

have a special order so that we can pay due homage to a great American whom we loved so very much.

MOURNING THE PASSING OF HON.
MAYNARD H. JACKSON

(Mr. SCOTT of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Ladies and gentlemen of the House, this is indeed a sad day. Maynard Holbrook Jackson passed away with a severe heart attack that happened at Washington, D.C.'s Reagan National Airport this morning.

Maynard Jackson was a pioneer of soaring magnitude, not only in just the world of politics but in the world of business as well. It was his guiding influence that made the City of Atlanta a world class city. It was through his guidance that the Atlanta International Airport, which is now the world's busiest airport, was built. It was through his guidance and leadership that Atlanta became host to the 1996 Olympics, making it indeed a world class city.

We mourn his loss but indeed we celebrate an extraordinary life of significant and historic and legendary achievement. Not only was his mark on life for African Americans, for he was indeed a bridge-builder across racial lines at a time in Atlanta and in the South where we so desperately needed it.

Truly a giant in the forest has fallen this day. I know everybody in this House of Representatives, the Congress of the United States, joins with me in saying we thank God that he sent Maynard Holbrook Jackson our way. Truly a child of God and a sojourner of truth and righteousness and an extraordinarily great American, Maynard Holbrook Jackson.

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(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. What a world of ironies. The day that the United States Supreme Court affirms the idea of race as a factor in equalizing opportunities for Americans and a warrior, a man of justice and equality, who stood fast in years before these contested issues came to the forefront, Maynard Holbrook Jackson, the former Mayor and Vice Mayor of the City of Atlanta, has lost his life.

Maynard Jackson was generous with his time. As a Representative from the State of Texas, might I acknowledge to my colleagues he was born in the great State of Texas. We sent him off to Atlanta, we bid him farewell, but he always remembered his roots and he never forgot his values, that of opportunity, that of fairness, that of the recognizing that business should be spread

amongst those coming from all walks of life.

We lost him today but his legacy and enthusiasm that he shared with America, that yes, those individuals who come with a different background can engage in business, too. He created equal opportunity in Atlanta that was not offensive. He gathered the corporate community together and they joined him enthusiastically in promoting opportunities for women and minorities. And yes, as a young college student, I was privileged to visit with Vice Mayor Maynard Jackson when I was doing my thesis about coalition politics in the Deep South. He did not hesitate to sit down with me and give me a history not only of his life but the great heroes that inspired him.

He is a great soldier, a great warrior, and now I would say, lay your head down, my gentle warrior, lay down and rest that you will never be forgotten. Your words, your deeds will always be remembered that you are a great American hero. God bless you and God bless your family.

ON THE DEATH OF FORMER ATLANTA MAYOR MAYNARD JACKSON AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

(Ms. WATSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my shock and sadness at the untimely passing of our dear friend, Maynard Jackson, former Mayor of Atlanta and one of our country's most charismatic political leaders. I also want to take this opportunity to remember Maynard's contribution to affirmative action on the day when the Supreme Court declared its support for the program.

Maynard was a giant of his time, a trailblazer and a dedicated public servant who became the inspiration for generations of African American politicians. His election in 1974 as the Mayor of Atlanta helped usher in a new movement of racial equality and a new process of interracial understanding and co-existence where the spirit of the civil rights movement was carried forward by victories at the ballot box.

Maynard will be remembered as the South's first big city African American mayor, but his legacy was much more than that. During his three terms as mayor, Maynard oversaw construction of the midfield terminal at Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport, established a cultural affairs department, brought the Olympics to Atlanta, and all the while gave voice to the city's in-town neighborhoods. Perhaps one of the most significant accomplishments of Maynard Jackson's tenure was his early support and leadership on affirmative action.

During his first term, Maynard instituted a groundbreaking affirmative action program that elevated the percentage of city contracts awarded to

minorities in Atlanta from less than 1 percent in 1973 to 38.6 percent 5 years later.

One of the great success stories of Maynard's affirmative action program was the creation of a joint venture between white and minority-owned businesses during the construction of the Atlanta airport. Working from a vision of inclusion, Maynard was able to unite various groups and interests in building one of the most complex airport terminals in the world ahead of schedule and within the budget.

It is particularly ironic, then, that Maynard passed away on the day that the Supreme Court issued its landmark ruling. In two successive votes, the Justices recognized that the most effective way to cure society of its exclusionary practices is to make special efforts at inclusion, which is exactly what affirmative action does.

We will never forget him. He will have a legacy that will live on forever in the United States of America.

There has always been affirmative action in public policy—but for many years it operated to exclude, rather than include, people of color. Affirmative action was put in place to not only encourage diversity, but to be a minor step in the direction of justice after hundreds of years of institutional and social discrimination against women and people of color in the United States.

Much of the opposition to affirmative action is framed on the grounds of so-called "reverse discrimination and unwarranted preferences." In fact, less than 2 percent of the 91,000 employment discrimination cases pending before the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission are reverse discrimination cases. Under the law as written in Executive Orders and interpreted by the courts, anyone benefitting from affirmative action must have relevant and valid job or educational qualifications.

Opponents of affirmative action also claim it is discriminatory. The problem with this myth is that it uses the same word—discrimination—to describe two very different things. Job discrimination is grounded in prejudice and exclusion, whereas affirmative action is an effort to overcome prejudicial treatment through inclusion. The most effective way to cure society of exclusionary practices is to make special efforts at inclusion, which is exactly what affirmative action does. When thinking about affirmative action policy, it is important to keep this principle in mind.

In fact, despite the progress that has been made, the playing field today is still far from level. Women continue to earn 76 cents for every dollar earned by a male. Black people continue to have twice the unemployment rate of white people, and graduate from college at half the rate of white people. In fact, without affirmative action the percentage of Black students at many selective schools would drop to only 2% of the total student body.

While I applaud the Court's decision today, our society still suffers from racial discrimination. It is unfortunate that after all these years we are still fighting an uphill battle for full inclusion into our nation's society.

However, we are fortunate to have had the civil rights movement and leaders like Maynard Jackson. In remembering Maynard, we must carry on his legacy and his commitment to never waver from equality for all.

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(Ms. CARSON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I would like first to affirm what was said by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATSON), who so eloquently gave a very brief overview of the life and work of the Honorable Maynard Jackson. Maynard Jackson was perhaps one of the most profound individuals that I have met in a lifetime. He was very dedicated. He had a lot of energy. He had a lot of perseverance. He had a lot of vision. And indeed he was very spiritual.

As I sat there and heard the gentlewoman from California talk about him, I could not help but think about John the Revelator that sat on the lonely island of Patmos, looked at an old city but envisioned what was great for a new city, and then Maynard Jackson began to build a new city, Atlanta, Georgia, created millions of millionaires, did much to bring the city to the forefront. Maynard Jackson was a very unassuming individual, too. He followed scripture in terms of not boasting about himself but letting his light so shine by his good works.

He is an individual that I will never forget. He is a person that I know his family is in very great sorrow for. He was the son of a Baptist preacher, and so perhaps that explains some of the eloquence that Maynard Jackson had. But this country, not just Atlanta, not just his family but the whole country has indeed lost an incredible, a remarkable individual in that of the Honorable Maynard Jackson.

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(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mourn the passing of Maynard Jackson. When I had the great privilege of serving as Mayor of the City of Cleveland, Maynard Jackson and I were contemporaries in his service as Mayor of the City of Atlanta. In working with him through the years and learning his dedication, not only to the people of Atlanta but urban America, I was able to see that there was a real opportunity for people of good will to achieve a synthesis of that good will, of urban policy, because Maynard Jackson made the cause of cities his cause and he spoke to the needs of the people of urban America eloquently, with deep passion and with a concern about the potential of urban America that was being ignored. But he infused the City of Atlanta with his own potential, and with his passion and with his heart he helped raise Atlanta to greater and greater heights.

Maynard Jackson was not only a servant of Atlanta and the State of

Georgia, but of America and the world because his life was about bringing people together and his life was about the potential of not only minorities but of every individual to make a dedication to community. So today, as Maynard Jackson passes, we can reflect on that wise Latin saying translated into English that says, "If you seek his monument, look around." And wherever you look, in urban America, where men and women are dedicated to building up cities, you are always going to remember and be reminded of Maynard Jackson.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.)

EXCHANGE OF SPECIAL ORDER
TIME

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take the Special Order time of the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida (Mr. KELLER)?

There was no objection.

SALUTING SHERIFF KEVIN BEARY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. KELLER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise this afternoon to salute one of the leaders in my hometown of Orlando, Florida, who has just been recognized as America's top cop. It is my happy privilege to announce to this Chamber that Orange County, Florida, Sheriff Kevin Beary is the winner of the 2003 National Sheriff of the Year award. I was pleased to personally recommend my friend Sheriff Beary for this award, and I did not say nice things about him just because every time I see him he is packing heat.

Kevin is the fourth generation of the Beary family who have selflessly devoted themselves to protecting others. He commands one of the largest law enforcement agencies in the southeastern United States. He is not only responsible for the safety of 1 million people who live in the central Florida area but for the millions of tourists

who visit places like Walt Disney World and Universal Studios in my district every year.

As a member of the House Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security Subcommittee, I have relied heavily on his expert advice to help drive my law enforcement agenda. Sheriff Beary and I teamed up to protect the COPS program and put more police officers on the street. We have worked together to build a new Federal courthouse in downtown Orlando designed to embassy safety standards, and we have stood together shoulder to shoulder against casino gambling and the drug legalization movement in Florida. But I think most importantly we have worked together since the events of 9-11 to make sure that our first responders have the tools they need to protect the people of central Florida and the tourists who play in our backyard from those who would plot against our Nation.

Kevin Beary is everything a sheriff should be. He is a friend to our most vulnerable citizens. He is a tireless volunteer in our community, and frankly he scares the hell out of the bad guys who would prey on our neighborhoods. Love him or fear him, everyone in central Florida knows Kevin Beary means business; and in light of this prestigious award he has now received, everyone in America knows too.

When I have a question on an issue facing law enforcement before this Congress, the first thing I do is call my sheriff. I am pleased to have the 2003 National Sheriff of the Year Kevin Beary on my speed dial. I say to my colleagues they should all be so lucky.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mr. HINCHEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. HINCHEY addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. GUTKNECHT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. GUTKNECHT addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.)

IN MEMORY OF MAYNARD
JACKSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LEWIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to speak on the untimely passing of Maynard Hollbrook Jackson. I was blessed to know Maynard Jackson for almost 40 years. Maynard Jackson was a wonderful human being, a gifted, brilliant politician. He was the kind of individual who was not afraid to take risks. Maynard Jackson was always