

involved with the business and everything like that so, he didn't want anybody else to get involved with business or he pleaded guilty, he doesn't want to get his wife involved and have problems. They gave him the opportunity.

JT: Who is they again?

HM: They is the FBI.

JT: Now, did ah..

HM: I know one thing, he has been nervous ever since then cause they've got the threat of going to jail over his head and ah.

JT: If he don't do what?

HM: If he doesn't cooperate.

JT: Did he tell you that, well what did he tell you, did he tell you he broke the law with me, what was the statements to you?

HM: Basically he don't feel that he broke the law because ah, your dad and his dad were friends for years and years. And he thought he was helping a friend but he did say that whatever he did for you, he was paid because he had gotten some money, I'm not sure of an exact amount, I don't know fourteen, eighteen hundred dollars, something like that, plus a piano that's worth more than what these people are saying.

JT: Well, he mentioned to you that it was an eighteen fifty-six Steinway that was registered in the book?

HM: Right, I moved it out of your house.

JT: Yea, and it was registered in the book only two made in eighteen fifty-six, but there was other antiques too. Did you help move those things from the barn and from the house?

HM: Yes I did, you had them in the barn, we went to the barn, we got stuff up in the attic.

JT: There were several other antique pieces that he had taken, but basically all he did there, was he laid, you guys spread the concrete, he did not have anything to do with paying for the concrete.

HM: No, he didn't buy the concrete. The concrete was bought by a guy in Struthers, I believe it was.

JT: T.C. Ready Mix delivered it. And ah, I paid T.C. Ready Mix and he had nothing to do with paying that. But the point I'm making is, did he say look, I had to lie or they were going to put me in jail, bring my son involved.

HM: Yep.

JT: Tell me exactly what he said.

HM: That's what he said. What your saying is that he was deathly afraid that they were going to bring his son in, his wife in, and ah, if he didn't cooperate with them, he was going to go to jail.

JT: And by cooperating, what does that mean?

HM: Well by cooperating, right now he is not in jail.

JT: Yea, by telling them...

HM: Whatever they want to hear, he had to tell them. And at this point, he is still worried about going to jail, because if he doesn't cooperate in the courthouse he has got that threat lingering over his head about going to jail.

JT: When did he tell you this, do you recall?

HM: Oh, it had to be after the second meeting with the FBI. I can't give you a specific date, but it was right after that. It was actually before he went to jail on ah, another offense, I think they had something with his old DUI.

JT: Against the father? Dave senior?

HM: Dave senior, yea he had one.

JT: Yea he had one too.

HM: And they pushed that issue.

JT: They were pushing that. But they indicted him on, was supposedly he backdated a bill to me and he supposedly said he didn't backdate the bill, and then they found that he did backdate a bill or whatever the hell it

was and they were going to get him for perjury, that was technically the count so, is that what you recall?

HM: Right, but the bill, as I said before, Dave was bad, he'll do work for other, and he even explained to the FBI people that he has done work for New Middletown and different things like that, and he'll forget to send a bill, or he'll have it out but he won't put a date on it and it might be a month later that he'll decide to put a date on it to send it for when he did the work. And it's backdated, but on the same token, ah, a lot of times its just forgetfulness.

JT: But ah, evidently Dave was concerned cause he knew they were after me so, he said that he didn't backdate the bill right?

HM: Right. Correct.

JT: And that was the technicality that got him indicted.

HM: Right that was just...

JT: Bull sh—?

HM: Him protecting an old friend, that's what it, amounts to. Myself, for the petty little thing that he did, I don't think that....

JT: But he said to you that he felt bad that he had to do this, because it wasn't truthful, and he and I did nothing illegal, is that in fact what he said?

HM: That's it. Because the point is that you know, he can't figure out why he can't help people and still get some money for it, which he did, and ah, get in trouble for doing something he didn't do.

JT: There were no intentions to do something for me because I was doing something or helping him.

HM: Right.

JT: That's exactly what he said?

HM: That's about the extent of it. And ever since then he has been really worried.

JT: I know he feels bad. Everybody is saying you can see he don't want to do what they are forcing him to do. But he is forced to this, is that what he told you?

HM: That's it.

JT: And were he not being forced with these technicalities, he would tell the truth in Cleveland, wouldn't he?

HM: Yea he would.

JT: And he's still real worried that he may tell the truth and if he does, they are going to send him to jail, don't they?

HM: That's the problem right now that Dave has. If he tells the truth, he goes to jail, if he lies about it he goes to jail. He's caught in a nutshell and he don't know which way to go.

JT: He has to go the way they want him though, don't he?

HM: You got that right.

JT: But he told you that explicitly?

HM: Yes he did.

JT: And you are willing to testify to that?

HM: Yes I will.

JT: Thank you Harry, I think today is Sunday, January, what's the date, the twenty-seventh?

HM: The twenty-seventh I think.

JT: Is there anything else you want to say Harry?

HM: Ah, not really, unless you want to hear about that ah...

JT: About the city of Youngstown and their deals they had going, no. That's something that, I got an investigation going on and I may go over that with you at some point, but right now, I'm more concerned about his case here and what they have done with witnesses.

HM: One more about Dave, you know that he doesn't need any trouble.

JT: He certainly doesn't need any trouble, is that what you said?

HM: No he's a very good guy, hard worker at times, and he's still a good guy.

JT I know that.

HM: I Don't believe that by him supposedly talking to you about out of town people at one time for a job, could justify all the problems that he has coming.

JT: Yea, and he in fact was right the right-ful bidder. And there was some hanky panky in the city wasn't there?

HM: There definitely was.

JT: And he told it to me didn't he?

HM: Yes he did.

JT: And I looked into it.

HM: Yes you did, and there was nothing promised, anywhere along the line.

JT: And as soon as I looked into it, they changed the whole ball game down there didn't they?

HM: Right. They got some out of town firm that went bankrupt.

JT: The out of town firm did go bankrupt didn't they?

HM: Yea they did, I went to the auction.

JT: Well thank you Harry, I appreciate you coming to me by your own volition.

HM: Yes I did.

JT: Thank you and this is Sunday, January twenty seventh, approximately Eight fifty-five a.m., is that the time you got? Eight fifty-five a.m., alright.

There are also contract issues relative to Sugar and the city of Youngstown, in which the government maintained that I leveraged the City to give Sugar the contract.

I did try to help Sugar get that contract. There was no quid pro quo. David Sugar and his company pay more than \$100,000 in taxes into Mahoning County, where the city of Youngstown is located. And, because the need for employment in my district, I always support good quality bids from local companies, which hire my constituents and pays taxes into this community. The contract was eventually awarded to a company from Buffalo, New York for a difference of \$14,000.

The poor quality of the company that was granted the bid for the City is evidenced by it's bankruptcy auction, in which Harry Manganaro attended at the request of David Sugar. Additionally, the company's performance created a fire at the work site causing damage after smoldering for a lengthy period of time.

Did I help David Sugar? Answer—Yes. I helped thousands of my constituents in similar situations and David Sugar was paid for any services he may have provided at the Trafficant farm.

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HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, California State Assembly Speaker pro Tem Fred Keeley. In his years of service to the communities of the Central Coast and throughout California, he has earned a reputation for professionalism, and the ability to fairly balance competing interests and find common ground between them. His legacy of tireless work has been an inspiration to me, his colleagues in the California State Assembly, and many others.

Fred Keeley holds an unwavering conviction that Californians need, and deserve, a clean

and well-protected environment, and that it is not necessary to threaten or damage the environment to meet the energy needs of Californians. Fred has been a strong advocate of energy conservation and efficiency programs, in addition to developing programs to encourage households to generate their own electricity with renewable energy. In March 2000, Fred's bond measure, Proposition 12, the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act was passed. In drafting the Marine Life Management Act, Fred brought together sport and commercial fishermen, environmentalists, and scientists to address the question of how to be good stewards of our ocean resources.

Fred Keeley understands that the greatest of all of California's resources are its people, and that state, federal, and local governments should do all they can to invest in these people by investing in their education. The Central Coast is home to excellent institutions of higher education, many of which have formed partnerships with the research facilities located around the Monterey Bay. One of the ways Fred is helping college students and their communities is by addressing the need for student housing. Fred also works on behalf of younger students through his efforts to create a high school in Watsonville, and on behalf of our youngest students, through his efforts to improve availability of funding for the Healthy Start program.

Term limits will force Fred Keeley to leave the California State Assembly, and his talent and vision will be sorely missed. However, I know that he will continue an active contributor to the communities of Central Coast, as he did in his years as a Member of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, and as my Chief of Staff when I served in the California State Assembly. I am proud to call Fred Keeley a friend, and happy to honor him for his commitment to public service.

HONORING SUSAN PETERS

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend Susan Peters as she retires from over 37 years of educating children of elementary grade levels one through three. Susan has taught at Neil Armstrong Elementary School in Diamond Bar, California for 30 years and has been in the Pomona Unified School District for 33 years. She has even had the rare opportunity to teach the children of former students. Formerly, her first four years were in the State of Michigan.

In her years at Neil Armstrong, she took the lead role in organizing the school library and bringing it into the 21st century. Susan, with her team teacher Toby Kahan, has instituted the AR reading program and set it up on computers for the entire school. She has always been available to serve on many different committees, both school and district-wide. Susan holds a Masters Degree in Education specializing in reading.

Susan's departure will be a great loss to her school and to the children she teaches. She

has stated that from the time she was a small child she knew that she was to be a teacher, and she succeeded in that dream. This is a great and very dedicated educator whom I congratulate for her years of outstanding commitment to our children as she goes into retirement.

HONORING REVEREND DR. ZAN WESLEY HOLMES, JR.

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the career of one of Texas' most beloved and honored spiritual leaders, the Reverend Dr. Zan Wesley Holmes, Jr., who retires this month as Senior Pastor of St. Luke "Community" Methodist Church in Dallas. Reverend Holmes has been a friend and spiritual mentor to me—and to so many others in the world—throughout his decades of service to our community. This evening he is being honored for his extraordinary service with an Official Tribute orchestrated by the friends and family members he has touched over the years.

Reverend Holmes is a man of unshakable faith, great wisdom, and bountiful kindness. He has been a pillar of the Dallas community for more than 45 years, working tirelessly to stabilize and mobilize our neighborhoods and improve the quality of life for all North Texans. By giving of himself so generously, he has helped to strengthen our families and our spiritual faith, promoted justice and equality, and helped create economic opportunities that has made Dallas a more diverse city to live.

First and foremost, Reverend Holmes has been a spiritual beacon for the Dallas community. As a young man attending Huston-Tillotson College, he accepted his calling to the ministry and embarked on a path that has uplifted so many of us over the years. In 1956, Reverend Holmes moved to Dallas to attend Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology. He became a professor in the same department in 1974, inspiring generations of ministers since that time.

Throughout his pastoral career, Reverend Holmes has achieved many milestones. He helped found Hamilton Park United Methodist Church in Dallas. In 1968, Reverend Holmes rose to District Superintendent in the West Texas Conference of the United Methodist Conference when segregation called for a separate African-American governing body of the United Methodist Church. After the Methodist Conference integrated in 1970, Reverend Holmes' term as District Superintendent carried over into the unified conference and he proudly served on behalf of people of faith of all colors.

Shortly thereafter, Reverend Holmes was appointed Minister of St. Luke Methodist Church in East Dallas. He came at a time when the church only had 50 members, and through his leadership, the congregation has grown to more than 5,000 members. He brought to St. Luke the desire to build a city-wide congregation that embodied a strong commitment to community outreach. After his

installation as pastor, the word "Community" was added to the church's name at his insistence. In keeping with this sense of community, Reverend Holmes has brought many of his seminary students to St. Luke for their pastoral internship, making it a training ground for many well-known pastors who preach around the world today.

Beyond his work in the pulpit, Reverend Holmes has been a tireless leader in the fight for fairness and equality in the Dallas-Ft. Worth Metroplex. While becoming one of Dallas' true visionaries, his work has helped to strengthen the voices and representation of African-Americans, as well as Hispanic Americans in many sectors of our community.

When I first considered running for the Texas House of Representatives in 1972, Reverend Holmes stood by my side and encouraged me. His wise counsel helped me to make the decision to run in that first election, which launched my 30-year legislative career. Throughout my career, I have been privileged to rely on Reverend Holmes for support and advice as well as for his friendship.

He has also played a pivotal role in bringing up other Texas African-Americans into elected office, and has met the call to office himself. Reverend Holmes worked on the campaign for the first elected African-American Texas State Representative Joseph Lockridge. After Representative Lockridge was killed in an airplane crash, Reverend Holmes was asked to fill his unexpired term. Reverend Holmes then ran for election and served two full two-year terms as a Texas State Representative. As an elected official, Reverend Holmes fought to create single-member districts, which ensured that African American and Hispanic voters would have more representation. Many, many other African American political leaders have ascended to public service from his guidance and teaching.

On any given day, hundreds of people in the Metroplex leave their homes to participate in programs spearheaded by Reverend Holmes. Believing that the church must be involved in the education of our youth, Reverend Zan Holmes and his late wife of 43 years, Dorothy, created the Zan W. Holmes, Jr. Scholarship Program, which has raised more than half a million dollars to help send deserving young people to college. At the end of each grading period, Reverend Holmes has reviewed the report cards of the children in his congregation. One by one, students have lined up outside his office to speak to Reverend Holmes about their grades and the challenges they are facing. These are the kind of personal touches that we have come to know from Reverend Holmes—and one of the great qualities we will dearly miss.

Mr. Speaker, for all of these accomplishments, and for so many others that are too numerous to list here, I am proud to rise in honor of Reverend Dr. Zan Wesley Holmes, Jr. and to express my gratitude for his many years of selfless public service. He is truly a role model and leader in our global community, and though we will miss hearing his words of wisdom and faith coming from the pulpit each Sunday, we congratulate Reverend Holmes as he moves on to new spiritual journeys.