Let me just say to the people of New Jersey, to his family, you've lost a friend, you've lost a husband, a father, a public servant for the Newark area of New Jersey.

I want you to know that DONALD PAYNE's life and his legacy go far beyond there.

There was a friend of mine who said, "I don't want to hang around the shores with the little boats. I want to go way out where the big ships go." DONALD PAYNE went way out where the big ships go. Nowhere was his impact more meaningful than in the continent of Africa. It was Africa that just pulled his heart, pulled his whole being. DONALD PAYNE became the champion and the foremost advocate for the people of Africa in the Congress of the United States.

What courage.

I remember the time I was over in Africa going to the Congo, going to the real heart of the matter, going into Kenya, and going into Somalia and into Yemen. There was DONALD PAYNE with the courage at a very difficult time, at a challenging time when al-Shabab was in control of the situation in Somalia. You hear on the news that there is a Congressman who's in harm's way trying to get on an airplane to get out of Somalia at a very hot moment. He was there in the toughest, meanest, most difficult part of Africa bringing some reason.

So all over this world, we can all say that we thank God for sending DONALD PAYNE our way.

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, how much time do I have remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, may we request an additional 10 minutes?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair cannot entertain that request.

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I am here this evening to thank God for the life of DONALD PAYNE—to thank God for a man who was focused, for a man who was a trailblazer, for a man who when he came to Congress knew what he wanted to do. People sometimes do not know what their purposes are in life. Sometimes folks get here, and they wander all of their lives to find that purpose. DONALD PAYNE knew what his purpose was. He fought and was determined to get to this House of Representatives so that he could make a difference in so many lives.

Once he came here, he never changed his focus, and he never changed his purpose. He knew that he wanted to deal on the international scale. He knew he wanted to take care of the people of Newark, and he knew he was focused on education. So when he had the opportunity to go on the powerful Appropriations Committee, he was so focused on what his mission was that he said “no” to Appropriations and stayed on Foreign Affairs and stayed on Education because that is what he wanted to do.

He paved the way for someone like me so that, when I came to Congress, I looked to him. It wasn't popular to be on Foreign Affairs when DONALD came. DONALD did what he knew his purpose was.

So I want to just say, thank you, DONALD PAYNE. Thank you for your work and for your mission and for paving the way for someone like me so that I now don't have to have a machete to cut away the grass. You've done it for us.

Thank you, staff. Thank you, family.

Thank You, God, for sending us DONALD PAYNE. I can see You now just saying to him, "Well done. Job well done, my good and faithful son."

Ms. McCOLLUM. Someone was saying today that you remember your first and your last time.

The first time I met DONALD PAYNE was in my first term on the Education and the Workforce Committee. We were talking about the inequities in college funding for minorities, and they were talking about the Hispanic higher education institutions and about Historical Black Colleges.

I spoke up, and I said, "What about the tribal colleges?"

Mr. PAYNE said, "We will never forget the tribal colleges again when we list off all of our colleges that serve our minority youth."

And he never did, so I thank him for that.

The last time—and it's fitting that Congresswoman Woolsey is on the floor with me—was at the State of the Union Address. Usually, DONALD sat on this side. Lynn and I had the privilege of keeping him warm that night. So, with that, here are my remarks.

Today, the U.S. House of Representatives and the American people lost a statesman and a dedicated leader committed to human rights, quality education and social justice at home and around the world. It was my honor to serve with DONALD PAYNE on the Africa Subcommittee, as well as on the Education and the Workforce Committee. I will always remember DONALD as a friend and as a gentleman, a kind soul who spoke with authority and who legislated on behalf of those who were often too voiceless.

My deepest condolences to DONALD's family, to his staff, to his New Jersey constituents, and to people all over the world.

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, all the world is a stage, and all the men and women merely players. Each has his entrance and his exit. One man in this time may play many parts. So it is with DONALD PAYNE.

He was a son, a brother, a husband, a father, a grandfather, a great-grandfather, a teacher, a coach, a mentor, a leader. He led the CBC. He led the Congressional Black Cau-

cus Foundation, and he was a friend. He was an extraordinary legislator. He represented the people of Newark, NJ, very well.

One thing that I learned about DONALD from personal conversations was that he was truly a family man, that he loved his family. He spoke with love about the sacrifices that he made upon the untimely death of his wife, about how he had young children. He determined that he was going to take care of those children himself, not farm them out to other family members. So he sacrificed—he did the PTAs; he did the hair; he did all of the things so that his children would have a good life. It seems that DONALD's early life was difficult, and he was determined that his children would not have the difficulties that he had.

DONALD was a great man. We have lost him. The family has lost a great man. We feel your pain; but the joy we share because we knew him will sustain us. We were blessed to know, love, be a part, and to share the life, as you did, with this great man. He was a friend. We will miss him as you will.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mr. DREIER. Madam Speaker, I am deeply saddened by the loss of my dear friend and esteemed colleague, DON PAYNE. I was privileged to serve with DON for more than two decades. I always had enormous respect for his passion, dedication, and encyclopedic knowledge of a range of foreign policy issues, particularly the 54 nations of Africa. He was one of the founding members of the House Democracy Partnership, a commission that benefited tremendously from his expertise and commitment.

In November, DON and I had the opportunity to travel together throughout Eastern and Central Europe to commemorate the post-Soviet transition to democracy of several nations. He endured with good spirits a number of speeches honoring Ronald Reagan, never failing to remind me that John F. Kennedy was the world's leading champion of democracy long before Reagan's Presidency. We continued on to Egypt, where DON and I served as international witnesses in the first round of parliamentary elections. His enthusiasm and energy never flagged as he spent 2 long days traveling from poll to poll in Egypt's first true election in 7,000 years.

As DON always exemplified, our endeavor to protect human rights, promote the rule of law, create economic prosperity and eradicate violent extremism through the building of democratic institutions is a thoroughly bipartisan one. He

will be greatly missed by all who were privileged to know him.

Mr. HINOJOSA. Madam Speaker, I rise with great sadness to pay tribute to and honor the life of Representative DONALD PAYNE, an esteemed colleague and devoted public servant.

Committed to social and economic justice, Representative DONALD PAYNE spent his life helping the most vulnerable in America and abroad.

During my tenure in Congress, I had the pleasure of serving with Congressman DONALD PAYNE on the Education and the Workforce Committee. As a former public school teacher, Congressman PAYNE understood the needs of students, parents, teachers, and educators and the value of a good education.

As a senior member of the Education and Workforce Committee, Representative PAYNE worked tirelessly to expand educational opportunity for disadvantaged children and youth, and to ensure that all children had access to a quality education.

Congressman DONALD PAYNE was a true champion for American workers and the middle class, always fighting to ensure that workers had safe working conditions and family-sustaining wages. In the area of Foreign Affairs, Congressman PAYNE was known around the globe for his outstanding leadership in promoting peace and democracy in Africa.

Representative DONALD PAYNE will be greatly missed in this Chamber. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family, his staff, and the people of New Jersey.

Mr. LOBIONDO. Madam Speaker, I extend my deepest sympathy to the family of Congressman DONALD PAYNE, who served New Jersey with distinction and honor for more than two decades. His leadership was welcomed and respected at home and in the Congress. His passion for civil rights and stewardship of the Congressional Black Caucus will always be remembered. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Payne family and the residents of the 10th District who lost a champion of their interests.

Ms. FUDGE. Madam Speaker, on March 6, 2012, Congressman DONALD PAYNE of New Jersey passed away due to complications from colon cancer. Today, along with my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives, I pay tribute to the memory of Congressman PAYNE. While today marks

the end of his work on Earth, the results of his labor will live on for many years to come.

In 1988, DONALD PAYNE became New Jersey's first African American to be elected to the U.S. Congress. As a public school teacher, the first African American president of the National YMCA, and most recently as a Member of Congress for over two decades, DONALD was a tireless advocate for children, working families, and senior citizens. He was a leader and a role model, who dedicated his life to, among other things, closing the achievement gap, providing equitable funding for public schools, and making health care more affordable. In the 112th Congress, he was a senior member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. He was a key player in the passage of the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, which cuts interest rates on Stafford loans in half, increases Pell grants and provides loan forgiveness to public service employees with student loan debt. DONALD was also a senior member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, most recently serving as the highest ranked Democrat on the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights.

DONALD will always be remembered as a champion for human rights and a strong advocate for humanitarian aid for developing countries, especially African countries. Beyond his work in Africa, he traveled throughout the world serving as a voice on issues impacting the social conditions of the global community. He was a former chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus and, most recently, served as chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. The absence of his passion, leadership, and compassion will not go unnoticed. He will be greatly missed.

I was blessed to count DONALD as a colleague, and as a dear friend and mentor. I will always treasure his support and guidance during the past few years. My heartfelt prayers are with his family, staff, and constituents. May the thoughts and prayers of many give solace to his family and friends during this trying time.

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I cannot fully express my sadness over the death of my dearest friend and Congressional Black Caucus colleague Congressman DONALD PAYNE. Today his constituents in New Jersey's 10th Congressional District, our colleague in Congress, people across America and around the globe mourn the loss of a great man, leader, and humanitarian. DONALD was a champion of the lesser

among us. He saw wrong and fought tirelessly to make it right.

DONALD sought to give every child a quality education and a fair chance at success no matter where they came from. For over 23 years in Congress, as former chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, and member of the House Committee on Education, he advocated for low-income students across our Nation. Moreover, as a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, DONALD worked passionately to restore democracy and human rights in Africa and throughout the world. DONALD and I shared a vision in giving Americans from all walks of life the opportunity to serve and represent our Nation abroad. His most recent accomplishment before he passed was the creation of USAID's Donald Payne Development Fellowship Program. Thanks to DONALD's efforts young Americans will have the opportunity to continue DONALD's legacy of promoting peace and compassion to the rest of world.

I will deeply miss my brother, DONALD PAYNE, whose kindness and commitment to humanity will forever be remembered. My deepest condolences go out to his family and loved ones.

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I come to the House floor today to pay tribute to our beloved colleague, dear friend, and one of our Nation's preeminent humanitarian icons—the late Congressman DONALD PAYNE.

I first met Congressman PAYNE nearly two decades ago and I will always remember him as a kind, welcoming, and intellectually gifted individual.

In serving in this distinguished body with Congressman PAYNE over the past few decades, I had the pleasure of seeing him excel in multiple roles and often under challenging circumstances.

As a former chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus and more recently chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, I observed first hand his relentless and passionate advocacy on improving the standards of living for disadvantaged and disenfranchised communities of color all around the world.

Anyone who knew DONALD PAYNE well, knows that one of his biggest priorities was doing all he could to improve the educational standing of our Nation's students and young scholars. As a former teacher, he understood better than most in this body, the insurmountable tasks that our edu-

cators have in simultaneously instructing and mentoring our future leaders.

He used his senior position on the U.S. House of Representatives Education and the Workforce Committee to aggressively advocate on behalf of America's children. He remained engaged in exploring ways that we could close our Nation's educational achievement gap; provide equitable funding for public schools; and make college more affordable.

As the ranking member of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, he worked extensively to protect human rights and provide vital humanitarian assistance to developing countries throughout the African continent.

Madam Speaker, today the world has lost an uplifting and inspiring public figure and a remarkable human being. Those of us who were fortunate and blessed to have known and worked with DONALD PAYNE have lost a nurturing mentor and widely admired colleague.

Congressman PAYNE once said, "There is a lot of dignity in being able to achieve things without having to create rapture." This quote speaks not only to the symbolism of DONALD's civil nature but to the substance of his lifelong mission of accomplishing good deeds through consensus rather than conflict.

Madam Speaker, I would ask that all my colleagues take time out of their schedules today to pay tribute to DONALD PAYNE for all that he did and all the good things that his legacy will continue to inspire us to do.

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Congressman DONALD PAYNE.

Today, we lost a dear colleague and friend in the House of Representatives, and the American people lost a dedicated leader. I am honored to have served with Congressman PAYNE, and am deeply saddened by his passing.

DONALD spent his life fighting for those less fortunate, and was a committed advocate for education, civil rights, and social justice—both at home and abroad. He was a humanitarian in the truest sense of the word, and his passion was both inspiring and contagious. As the first, and only, African American from New Jersey elected to Congress, DONALD was a trailblazer. His achievements are a testament to the hard work, patience, and determination that became the hallmark of DONALD PAYNE's career in public service.

As a senior member of the Education and Workforce Committee, DONALD was a steady and effective representative for

working men and women across America. His efforts on their behalf led to tangible gains in the areas of worker health and safety. DONALD also lent his voice in support of early education, working tirelessly to ensure that every American child receives a first-class education, regardless of financial circumstance.

As a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, DONALD won the admiration and respect of his colleagues for his extensive and unrivaled knowledge of international affairs, especially concerning Africa. His humanitarian efforts to secure international aid for populations ravaged by war and disease are a tribute to his compassion and unwavering resolve to improve the lives of the downtrodden. Madam Speaker, DONALD's legacy and long list of accomplishments will continue to provide a lasting example for my colleagues and me going forward. My sincere condolences go out to DONALD's family, friends, staff, and constituents. He will be missed in this House.

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the passing of our dear colleague, Congressman DONALD PAYNE and honoring his lifetime commitment to service and humanitarian causes.

DON PAYNE and I were classmates in Congress. I was first elected in a special election in August 1988 and DON was first elected in 1988 and took office with the 101st Congress in 1989.

A lifelong resident of Newark, NJ, DON PAYNE was an educator, insurance executive, and president of the National Council of YMCAs, an organization with which he was involved until his passing. His passion for community service took him to elected positions on the Newark City Council and as an Essex County freeholder before being elected as the first African American to represent New Jersey in the U.S. Congress.

As a Member of Congress, DON continued to be a tireless advocate for his constituents in New Jersey but he also built a reputation as a champion of human rights on an international scale. As a leader of the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, DON traveled extensively to bring aid and fight for oppressed people across the globe. DON was very involved in efforts to combat political oppression, ethnic violence, the spread of AIDS and starvation in Africa but he also worked for relief efforts in Haiti and was very supportive of peace negotiations in Northern Ireland.

This past Tuesday, March 6, DON PAYNE lost his battle with cancer; the people of Newark and the world lost a dedicated public servant; and I lost a dear friend and colleague. He will be truly missed.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation for the life and service of Congressman DON PAYNE and to keep him and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to remember the life and mourn the loss of our beloved colleague, the distinguished gentleman from New Jersey, Congressman DONALD M. PAYNE.

For 12 terms, Congressman PAYNE was an effective advocate for the interests of constituents, a trusted expert on international affairs and Africa policy to his colleagues, and a tireless champion for poor, vulnerable, oppressed, and marginalized people everywhere on Earth. But above all, DONALD PAYNE was a good and kind man, who with unfailing good cheer enriched the lives of all he met and served.

Born in Newark, NJ, on July 16, 1934, to William Evander Payne and the former Norma Garrett, this son of a chauffeur and a dockworker went on to graduate from Seton Hall University, teach English and social studies and coach high school football, and serve as the first Black president of the National Council of YMCAs before his election to Congress in 1988 to succeed Peter W. Rodino, another legendary figure in New Jersey politics and the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee during Watergate. DONALD PAYNE holds the distinction of being the first and only African American elected to represent New Jersey in the Congress of the United States.

Throughout his congressional career, DONALD PAYNE championed educational and economic opportunity and human and civil rights, both here and abroad. From his work in furtherance of the Northern Ireland peace process, to his efforts to bring attention and an end to the genocide in Darfur, as well as his indispensable work to secure full funding for PEPFAR to combat HIV/AIDS and malaria in Africa, DONALD PAYNE made a difference, and his impact has been felt around the world.

As a former chair of the Congressional Black Caucus and the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, DONALD PAYNE mentored and provided wise counsel to many of his colleagues, including me. I valued his counsel and his friend-

ship, and I will miss him very much. I extend my deepest sympathies to his family and loved ones.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, DONALD PAYNE was a man of few words, but his actions spoke loudly and boldly for those who could not speak for themselves. He dedicated his life to helping the less fortunate, and to expanding and protecting human rights for all, both in the United States and abroad.

He served 12 distinguished terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, and was the first African American Congressman from New Jersey. He served as chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, as well as chairman of the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights. His work on behalf of Darfur; his involvement in the fight against HIV and AIDS; and his extensive travels to places like Rwanda, Somalia, and Haiti demonstrated the depth of his passion for social justice, and served as an example for all who seek to make the world a better place.

On a personal level, I will never forget him traveling to Connecticut for the launching of the *Freedom Amistad* Schooner in 2000. DONALD was also instrumental in commemorating the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade, and ensured the success of the *Amistad's* anniversary trip. He himself traveled to Sierra Leone and back to honor the 53 slaves that were held aboard that fateful ship. He followed the *Amistad's* journey very closely, and it was through his tireless efforts that the Congressional Black Caucus succeeded in bringing the *Amistad* to Washington, DC.

Last year I was also fortunate to host DONALD and a delegation from the Congressional Black Caucus in Hartford to celebrate the 200th anniversary of author Harriet Beecher Stowe—the woman who wrote the book that started a great war. Given DONALD's commitment to social justice, and his respect for history, I knew it would be a meaningful and symbolic occasion. His attendance meant so much to me, and I was grateful for the chance to show him my district.

It was an honor to serve with Representative PAYNE, and he will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Mr. RUNYAN. Madam Speaker, on March 6, the State of New Jersey, and more specifically Newark and its surrounding communities, lost a dedicated public servant, Congressman DONALD PAYNE.

Congressman PAYNE truly lived a life of service, first as an educator in the Newark and Passaic Public School Districts, an Essex County freeholder, a member of the Newark Municipal Service, and finally, as the first African American Congressman from the State of New Jersey. Representative PAYNE's public service record was also dedicated to helping people through his volunteer work. His involvement with the Newark YMCA and Boy's and Girl's Club, showed his passion for helping children.

In Congress, Representative PAYNE played an instrumental role as an advocate in the treatment of AIDS and drug-resistant tuberculosis. His actions in Congress were always based on how he could best serve his constituents. Congressman PAYNE served as a role model for not only his district, but the entire State of New Jersey.

His love of service was only outdone by the love he had for his family, from his late wife, to his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchild. Congressman PAYNE will be missed.

Ms. HIRONO. Madam Speaker, I take this opportunity today to commemorate the remarkable life of Congressman DONALD PAYNE.

I am deeply saddened that my friend DON is no longer with us. DON was a special man who touched the lives of so many. He truly saw his life's work as a way to serve others and make the world a better and more just place. His compassion for all will be sorely missed.

DON was my colleague on the Education and the Workforce Committee, and I saw first hand the passion he brought on behalf of America's children. He was a constant advocate for early education, recognizing that all children deserve a solid educational foundation regardless of income or circumstances. He recognized the power of education to further civil rights, and he strongly supported Historically Black Colleges and Native Hawaiian education. More than anything, DON saw education as a tool to create a more just and civil world.

DON's compassion extended to those suffering abroad. He worked tirelessly to promote democracy around the world, and I was fortunate to travel with DON to Haiti as part of the House Democracy Assistance Partnership, of which he was a founding member. Our bipartisan team greatly appreciated DON's leadership and experience, and his presence helped gain the U.S. delegation the respect of our Haitian colleagues.

DON's largest overseas focus was on Africa, where he traveled to dangerous conflict areas in Somalia and Darfur. DON refused to stand by and watch the suffering of innocent African families and children. As noted by Stephen Hayes, president of the Corporate Council on Africa:

Africa mourns today for it has lost its greatest advocate in America with the passing of U.S. Congressman DON PAYNE, and such an advocate with so much experience and passion will not rise again soon. So, too, did the poor and downtrodden lose one of the few such Congressmen who still cares about their fate and understood their lives so well.

Madam Speaker, I know that DONALD PAYNE has left a lasting impact on the world. We can all start to live up to his example by living our lives with empathy and compassion. While he will be sorely missed, he will never be forgotten. I join with my colleagues and with all of his friends and colleagues in giving thanks for Congressman DONALD PAYNE's life of service.

My thoughts and prayers are with DON's family and friends. May he rest in peace.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 48 minutes p.m.), under its previous order and pursuant to House Resolution 571, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 7, 2012, at 10 a.m., for morning-hour debate, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable DONALD M. PAYNE.

WEDNESDAY, *March 7, 2012*

Mr. MCGOVERN. . . . No one can come to the House floor today and speak about Sudan and protecting the people of Sudan from their murderous government without paying tribute to our dear colleague, DONALD PAYNE.

Congressman PAYNE passed away yesterday from cancer. He would have been an original cosponsor of the bill I'm introducing today. No one fought harder for human rights in Sudan. He was among the very first to call attention to the genocide taking place in Darfur. He traveled there, often alone, with just one or two aides, to talk to refugees inside Darfur and in camps along the border and to stand witness

to their suffering. He was tireless in his commitment to the people of Africa and their well-being.

We all looked to him for leadership, for advice, and for help. He extended this same commitment to the people of African descent in our own hemisphere. I personally know how much he did to promote the rights of Afro-Colombians and to protect their leaders and communities. We will miss him and we will miss his leadership.

Mr. Speaker, he believed that human rights ought to matter. And he believed, as we all should believe, that if the United States of America stands for anything, it ought to stand out loud and foursquare for human rights.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, today marks exactly 125 months to the day that we've been at war with Afghanistan. That's 125 months that we have been sending brave young men and women to be maimed and killed in a conflict that is not advancing our values but actually degrading them.

I've never believed more fervently that this war is a national security disaster, as well as a national tragedy and a moral catastrophe.

What we need, Mr. Speaker, is a greater commitment to peace and security. What we need is a more generous humanitarian spirit. What we need is diplomacy and international dialog, cooperation, and conflict resolution. What we need is to cherish human life and human dignity here in the United States and on every corner of the globe.

Yesterday, we lost one of this body's fierce champions for these values, our colleague, DONALD PAYNE. He was a peacemaker, a man of conscience, an ambassador of decency and compassion. He would not tolerate genocide and despair. He didn't turn a blind eye to human suffering, and he didn't care if it was happening in Newark or Nigeria. He went to some of the most dangerous places on Earth to make lives and conditions better. He was a voice for the otherwise voiceless. He used his power to advocate for people who were otherwise powerless.

In the mid-1990s, I observed Representative PAYNE at a hearing with the Bush State Department. He was arguing, he was pleading with the State Department to designate the Darfur genocide. He actually had tears in his eyes and tears in his voice, and this is a man known for being very mild mannered.

His compelling arguments and his compassion and passion actually made it possible to convince the world to condemn the Sudan/Darfur Government's role in planning and exe-

cuting the militia's campaign to kill. His leadership had an indelible impact on African nations.

Congressman PAYNE shared my belief that the wars we've been fighting for the last decade are dreadful mistakes. He was one of those who stood with us in 2005, when the war in Iraq was still popular, to say no, this is wrong, we have to bring our troops home. But he also understood that it wasn't just about ending war, Mr. Speaker. It was about also leaving something else behind: hope, opportunity, democracy, and human rights.

He knew that the key to ending violence, terrorism, and instability was to build up human capital, to fight hunger and disease, to defend and advance women's rights, to build strong schools, and provide decent health care worldwide.

We've lost DONALD PAYNE. But in his honor, let's not lose sight of the ideals he made his life's work. Let's not lose sight of the goals he fought for so tenaciously.

Because of DONALD PAYNE's example, I will fight forever for peace and for stability worldwide, and believe me, the beginning of this effort will be to bring our troops home from Afghanistan.

THURSDAY, *March 8, 2012*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life and contributions of our colleague and friend, DONALD PAYNE.

DON will always be remembered for his commitment to his community, which he served with distinction as a local elected official; to his country, evident by 23 years of service in Congress in which he championed education and fair labor practices; and to the global community, where he was a champion for global health, especially malaria prevention and treatment.

DON was a joy to travel with. He combined gentleness with strength, stood with and for the underserved and underrepresented, and always spoke of his commitment. As he did, he had this warmhearted smile, even his eyes smiled, as he gave voice to the voiceless.

Our thoughts and prayers are with DON PAYNE's family, with his staff, and the people of the 10th District of New Jersey, and for all of us as we keep his legacy alive.

DON, you will be missed.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc., I submit a statement of condolence on the passing of my dear colleague, DONALD M. PAYNE.

NATIONAL BLACK LEADERSHIP COMMISSION ON AIDS, INC.

NBLCA MOURNS THE PASSING OF REP. DONALD M. PAYNE

In reaction to the death of Rep. DONALD M. PAYNE, Tuesday, March 6, 2012, C. Virginia Fields, President and CEO of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc, issued the following statement of condolence:

The National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc. (NBLCA) expresses its profound sorrow at the death of Rep. DONALD M. PAYNE. For over two decades, Rep. PAYNE served his constituents in New Jersey's 10th Congressional District and the Nation with courage and distinction. He was a longtime supporter of the NBLCA and dedicated his 12 terms in the U.S. House of Representatives to fighting social injustice and advocating for the health and well-being of all Americans and other fellow citizens of the world. His support in the House was instrumental in the full implementation of the Minority AIDS Initiative and other legislation addressing disease prevention and health promotion. Rep. PAYNE was especially passionate about ending HIV/AIDS and human rights violations in Africa during his distinguished service on the House Foreign Affairs Committee where he chaired the Subcommittee on Africa.

Mr. PAYNE will be sorely missed by all who had the pleasure and honor to work alongside him in the fight against HIV/AIDS and health disparities based on race and ethnicity. On behalf of the NBLCA's Board of Directors and staff, I convey heartfelt condolences to Rep. PAYNE's family, constituents, and colleagues in the 112th Congress of the United States. In Mr. PAYNE's memory, we rededicate ourselves to enhancing our advocacy to protect the health, human rights, and civil liberties of all Americans. May God grant him peace.

FRIDAY, *March 16, 2012*

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am submitting the attached statement by World Food Program USA regarding the passing of our good friend and colleague, Congressman PAYNE.

STATEMENT FROM RICK LEACH, PRESIDENT AND CEO, WORLD FOOD PROGRAM USA

The entire staff and board of directors of World Food Program USA mourn the passing of Representative DONALD PAYNE of New Jersey. Representative PAYNE was a tireless champion on behalf of the world's poorest, hungriest people, and his presence and efforts within the U.S. Congress will be missed.

As chairman of the House Subcommittee on Africa, Representative PAYNE played a key role in pushing forward U.S. policies to respond to the protracted crisis in the Darfur region of Sudan, as well as across the African continent. He was one of five Members of Congress to accompany President

Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton on a tour of six African nations, and he headed a Presidential mission aimed at finding solutions to the political and humanitarian crisis in Rwanda. Due to his record of outstanding service, Representative PAYNE was chosen by President George W. Bush to serve for two terms as a congressional delegate to the United Nations from 2003 to 2007.

Representative PAYNE traveled many times to countries in the worst throes of humanitarian crises, lending his voice and wielding his influence to help those people most in need. His many years of steadfast support, dedication, and hard work have improved the lives of millions of people in Africa, the United States, and across the globe. He will be remembered for all that he has contributed to the rights, well-being, dignity, and spirit of people across the world. He was a true humanitarian hero.

MONDAY, *April 16, 2012*

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE TO ATTEND
FUNERAL OF THE LATE HONORABLE DONALD M. PAYNE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Hurt). Pursuant to House Resolution 571, and the order of the House of March 6, 2012, the Speaker on March 14, 2012, appointed the following Members of the House to the committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable DONALD M. PAYNE:

The gentleman from New Jersey, Mr. Smith
The gentleman from South Carolina, Mr. Clyburn
The members of the New Jersey delegation:

Mr. Pallone
Mr. Andrews
Mr. Frelinghuysen
Mr. LoBiondo
Mr. Pascrell
Mr. Rothman
Mr. Holt
Mr. Garrett
Mr. Sires
Mr. Lance
Mr. Runyan

Other Members in attendance:

Ms. Kaptur
Mr. Levin
Mr. Towns
Ms. Waters
Ms. Brown (FL)
Mr. Rush
Mr. Scott (VA)
Mr. Watt

Ms. Woolsey
Ms. Jackson Lee (TX)
Mr. Jackson (IL)
Mr. Clay
Mr. Butterfield
Mr. Cleaver
Mr. Al Green (TX)
Ms. Moore
Ms. Clarke (NY)
Mr. Johnson (GA)
Ms. Edwards
Ms. Fudge
Ms. Bass (CA)
Ms. Sewell
Ms. Norton
Mrs. Christensen

TUESDAY, *April 17, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the late Honorable DONALD M. PAYNE, so that we may commemorate his extraordinary life of dedication and commitment to service.

Born in 1934 in Newark, NJ, he graduated from Seton Hall University and pursued postgraduate studies at Springfield College. A former English and social studies teacher, he also coached football at Malcolm X Shabazz High School, which was then called South Side High School. He was vice president of Urban Data Systems Inc., as well as an executive at Prudential Financial. In 1970, he became the first African American president of the National Council of YMCAs.

Representative PAYNE entered public life in 1972 when he was elected to the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Ten years later he was elected to the Newark Municipal Council where he served three terms. In 1988, DONALD became the Representative of New Jersey's 10th Congressional District, and the first African American to represent New Jersey in Congress. As chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, he was a relentless defender and supporter of education-related issues. He was an inspiration and a friend.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel Johnson, and is succeeded by son Donald Jr., daughters Wanda and Nicole, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in sending our condolences to the family and friends of DONALD M. PAYNE who so faithfully cared for and served his community.

Proceedings in the Senate

TUESDAY, *March 6, 2012*

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to a longtime friend from New Jersey. It is a sad day for all of us from New Jersey who knew Congressman DONALD PAYNE from North New Jersey, and I pay tribute to my colleague who died this morning after a battle with colon cancer.

Congressman PAYNE was the first African American from New Jersey to be elected to Congress. He was a trailblazer and a fine leader, one of the finest our State has ever known. For more than two decades, Congressman PAYNE served New Jersey with distinction, but the whole world benefited from his leadership. He was a proud son of Newark and became an expert on foreign relations and led efforts to restore democracy and human rights around the world, including places as far away from one another as Northern Ireland and Sudan. President Clinton chose Congressman PAYNE to accompany him on his historic tour of Africa in 1998.

The Congressman also worked hard. He secured more than \$100 million to treat victims of malaria, tuberculosis, HIV, and AIDS, and stopped the spread of these diseases in Africa's poorest nations.

Three years ago, against the State Department's advice, Congressman PAYNE went to Somalia to see the turmoil there for himself, narrowly escaping with his life when insurgents launched a mortar attack near his airplane when he was leaving.

The Congressman also helped with passage of a resolution declaring the killings in Darfur as genocide and raising global awareness of these travesties.

At home Congressman PAYNE was a tireless advocate for his constituents. He brought significant economic development to counties in New Jersey, including Essex, Hudson, and Union. He was a former schoolteacher and was a leader on education. He worked hard to close the achievement gap, with making college more affordable and bringing more eq-

uity to school funding. Congressman DONALD PAYNE was a man of conscience and conviction.

I knew him for many years, and I was always struck by his soft-spoken demeanor, and that kind of made him a rarity in politics. Congressman PAYNE knew he didn't need to raise his voice; his ideas were powerful enough. The Congressman put it best when he said: "There is a lot of dignity in being able to achieve things without having to create rapture."

As I mentioned, DONALD PAYNE was a teacher in the Newark public schools, and Newark was a poverty-stricken city. His mission was to inspire young people to use education in their lives to achieve opportunity. The people of New Jersey sent him to Washington for the first time in 1988, and they continued sending him back by overwhelming margins for the next 22 years. He became an inspiration to many, including members of his family who followed him into careers in public service.

Most of all, DONALD PAYNE was an inspiration to the people he served. He gave them hope. He gave them some ideas of what they could make of their lives. His voice sounded important and deliberate enough to convince people to try harder, and he did succeed many times.

In 1988, during his first campaign for the House, Congressman PAYNE told a reporter: "I want to be a role model for the kids I talk to on the street corners." He used to see a lot of them. He worked hard within his congressional district. He said: "I want to see there are no barriers to achievement."

DONALD PAYNE achieved this goal. An entire generation of New Jerseyans has come of age knowing and respecting Congressman DONALD PAYNE. He has undoubtedly inspired many young New Jerseyans to enter public service, and I expect we will one day see some of them walking the Halls of Congress and following in DONALD PAYNE's footsteps, but today these Halls feel emptier without his presence.

I am going to miss DON PAYNE. We will mourn his absence from our lives, but we will also take comfort in the knowledge that his legacy will endure for a long time to come, way beyond his life. We thank him at this time for all of the good he did and that he brought to our people and our State.

With that, Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Madam President, I rise to mourn the passing of a great man, a great leader, a proud New Jerseyan, and my friend, Congressman DONALD PAYNE. I am

saddened beyond words by his death. Personally, I have lost a close friend and the people of New Jersey have lost a tireless voice, a true advocate who spent a lifetime fighting for fairness, for justice, and for the little guy.

Wherever there was injustice, intolerance, or suffering, wherever someone was downtrodden by the more powerful and didn't have a fair chance, DONALD PAYNE was there intervening. From his earliest days in Congress, he focused on New Jersey, but his influence was profoundly felt around the world. As a senior member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, DONALD PAYNE followed his passion to restore democracy and human rights in places where the suffering was greatest.

If we asked him what his greatest accomplishment was—and there were many—he would tell us it was working on global health issues, cofounding the Malaria Caucus that he launched with First Lady Laura Bush, securing \$50 million to fight drug-resistant tuberculosis, and \$50 billion for HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria that literally—and I have heard these stories—literally saved whole villages in Sub-Saharan Africa, because that is the kind of man he was.

He built a reputation as chairman of the Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights Subcommittee for his integrated approach to Africa, combining health, development, economic growth, and improvements for a better quality of life. He once said:

Malaria, tuberculosis, and HIV/AIDS are diseases that are caused, as well, by poverty, and until we really start dealing with poverty elimination, we are going to continue to have these diseases that follow poverty. We cannot be serious about development [assistance or engagement] without effectively dealing with these three major diseases.

He did everything he could to live up to those words.

He could not ignore the fact, as he pointed out, that:

... more than 29 million people in Sub-Saharan Africa live with HIV/AIDS ... that malaria and HIV together kill more than 4 million people each year ... that 90 percent of them are in Africa ... that, for millions around the world—particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa, where the global malaria burden is heaviest—the disease is a daily reality, an enduring epidemic that kills millions and impedes the progress of entire nations. ...

He believed in putting an end to the scourge of these diseases and helped broaden our focus in dealing with poverty, disease, and development as a single issue and always said, “These are global problems that warrant a global collaborative approach. ...”

On World Malaria Day in 2010 he said, “This is not an endeavor for which we lack the knowledge, skills, or resources to win. . . .”

DONALD PAYNE was determined to win.

When he put his mind to it, he could do anything. He believed he could change the world one village at a time, and he did because that is the kind of man he was.

I served with DONALD PAYNE in the House. I got to know him. I grew to respect his deep and passionate commitment to the institution and the people he served, his belief in the process as it was intended by our Founders, to bring all of us together, no matter what our politics or persuasion, to make a difference for his district, for New Jersey, for the Nation, and for people around the world.

DONALD considered himself hugely lucky to serve. He saw it as an honor and he made a difference because that too is the kind of man he was. DONALD PAYNE was a Congressman’s Congressman. To me he was what public service is all about. He embodied the concept of Congress, the assembly of a few good people committed to the betterment of all of us.

In his passion for these issues, he worked in common cause to bring together people who were often from totally different ends of the political spectrum. Many of us would refer to him as “the great convener” because he had the unique ability to bring together people of disparate beliefs on behalf of these issues he believed in and felt so passionately about.

DON’s career and accomplishments were exemplary. Before he was elected to Congress, he was an educator in the Newark and Passaic Public School Districts. He was the former national president of the YMCA. He became New Jersey’s first African American Congressman, winning election overwhelmingly in 1988, and was serving, at the time of his death, his 12th consecutive term—this year. He was a senior member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, and he was a steadfast vocal advocate for early childhood education. He was instrumental in making K–12 education more successful and for making college more affordable. He worked to cut in half the cost of the Stafford loans and increased the Pell grants. He was a tireless champion of working families, always an advocate of increasing the minimum wage, always enforcing workforce protections, because that is the kind of man DONALD PAYNE was. Through his life and service, he was a man of the people, and the people of New Jersey will never forget what he did

for Essex, Hudson, and Union Counties or for the State as a whole.

In the end Congressman PAYNE will be remembered for the dignity and honor he brought to this institution and the Congress and the district he represented, always putting the interests of the community, New Jersey, and humanity first, because that is the kind of man he was. DONALD made New Jersey proud, and he will forever be missed by all of us who were touched by his warmth and compassion. I join my colleagues in mourning the passing of a great man.

I visited Congressman PAYNE on Saturday at the hospital and talked to his brother, who said leaders throughout the world had been calling to inquire as to how he was. Leaders throughout the world mourn his passing. They knew how he touched the lives of their citizens.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to DONALD's beloved children and his entire family and all of those who were touched by him throughout his life. He will be missed and we certainly hope God will bless this great man who gave back much more than he ever received in life.

I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

WEDNESDAY, *March 7, 2012*

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to S. Res. 390.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 390) honoring the life and legacy of the Honorable DONALD M. PAYNE.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the resolution be printed in the *Record*.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 390) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 390

Whereas the Honorable DONALD M. PAYNE was born in Newark, New Jersey on July 16, 1934, graduated from Barringer High School in Newark and Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey, and pursued graduate studies at Springfield College in Massachusetts;

Whereas the Honorable DONALD M. PAYNE was an educator in the Newark and Passaic, New Jersey public schools and was an executive at Prudential Financial and at Urban Data Systems Inc;

Whereas the Honorable DONALD M. PAYNE became the first African American national president of the YMCA in 1970 and served as Chairman of the World Refugee and Rehabilitation Committee of the YMCA from 1973 to 1981;

Whereas the Honorable DONALD M. PAYNE served 3 terms on the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and 3 terms on the Newark Municipal Council;

Whereas, in 1988, the Honorable DONALD M. PAYNE became the first African American elected to the United States House of Representatives from the State of New Jersey;

Whereas the people of New Jersey overwhelmingly reelected the Honorable DONALD M. PAYNE 11 times, most recently in 2010, when the Honorable DONALD M. PAYNE was elected to represent the Tenth Congressional District of New Jersey for a 12th term;

Whereas the Honorable DONALD M. PAYNE was a tireless advocate for his constituents, bringing significant economic development to Essex, Hudson, and Union Counties in New Jersey;

Whereas, as a senior member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives, the Honorable DONALD M. PAYNE was a leading advocate for public schools, college affordability, and workplace protections;

Whereas, as a senior member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, and a member of the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, the Honorable DONALD M. PAYNE led efforts to restore democracy and human rights around the world, including in Northern Ireland and Sudan;

Whereas the Honorable DONALD M. PAYNE was a leader in the field of global health, co-founding the Malaria Caucus, and helping to secure passage of a bill authorizing \$50,000,000 for the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria;

Whereas the Honorable DONALD M. PAYNE served as Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation and previously as Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus;

Whereas, in March 2012, the United States Agency for International Development launched the Donald M. Payne Fellowship Program to attract outstanding young people to careers in international development;

Whereas the Honorable DONALD M. PAYNE served on the boards of directors of the National Endowment for Democracy, TransAfrica, the Discovery Channel Global Education Partnership, the Congressional Award Foundation, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Newark, the Newark Day Center, and the Newark YMCA;

Whereas the Honorable DONALD M. PAYNE was the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including honorary doctorates from multiple universities;

Whereas the Honorable DONALD M. PAYNE passed away on March 6, 2012, and is survived by 3 children, 4 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild; and

Whereas the Honorable DONALD M. PAYNE's long history of service will have an enduring impact on people in New Jersey, across the United States, and around the world: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

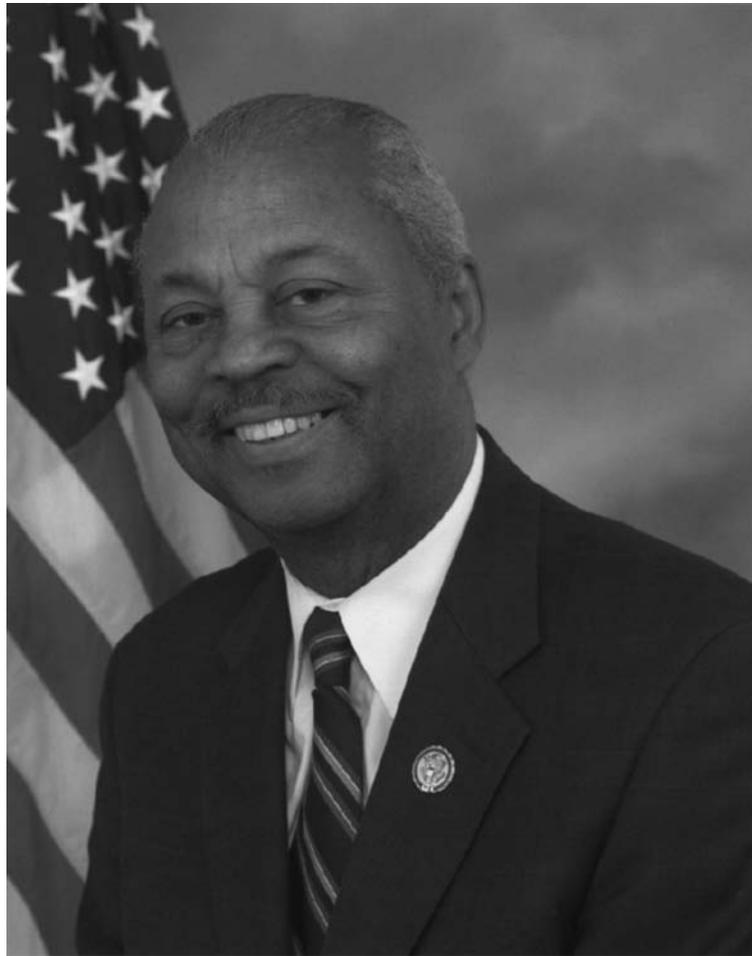
(1) expresses profound sorrow at the death of the Honorable DONALD M. PAYNE, United States Representative for the Tenth Congressional District of New Jersey;

(2) conveys the condolences of the Senate to the family of the Honorable DONALD M. PAYNE; and

(3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy of this resolution to the House of Representatives and the family of the Honorable DONALD M. PAYNE.



The Honorable Donald M. Payne



July 16, 1934–March 6, 2012



Celebration of Life
Congressman Donald M. Payne
10th District of New Jersey
Metropolitan Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey
March 14, 2012

Tributes

Hon. Chris Christie
New Jersey Governor

Hon. Eric H. Holder, Jr. (Letter from President Barack Obama)
Attorney General of the United States

Hon. James E. Clyburn (SC-06) (Letter from Hon. Nancy Pelosi, Democratic Leader)
Assistant Democratic Leader, U.S. House of Representatives

Hon. William V.S. Bull, Sr.
Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Liberia

Hon. William Jefferson Clinton
42nd President of the United States

Hon. Raymond L. LaHood
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation

Hon. Lisa P. Jackson
Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Hon. Frank R. Lautenberg
Member, U.S. Senate

Hon. Emanuel Cleaver, II (MO-05)
Chairman, Congressional Black Caucus

Hon. Philip Thigpen
Chairman, Essex County Democratic Committee

Hon. Sheila Y. Oliver
Speaker, New Jersey General Assembly

Hon. John Lewis (GA-05)
Member, U.S. House of Representatives

Hon. Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-18)
*Board Member, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation,
Inc.*

Hon. Cory Booker
Mayor, City of Newark

Hon. Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.
Essex County Executive

Frank Khiene
YMCA

Musical Interlude

Lee Fisher
Chairman, South Ward Democratic Committee

Marcellus King
Former Student

Betty Neals
Junior Leaguers, Alumnus

Ted Dagne
Senior Advisor, President of South Sudan

Rev. Al Sharpton
National Action Network

Hon. Robert L. Bowser
*Mayor, City of East Orange
President, National Conference of Black Mayors*

Pastor Keith D. Wright
He Is Sovereign Ministries

Honorable Sybil Elias
Chief Judge, Orange Municipal Court

Musical Interlude

William J. Ewing
Seton Hall Classmate

Lawrence Hamm
Chairman, People's Organization for Progress

Rev. Jesse Jackson
Rainbow Push Coalition

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Craig A. Stanley, Nephew
Jack Payne, Grandson





Congressman Donald M. Payne

World statesman, devoted father, servant to all people, DONALD MILFORD PAYNE was born to William Evander and Norma Garrett Payne on July 16, 1934. He and his older siblings, Kathryn and William, were raised in a loving environment in a working-class area of all ethnicities that surely fostered the Congressman's ability to embrace the concerns of others in the many roads on which his life's journey took him. Beloved by his family, colleagues, staff, constituents, and people throughout the world, Congressman Payne leaves a magnificent legacy of service for all to emulate.

A graduate of Newark's public schools and Seton Hall University (1957), Congressman PAYNE taught at South Side High School, encouraging youngsters to strive to reach their full potential. During his tenure as a manager at Prudential Insurance Company, he volunteered with the Leaguers and the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) where he established several significant national programs. In 1970, he became the first African American national president of the YMCA. Subsequently elected chairman of the YMCA World Refugee and Rehabilitation Committee, he visited more than eighty countries learning about international problems in unknowing preparation to later become a spokesperson for those indigenous populations.

Congressman PAYNE's political sphere of influence stems from his work as a district leader for the Democratic Party, evolving to elected positions on the Newark City Council, Essex County Freeholders, and culminating in his landslide victory to the United States House of Representatives for New Jersey's 10th District in 1988, completing twelve terms. He was the first and only Black Congressman elected from New Jersey. Nonetheless, Congressman PAYNE held the mantle of representative for all; the people's Congressman. He never wavered from his campaign platform of advocacy for youth and the underserved. He chaired the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) and was chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. at the time of his passing. As the gentle warrior, he held firmly to his principles. He offered legislation that affected education, global health, labor, public policy and international diplomacy.

Appointed by President George W. Bush as Congressional delegate to the United Nations for two terms, Congressman PAYNE's wisdom and counsel on international affairs was highly respected by national leaders. He was deeply admired and loved by people all over the world, particularly the people of Africa, Ireland and the Caribbean. As ranking member of the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, he authored legislation that declared genocide in Darfur, Sudan, addressed famine relief, secured \$50 million for tuberculosis issues, and \$50 billion for HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria in sub-Saharan Africa. He was also a major contributor to the work of the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Just a few weeks ago, the U.S. Agency for International Development established a fellowship designed to attract outstanding young people to careers in international development. The fellowship will be named in honor of Congressman PAYNE.

Congressman PAYNE was a life-long member of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey where Reverend Toney E. Jackson is the senior pastor. Congressman PAYNE was a true family man, raising his children as a widower upon the death of his wife Hazel Johnson in 1963. He always involved his children in his community activism. Donald Jr., Wanda and Nicole have all embraced their father's love of service to others, extending the road that their father paved. If the next generations of Paynes—Jack, Yvonne, Donald II, Shakir and Samir—can walk that often difficult path as well, with all whom Congressman PAYNE touched, the world will surely be a better place for the gift of his remarkable life.

The Order of Service

Celebration of the Life of DONALD M. PAYNE,
Member of Congress

Rev. Dr. David Jefferson, Sr. Metropolitan Baptist Church Newark, NJ Officiating	Pastor Toney E. Jackson Bethlehem Baptist Church Newark, NJ Congressman PAYNE's home church
Organ Prelude	
Processional	
Invocation	Rev. David Jefferson, Jr. Metropolitan Baptist Church Newark, NJ
Musical Solo	The Lord's Prayer by Trustee Chama White Bethlehem Baptist Church Newark, NJ
Old Testament	Rev. Ron Christian Christian Love Baptist Church Irvington, NJ
New Testament	Jack Payne Grandson
Prayer of Comfort	Rev. Dana Owen Messiah Baptist Church East Orange, NJ
Ministry of Music	Combined Choirs, Bethlehem Baptist Church and Metro- politan Baptist Church Newark, NJ

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His Life Story

Fran Bradman, Bethlehem
Baptist Church
Newark, NJ

Eulogy

Pastor Toney E. Jackson
Bethlehem Baptist Church
Newark, NJ

Recessional



**U.S. Capitol flag flown half staff in honor of
Congressman Donald M. Payne**



The celebration will conclude at gravesite with full military
honors
Glendale Cemetery, Bloomfield, NJ

Acknowledgements

The Family wishes to acknowledge the many expressions
of sympathy and condolences they have received. The
outpouring of support has been overwhelming.
We ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers.
May God's continuous blessing be yours.

Governor Chris Christie.

I want to be a Congressman to serve as a role model for the young people I talk to on the Newark street corners. I want them to see there are no barriers to achievement. I want to give them a reason to try.

I looked at a lot of things that Congressman PAYNE has said over the last 48 hours preparing to come here today, and I'm sure you'll hear a lot of them after me. I don't think anything that I read that he said symbolized who he was better than that statement.

I want to serve as a role model for the young people I talk to on the Newark street corners. I want them to see there's no barrier to achievement. I want to give them a reason to try.

He did. He did. He did in every day of his life in every way that he served. He did when he was thundering for justice on the floor of the House of Representatives. He did in his quiet moments with his family and friends. He did as he called out the injustices he saw in the world in both major speeches and quiet moments. He did when he stood up for what he believed was right every day and was willing to spend his entire life trying to make the dreams of others a reality.

Now, whether it was advocating for education, let's remember he was a teacher. He started as a teacher and he would tell you he never stopped. He never stopped being a teacher no matter what other places God called him to serve. I believe he saw his role as a teacher as the formative experience of his life, and when he went to Congress he fought. He fought hard for education for every child in America, no matter their zip code, no matter their economic standing, no matter how others saw their potential, he knew that if given a chance, their potential could be realized. And whether it was justice here at home, which was so obvious to him, he pointed out what was not so obvious to us around the world. Whether it was in Africa, or in Ireland, whether it was people enjoying liberty and freedom everywhere, the liberty and freedom he fought for, or whether it was protecting people from the scourge of disease, he understood that justice took all forms, not just the justice that comes from a system of government that allows people to live their lives freely, but the justice that comes from people having equal access to the medicines that will keep them alive. He fought for those things too, and he fought for those things whether you were a member of his party or a member of the opposite party.

From this I speak from personal experience. For 7 years we were neighbors. Lots of people don't know that, but you

know his district office was in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Courthouse and I was next door in the building named for his predecessor as the U.S. Attorney. When my staff would allow me to wander into the courthouse, I would often see Congressman PAYNE, and the thing that struck me the most about him was his gentle power.

There are many people who use power in many different ways, and their personalities come across and project in different ways [Laughter].

Congressman PAYNE and I complemented each other [Laughter and applause].

It was the gentleness of his soul that came through to me each and every time we spoke, whether it was about an important issue that he was concerned about and wanted to speak to me, or whether it was just talking about our families, and how our lives were going, and how we thought we could do more good for the people who gave us an opportunity to serve.

He was a role model, not just for those kids on the street corners of Newark that he talked about, but he was a role model for all of us, to understand that the opportunity to serve is not just an opportunity. It's a responsibility. It's a responsibility to use that opportunity to do good and great things. He spent a life doing good and great things, and he did it in a way that was gentle but powerful. All of you who sit here this morning who knew him, who admired him, who loved him, know that that combination is one that's rare in any human being but particularly rare in human beings in public life.

So as we celebrate his life today, and as we say goodbye, we thank him for his gentle grace. We thank him for his firm sense of what is right and wrong, we thank him for standing up for those who have trouble standing up for themselves and on behalf of the people of the State that he served his entire life, I thank his family for giving him to our State, selflessly, giving him to our State to make our State a better place, to make us a better people. He did that for New Jersey. He did that for America. And he was a shining example for citizens all over the world of what is truly great about this country, that anyone who is willing to work hard enough and believes strongly enough in the things they hold inside, can change the world. DONALD PAYNE changed the world [Applause].

Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr. Thank you, Reverend Jefferson. It is an honor to join with you, Governor

Christie, President Clinton, and leaders from across and beyond this State—and with so many of Congressman PAYNE’s family members, friends, colleagues, and constituents—as we pay tribute to the remarkable life, and the enduring legacy, of a dedicated public servant, a determined advocate, a dear friend, and a beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

I want to thank the Payne family for allowing me to share in this occasion. I also would like to recognize Congressman PAYNE’s extended family—the people of New Jersey’s 10th Congressional District. Without question, representing you in Washington was the highlight and highest honor of his career. So it’s especially moving to see such an outpouring of affection and appreciation from so many neighbors, friends, and fellow New Jerseyans whose lives have been touched, and enriched, by the exceptional leader we’ve gathered to remember.

Although we have come together in a time of loss, it is clear that we are bound by more than grief. We are united by our gratitude—for Congressman PAYNE’s enduring contributions, his many sacrifices, and his inspiring achievements. And—as he would be the first to remind us—we are also joined by a shared responsibility—to carry on his critical work, to carry forward his vision of a stronger Nation and a better world, and to live up to the example of service that he left to us.

Throughout his life, DONALD PAYNE was a champion for the most vulnerable among us—a trailblazer who, even as he rose to unprecedented heights, never forgot to reach back and help to lift up those in need. As the first African American to represent New Jersey in the U.S. Congress, he brought the perspective of a public school teacher to the halls of power in our Nation’s Capital. He proved to be both a statesman and gentleman. In a city where progress can too often be stalled by bureaucracy and big egos, he showed how compassion, courage, and willingness to find common ground can drive positive change.

At every turn, just as surely as he was a strong advocate for his constituents—and, in particular, for young people, the elderly, and those across, and far beyond, this country who could not speak out or stand up for themselves—so, too, was he a determined enemy: of poverty; of violence and cruelty toward children; of obstacles to prosperity; of war; and of human rights abuses around the world.

In addition—for President Obama, for me, and for so many other beneficiaries of his work—Congressman PAYNE was a treasured friend, advisor, and role model. We have stood on his shoulders—and been privileged to walk through the doorways of opportunity that he pried open. He helped make real the possibility of our Nation’s first African American President—and first African American Attorney General.

Over the course of his 12 terms in Congress, he rose to become a powerful Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, chair of the Congressional Black Caucus and a congressional delegate to the United Nations. He fought tirelessly for the middle class, for quality education, for peace in war-torn Africa, and for the human dignity of millions around the world.

In a business where taking credit is nothing less than an art form, Congressman PAYNE was always the last to seek recognition. He focused, not on the spotlight, but on solving problems and serving others. His legacy lies in the summer jobs programs that have done so much to keep America’s young people in school and out of the criminal justice system; in the diplomatic and humanitarian attention that the world has focused on Africa; in the aid that has saved and improved countless lives; and in the stories of so many individual New Jerseyans, who, for 24 years, were fortunate to have one of the best and strongest voices in Washington speaking out on their behalf.

Yet, were he here today, I know that Congressman PAYNE would seize this opportunity to point out that, for all the progress that we’ve seen as a Nation, and all the achievements that he, personally, helped to bring about, much more remains to be done. In far too many neighborhoods here in Newark and across this country, there are kids who will not find their way to college, and who will find the doors of opportunity to be closed. In countries like Sudan and Somalia, there are ordinary citizens who cry out for an end to suffering, to violence, and to poverty, but still find the community of nations slow to respond.

Today, we can be justifiably proud of the progress that Congressman PAYNE dedicated his life to making, both here and around the world. But, as we take him to his rest this morning, it is also time to recommit ourselves to the spirit of compassion that defined him, and the call to service that shaped his career, a call that his brother and his son have already taken up, each in his own way.

Let these efforts be our common cause. Let our work be DONALD PAYNE's living monument. And let his unwavering faith, in our Nation, in the citizens of New Jersey, and in the power of public service, continue to guide our steps forward.

Once again, thank you for the chance to share in this moment, and for the opportunity to join you in bidding farewell to an extraordinary leader and mentor, and a good friend.

It is now my privilege to read a letter of condolence to the Payne family.

March 12, 2012

THE FAMILY OF DONALD PAYNE

DEAR PAYNE FAMILY:

Michelle and I were deeply saddened by the passing of Congressman DONALD PAYNE, and we extend our heartfelt condolences at this difficult time.

DON will be remembered for his trailblazing career, his passion for lifting up America's working families, and his abiding commitment to restoring human rights and democracy across Africa. I know he will be dearly missed, and I pray both time and fond memories will temper the grief you must feel.

Please know that you and your loved ones will remain in my thoughts and prayers.

SINCERELY,

BARACK OBAMA,

President of the United States of America.

President Bill Clinton. As I see the struggles we still have in America, and read one more heartbreaking story about the violence of the world, I realize that the headlines are always going to be dominated by who drops bombs and who gets killed and who does this other thing. DON PAYNE believed peace was better than war, he believed that it was better to build than to break and then pick up the pieces of what you had not built in the first place. He believed it was better to reconcile than to resent. You know when he grew up, he could have been a resenter, he could have been an angry man, not a builder. If so, this church would not be full today. He knew big always beats small. I loved him, because day in and day out while he built his own family, dealt with his own problems, dealt with his own life, he just kept building. He is now finished his course, and God has said, "Well done." In every walk of life, more than anything else my friend, you were a good and faithful servant.

EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson. Thank you for giving me this chance to remember Congressman PAYNE. I have been praying for him and his family since his hospitalization earlier this month. They are in my thoughts and prayers now as they say goodbye to a father and a grandfather and a friend.

Much as I am glad to be back in New Jersey with all of you, I am sorry to be here under these circumstances. When I was thinking about what to say, I realized that I took my first job in New Jersey right around the time that Congressman PAYNE took office [1989]. I lived here and worked here and started my family here in the time that served his district and this State.

I return here today with all of you to a State that was made better by his service.

I am deeply grateful to Congressman PAYNE for breaking barriers that stood in the way for so many years. He made history as the first, but certainly not the last, African American Congressman from this State. I am happy to have raised my two sons in a place where they could see, first hand, how far they could go in their lives.

Congressman PAYNE also added his voice to struggles of people half the world away. He saw that the distances between nations would not keep us from being connected and sharing interests. So he dedicated himself to protecting the rights, improving the safety, and honoring the dignity of people who lived thousands of miles from here. In fact, he did more than just lend his voice, even going so far as to put himself in dangerous places at dangerous times.

It was a great example of someone worrying less about keeping his job, and more about not wasting any opportunities the job gave him to help people in need. It was the work of a man using his position and his power to simply do the right thing.

Even with the sweeping impacts he had on our history and our international work, Congressman PAYNE was first and foremost dedicated to his district. He will be remembered here for all he did to improve lives and create opportunities in the New Jersey 10th. I'm glad to know that his commitment to public service runs through his family.

As I said, I settled down here around the time Congressman PAYNE took office, which means I began my career protecting health and the environment here at that same time. So let me finally say farewell to someone who was a champion for our environment. Congressman PAYNE was dedicated to protecting our health from pollution, and stepped up to make our communities stronger and cleaner so that the people of this State could enjoy every possible opportunity. I was particularly grateful for his focus on communities that face disparities in pollution and thus, suffered disproportionately from the health effects.

His work is not done, and will carry on in the people he inspired through 23 years in Congress and a lifetime of service. He will be greatly missed here in his home State of New Jersey, back in Washington, and in the regions he advocated for around the globe. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends, and with Congressman PAYNE as he returns home.

Senator Frank R. Lautenberg. Thank you, Pastor David Jefferson, for welcoming us to the Metropolitan Baptist Church today.

We are here to pay tribute to our friend and colleague, DONALD PAYNE.

Our hearts go out to his family, including his brother William, his sister Kathryn, his three children, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

We thank all of you for sharing DONALD PAYNE with all of us.

President Clinton, welcome to Newark. Your presence and the presence of all of our guests today shows the powerful impact that DONALD had in New Jersey, Washington, and beyond.

I knew DONALD for years, and I was always struck by his soft-spoken demeanor, which made him a rarity in politics.

DONALD knew he didn't need to raise his voice—his ideas were powerful enough.

DONALD put it best when he said, "There is a lot of dignity in being able to achieve things without having to create rapture."

I hope that DONALD will forgive us for a little rapture today as we remember the remarkable life he led.

Congressman DONALD PAYNE will be remembered as a trailblazer and one of the finest leaders our State has ever known.

For more than two decades, DONALD served New Jersey with distinction—but the whole world benefited from his leadership.

This proud son of Newark became an expert on foreign relations and led efforts to restore democracy and human rights around the world, including in Northern Ireland and Sudan.

We heard President Clinton reflect on DONALD's role in his historic tour of Africa in 1998.

Even as he worked around the world to end famine, disease, and genocide, DONALD never stopped fighting for those here at home.

As everyone here knows, DONALD was a tireless advocate for his constituents, bringing significant economic development to Essex, Hudson, and Union Counties.

As a former schoolteacher in Newark and Passaic public schools, he was also a leader on education issues.

He worked hard to close the achievement gap, make college more affordable, and bring more equity to school funding.

DONALD became an inspiration to many, including members of his family who are here today and who followed him into careers in public service.

But most of all, DONALD was an inspiration to the people he served.

In 1988, during his first campaign for the House, he told a reporter, "I want to be a role model for the kids I talk to on the street corners. I want them to see there are no barriers to achievement."

DONALD PAYNE achieved this goal.

An entire generation of New Jerseyans has come of age knowing and respecting Congressman DONALD PAYNE.

He has undoubtedly inspired many young New Jerseyans to enter public service, and I expect we will one day see some of them walking the Halls of Congress, following in DONALD PAYNE's footsteps.

Since his passing, the Halls of Congress and the streets of Newark feel emptier without his presence.

We will miss Congressman DONALD PAYNE and we will mourn his absence from our lives, but we will also take comfort in the knowledge that his legacy will endure for a long time to come.

Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Emanuel Cleaver II. It falls to me, as chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, to speak a few words about our friend and colleague, DONALD PAYNE.

He was indulgent with his family, intolerant toward injustice, invisible during credit-taking time, incorruptible in a city of temptation and inextinguishable as a human spirit who is much loved.

Now I am compelled to utter something that is counter-intuitive. Washington, DC, is a city of heroes. Yes, I challenge the late-night comedians and mid-day commentators. Washington, DC, is a city of heroes.

This is the city of Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, Roosevelt and Roosevelt, Kennedy, and Reagan.

This is the city where leaders have gathered since 1790 to create the most democratic republic in world history.

This is the city that attracted courageous leaders who slammed slavery into the junkpile of days gone by.

The leaders of Washington suffered from and eventually stabilized the scariest economic downturn in world history.

It was from this city that the will was harvested to win not one but two world wars.

With civil rights leaders at the forefront, Jim Crow was liquidated legislatively in Washington, DC.

DONALD PAYNE sowed seeds of civility and thus enjoyed a bountiful harvest of good will from all sides.

This is the city where in 1983 Ronald Reagan and Tip O'Neill bandaged Social Security and added two decades to its solvency.

The forceful but civil words DONALD PAYNE spoke in these Hallowed Halls were short to speak but their echoes are endless.

Heroes in Washington, DC, are made by the men and women who, win or lose, and at no small risk to themselves, place their name on ballots for a place in the People's House.

DONALD PAYNE was a hero, he defeated a hero to get here and once here, he remained true to his ideals and beliefs.

DONALD PAYNE was a hero because he never landed on the evening news because of caustic comments.

He is a hero because he forced congressional attention on Africa.

He became a hero because in a time filled with hot air, he taught us to say nothing often.

He is a hero because he won more Washington battles with his ears than his mouth.

He is a hero because his life was measured not by its duration but by its donation.

John Wesley, who is credited with creating the Foundation, said, "Our people die well."

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, They rest from their labor and their works do follow them."

At the funeral of former Soviet Leader, Leonid Brezhnev, his widow, without the knowledge of the Soviet leadership or the KGB, stood motionless by her husband's coffin until a few seconds before it was closed. Then just as the soldiers touched the lid, the former Soviet leader's widow performed an act of great courage; she reached down and made the sign of the cross on her husband's chest.

She did what she was not supposed to do. But she had hopes for another life for her husband, another life represented by Jesus Christ. She was asking for mercy for her husband.

I realize that I am not supposed to do anything religious at this service. But I do as DONALD did, believe in life in another realm.

Representative John Lewis. On April 3, 1968, Martin Luther King, Jr., gave his last sermon in Memphis, TN. He talked about a trip he and Coretta took to Jerusalem where they drove along the road to Jericho. He discovered it was a long winding journey, full of twists and bends, and places where someone could easily get ambushed. I hear many people did.

King said as he drove, he understood why Jesus used the road to Jericho in a parable to illustrate the meaning of brotherly love. A Levite priest walked on that winding road and saw a troubled stranger who lay stranded, struggling, and in pain.

But the priest was afraid, and said, "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?" But when the good Samaritan passed down that road, he did not hesitate to lend a hand. He lost all concern for himself, King said, asking instead, "If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?"

DONALD PAYNE was a good Samaritan who never turned a blind eye to the sorrow of any human being. Through his work he left a powerful legacy that demonstrates to every single person who ever knew him what a life of public service truly means. He was such a gentleman who walked with dignity and pride, but he was so unassuming, so sincere, so dedicated.

His only motive was to defend the people of his district. He loved the people, and the people loved him. The care and support of the human family was his charge that led him beyond the borders of any legislative mandate. He believed it was his duty to stand up for the locked out and the left behind wherever he might find them, in Newark, in New Jersey, in America, Africa, or around the world.

He was a beautiful man, a sensitive man who dared, as one philosopher put it, to reach his hand into darkness, so he could pull someone else into the light. He was never afraid to ride into conflict, if it meant he could get a clearer understanding of what was good and just.

He could navigate the toughest streets of Newark. No neighborhood was too hard, too difficult, or too distressed for him to pay a visit to teachers, schools, parents, or students. No Nation was too dangerous or too remote, if he believed he could make a difference.

One of the first trips I ever took to Somalia was with DON. I will never forget it. Everywhere we went in little, dusty villages on the side of a winding road, in the halls of government, in the homes of the poor, everywhere we went they knew this good Samaritan by name. They knew DON, and he knew them.

I learned so much from him during that trip. It was very dangerous because rebels were holding back American supplies, starving people to death. DON and I saw children just hours from death, dangling, just skin and bones, held in their mothers' arms. We saw people dying on the side of the road. Though trouble was all around us, DON never thought about his safety, while so many lives were at stake. He never needed any fanfare, only the opportunity to serve, and he would be the first to come when you called.

He was one of the first Members of Congress to join me in Alabama long before there was any thought about a pilgrimage. He and Connie Morella from Maryland walked with me across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, not for fashion or for fame, but to pay tribute to history.

He was a quiet visionary who searched for meaning in all he did, one of the nicest human beings you ever want to meet. He was warm and kind. He never hid behind the walls of position or power. He was a humble, decent man, comfortable in his own skin. He was anchored in his mission and that grounded him. DONALD PAYNE had the strength to love. To me, he was the embodiment, the personification of the best in the human spirit.

My last trip with him was on December 10, Human Rights Day, when he invited me to his district.

DON, it was a wonderful time to be with you, to see how the people of your district admired and loved and supported you.

I am so glad we spent that time together. I am glad you called me when you did and that you gave me an opportunity to see you before you left Washington for the last time. The last words I ever heard him speak were not about his health, but about the people he still felt the need to serve.

He said, "John, I have so much that I want to do." He was saying in effect, he was not finished. And he was right. He

was a rare individual, whose leaving left a void of leadership. We may not be so lucky to see his likeness again. But DONALD, I want to promise you today and the heavenly hosts that surround you, we will finish what you started, and you will help by being our heavenly guide.

We will do our part in your memory with your gentle spirit in our hearts. Safe travels, my friend, my colleague, my beloved brother, to the far corners of heaven. A good Samaritan has finally found his way home. We will see you again some day. We will meet again. Thank you.

Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Board Member Sheila Jackson Lee. To the Payne family, Members of Congress, Senators, former President Bill Clinton, Governor Christie, Mayor Corey Booker, members of the administration, the community of Newark and the community of New Jersey, I am Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee and I am here to bring you remarks on behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation in regards to our beloved friend, Congressman DONALD PAYNE.

Congressman PAYNE provided me with a tremendous amount of support as I became a new member of the CBC. I am particularly grateful for his constant encouragement and lessons on the great history of the caucus. At a time when the political rhetoric has become toxic and elected officials often pander to their basic instincts of the most radical part of themselves, DONALD PAYNE continued to represent his constituents as a forceful statesman.

His work as a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs helped promote democracy and protect basic human rights abroad. As the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health, he was also the author of legislation that provided famine relief in Darfur and facilitated the peace process in that area. He also founded the Malaria Caucus and helped to secure billions of dollars in aid to treat HIV, AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria abroad.

Depth of life is not only measured by how much we appreciate the important things, but also by how much we, in turn, are appreciated. Again, we find the true meaning of this idea among ourselves and our feelings. We are here because we cared. We are here because our connection with DONALD PAYNE was a deep connection based on friendship, love, trust, and understanding. That can only happen with a treasured human spirit, with a spirit like DONALD PAYNE.

When I heard the sad news that DONALD PAYNE had passed away a few days ago, my first thought was that a

light had just gone out in the world. I sat in stunned silence at my desk for a very long time thinking about the influence he had on my life that, until that moment, I am not sure I fully appreciated.

As I stand here there is a song in my head that I can't get rid of. Some of you may know it. It was a popular song from a not so good television show a few years ago called "The Heights." The song was: "How do you talk to an angel?" I'm standing here wondering just that, because there is no doubt in my mind that DONALD PAYNE was an angel here on Earth and is now an angel in heaven. He had a heart of gold. Looking around this church today makes it clear just how many people's lives DONALD touched with that heart of gold.

How was I supposed to choose from all those memories of joy and laughter, or the way he always seemed to know what we Members of Congress had been up to, because no doubt, he'd been up to the same things himself, back in his district here in Newark?

Now there is an empty space where once a man worked, played, and bent down to take the hands of his children, and his children's children. It's a very large void, not so much because his physical presence is now gone, but more because the way in which he shared himself was something that filled us all with the sense that we were someone special to him as special as he was to us. And that space can never be filled by another person.

We have all appreciated the visits, and the phone calls, the little stories of things that DONALD did or told you, most of which we'd never heard before. It's like adding more pictures to the album of memories we already have. Our greatest regret being that we did not have more years with him in which to add to that album.

In closing, I'd like to suggest something to you. Don't mourn; don't be sad. He wouldn't have wanted that. Instead remember the good times: remember his laughter, remember his smile, remember him happily and remember him often. Now that is how he would want us to feel. He was a courageous man and a renaissance man who will be truly missed.

No one expected tomorrow to come so soon. As I see all of you, and as I spent this moment talking to you and sharing comfort, I know my brother DONALD PAYNE has done a great thing. He pulled a vast number of people together of different hues, backgrounds, and areas, and brought you all together. It is a testament to his values, a testament to his charm and a testament to a great life. I hope what he gave

you will stay with you just long enough for you to share it with someone else. He will stay with me because that's what great friends are supposed to do.

DONALD was a devoted husband, father, brother, and member of his community. I would like to ask that you remember the words of Matthew 5:1–14.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

DONALD was a light in this world, now he is a light in heaven.

William D. Payne, brother. Thank you very much Reverend and clergy members. I think that's what you're supposed to say. I'm not used to speaking in churches. Reverend, clergy, and others, I want to thank you very much for coming here today.

Some of you have probably known the Payne brothers for quite a long time and you probably know that we are kind of close. I have a difficult time referring to my brother in the past tense. He's still here—I just cannot yet accept the fact that he will not be there when I call the office late at night as I used to do. Even though the office closed at 6 or 7, DONALD might've been there at 10 or 11 at night. He would want to get some work done and I would call. He would answer the phone sometimes but he would try to disguise his voice because he wouldn't want anybody calling him. I would call late at night. He kind of said, "Congressman PAYNE's office." I would say, "can I speak with Congressman PAYNE?" He tried to disguise his voice in case he wanted to say, "well he's not in right now."

I can also say that I was there, Congressman Lewis, when my brother said to you that “he had so much more to do and that he wished that he had more time” and you comforted him by saying “DON, you’ve done a good job.” So, I just want to thank you for that.

President Clinton, you may not remember this but we were playing miniature golf up in Martha’s Vineyard a couple years back, and I happened to walk by and you said, “Where’s DON?” I said, “He’s not here.” Then you said, “I want to thank him for all the work he’s been doing for Africa.”

We were up there a couple years ago and he talked about all the times that he had in the White House and after the official functions were over he would go upstairs with the family and join in. He told me once that there was dancing up there. He was dancing with the Secretary of State and he said to her, “Boy, for a woman from Little Rock you sure can dance,” and she said, “Wait a minute DONALD, I’m from Chicago. He’s from Little Rock.”

I would like to thank one person who hasn’t been mentioned. We talk about the triplets and how wonderful they are and all of that business. But, nowhere is mentioned the person who is really responsible for the triplets truly being who they are and her name is Beatrice. The mother of the triplets hasn’t been mentioned. I want Beatrice to stand up. You look to the program and her name is not there but I also like to say [sniffles] ... I have a tissue so that’s alright. We grew up in poverty so we didn’t have handkerchiefs so we just [sniffles] ... fancy tissues, but we didn’t have that kind of stuff. My brother and I used to be very close as we were saying. Sometimes we would walk—when we were 10 or 11 years old we lived with our grandparents because our mother passed away when she was only 30 years old and my grandmother said Willie, our father, was too young to raise these kids. So they bought a house with my aunt and my grandparents. They bought a house so we went to live with them. My grandmother was very strict. She gave us a lot of orders to do things, and we had jobs to do, and one was to wipe the stairs down every Saturday, and to do this or that. Also one of them was you had to lock the gate when you were coming back. Don’t leave the gate unlocked. So DON and I would walk together down the street and one of us would have to lock that gate, and we would always walk down the street with our arms around each other and just at the right moment one of us would break because one of us would try to

outfox the other and we would run and go down the street. He was fast.

We're here and we have so many people to thank. I saw my friend Jim McGreevy here a little while ago and I saw Jim Florio here also. They were great friends. I want to mention that March 6 is the day. It's the day that my father passed, on the same night in 1989. My father passed on the same day that my brother passed. I didn't realize it at the time but he went home to be with my father on the very same date. We've been really blessed to have had my brother.

People used to say, "He ain't heavy, he's your brother." I began to realize that I was not carrying him, DONALD was carrying me because there are those who say that DON is a very nice guy. He's the decent one. He's so nice. And Bill is the other one. I think he carried me a lot. I'm going to miss him a great deal. You know I had the opportunity to see him on occasion in some of the other African nations where he went and I saw how they treated him and I guess what describes him is that he walked with kings but he never ever lost the common touch. DONALD was a very humble man and I love him, and I'm not sure what I am going to do when I call late at night and he's not there.

Thank you.

Wanda M. Payne, daughter. I am going to be very brief. My father used to tell me not to say that I'm not a speaker, so I'm going to be quick. I just want to thank everybody for their love and support during these difficult times. My father was like a mother and a father to me because as you know my mother passed away when I was 2 and my brother was 4. He never remarried so he raised us on his own and he did a good job.

He always encouraged me to do whatever I wanted to do just as long as I was happy and good at it. I am a pre-K teacher and I love my job. He never pushed me to do anything else because you have to be happy with what you do or you're not going to be effective.

In closing, I would like to thank Reverend Ron Christian. I mention him because it really touched me when the minute he knew that my father was gravely ill he stayed with us and him at the hospital throughout the whole 4 or 5 days in Washington and New Jersey and never left. He slept there and he prayed with us constantly. Not to take away from anyone else, but he didn't have to stay there. Thank you Ron. I love you. I love everyone else and that's it.

And Shakir, my son, my father really helped me raise him, from bottle feeding to taking him to school. All of that. Shakir—would you like to say something? Come on.

Thanks again.

Shakir Johnson, grandson. I am a little shy, but you know what, I will just speak from my heart. As you know, like my mom says, it is very tough but I know I can't hang my head because I have to support not just my mom, but my family, including my son, who is right here with me. I just want to say, thanks to everybody who came over to the house. Like I said, I am a little nervous, but I just want to thank everybody who helped out. I want to be successful and help out as much as possible and I love everybody.

Donald M. Payne, Jr., son. Good afternoon. Let your hearts not be troubled.

To the assembled clergy, President Clinton, the dignitaries, friends from all over the 10th Congressional District, and the world, and to our family.

I was fortunate to have a wonderful family because you don't get to choose your parents. I was talking to my aunts the other day as we were trying to make plans for them to get here from Virginia and something just came to my head and I said, "I thank God for my mother for having such great taste."

I want everyone to be happy. I'm at peace.

On March 6, I found strength that I didn't know I had.

We've all talked about the man today but no man is perfect. DONALD PAYNE, the Congressman, had flaws. He bit his nails, he hoarded newspapers, and he would make me take his garbage out, as I lived next door. So, no, the man was not perfect.

I want to thank Uncle Bill for correcting something that was missed. Beatrice Payne is very important in all of our lives. As it was stated, she is the mother of the triplets which was one of the reasons my father allowed me to stay around. So, Uncle Bill, I appreciate you for introducing her so I can go home tonight. One more time for Beatrice Payne, please.

Mayor Booker, I never received as many "no's" as you did from him.

I really want to thank everyone for the outpouring of love that you have shown my father. He was a very simple and principled man with very complicated issues. He always told me that it was either right or it was wrong. Irrespective of

what it was, it was either right or wrong. So, life was very simple for him.

To his staff—he thought the world of you. Because he was about giving people opportunities and as I said to them last night, he would not have hired you if he didn't think there was something special about you—to give you the opportunity to rise and meet your potential. So, thank you for what you did for him because no man can do it alone. Thank you.

He didn't have a lot of time and one of the things I think made this situation easier for me is because he was always gone. He was either in Washington or he was traveling and so I have to snap and think that he is not here anymore. The realization will come, but it feels as though he is either in Washington walking the Halls of Congress or flying into Africa right now. I have had my time to grieve and I guess I will grieve more but during his illness I drove to Washington. I didn't take a plane or train. I drove and I had a lot of time to reflect on what he meant to me and the things that he has done for other people. I'm at peace and I want my family to be at peace.

Just think of the things that he did for us without ever asking for anything.

He always wanted people to understand that no man was above another man.

There was a poem that he used to recite and if you were close to him, he taught it to you. I don't know if he taught it to me or if I heard it so much that I remembered it. I believe the poem really gets to the essence of who he was. And it says:

Whether you have blonde fleecy locks or black complexion
it does not forfeit nature's claim.
Skin may differ
but affection dwells in black and white the same.
Were I so tall as to reach the pole or span the ocean with my hands
I must be measured by my soul.
The mind is the standard of a man.

Thank you.

Nicole Y. Payne, daughter. Good afternoon.

Titus 2:7:

And you yourself must be an example to them by doing good works of every kind. Let everything you do reflect in the integrity and seriousness of your teaching.

This verse embodies the legacy of my father. As our family moved through the process during the final days with him,

I was fluttered with pleasant memories of him and how he lived life and loved to live. My first rollercoaster ride was with my father. I realized going through the process that the ride was analogous to life. It was a life lesson of how to enjoy the ride we call life through the peaks, the valleys, the scary times, and the points of exhilaration, and to truly enjoy the ride.

As I sat in the hospital room during the last days of his life, I was utterly moved and compelled to tears as people came, visited, and thanked him for all his works that inspired them to be better people and to make a difference in the world. As I read the cards, they thanked him for turning on their heat, turning on their lights, and getting food stamps. He was their champion. He was their advocate—from the constituents of Bergen Street and the neighborhoods like it, to the obscure villages in Africa there is still work to be done.

Known as a gentle man, he was also a fighter, but not to destroy—to edify. He was passionate about compassion and he had to fight for what was right. He could not rest until it was done. So, today I implore you to replace your tears of sadness with tears of joy and to enjoy having known him, and to continue to plant the seeds and to reap the good works. Celebrate his life and do something in your lifetime to impact someone else, but most of all, do this with integrity, compassion, determination, but most of all with love.

Thank you.

Kathryn Stanley James, sister. A lot of you don't know me, but I am the matriarch of this great family, even though they think of me as the crybaby. Bill was the hard one, DONALD was the great one, and I was the little crybaby. But, today I feel that I can speak about my brother. I remember when my brother was 3 years old. He used to march around the house with a pot and a spoon in his hand, marching like he was in a parade. When he went outside, he would do the same thing. He has been in many parades during his life. Today is his last parade as we followed his casket to the church.

I want to say that I appreciate all of you for coming here and I want to tell you a couple of little things.

When I was in the Hall of Records at the courthouse, where DONALD was lying in state, I met many people that came to pay their respect for what he did for them. This one particular lady was telling me that she had triplets. Because she and her husband were struggling with the triplets, DON-

ALD bought three cribs, diapers, food, and everything that she needed to help the children. He always made sure that they were okay. I said to her, "Oh that's great! DONALD has beautiful triplet grandchildren: Donald, Jack, and my little bunny (Yvonne)."

She said, "Oh yeah?"

I said, "They're 13 years old. How old are your triplets?"

She said, "42 years old."

That shows you even before he was this great Congressman he was taking care of people in his district; helping them with food and other matters.

This past December, DONALD called me. He wasn't even in this country I don't think, but he said, "Kathryn, I want to take you to the White House for the Christmas reception with the President." I was glad at first and then I started thinking, oh my goodness what am I going to wear? What am I going to do? So I said, "Okay, I'll be there."

As I was getting ready that morning, I put my evening bag and my driver's license together because you need identification to get into the White House. When we arrived at the White House, DONALD asked, "Do you have your driver's license?" I told him that I had everything. So we're at the White House and they ask for my driver's license. Well, I forgot I took it out of that bag and put it in another one. DONALD fussed and he fussed. But they let us in because they knew DONALD.

At the reception, you had a certain time to take pictures. We were in line and the President and Mrs. Obama were standing there ready to take a picture with DONALD and me. Well, I took with me a picture of Mrs. Dorothy Inghram who lives in California, where I live now. Mrs. Inghram is 106 years old. She was the first African American teacher in the area, the first principal, the first superintendent, and they named a library after her. She is still sharp. She had a birthday last November and I was there. She still gets around in a wheelchair sometimes. She is such a wonderful person. So, I was telling all of this to Mrs. Obama while we're supposed to be taking a picture. DONALD was just hitting my arm so that I would stop talking. I had a little package with Mrs. Inghram's autobiography and a picture of her and I was getting ready to hand it to Mrs. Obama but the Secret Service took it out of my hand. DONALD said, "Kathryn" and President Obama said, "DONALD, you know how sisters are."

I met one of the President's staffers and she gave me her card to follow up. I called her and she sent Mrs. Inghram a

picture of the First Family and a letter congratulating her on her 106th birthday anniversary.

I just wanted to thank you all for coming. DONALD is my little brother. When he called me and while we were at the reception, he said this might be the last time going to the White House.

I didn't know whether he meant it was the last time with President Obama—I pray that he gets reelected—or whether he meant that it was his last time going to the White House since he'd always go and I would say "you never take me." DONALD had a lot of friends, men friends, lady friends, and staffers. He would always take somebody else. I know that a few of you are here today who went to the White House with him.

I'm privileged and honored to have gone with him and to take a beautiful picture with the President and Mrs. Obama. I also have a beautiful picture with you, Mr. Clinton. It is on my bedroom mirror. And I'm glad you remembered my name because a lot of people always forget my name. They always forget that DONALD had a sister.

This is my son, Craig. I told him that I was going to speak and pray that I would not cry. I feel great. I feel this is a celebration of DONALD's life and I appreciate everybody for being here.

Craig A. Stanley, nephew. Thank you, Mother.

First, giving honor to God, who's the head of my life. I'm going to be brief, Uncle Bill.

As Christians, we hold out hope up until the last minute for a miracle, so, up until the last minute, I didn't believe that he was going to be leaving us. Even the way I saw him, I couldn't accept it until I got a call that night and then I got a call that morning from my sister. I knew based on the call that night and the call that morning that my uncle had transitioned.

I had very little time to really be sorry about his passing because immediately the thought came to my mind that he's there with Martin Luther King, Uncle Bill! You know? And he's there with Sojourner Truth, right? And he can even stop and tell Carter G. Woodson about your bill, Uncle Bill, and how we're trying to get African American history included in the history of New Jersey.

So, I had so little time to grieve, but that's a good thing because I know he's in a better place.

I thank God for blessing me by placing me in such a phenomenal position to be influenced by my uncles. The fact is

that my story could be repeated hundreds of times by hundreds of young Newark kids. I was recruited by one of the many high school fraternities that the Congressman started when he was a teacher in the 1960s and 1970s. Of course it was automatic that I would be involved with the YMCA Youth and Government Program. That's a youth model legislature program. I ran for president of the senate. I wasn't victorious, but I got my bill passed after making compelling speeches in both houses. We had a rule that you could go into the other house; even if you were a senator, you could go and speak in the assembly. That's why we were able to do it, Madame Speaker.

The point is I often tell my students that that is when I realized that being a legislator might be something I wanted to do. I'm currently the director of the Consortium for Pre-College Education at NJIT and we get kids ready to graduate from high school and to be very successful in college. We work with middle and high school students. Youth and Government is where I found out the importance of government. It crystallized for me there, and I realized I could do this. The Youth and Government Program is almost exclusively comprised of suburban students. Unfortunately, a lot of urban kids don't have the wherewithal to do it. My uncle, DONALD PAYNE, made it available to hundreds of urban kids.

I was able to complete my senior year of high school as an exchange student in Switzerland because of Congressman PAYNE. But the bottom line is that he didn't just impact my life, he impacted thousands of youths. And it wasn't just the fact that he impacted their lives but many of them are impacting lives of other students. So, it's not just the thousands that he impacted; not just the work that he's done but the work that he did is being repeated not by multiplication but exponentially. That's what makes his life an epic life!

Finally, I just want to say to my Uncle Bill who is, as he said himself, Uncle DONALD was the nice one—the one who Reverend Jefferson says that I remind him of—and then there is Uncle Billy, the other uncle.

The fact of the matter is that I love them both tremendously and the fact of the matter is that Uncle DONALD would have been kicking and screaming if he thought we were doing this for him over the last 3 days. He would say "This is not me, I don't want this, and you can't do this, no, this is not me." But you know what? Then Uncle Billy would say, "DON, you sat with kings, you're one of the few people in the world who can sit with the freedom fighter and the

president of the same country and be respected by both.”
And then, true to form, my Uncle DONALD would acquiesce
and say, “okay,” to keep the peace, right Uncle? Right Ma?
And so he would go along with it.

As a result of Uncle Bill’s efforts, I thank you Donald
Payne, Jr., my cousin, and Wanda and Nicole, for allowing
us to send this hero off in a way that is appropriate and be-
fitting of the man.

Thank you and thank all of you.

Jack Payne, grandson. Jesus comforts His disciples.

John 14:1–3 (New Testament)

Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.

In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would
have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to
Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.



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“When I was very young, I came across a book of poetry from my father. I will never forget a quote from that book that read, ‘A father wants his son to be a better, brighter man than he.’ I always remembered that as I grew up. Among the many lessons my father taught me, he taught me that in whatever I do, to be the best at it—to work hard, to always be respectful, to be proud of what I do. This has made me a better person.”

—The Honorable DONALD M. PAYNE

Order of Service

Prelude

United States Army String Quartet

Presentation of the Colors

United States Capitol Police Ceremonial Unit

National Anthem

SFC Leigh Ann Hinton, *United States Army Band Soloist*

Welcome

The Honorable John Boehner, *Speaker of the United States House of Representatives*

Invocation

The Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, S.J., *Chaplain of the United States House of Representatives*

Tributes

The Honorable Donna Christensen, *United States House of Representatives*

The Honorable Emanuel Cleaver, *United States House of Representatives*

The Honorable Lynn Woolsey, *United States House of Representatives*

The Honorable Chris Smith, *United States House of Representatives*

Musical Selection

“The Wind Beneath My Wings”

Mr. Anthony Harrington, *Soloist*

Family Reflection

The Honorable Donald M Payne, Jr., *son of the Honorable Donald M. Payne*

Mr. Jack D. Payne, *grandson of the Honorable Donald M. Payne*

Mr. William D. Payne, *brother of the Honorable Donald M. Payne*

Tributes

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, *Democratic Leader of the United States House of Representatives*

The Honorable Frank Lautenberg, *United States Senate*

The Honorable Joe Biden, *Vice President of the United States*

The Honorable John Boehner, *Speaker of the United States House of Representatives*

Benediction

The Reverend Dr. David Jefferson, Sr., *Metropolitan Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey*

The Honorable
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Immediately following today's memorial service,
the Payne family will receive guests in the Rayburn Room.

Speaker John Boehner. Good morning and welcome to the Old Hall of the House. Thank you for joining us to celebrate the life of the Honorable DONALD M. PAYNE, Representative from the State of New Jersey.

With us today are members of Representative PAYNE's family, as well as many colleagues and friends, all gathered just steps from the Chamber where he served with great distinction.

Just as the House is the body closest to the people, it is a body of people who are close-knit. The loss of one is felt by all. That is particularly true in the case of this distinguished gentleman from New Jersey.

This morning, we will hear of a man who grew up in humble circumstances and devoted himself to lifting up others, whether they lived just down the block in Newark's North Ward or thousands of miles away in South Africa.

We will hear of a believer who rewrote the book on what it means to be a public servant. DON PAYNE never settled for being a sympathetic ear or a helping hand. He immersed himself in the plight of those he sought to help, glimpsed a better future, and gave his all to see it through.

We will hear of a teacher who passed on his passion with such commitment that the great John Lewis would say DON's heart "was big enough to serve all humankind."

Through DON PAYNE's story, we see how much we are capable of, and how much we have left to do. So we are again drawn to that line in Luke: "to whom much is given, much is expected." Each of us has been enriched by DON PAYNE's example, and we must be expected to honor it with service and sacrifice.

God bless his family and God bless all of you for being here.

Reverend Patrick J. Conroy. God of heaven and earth, the work of Your hands is made known in Your bountiful creation and in the lives of those who faithfully live their lives in service and in Your grace.

Today we especially remember the life and work of our departed brother, DONALD MILFORD PAYNE, trusting Your promise of everlasting life and love.

We remember his 40 years of service in elected office. In his 12th term in Congress You called him to Yourself. His voice on behalf of the millions who suffer on the continent of Africa, and for so many here at home, will be sorely missed. May his example give courage to those of us who

continue on, to similarly dedicate our lives and our energies for the service of so many in need of a champion.

Comfort those who mourn, most especially his family, but also his lifelong friends, and the many people who remember DONALD as a man of stature and position, who never lost sight of his call to service of others.

DONALD's Bethlehem Baptist Congregation of Newark, and his Roman Catholic alma mater Seton Hall University, can both be proud of this faithful son who answered the call of his Master to serve others, and now intercedes for us all in God's presence. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Amen.

Representative Donna Christensen. It's hard getting used to DONALD PAYNE not being around. We may never get used to it and I hope we don't.

No more, "Hey Girl, where you been?" or "Hey Girl, what've you been up to?," as only DONALD could ask.

But what will always be with us is what DONALD, always the teacher, taught us through his life and service.

Teaching was obviously his first love and he never left it when he came to Washington—from his work to close education gaps on the Committee on Education and the Workforce, to the many young people from all over our country and world that he mentored, in and outside of his office, on street corners or in classrooms—I especially remember his South Africa fellows—to his commitment to the interns and fellows—training the next generation of leaders—as he led the CBC Foundation to understand that this was its important core mission.

As much as he was involved in the life of Africa, its struggles, and its victories—trusted counsel to rebels as much as Presidents—his efforts on behalf of Caribbean development and peace in Ireland—he was still never far from his district to which he also gave his all and where he was so much loved.

His commitment to global health had its beginning in those major health events he held in Newark. I would always join the New Jersey and New York folks, and it was wonderful to see DONALD in his element, and to be a part of bringing health care information and services to the thousands who came. He believed in and respected this institution and its rules and traditions and taught all of us who served with him to do the same—or else! He was a loyal and loving friend who was always there when you called and

even when you didn't, but he also didn't mind ripping into you to keep you on the straight and narrow.

I was privileged as well as burdened to be one of the few that DONALD told of his illness, but he did so well that we—even I—were lulled into thinking he would beat his illness and he did for a long time. Through ups and downs, therapies, and adverse reactions, he kept going like an Energizer bunny here, at home, at the Foundation, across the country and abroad. I don't know how he did it.

So what did Congressman DONALD PAYNE teach us? That you can and have an obligation to do it all; that we must serve all of humanity even beyond the best of our ability and capacity with courage but humility and with determination—quiet when possible, but to also go “Newark” as our Chair terms it, when the situation demands; to never let anyone or anything stand in the way of living life the fullest and giving your all until you have nothing more to give.

DONALD PAYNE gave his all to his family, his friends, his colleagues, his country, the continent of Africa, the Caribbean, and the world, and so he will always be with us in that special part of himself he shared with each of us so selflessly. So we can say as we gather here today for this memorial, thank you DONALD PAYNE, my colleague, my teacher, and my friend.

Representative Emanuel Cleaver. It falls to me, as chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, to speak a few words about our friend and colleague, DONALD PAYNE.

He was indulgent with his family, intolerant toward injustice, invisible during credit-taking time, incorruptible in a city of temptation and inextinguishable as a human spirit who is much loved.

Now I am compelled to utter something that is counter-intuitive. Washington, DC, is a city of heroes. Yes, I challenge the late-night comedians and mid-day commentators. Washington, DC, is a city of heroes.

This is the city of Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, Roosevelt and Roosevelt, Kennedy, and Reagan.

This is the city where leaders have gathered since 1790 to create the most democratic republic in world history.

This is the city that attracted courageous leaders who slammed slavery into the junkpile of days gone by.

The leaders of Washington suffered from and eventually stabilized the scariest economic downturn in world history.

It was from this city that the will was harvested to win not one but two world wars.

With civil rights leaders at the forefront, Jim Crow was liquidated legislatively in Washington, DC.

DONALD PAYNE sowed seeds of civility and thus enjoyed a bountiful harvest of good will from all sides.

This is the city where in 1983 Ronald Reagan and Tip O'Neill bandaged Social Security and added two decades to its solvency.

The forceful but civil words DONALD PAYNE spoke in these Hallowed Halls were short to speak but their echoes are endless.

Heroes in Washington, DC, are made by the men and women who, win or lose, and at no small risk to themselves, place their name on ballots for a place in the People's House.

DONALD PAYNE was a hero, he defeated a hero to get here and once here, he remained true to his ideals and beliefs.

DONALD PAYNE was a hero because he never landed on the evening news because of caustic comments.

He is a hero because he forced congressional attention on Africa.

He became a hero because in a time filled with hot air, he taught us to say nothing often.

He is a hero because he won more Washington battles with his ears than his mouth.

He is a hero because his life was measured not by its duration but by its donation.

John Wesley, who is credited with creating the Foundation, said, "Our people die well."

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, They rest from their labor and their works do follow them."

At the funeral of former Soviet Leader, Leonid Brezhnev, his widow, without the knowledge of the Soviet leadership or the KGB, stood motionless by her husband's coffin until a few seconds before it was closed. Then just as the soldiers touched the lid, the former Soviet leader's widow performed an act of great courage; she reached down and made the sign of the cross on her husband's chest.

She did what she was not supposed to do. But she had hopes for another life for her husband, another life represented by Jesus Christ. She was asking for mercy for her husband.

I realize that I am not supposed to do anything religious at this service. But I do as DONALD did, believe in life in another realm.

Representative Lynn Woolsey. Thank you, Mister Speaker. I am honored to be here to pay tribute to a man I loved and respected—a friend for life—and a mentor.

To his family we say thank you for sharing your father, father-in-law, brother, grandfather, and great-grandfather with us. He was a busy legislator—in Washington, DC, in his district, and around the world, but nobody meant more to him than his family. He was so proud of you.

Some have said that DONALD PAYNE was greeted in heaven by Martin Luther King, Jr., and the like, but I believe he was greeted by his sweet mother and his lovely wife, both of whom left him far too early in his life. Now, I believe he is in a “better place.”

When I came to Congress I couldn’t have asked for a better mentor, a public school teacher, someone kind and smart. We served on committees together where I benefited from his wisdom and experience—because he was a man who knew what public service is.

He described himself as “a mild-mannered man” but he was also tenacious and dedicated. No one—and I mean no one—worked harder to bring peace and democracy around the world.

He knew he could not have been successful without his great supportive staff. He knew you are the best. Nor could he have achieved the reputation of a true statesman and humanitarian without his constant “Energizer bunny” drive and determination that stayed with him through the diagnosis of his illness until the end.

Nobody has fought harder with an iron will and physical strength not to give in, because he had so much left to do. In his absence, it’s up to us to do it for him, to follow his lead, to continue the work that mattered so much to him.

That is our promise to you, DONALD—because we love you and miss you. We thank you for making the world a better place because you were in it.

Representative Chris Smith. In the ensuing weeks since DON PAYNE’s untimely passing, I, along with all who knew and deeply respected him, keep expecting to hear his gentle voice admonishing us to care more and to do more for those trapped in poverty or suffering from devastating disease.

DONALD PAYNE was an extraordinary man who dedicated his entire life to public service; a man who made a significant difference in the world, in his constituency in New Jersey. Many people that he touched know and remember his legacy as a great treasure.

DON PAYNE worked across party lines to combat the HIV/AIDS pandemic and to mitigate the loss of life and morbidity from tuberculosis and malaria on the subcontinent of Africa.

He cosponsored the Sudan Peace Act and worked tirelessly to end the genocides in both South Sudan and Darfur.

I know first hand how much he truly cared and how hard he worked for peace and reconciliation in war-ravaged nations. I served as ranking member of the Africa Subcommittee when he chaired it, and more recently until his passing, he served as mine. In our subcommittee, he never shied away from asking the tough questions, but always did so in a way that demonstrated his earnest desire to find durable solutions to vexing and seemingly insurmountable problems.

He was a joy to work with.

At his funeral, dozens of family members, friends, and political leaders extolled DON PAYNE's innate goodness and accomplishments. The outpouring was, in a word, overwhelming.

President Clinton was there and talked about DONALD PAYNE as a peacemaker, and said, "Better to reconcile than to resent."

Governor Christie said that, "As we celebrate his life today and as we say goodbye, we thank him for his gentle grace."

His niece, Lauren, said, "I can go to any part of the world and he would be known there. I think it's wonderful, just amazing."

His son, Don Jr., reminded everyone, "Just think of all the things he did for us, without ever asking for anything back."

DON PAYNE's ability to care and to do for others while expecting nothing whatsoever in return is indeed rare and it's a precious virtue. His example of lifelong selfless generosity inspires us all to be doers of good deeds without any thought of recognition or reward.

The House has lost a distinguished friend and a distinguished colleague in the gentleman from New Jersey. On behalf of our delegation, I say to the family, we deeply miss him. On behalf of Ileana Ros-Lehtinen and Howard Berman, chairman and ranking member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, we deeply miss him. And on behalf of the entire Congress—he is missed.

Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. Thank you for arranging for this beautiful ceremony today in honor of DONALD PAYNE. Thank you so much for bringing us together in such a beautiful way.

To DONALD's family, I hope it is a comfort to you that so many people share your grief and are praying for you at this sad time. And that DONALD is being honored in so many different ways. He was in life and now with his passing. The fact that the President of the United States, Bill Clinton, and Members of President Obama's Cabinet were present, with our Assistant Leader, Mr. Clyburn, at his funeral. The fact that we are under the dome of the Capitol of the United States and the Vice President of the United States is here to sing the praises of DONALD PAYNE. As well as an outpouring from his colleagues in the House and in the Senate. I hope that is a comfort to you.

I just want to share with you a couple other tributes, that may not be well known to many of you here. On March 19, when we observed St. Patrick's Day because it was on a Saturday, and so, we observed it on Monday, there was a big dinner—the American-Ireland Fund Dinner. Huge dinner. Hundreds of people turned out. The Prime Minister, the Taoiseach of Ireland was there. When our Richie Neal spoke, as did also Peter King, Richie devoted his entire comments to DONALD PAYNE. In this big Irish festival there was a huge [photo shown]—as big as the wall—of DONALD PAYNE, and the crowd cheered wildly as both Mr. King, but especially, Richie, spoke about what he did to help the people of Northern Ireland. Wasn't it a beautiful tribute, [Mr. Vice President] Joe [Biden]? It was beautiful. (Applause.)

That was a couple of weeks, as we know, after his passing.

I want to tell you about an incident that happened a few years ago. We were on a delegation that DONALD helped arrange and lead to Darfur and to Africa. It was very emotional for all of us. But as with anything you did with DONALD, you were better prepared when you went, better received when you got there, and better able to help when you left. Whether it was the alleviation of poverty, the eradication of disease, promotion of peace, ending violence, protecting human rights, you name it. For this trip we were going to Darfur, Sudan, and other countries in Africa. DONALD helped arrange everything, but when we were going to Khartoum, he said, "I'm not going." Remember this Max, he said: "I'm not going." And I said, "But why, you're our leader." He said, "They're not going to tell you the truth, I already know that. I'm not going to give them that opportunity. But you have to find out for yourselves." Which we did. And we went on that trip and then we visited—it wasn't just about visiting Heads of State and Parliamentarians, it

was about visiting people in HIV/AIDS clinics, to see the care they were receiving, about visiting women working in sweatshops. It was about learning about the country.

I wanted to tell you about this one incident because I'm reminded of it today, when so many people are singing the praises of DONALD PAYNE, and I'm referencing people singing the praises of DONALD PAYNE who aren't even here today. We were in Liberia—Mr. Clyburn, you remember this very well—we're in Liberia and there was a big celebration of dedicating a library to Congressman DONALD PAYNE for his leadership. We were there, and I am telling you it was very hot. They gave us dashikis to wear, so it was even hotter. Every person that spoke, and believe me, the leadership of the world turned out—that was after President Sirleaf Johnson had already honored DONALD and the rest of us at an event, but all of the focus was always on DONALD. Anyway, we went to this library dedication at the AME College in Monrovia, it's boiling hot, everybody turned to honor DONALD, long list of speakers. And every person who spoke, Mr. Vice President—you'll recognize this Mr. Speaker, every person who spoke said what an honor it was to be on the program with everybody who spoke before. (Laughter.)

You've been to those things.

Until, you know, we were like 19, 20 speakers. We got halfway through and one gentleman, distinguished gentleman got up, and he said, "To all of the speakers who spoke before me, and who will come next, honors granted." It brought out the biggest smile on DONALD PAYNE's face. The picture that you see on the program, those twinkly eyes, that beautiful smile, that is obviously a family trait. They wanted to outdo each other in praising him, but acknowledging everyone there too.

He was so wonderful and there is so much to be said about him. It's really a personal loss to so many of us. When a colleague passes away, it's sad, it's a loss, in that this is very personal with many Members. I just want to recall, since Mr. Cleaver introduced the idea that we can speak religiously here today, of a prayer that is posted on a wall by a Presbyterian African Bishop in Africa, and I think it applies to DONALD very well. In the prayer, the Bishop says: "When at long last I will happily go to meet my Maker, He will say to me, "show me your wounds." And if I have no wounds, I will say to him, "I have no wounds." And He will say to me, "Was there nothing worth fighting for?" That was DONALD. He fought for poor people, he fought for people all over the

world—we mentioned Africa, that’s well known, we mentioned Northern Ireland, but all over the world. This whole hemisphere. He took on—this is hard, to make that fight. He was challenging the status quo, especially to end violence, promote peace. That’s why it was my honor to name him to be our Representative to the United Nations General Assembly. One time, is the way it goes. But for DONALD, it was two times. Because his contribution was so valuable.

We say it from time to time, but it’s never truer than today, God truly blessed America with the life, leadership, and service of our precious DONALD PAYNE.

Thank you.

Senator Frank Lautenberg. Thank you, Leader Pelosi. It’s an honor to represent the Senate in paying tribute to our friend, DONALD PAYNE.

Congressman PAYNE was a humble man of conscience and conviction. I was always struck by DONALD’s soft-spoken demeanor. I think many here will agree—this made him a rarity in politics. DONALD didn’t need to raise his voice—his ideas were powerful enough.

For more than two decades, Congressman PAYNE served New Jersey in Congress with distinction, but his leadership impacted lives far beyond New Jersey’s borders.

DONALD was an expert on foreign relations. He led efforts to restore democracy and human rights in countries from Northern Ireland to Sudan. Congressman PAYNE worked around the globe to end famine, disease, and genocide.

At home, DONALD was a trailblazer. In 1988, during his first campaign for the House, he told a reporter, “I want to be a role model for the kids I talk to on the street corners. I want them to see there are no barriers to achievement.” Make no mistake—DONALD PAYNE achieved this goal. He inspired young people to enter public service. Just look at his proud family members who are here today. Many have followed him into careers in public service.

We miss Congressman DONALD PAYNE and we mourn his absence from our lives. DONALD may be gone, but his legacy will not be forgotten for a very long time to come.

Vice President Joe Biden. Mr. Speaker, thank you very much. (Applause.) Thank you so very much.

To the Payne family, all of us—many of us have been through what you’re going through, and we know there’s not a darn thing any of us can say to fill that sense of that empty void you feel, that hollowness in your chest.

But as the former Speaker said, I hope you take some solace from knowing that everyone else knows what you knew; everyone else knows what you felt; everyone else knows what your father, your grandfather, your brother, and so forth, what he was made of. I hope that gives you some solace. And so I hope that solace is something that will bring that healing quicker rather than it has already brought it.

I actually envy my colleagues who spoke. I envy them because they obviously got to work with DONALD every day, and they got to know him even better than I did. They got more direct benefit from being with a gentle, honorable man—a man who, in my experience, and I've spent a lot of time on trains with him and a lot of time talking to him as chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, but a guy who is probably as that old saying goes, he's what the doctor ordered, what we need badly here in Washington.

It's not just what he did. It's not just how deeply he felt about the causes he fought for; a lot of you feel as deeply. A lot of you, Democrats and Republicans, feel the same way. But the thing I admired most about him was—I was reading the quote—and it said, "When I was a young man, I came across a book of poetry from my father. I'll never forget the quote from the book, a father wants his son to be better and brighter than he. I always remembered that when I grew up."

My dad used to have an expression, he said, "You know you're a success when you turn and look at your son or daughter and realize they turned out better than you." He's joked about it, but a lot of us as fathers know we're successes because we look at our children. Your dad had that privilege of being able to know.

But I think there's a reason why. The distinguishing characteristic for me, someone who knew him well but not nearly as well as many of you, was that he had another trait that my dad thought was the single most valuable thing beyond courage that you could possess, and that was that DONALD comported himself with dignity, but more important, he accorded dignity to everybody else. Everybody else.

I remember him saying to me when I—just since I've been Vice President, saying—I was quoting my dad saying a job is about a lot more than a paycheck. It's about dignity. It's about respect. It's about your sense of yourself. It's about your place in the community. It's about who you are.

I'll never forget DONALD calling me about, by the way, Somalia, recalling hearing me say that. And I went back and

asked my staff to look up what I thought I remembered DONALD talking about. And DONALD's—the ability of DONALD to comport himself the way he did in a pretty increasingly rough environment for both parties, DONALD said, "I think there's a lot of dignity in being able to achieve things without having to create rupture."

Sometimes in our town—and, Congressman, that was an eloquent presentation you made—but sometimes in this great town with a lot of great heroes, we go through phases where we sometimes confuse dignity with weakness. We sometimes confuse dignity with a lack of resolve.

But the magic of DONALD, the magic of your brother, your father, your grandfather, was no one ever confused it with him. He was pretty remarkable. I served in the Senate for 36 years. I've had the great pleasure of knowing an awful lot of great women and men. As was pointed out when I left the Senate after being elected the 7th time, only 13 people in history served longer than me, which is supposed to give me solace, but it made me feel very bad. (Laughter.) But the point of the fact is very few people can pull off what DONALD pulled off. I don't know what it is. I don't know what that thing was that he had. As I said, a lot of people have his passion. I know a lot of you—Republicans and Democrats—bleed for your constituency, have done incredible things. But he had something special.

There was a place where—there is a psalm that says, "To the upright, there rises light in darkness. He is gracious, he is full of compassion, and he is righteous." DONALD was upright. DONALD was a man who was always—to my experience—always gracious, whether it was talking to the conductor on Amtrak or being with him in his district, which I was on several occasions—that's where I first met you—or whether it was in God-forsaken places in Africa, where I might add and no one has mentioned, it took some courage for him to go and he went.

He put his life in jeopardy on some of those trips. It wasn't automatic. It wasn't always DONALD being greeted with open arms. I can think of two occasions where his aircraft was greeted with weapons fire at his aircraft.

So you know—but the interesting thing about DONALD is "to the upright," as the psalm says, "here rises light in darkness." It not only enlightened him, but it was amazing how much light he brought to the darkest recesses of his district and of the world.

It's been mentioned here a number of times, and I apologize for repeating it, but I think it's important it's mentioned here that DONALD was always a teacher. He was the kind of teacher a lot of us wish we had when we were in school, a teacher who never lectured you, a teacher who demanded a lot of you, a teacher who knew what you needed and was able to help you where he could, but expected you to act. That was everything about him.

There's a great phrase about being a teacher. And whether it was DONALD going after increasing Pell grants or cutting loan interest rates or all the other things he did in his district—there is a great expression, which I'll end with and it was by Henry Adams. "A teacher affects eternity. He can never tell where his influence stops." A teacher affects eternity. He can never tell where his influence stops. We can say all we know about DONALD to the family, but we don't know—we really don't know—where his influence stops.

I'll close by reaching to my Irish roots, because DONALD helped Teddy Kennedy, helped Chris Dodd, helped a lot of other people in this place, worked so hard on the Northern Ireland accords. His compassion was not cabined by race or color or ethnicity. And the highest compliment any Irishman can accord to anyone, period, is to say, he was a good man. DONALD PAYNE was a good man. (Applause.)

LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR OF IRELAND

DEAR FAMILY MEMBERS OF CONGRESSMAN PAYNE,

I was very sorry to learn of Congressman PAYNE's passing and on my own behalf and that of the Embassy and also on behalf of the Government and people of Ireland, I extend sincere condolences to you at this difficult time.

Congressman PAYNE's contribution to the peace process in Northern Ireland was significant. Whether through his regular highlighting of injustice, his numerous visits to Ireland, or his many exchanges with local parties in support of the 1998 Good Friday Agreement, his was a voice which at all times recalled the importance of human rights as a key element in the quest for lasting peace and reconciliation. I am also mindful of Congressman PAYNE's more recent support for ongoing development aid work in South Africa.

In Congressman PAYNE, Ireland has lost a true friend and New Jersey and America a loyal servant. You and his many friends and colleagues are in our thoughts and prayers.

Yours Sincerely,

MICHAEL COLLINS,
Ambassador.

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