

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF HYDE PARK COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church on the 75th anniversary of its consecration.

The origins of the Church can be traced to 1879 when the Mount Lookout Methodist Episcopal Church was organized by fifteen Methodists who were meeting in area homes. In 1880, a wooden church was erected at the site of the current church on the corner of Observatory Road and Grace Avenue on land donated by John Kilgour.

Meanwhile, in 1907, another small group of congregants left the Mount Lookout M.E. and formed the Hyde Park Methodist Episcopal Church. They constructed a building at 2753 Erie Avenue, which was completed in 1915. Both churches continued to grow. After the Mount Lookout M.E. Church was damaged by termites and a tornado and the Hyde Park M.E. Church building experienced structural difficulties, Bishop Henderson urged the two churches to merge, and in 1922 the two became the Mt. Lookout Hyde Park United Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1923, the pastor of the newly merged churches, Reverend Warren Dunham, articulated the vision of the community church, and encouraged the construction of a new building. The congregation moved quickly to construct a large and impressive Gothic structure that required substantial financial sacrifice by its members. The present building was dedicated on the site of the original Mount Lookout M.E. Church on September 25, 1927.

Since 1927, the Church has grown significantly, enlarging its buildings and adding to its membership. But its Invitation, dedicated on its founding, in 1927, remains unaltered, and as timeless today as then. It reads:

To all who mourn and need comfort
To all who are tired and need rest
To all who are friendless and want friendship
To all who are lonely and want companionship
To all who are homeless and want sheltering love
To all who pray, and all who do not, but ought
To all who sin and need a savior;
and to who-so-ever-will, this church opens wide its doors, and in the name of Jesus, our Lord, bids welcome!

The inclusive spirit of this Invitation is one reason Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church has been blessed by such growth and success over the years. The Church community is a shining example of the United Methodist Church's current nationwide inclusiveness campaign of "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors."

Over the years, the Church has had a proud tradition of not just serving the spiritual needs of the congregation, but also reaching out to help others. Consistent with the vision laid out in the 1920s, the Church has been active in the community. This includes the Hyde Park community, the Greater Cincinnati area and our greater national and world community

through its ministries on Christian education, United Methodist Women, Spiritual Direction, affiliations with churches in other countries, and mission programs.

All of us in Greater Cincinnati congratulate the Church, its pastors, parishioners, and staff on the occasion of the Church's 75th anniversary. We also look forward to many more years of the Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church and its open Invitation and commitment to our community.

TRIBUTE TO MACK POWELL

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to my friend Mack Powell. On August 8, the Sacramento real estate community lost one of its most beloved and dedicated leaders when Mack Powell passed away. As his family and friends gather to remember Mack's many outstanding achievements and contributions to his community, I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in saluting this truly remarkable citizen of Sacramento.

Born in Sardis Mississippi on September 20, 1920, Mack was orphaned at an early age and was raised in an orphanage. Mack would go on to serve his country by enlisting in the Army during World War II. After his stint in the Army, Mack moved to Texas in 1946. While in Texas, Mack was elected and served with great distinction as the Mayor of Pecos, Texas.

In hopes of securing a better future for himself, Mack moved to California in 1955. In time, Mack owned and operated a furniture store in Sacramento. It was also in Sacramento where Mack met his wife, Paula. Mack and Paula were happily married in 1967. In the following year, Mack made his initial entry into the real estate business. After obtaining his sales license and later his brokers license, Mack and Paul founded Suburban Properties, Inc.

By 1970, Mack had begun to get involved with the Sacramento Board of Realtors. During the course of his illustrious career, Mack would serve on over 100 committees between the national, state, and local Realtor associations. Locally, Mack served as the Sacramento Association of Realtors' President in 1986. On a statewide level, Mack was the California Association of Realtors Regional Vice President in 1986, and after much hard work, he was selected President of California Association of Realtors in 1991. It was also in 1991 that Mack was named the Realtor of the year for the Sacramento Association of Realtors and California Association of Realtors.

Mack also served as a Federal District Coordinator of the National Association of Realtors for my a Congressional district. It was simply a great joy and privilege to have had the opportunity to work with Mack over the years. Mack was a gentle man of unparalleled ethics who always had the best interests of the community and his industry in mind in all his endeavors. The citizens of Sacramento should be thankful that they could call Mack Powell one of their own.

Widely touted as one of Sacramento's most cherished and prominent citizens, Mack was

the consummate community leader. While astute and active politically, he was both a civic leader and exemplary citizen who was trusted and respected across all political persuasions. His intellect, integrity, good cheer, energy, and compassion made him a natural gatherer of people. Mack always found time to help others, whatever their stations in life.

Mr. Speaker, as Mack Powell's family and friends pay tribute to his many wonderful achievements, I am honored to express my gratitude and respect for one of Sacramento's most outstanding citizens. His accomplishments are unparalleled, and it was truly a privilege for me to count him as one of my dearest friends. I ask all my colleagues to join me in acknowledging Mack's invaluable contributions to Sacramento.

IN HONOR OF LESLEY MOORE

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lesley Moore for twenty years of service to the Hudson County community and to Catholic Community Services. Ms. Moore was awarded the 2002 Mary T. Norton Memorial Award on September 17, 2002, at the United Way Kick-Off, which was held at the Crowne Plaza in Secaucus, New Jersey.

Lesley Moore has selflessly dedicated herself to a life of social service focused on the needs of others, including at-risk children and their families, the homeless, and people living with HIV.

Ms. Moore's leadership has been exemplified in her work as Children and Family Services Division Director, as well as her supervision of the Children and Family Services of Catholic Community Services. She has successfully expanded the abilities of these organizations to assist those most in need, and continues to administer the following programs: home-based services; an adoption agency; juvenile justice programs; school-based counseling; youth development, and youth mentoring.

Lesley Moore's hard work ethic and spirit of kindness is also found in her participation in a number of professional groups, such as: Hudson County Case Assessment Review Team; Hudson County Children's Interagency Coordinating Council, Hudson County Coalition on Domestic Violence; Hudson County Coalition of Non-Profits; Hudson County HIV/AIDS Planning Council; Hudson County Human Services Advisory Commission; and Hudson County Youth Services Commission.

This award is given in recognition of the deep commitment to human services exemplified by Congresswoman Mary T. Norton. It recognizes women who have made outstanding contributions to the success of programs, both in their community and throughout the nation.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Lesley Moore for her critical role in helping to improve the lives of families and children in Hudson County.