

RECOGNITION OF DR. WALTER
WASHINGTON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

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Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I stand before my colleagues today to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Dr. Walter Washington, a distinguished educator and community leader of Jackson, MS. Dr. Washington retired as President of Alcorn State University in Lorman, MS, in 1993 after serving as president for 25 years. Prior to his service as president of Alcorn State University, he served as president of Utica Junior College in

Utica, MS. Thus, for several years, Dr. Washington held the distinction of being the longest serving college president in the United States.

Dr. Washington, a native of Hazlehurst, MS, was educated in the public schools of Copiah County, MS. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Tougaloo College, and graduate degrees from Indiana University, Peabody College of Vanderbilt University, and the University of Southern Mississippi.

Under his leadership, Alcorn State University increased its enrollment and expanded its academic programs and facilities. He also served as an excellent role model for college students because of his strong emphasis on academic excellence and community service.

In addition, Dr. Washington has held leadership positions in numerous local, State, and

national organizations. He has been president of the Mississippi Teachers Association, national president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and national president of the Alumni Council of the United Negro College Fund. Dr. Washington has also been a member of the board of directors of the Mississippi Power and Light Co., the Entergy Corp., Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Mississippi, and the Southern Regional Education Board.

He has been listed in Outstanding Educators of America, Who's Who Among Black Americans, and in Ebony Magazine as one of the 100 most influential Black Americans.

I congratulate Dr. Washington for an outstanding career in education and public service and wish him well in his future endeavors.