

TRIBUTE TO PASTOR HERBERT
GUICE

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great spiritual and civic leader, Pastor Herbert Guice for his lifetime of ministry. In addition, he has been a tireless champion of education, empowerment, and equality for more than 89 years.

Reared by his mother, Mrs. Eulee Guice, Reverend Doctor Herbert Guice was born in Rentisville, OK. The family later moved to Kansas City, MO, where he and his younger brother grew up and where he attended Lincoln High School and Baptist Seminary. In 1942, he moved to Oakland, CA, and in 1953, he organized Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, the first Black church founded in Alameda. Bethel Missionary was the first modern Black church built from the ground up.

Pastor Guice has provided broad civic and community leadership as: organizer and first president of the Alameda branch of the NAACP; executive board member, Alameda Red Cross; Chair of the Board of Directors of the Oakland Industrial Corporation; Advisory Committee member for the Oakland Unified School District. He has also served on the Adult Minority Employment Project and Oakland Economic Development Council, the Alameda County Welfare Advisory Committee, and was president of the Baptist Ministers Union.

In 1961, Reverend Doctor Guice established an educational and scholarship program which has awarded over \$1 million dollars to over 3,000 students. He instituted the Bethel Baptist Church Job Placement Program in 1971, providing full-time and part-time job placements for 2,500 young people and adults. In 1983, Pastor Guice led the church's efforts to purchase a lot and construct the Dr. Herbert Guice Christian Academy for pre-school through sixth grade, which was completed in 1997. The sixth grade class of June 2002 was the first graduating class of the Academy.

Finally, as we honor Pastor Guice today, I want to thank him on behalf of the entire 9th, Congressional District for being an exemplary role model, pastor, and preacher. Pastor Guice is known, acknowledged, and appreciated as, "an originator not an imitator." He has been a friend who has shared his wisdom and has given me tremendous support. Most of all, I thank Pastor Guice for his indomitable spirit and his prayers.

I take great pride in joining Reverend Doctor Guice's friends and colleagues to salute the extraordinary Herbert Guice.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ROBERT D.
JENSEN

HON. JIM KOLBE

OF ARIZONA

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Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the community of Tucson, Arizona, I would like to express our gratitude to Dr. Robert D. Jensen, a pioneer in the community college movement

who has led Pima County Community College District as Chancellor for the past eight years. As he retires, it is fitting that Tucson thanks him for the leadership and vision he displayed at local, state and national levels. He has left a legacy that will benefit our children and grandchildren for generations to come.

A Tucson Citizen editorial paid tribute to this "highly visible community leader, working for higher education funding and ensuring that Pima Community College is a key cog in the community. Jensen has concentrated on making the college a truly local institution, responsive to local educational and job-market needs. He will be badly missed."

While in Tucson, Bob Jensen brought Pima Community College to the workforce development and economic development tables through business, government and education partnerships. He served on the board of directors for the Tucson Airport Authority, the Greater Tucson Economic Council (GTEC), the United Way, the Arizona Town Hall Board and the Carondelet Foundation. He was appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Higher Education, and is on the national boards of the American Council on International Intercultural Education, Community Colleges for International Development, and the American Association of Community Colleges where he chaired its Executive Committee on Public Policy/Government Relations.

He is recognized by his colleagues for his leadership in advancing the level of professionalism in educational administration and for his passion and dedication to enabling students to achieve success. He has worked tirelessly to make a college education accessible to all and to expand community college resources within the city of Tucson. He has mentored several generations of people who are now in executive administrative positions throughout America's community colleges. He co-authored the Insider's Guide to Community College Administration, a primer on issues facing campus leaders. He faced tough issues head-on, tackling each with generosity, creativity, and wisdom.

Dr. Jensen has served as a chief executive officer in higher education for 25 years of his 41-year career. His leadership at four community colleges in California and Arizona includes a broad range of expertise and experience in administration/management, curriculum, instruction, planning, institutional research, professional development and community outreach.

Bob Jensen earned a bachelor's degree in business/administration/accounting and a master's in education/English/literature from Linfield College in Oregon. He began teaching in 1962, but returned to college on a National Graduate Fellowship to earn his doctorate in community college administration from Washington State University. Jensen served in numerous positions at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham, Oregon; as Deputy Chancellor at Los Rios Community College District in Sacramento; President of the District's American River College; Chancellor of Rancho Santiago Community College District in Santa Ana; Chancellor of the Contra Costa Community College District in Martinez, California; and, finally, as Chancellor of Pima County Community College District in Tucson, Arizona.

A sampling of awards and honors accorded to Dr. Jensen include Pacific Regional Chief

Executive Officer Award from the Association of Community College Trustees; National Pacesetter by the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations, CEO of the Year by the National Council for Research Planning. In addition he was honored by the national community college honor society, Phi Theta Kappa, with its Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction for executive leadership, and by the Tucson PTK chapter, Alpha Beta Chi, with its lifetime achievement award, renamed the Robert D. Jensen Award. Pima County Workforce Development recognized him for his achievement in the development of a well trained work force, he received several Community Services Award from the League of United Latin American Citizens and was honored for his work in advocating equal access and affirmative action by a conference of black educators (SAAMP). He also received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Research and Planning Group for California Community Colleges; and received the Annual Leadership Award for serving the Mexican American Community from SER/Jobs for Progress.

None of this would have been possible without the loving support of his wife, Jan, and his four daughters—Marjorie, Becky, Shelly, and Megan, as well as the indomitable high spirit and energy he inherited from his mother, Dorothy. The light of his life, his first grandchild, Jake, will no doubt give him great joy in retirement.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to pay tribute to one of the great leaders in the community college movement in the United States.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JAMES BROWN

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in order to recognize James Brown, a longtime resident of Gilboa, NY. Though, because of redistricting, Mr. Brown is no longer one of my constituents, it is with gratitude I stand before the distinguished Members of the House and salute his many years of tireless dedication to the Upstate New York community.

Since being elected to the House of Representatives, I have been privileged to work with Mr. Brown on my Service Academy Selection Committee. Mr. Brown labored diligently for ten years, charting the future for many of the 22nd Congressional District's most talented young men and women. As a veteran of the United States Air Force, Mr. Brown offered a soldier's perspective to this panel of notable citizens, proving himself a dedicated and insightful partner.

Mr. Brown's commitment to public service spanned beyond his tenure in the Armed forces and service on the Academy Selection Committee. Mr. Brown showed a great commitment to the betterment of his community, serving on the Schoharie Board of Supervisors since 1990 as Supervisor of the Town of Gilboa, holding the title of Board Chairman from 1994 until 2001. Mr. Brown has also answered the call of New York's Chief Executive, Governor George Pataki, by lending his keen insight and sense of community to the ongoing New York Watershed agreements.

Mr. Brown is a true public servant. He embodies those qualities that re-affirm my pride

in being a New Yorker and has carved an important niche in the landscape of his community. I salute Mr. Brown for his continued service to the people of Schoharie and Gilboa and thank him for the many years during which he worked to uphold the traditions of America's service academies. His contributions will be missed and I wish him the very best in all future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO SAMUEL J. SIMMONS: A COMPASSIONATE ADVOCATE FOR LOW-INCOME AND MINORITY CITIZENS

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to one of our nation's unsung heroes, the late Mr. Samuel J. Simmons, President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Caucus and Center on Black Aged, Inc. (NCBA). His untimely demise on Sunday, January 12, 2003 leaves a gaping void in our nation's quest for quality service to our low income and minority senior citizens.

My district and the entire state of Florida will surely miss him for the longevity of his genuine commitment to the well being of our elder constituency under the aegis of the Center he so ably led. When I think of Mr. Simmons' consecration to our senior citizens, it is clear that it virtually parallels much of this nation's history as it struggled through the countless challenges of gender and racial equality.

I first came to know him when he served as President of the National Center for Housing Management (NCHM), which trains individuals to manage housing and services for the nation's low-income population. He also served as the Assistant Secretary for Equal Opportunity of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Director of Field Operations for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. He also worked for 16 years from 1978 to 1994 as a Director of the Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) Corporate Board of Directors and the FNMA Foundation Board of Directors.

Prior to this tragedy that has befallen our Black and minority senior citizens, this dynamo of a public servant came in our midst to give hope and courage to the underserved and disenfranchised constituents from our nation's inner cities. He urged them to stay informed and become knowledgeable of the various legislations proffered by Congress, along with the impact these initiatives would have upon their lives. Time and time again, he managed to prod the key leadership in Congress, particularly the Congressional Black Caucus, as well as the top officials in the administration, by focusing their attention on the needs and concerns of the burgeoning population of our elderly population. He urged them to strengthen Social Security benefits under the Medicare and Medicaid programs, prescription drugs, housing initiatives and the like. He forged his vast institutional memory and experience into a veritable force that compelled the various agencies of our government to respond accordingly to the agenda of the NCBA

in a manner that immensely benefited its constituency.

Mr. Simmons was a multi-dimensional public servant, a civic activist par excellence, and an indefatigable community-builder who is completely unselfish in all his endeavors. The authenticity of his stewardship on behalf of our nation's Black and minority senior citizens was buttressed by his utmost consecration to his vocation as God's faithful servant, bringing hope and optimism to thousands of ordinary folks whose lives he touched so deeply, never holding anyone at arm's length.

He was the Founder and Treasurer of the Summit Health Coalition, the national lobbying arm for African Americans on healthcare reform and was a Board Member of the International Federation on Aging, the national nongovernmental organization concerned with issues of the elderly throughout the world. He also served as a Board Member of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA), the major advocacy for housing and living arrangements for older people, and the Leadership Council on Aging Organizations (LCAO), a coalition of all major organizations concerned with issues affecting the elderly.

For all his efforts of advocacy for the elderly, he was feted with a number of citations, including the Arthur S. Fleming Award from the Joint Conference on Law and Aging, the Distinguished Service Award by AAHSA, and the Senior Advocate Award granted by the United States Health Cooperative.

This remarkable leader was a friend and confidante in his pioneering mission to help establish the Congressional Black Caucus Aging Braintrust under the aegis of Congresswoman Carrie P. Meek, my mother. Indeed, we are deeply saddened by his death. At the same time, however, he will forever be an indelible reminder of the noble commitment and awesome power of public service on behalf of the less fortunate. His faith was deep and genuine, and his love for our low-income population of senior citizens defined his dynamic friendship and understanding. No one who knew Sam Simmons—and having been struck by his sunny disposition and eternal optimism—went away not acknowledging the towering presence of a caring and compassionate leader.

His life was truly akin to that of a burning candle, the ritualistic symbolism of our Christian faith. Just as a candle's lifelong service is to shed its light to illuminate the darkness of pessimism and hopelessness until it is fully consumed, so too did Sam Simmons consecrate his life by serving his God through his outreach efforts to our nation's elders. This authentic trailblazer was a superlative example of the depth and nobility that inclusiveness brings to once-exclusive rights that only belonged to a privileged few. He will be remembered long after many others of his era are gone and forgotten. At a time when there is a rapid upswing in our unprecedented economic successes and technological advancements at the national, state and local levels, his persevering stance about the glaring gap between the haves and the have-nots in our nation still reverberates in our low-income communities and serves as a timely warning to those charged with advancing the common good of all Americans. It is truly his commitment in this

arena that will most assuredly characterize his profile in courage. Though his voice is now stilled, let us not allow its echoes to disappear in our midst.

Last Monday, January 20, 2003, at the People's Congregational Church in Washington, D.C., I joined our nation's advocates for the low-income and minority senior citizens to memorialize this great leader whose vision is as relevant today as it was during his stewardship over the National Caucus and Center on Black Aged, Inc. Having a strong faith, Mr. Samuel Simmons would remind us that his death does not represent an irrevocable termination or a grim finality. He would rather have us firmly believe that he shall live on in the good deeds he amply left behind, and he will carry on through the wonderful thoughts and memories we all have of him.

Like the God whom he served faithfully during his earthly sojourn, he came and lived among us so that we may have life—and have hope more abundantly. This is the magnificent legacy Sam Simmons will leave behind. And this is the gift with which he will bless us. May Almighty God grant him eternal rest!

AGAINST A PREVENTATIVE WAR IN IRAQ, ENDORSED BY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF WELLESLEY HILLS

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. I submit the following for the RECORD:

As Unitarian Universalists, we are committed to: justice, equity, and compassion in human relations; use of the democratic process; the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all; and respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

The undersigned members and friends of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Wellesley Hills therefore stand in moral opposition to preventive US military action against Iraq, for a number of reasons: It will lead to loss of life, both American and Iraqi, both civilian and military, as well as great human suffering. It will divert resources away from pressing domestic needs, isolate the United States from many of our allies, and increase anger against this country from those who wish us harm. And it will set a dangerous precedent of first-strike response by nations that feel threatened.

In opposing a preventive war and promoting a just and peaceful world, the undersigned call upon the United States government to: refrain from adopting a foreign policy of preventive military strikes as a means of preventing war and terrorism; find an alternative to violence and threats of violence for resolving international problems and establish the United States as a model international peacemaker; fully involve the American people in democratic processes to create and implement foreign policy; fully respect the inherent worth, dignity, and civil liberties of all people; refrain from justifying the taking of any civilian lives; and refrain from jeopardizing the future of our planet by initiating violence in the name of peace.