

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
NATHANIEL R. JONES

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2000

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to a friend and distinguished constituent, the Honorable Nathaniel R. Jones, who will receive the Distinguished Service Citation from the National Conference for Community Justice (NCCJ) on May 25. Judge Jones was selected for this esteemed award for his outstanding work, personally and professionally, that has promoted the cause of inter-group understanding in our community.

Judge Jones was born and raised in Youngstown, Ohio. He served our nation in the Air Force during World War II. Following the war, he attended Youngstown State University, graduating with degrees of Bachelor of Arts in 1951 and Juris Doctor in 1956. In 1957, he was admitted to the Ohio Bar.

In 1961, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy named Judge Jones an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, where he served for nearly 7 years. He continued his service as Assistant General Counsel to the Kerner Commission, studying the causes of urban riots in the 1960s. In 1969, Judge Jones was asked to serve as General Counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). For 10 years, he worked tirelessly for the NAACP, organizing and arguing a number of cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. In 1979, he came to the Cincinnati area after President Carter appointed him to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit.

Judge Jones is deeply involved in legal education, having taught at the University of Cincinnati College of Law and a number of other law schools. He recently was chosen to deliver the inaugural Judge A. Leon Higginbotham Distinguished Memorial Lecture at Harvard Law School. He also regularly writes and lectures on a wide range of legal and social issues.

Judge Jones played a role in helping to end apartheid in South Africa; monitored the election process leading to Namibia's independence; participated in a U.S.-Egypt Judicial Exchange program; and went to the Soviet Union in 1986 to meet with officials in connection with human rights.

Judge Jones has received numerous awards and distinctions, including the Millennium International Volunteer Award from the State Department. In addition, Congress recently named the new federal courthouse in Youngstown, Ohio after Judge Jones.

Among his extensive list of civic activities locally and nationally, Judge Jones serves as a Co-Chair of the Board of Trustees for the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, and as Co-Chairman of the Roundtable, which works to broaden the involvement of minorities in the legal profession.

Judge Jones and his wife currently live in Mt. Lookout. They have four children and six grandchildren. One of his children, a former law colleague of mine, Stephanie Jones, currently serves as a Chief of Staff to a Member of Congress. We are most fortunate for his service and commitment to our nation and

local community, and I congratulate him on this well deserved honor.

BILL TWEET: LABOR TO NEIGHBOR AWARD

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, and colleagues, today I recognize Bill Tweet, as he is honored by the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO, at its 12th annual Worker's Memorial Dinner with its Labor to Neighbor Award.

As Business Manager of Ironworkers Local 229, Bill has been one of Labor to Neighbor's strongest supporters. This vital program educates and involves union members and their families in the campaign to protect jobs and the future of working people in San Diego and Imperial Counties. By sponsoring the annual Labor to Neighbor Golf Tournament, Bill has helped to raise funds for member education and voter registration programs. Ironworkers Local 229 has also been a leader in staffing phone banks, walking precincts, and registering union members.

Bill's dedication to strengthening the Labor to Neighbor Program and the San Diego area's labor unions is an inspiration and example for us all. My congratulations go to Bill Tweet for these significant contributions.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY RECOGNIZES AMY B. MANSUE

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Amy Mansue, who is being honored by Planned Parenthood of Central New Jersey on Tuesday, May 23, 2000.

Ms. Mansue will receive Planned Parenthood's Fred Forrest Community Service Award. This award recognizes people who view their passion for Planned Parenthood in the context of a fundamental commitment to improving their community in many ways.

Amy Mansue has served as a Policy Advisor in the Governor's Office of Management and Policy on health, human services and women's issues. Also, she served as the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Human Services, where she oversaw the Divisions of Youth and Family Services, Developmental Disabilities, Mental Health and Hospitals, Medical Assistance and Health Services, and the Office of Education.

Currently, Ms. Mansue is the Senior Vice President of Corporate Business Development of HIP Plans. Prior to this she served as President and CEO of HIP Plan of New Jersey, a not-for-profit health plan.

Amy Mansue's commitment to her community is evident by the multitude of boards she has served on, including St. David's Vestry, the University of Alabama School of Social Work Advisory Committee, PAM's List, New

Jersey Center for Public Analysis, and the New Jersey Community Development Corporation.

Ms. Mansue's peers have recognized her efforts through the years. She has been honored for her achievements by the New Jersey National Association of Social Workers as Social Worker of the Year, Modern Health Care's 1998 Up and Coming Healthcare Executive, the United Cerebral Palsy Association's Boggs Award and the New Jersey State Nurses Association's President's Award.

Mr. Speaker, the dedication of Amy Mansue serves as an excellent example to the citizens of New Jersey. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Amy Mansue.

INCREASE THE PEACE DAY

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2000

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing an important resolution which urges the House of Representatives to support "Increase the Peace Day" events throughout the country.

On April 20, 2000, on the one-year anniversary of the tragedy at Columbine High School, students, teachers, parents, and community leaders from Challenger Middle School in Lake Los Angeles, California hosted an "Increase the Peace Day".

The program featured the formation of a human peace sign and a presentation by a former skinhead who turned his life around and now works with the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance.

The highlight of the day was when the 650 students of Challenger signed an "Increase the Peace Pledge" in order to avoid any similar acts of school violence. Among the promises in the Pledge were to find a peaceful solution to conflicts, to not hit another person, to not threaten another person, to report all rumors of violence to an adult, to celebrate diversity, and to seek help when feeling lonely or confused.

I was proud to join the other supporters of "Increase the Peace Day" and be a part of this incredible event. I would like to take a moment to recognize the outstanding efforts of teacher Bruce Galler who came up with the original idea for "Increase the Peace Day" because he believes that something can be done.

Bruce uses a quote by Edward Everett Hale on all literature to promote the event and I believe it illustrates what each of those students accomplished last month. The quote is as follows, "I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do."

That day, I promised to introduce this resolution in order to show that as one Member of Congress, I can do something to highlight this important event and encourage all Americans to reject anger and hate and instead to promote peace and community.

I urge all my colleagues to support this resolution and to encourage their local communities to institute a similar program.