

# VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE MUST BE MAINTAINED

## HON. G.V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 9, 1995*

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Speaker, I am today introducing the Veterans' Employment and Training Bill of Rights Act of 1995. Under this measure, which would amend section 4100, title 38, United States Code, veterans' eligibility for priority services under any federally funded work-force preparation, development, and/or delivery program would be clarified. An eligible veteran would be required to meet program eligibility requirements and be within 10 years of his or her date of discharge or release from active duty. Special disabled veterans would be given priority and preference under this section.

Additionally, the act would require entities that administer or deliver services under the above-described programs to provide information and effective referral assistance to veterans regarding benefits and services that may be obtained through other entities or service providers. The bill further provides that entities or services providers would be required to ensure that veterans are informed of their employment-related rights, benefits, and privileges provided under this measure.

The act would also require each State or local council, board, or advisory body established in support of the employment and training programs addressed by this measure to include representation from the veterans' community.

In order to ensure that veterans are being served in accordance with the intent of this legislation, the Secretary of Labor would be required to submit an annual report to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Senate. It would be the Secretary's responsibility to determine what data is necessary to obtain the required information.

Mr. Speaker, our country has a longstanding commitment to providing priority services to veterans seeking employment and training assistance. We are now in the midst of an in-depth review and redesign of our national labor exchange and job training programs. As ranking member on the Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Education, Training, Employment, and Housing, I feel strongly that our commitment to veterans must be protected and even strengthened during this era of change. The men and women who defend our lives and liberty through military service earn the priority of services they have traditionally been provided and will continue to be provided under this bill.

I want to point out that no fewer than 17 States have implemented bills of employment rights for veterans. The Federal Government can and should do no less.

# A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO KATHRYN ELIZABETH RICHARDSON TYLER: CELEBRATING A LIFE OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

## HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 9, 1995*

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, May 15, 1995, the city of Cleveland will celebrate the dedication of a new building addition to the Kathryn R. Tyler Neighborhood Center. The dedication ceremony will celebrate the strong commitment and vision of an individual who dedicated her life to serving the community and improving the lives of others.

The Cleveland community mourned the passing of Kathryn Elizabeth Richardson Tyler on April 5, 1995. For 32 years, Mrs. Tyler served as Administrator of the Kathryn Tyler Neighborhood Center. As we gather to break ground for the new building addition, we acknowledge her enormous contributions to our ceremony. I am proud to join the community for the special dedication ceremony. I wish to share with my colleagues and the Nation some information regarding Kathryn Tyler.

Mr. Speaker, Kathryn Elizabeth Richardson Tyler was born in Dawson, GA, and attended college in Knoxville, TN. She received two master degrees; the first was a Masters of Social Work from Atlanta University; and the second was a Masters of Social Work Administration from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

Early in her professional career, Kathryn Tyler was a teacher in Sheffield, AL. She was also an instructor of social science at Albany State College, and North Carolina A&T College. Further, Mrs. Tyler served as Director of Field Services in the Mediterranean and European theaters during World War II for the American Red Cross.

Mr. Speaker, throughout her life, Kathryn Tyler exhibited a concern for the social welfare of the community. Shortly after relocating to the Cleveland area, Mrs. Tyler founded and served as the first Director of the Glenville Neighborhood and Community Centers. She ran the operation out of store fronts and in the old Glenville High School. However, Kathryn Tyler never gave up on the dream of a permanent home to address the needs of the community through basic social work.

In 1976, the Kathryn Tyler Neighborhood Center was named in honor of this individual's tireless efforts and commitment to the community where she resided and served. During her 32 years as Administrator of the Center, the Cleveland community benefited from important programs such as after school tutorial programs and Head Start for the children; mental health outreach services for families; adult education and job training classes for individuals throughout the community; and special programs to serve the elderly population.

Mr. Speaker, Kathryn Elizabeth Richardson Tyler was a beacon of light in our community. She had a love of people and a special gift of reaching out to those in need. Mrs. Tyler lived by the adage, "Have a dream . . . and reach for it." Due to her lifelong efforts, the community is better able to reach out to individuals and families in need. More importantly, because of Kathryn Tyler, our children have brighter and more promising futures. I was

privileged to have known Kathryn Tyler. She was a close friend and someone whom I greatly admired.

I am proud to participate in the groundbreaking ceremony for the new addition to the Kathryn Tyler Neighborhood Center. It represents a special tribute to an individual who dedicated her life to serving others.

"I LOVE LIFE AND I WANT TO LIVE" IS THEME ONCE AGAIN FOR THE UNITED BLACK FUND 23D ANNUAL VICTORY LUNCHEON

## HON. RONALD V. DELLUMS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 9, 1995*

Mr. DELLUMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to enthusiastically extend my heartfelt congratulations to Ms. Wilhelmina J. Rolark, Esq., president/CEO, and the staff of the United Black Fund [UBF] in celebration of its 23d Annual Victory Luncheon.

I would also like to commend the staff of the UBF and its many member agencies for their continuous and much needed work in serving the community. It seems that the needs that were once taken care of by families and friends has now been placed in the lap of organizations such as the UBF.

Today, we face the possibility of many social programs being eliminated from our national landscape. We see our communities in distress and our Government has been thus far unable to provide for the growing numbers of people requesting assistance. This organization, and the many agencies it supports, are helping fill that void. I encourage UBF to continue to go forward, and to fight the good fight.

I know it is not easy to be called upon to do more and more with less. But with the kind of dedication the UBF has shown in the past, and the commitment it is making toward the future with programs such as "I Love Life and I Want To Live," the road to wellness is at hand, and the tide will be turned. As a former community worker, I know that it takes a strong will to constantly put the needs of others before one's own. I have the deepest respect and admiration for those who continue to do this day after day, year after year. Their selfless efforts make a difference in the lives of so many now and will do so in the years to come.

I find UBF's never-ending efforts a steadfast source of personal strength in my daily encounters with forces that seek an end to any and all programs that do not fit into their particular agenda. I know that without the UBF, there are many among us who would go hungry, who would be in the cold, and many more who would be without hope. I would like to thank UBF for caring for those people who need a helping hand. I know my friend, the late Dr. Calvin W. Rolark, Jr., is pleased as he peers down from above and witnesses the continuation of his lifelong work.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting an organization that is serving a growing number of those in need. The UBF is definitely meeting unmet needs in the Washington metropolitan area and throughout America.