

board of elders of the Morris Cerullo World Evangelism, and as a member of Dr. Frederick K. Price's Ever Increasing Faith Network. She is also the president and founder of the Leadership Training School of Ministry.

Bishop Garvin has been honored with the Great Women in History award by Bronx Borough president Fernando Ferrer, the Award of Excellence by the National Black Association of Minority Business Women, and the Woman of Excellence Award by the New Greater Bethel Ministries, to name just a few.

She is the widow of Mr. Arthur Garvin, with whom she had a daughter who has followed in her footsteps, Reverend Juanita Davis.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Bishop Daisy B. Garvin for her longstanding commitment and dedication to those in need in the community.

REGARDING THE NEED TO SCHEDULE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM LEGISLATION IN THE HOUSE

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 1997

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit for the RECORD a letter signed by 112 Members of Congress to Speaker NEWT GINGRICH and Minority Leader RICHARD GEPHARDT calling for a commitment to bring campaign finance reform legislation to the House floor by the 100th of this Congress.

In the previous Congress we saw how much could be accomplished in 100 days with the political will to do so.

In this Congress, under Republican leadership, we have accomplished precious little to date this year. Worst of all, there has been nothing but silence from the Republican leadership on the need for reform of our campaign finance laws.

Speaker GINGRICH has not responded to our letter. However, others have called for fast action.

The President has called for action by July 4. The Senate Democratic leader, TOM DASCHLE, called for action early in the year. Democratic Leader GEPHARDT has called for action within 100 days, as have over 100 other House Members.

We must bring this issue to a vote early or it will be delayed until it cannot be brought forward at all.

I urge my colleagues to pressure the Republican leadership to commit to bringing a reform bill to the floor.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, January 6, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker,

Hon. RICHARD GEPHARDT,
Democratic Leader.

DEAR SIRS: I am respectfully submitting to you additional signatures gathered during the Holidays from our colleagues urging you to schedule substantive campaign finance reform during the first 100 days of this Congress. We must not let the congressional schedule kill reform as it has in the past. For your information, I am also enclosing the original letter we submitted to you on November 20.

With this second letter, 112 Members from both parties are calling for fast action on

this urgent issue. I hope that we will be able to accommodate this public priority.

Sincerely,

GEORGE MILLER, M.C.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,

Washington, DC, January 6, 1997.

Re Letter also sent to Representative Gephardt.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,

Speaker of the House, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: In a November 20 letter, 93 Members of Congress and Members-Elect urged you to commit to passing comprehensive campaign finance reform within the first 100 days of the new Congress. We are writing today to make the same urgent request. No other legislation could do more to end gridlock and begin to restore public confidence in Congress' ability to act on behalf of the American people.

Several times in the past you and Mr. Gephardt have stated your support for campaign finance reform. We believe that for reform to become a reality you must commit to passing it early in the new Congress. Any further delay in passing tough reforms that impose reasonable limitations on campaign financing and shut the loopholes once and for all is inexcusable. The need for reform has been dramatically apparent to us and to the public for many years. But each Congress, campaign finance reform legislation fails to be enacted. And lack of time is often used as an excuse.

We do not pretend that it will be easy to craft legislation with which all Members and the public will be pleased. But that is our challenge and we believe enough information and expertise exists to write an effective and fair bill.

All reform options should be on the table, including a constitutional amendment limiting campaign expenditures, restrictions on contributions from foreign-controlled interests, and limits on "soft money" spending that indirectly benefits or attacks candidates.

As the last Congress showed, a determined House of Representatives can pass complex and sweeping legislation within 100 days. There is no reason we cannot make—and keep—a promise that campaign finance reform be our highest priority and approved within the first 100 days of the 105th Congress.

Again, as our colleagues previously wrote, we respectfully urge you to commit now to campaign finance reform passing in the first 100 days of the new Congress.

Sincerely,

Tom Davis, Lloyd Doggett, James Walsh,
Tom Campbell, Robert Underwood, Eni Faleomavaega, John Lewis, Lee Hamilton,
Frank Tejeda, Phil English, Joe Kennedy, Bernie Sanders, Henry Waxman, Ed Markey.

REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE MILLER, CAMPAIGN
FINANCE REFORM LETTER, COSIGNER LIST
NOVEMBER 20, 1996

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Tom Barrett.
Xavier Becerra.
Earl Blumenauer.
Leonard Boswell.
Walter Capps.
Bob Clement.
Gary Condit.
Merrill Cook.
Jerry Costello.
Danny Davis.
Jim Davis.
Peter DeFazio.

Peter Deutsch.
Diana DeGette.
William Delahunt.
Rosa De Lauro.
Ron Dellums.
Julian Dixon.
Chet Edwards.
Eliot Engel.
Anna Eshoo.
Bob Etheridge.
Lane Evans.
Sam Farr.
Bob Filner.
Thomas Foglietta.
Harold Ford, Jr.
Sam Gejdenson.
Gene Green.
Luis Guterrez.
Tony Hall.
Jane Harman.
Bill Hefner.
Maurice Hinchey.
Tim Holden.
Marcy Kaptur.
Barbara Kennelly.
Ron Kind.
John LaFalce.
Tom Lantos.
Sander Levin.
Blanche Lambert Lincoln.
Zoe Lofgren.
Nita Lowey.
Carolyn McCarthy.
Jim McGovern.
Jim McDermott.
Paul McHale.
Cynthia McKinney.
Carolyn B. Maloney.
Jim Maloney.
Frank Mascara.
Martin Meehan.
Juanita Millender-McDonald.
David Minge.
Patsy Mink.
Alan Mollohan.
Jim Moran.
Connie Morella (signed her own letter of support on November 22, 1996).
Jim Oberstar.
Bill Pascrell.
Ed Pastor.
Nancy Pelosi.
Collin C. Peterson.
Earl Pomeroy.
Glenn Poshard.
David Price.
Bill Richardson.
Carlos Romero-Barcelo.
Lucille Roybal-Allard.
Tom Sawyer.
Chuck Schumer.
Christopher Shays.
Louise McIntosh Slaughter.
David Skaggs.
Adam Smith.
Debbie Stabenow.
Pete Stark.
Bart Stupak.
Ellen Tauscher.
Karen Thurman.
John Tierney.
Bruce Vento.
Melvin Watt.
Robert Weygand.
Robert Wise.
Lynn Woolsey.
Sidney Yates.

GEORGE MILLER CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM
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John Lewis.
Ed Markey.
Ken Bentsen.
Jim Turner.
Karen McCarthy.
Doug Bereuter.
F. Allen Boyd.

THE BAY CONCERT BAND: MAKING BEAUTIFUL MUSIC FOR 20 YEARS

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 1997

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I believe a community should not only be measured by its economic strength and the values of its residents, but also by the diversity and vitality of its artistic organizations. By these qualifications, I am proud to say that Bay City rises to the occasion through the help of groups such as the Bay Concert Band.

The Bay Concert Band is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, which is a proud and memorable occasion for everyone involved with the band from the conductor to members to listeners. The band has become a staple of life in Bay City, as they have provided public entertainment every year with scheduled concerts and with a free concert at the band shell to kick off the Bay Arts Council community concert series.

The initial idea behind the Bay Concert Band, formulated 20 years ago, was to provide a venue for amateur musicians who had perhaps played throughout school but put down their instruments as adults. What a perfect idea to bring these individuals together so that they could once again enjoy the pleasures of playing in an organized band, and provide entertainment to the community at the same time.

Along with public performances, the Bay Concert Band contributes to the community in numerous other ways. It promotes scholarship awards for accomplished musicians and fosters both ensemble instrumental music as well as solo performances.

The original conductor of the band, Wally Cramer led these musicians for the first 5 years, and then Bob Story took over the reigns for 14 years before he retired this past year. The new band director, David Kjellberg, will continue the tradition his predecessors have set in the level of creativity and skill. I join with all of the greater Bay Area to wish them another 20 years of unqualified success.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO E.M. KNIGHT

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 1997

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Deacon E.M. Knight, Sr., a country boy from Odenberg, LA, born in 1912, a great community leader whose recent passing will leave a great void in the

18th Congressional District and the city of Houston. Deacon Knight moved to Texas after completing high school.

He had been a faithful member of South Park Baptist Church since 1976. He was the first black person chosen to be chairman of the Deacon's Board for 3 consecutive years. Prior to his service as deacon at South Park Baptist, he served as a deacon at East Macedonia Baptist Church.

Ellis M. Knight was married to Eleese Jamison for 37 years until her death. He is survived by three sons; Ellis III, Ronald, and Alan Wayne. He also has two grandchildren; Sharmane and Andre Knight. His two living sisters are Mary Harris and Loys Davis Gatterson. He was married to Janet Jackson in 1988.

Deacon Knight's life was in constant motion. He was the product of a long lifeline. His mother missed the mark of 100 years of age by only 3 weeks. His lifeline provided him many memorable experiences. He served 4 years in the military, took many business and professional courses, and had many challenging jobs, including 37½ years as a union representative and worked with Southern Pacific Railroad.

E.M. Knight fostered black empowerment through his participation with the NAACP and voter registration efforts. He served on committees with local, State, and national elected officials and officers. Through these political involvements he had the opportunity to meet past Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, and Carter. He served on various boards. Among them was the Gulf Coast Community Services Board of Directors as Chair for 6½ years. During his lifetime membership, he served two terms as local branch president. Also, he served two different terms as president of the Harris County Council of Organizations [HCCO]. As Pct. 240 Judge he served on the Democratic Executive Committee since 1988.

Deacon Knight was also privileged to have extensively traveled. In the military he visited the Philippines, Australia, and parts of Asia. His travel with South Park Baptist Church on mission trips took him to Belize, Panama, San Andres Island, and Colombia.

Deacon Knight was quite enthusiastic. His drive came from his stated desire to help people less fortunate than himself. One of his favorite Scriptures, Matthew 25:35, says: "For I was hungry, and you gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in." He edifies this verse through his church and community service. He participated in community civic clubs and was chairman of the Harris County Hospital District's Martin Luther King Advisory Board. He also served as chairman of the South Park Baptist Church Food Ministry and creator and chairman of the South Park Church Community Service Center. He expressed a special love for the Church's Family Life Center. He was the Chairperson of the Together We Build financial drive to raise funds for the building of the FLC. Another special interest was the jail ministry which he was interested in implementing.

E.M. Knight best summarized his life this way: "I am blessed. Sometimes I'm sick, but I'm not tired. I feel the Lord is not finished with me yet." He kept this spirit until the very end and I am honored to have known and had as a friend Deacon E.M. Knight, Sr.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL MONTH: RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 1997

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to six Hispanic-American women for their distinguished public service and selfless dedication to their community. These exceptional individuals will be honored by the National Association of Cuban American Women at its annual dinner on March 15, 1997, at Las Palmas Restaurant in West New York, NJ.

The National Association of Cuban American Women has a long history of recognizing the accomplishments of extraordinary women within the Hispanic community. Under the direction of President Siomara Sanchez Guerra, this organization has grown in stature through the profound impact of the work of its numerous members. These women have and continue to serve as positive role models for individuals in search of a better understanding of what can be achieved when people dedicate themselves to a lifetime of excellence.

This year's presentations are being made under two noteworthy categories: Outstanding Achievement Awards and the Elena Mederos Awards. Four exceptional women have been selected to receive the Outstanding Achievement Awards. Ms. Emma Moreno is a proficient member of the Census Bureau of the U.S. Department of Commerce. Zulima V. Farber, Esq., has served as a public defender and advocate for the State of New Jersey from 1992 to 1994. Estella M. DeLaCruz, Esq., was recently nominated for a judgeship in the State of New Jersey. Nilda C. Hernandez was the first Hispanic judge appointed to the State Division of Worker's Compensation. Each woman has made a significant contribution to the lives of everyone they have touched.

The two exemplary individuals who will receive the Elena Mederos Award come from diverse backgrounds. Natacha S. Millan serves the people of Miami as a commissioner for district 12 in Metropolitan Dade County, FL. Many of the residents of my district have ties to people in Commissioner Millan's area. Dr. Iris Martinez-Arroyo is a dean and professor at Kean College in New Jersey. She has had numerous community-oriented work assignments, including the directorship of the bilingual program of the Newark Board of Education until 1996. Their work transcends ethnic barriers and focuses most importantly on the human spirit. For these endeavors they have earned the admiration of their communities as well as my own.

I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring these remarkable women for all they have done for their respective communities. Each woman has contributed greatly to the varied interests of the residents of the northern New Jersey area. I am proud to have them working on behalf of the members of my district.