

RECOGNIZING DR. MATTHEW HOLDEN, ACADEMICIAN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and acknowledge Dr. Matthew Holden, Academician.

Holden was born in Mound Bayou, Mississippi and subsequently grew up in Chicago. He is married to the former Dorothy Amanda Howard and they are the parents of Paul Christopher Hendricks and John Matthew Alexander Holden. Holden is an alumnus of Northwestern University (M.A., Ph.D., Political Science, Anthropology minor), of Roosevelt University (B. A., Political Science, History minor), and of Wendell Phillips High School (Chicago).

He taught at Wayne State University in Detroit, the University of Pittsburgh, the University of Wisconsin—Madison, and the University of Virginia, where he was the Henry L. and Grace M. Doherty Professor of Politics. He has also been the Newman Visiting Professor of American Civilization, Cornell University, and has been a visiting professor at Jackson State University. In his writings and experience, Holden has emphasized the connection of political science concepts to the actual world that they seek to explain, and of learning from the actual world to refine concepts.

Professor Holden has written extensively in many fields of the discipline of political science. This work has included energy politics and environmental policy, regulatory policy and practice, urban and metropolitan politics, public policy and administration, executive politics, law and politics, and race and ethnic politics.

Among his works are *Continuity & Disruption: Essays in Public Administration*, a study of race and politics entitled *The Divisible Republic*, an edited volume on *Varieties of Political Conservatism*, and contributions to a joint volume on *Resources and Decisions*.

He is also the author of a new volume, now in the last stage of writing, entitled *The Practice of Power*, a study of public administration and political power, for the University of Oklahoma Press. This volume is based on the Rothbaum Lecture in Representative Government delivered in 2001 and rewritten over the past decade. In 1973, he published a two volume perspective on race relations and civil rights entitled *The Politics of the Black "Nation"* and *The White Man's Burden*. A combined trade edition was also published under the title *The Divisible Republic*.

He has also been engaged in many activities outside the academy. He held full time appointive public office as Commissioner of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and as Commissioner of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. He has been a member of the Electricity Advisory Board (U.S. Department of Energy), Task Force on Electric System Reliability (U.S. Department of Energy), President's Air Quality Advisory Board, and of the Board of Directors of Atlantic Energy, Inc.

Among his public affairs activities have been assignments in congressional testimony on

D.C., government organization and on energy policy, and as a witness before the House Judiciary Committee on historical and constitutional standards on Presidential impeachment. He has also been a witness on state legislative hearings on energy.

He has also been a member of the Delegate Assembly of the National Urban League, the Education and Youth Incentives Committee of the National Urban League, the Boards of Directors of the Madison, Wisconsin and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Urban Leagues, in local NAACP chapters, and is an active layperson in the Episcopal Church.

He has also been a strong advocate for improving the analytical basis of African American politics, and has spent recent years advancing the concept of a think tank on politics, economics, and government, especially in the Lower Mississippi Valley. One of his major current interests, as well, is historic preservation, especially in Mound Bayou where the vicissitudes of the contemporary economy are severe and adverse effects.

He is a former President of the American Political Science Association, a former President of the Policy Studies Organization, a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a Senior Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. He holds the L.L.D. (Hon.) from Tuskegee University, the L.H.D. (Hon.) from Roosevelt University, and the L.H.D. (Hon.) from Virginia Theological Seminary. Holden has recently become a member of the Board of the Abraham Lincoln Association.

Jackson State University has also created a Matthew Holden, Jr. Symposium Lecture in recognition of his work and of his and Mrs. Dorothy Holden's donation of the 4,000 volume library that is now called The Mrs. Dorothy Howard Holden and Dr. Matthew Holden, Jr. Reading Room. Holden's academic, personal, and official papers have mainly been donated to the University of Virginia Archives. When those papers are processed they will provide one of most extensive collections in any university of materials on regulatory policy and procedure as seen from a commissioner's standpoint.

Holden served in the United States Army, with sixteen months in Korea in the 7th Infantry Division Artillery.

Matthew Holden, Jr. is the Wepner Distinguished Professor in Political Science, University of Illinois—Springfield, a position he has held since August 2009. He is the convener of the Wepner Symposium on the Lincoln Legacy and Contemporary Scholarship.

HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF EVELYN WEINSTEIN

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Evelyn Weinstein, beloved mother, grandmother, and wife, tireless advocate for the underprivileged, and friend to all who knew her. Regrettably, Evelyn passed away earlier this week.

To say that Evelyn believed in giving back and paying forward would be an understatement—she devoted her entire life to helping the most vulnerable members of our society. The daughter of Polish immigrants, Evelyn worked hard to achieve the American Dream, graduating first from Brooklyn College and then going on to receive a Masters degree from Columbia University. Evelyn used her education and training to help others by becoming a certified psychiatric social worker in New York State.

During World War II and its aftermath, she helped veterans and their families cope with the psychiatric issues of war and also assisted children with respiratory ailments. During her four-decade long career as a social worker, she was a stalwart advocate for patients, assisting thousands of them at Jamaica, Long Island Jewish and North Shore hospitals. She was also the director of Long Term Care Ombudservice, Nassau County, safeguarding the rights of nursing-home residents and helping families deal with the difficult transition of placing loved ones into elder-care facilities.

Always the ardent activist, Evelyn was involved with many social agencies and organizations dedicated to assisting low income and vulnerable individuals, including: the Nassau Action Coalition, helping the aged and disabled and blind on Social Security Income; the Kimmel Housing Development Foundation, advocating for affordable housing; and the Social Action Committee of Temple Emanuel of Great Neck, serving as its chairperson. Evelyn also received numerous honors for her good works during her long and varied career, including: the American Jewish Congress Woman of the Year award, the Nassau County Social Worker of the Year award, and Nassau County Senior Citizen of the Year award.

Evelyn met the love of her life, Jack Weinstein, while she was attending Brooklyn College. They married in 1946 after Jack's service in the U.S. Navy and had three sons, Seth, Michael, and Howard. Jack went on to become a federal district judge, then chief judge, in the Eastern District of New York. But before Jack could become one of the most distinguished jurists in the country, Evelyn worked nights as a social worker and helped care for their young son so that Jack could attend Columbia University law school.

Evelyn was known for a lifetime of selfless devotion to her family, friends, coworkers, patients and clients. Her human touch and empathy for those in need led to the bettering of thousands of lives, not just through her own work, but also through her efforts of teaching people how to help people. She trained and supervised hundreds of social workers and volunteer "ombudspeople" along the way so that they could continue to "pay forward" what Evelyn had "given back" to her community. Evelyn was deeply committed to the concept of citizen representatives overseeing and engaging in government programs in their communities.

Mr. Speaker, Evelyn's energy and compassion for helping the disadvantaged never wavered, never flagged. She is already sorely missed, but her gift of helping others, as well as inspiring all of us to help those less fortunate than us, will always endure. I ask all of our colleagues to rise and join me in honoring Evelyn Weinstein.