

served in key leadership roles, to those who worked with him in building the magnificent Atlanta airport in his tenure as mayor, to the many people that he touched as he worked tirelessly to bring the Olympics to Atlanta, the list goes on and on, Maynard Jackson, Jr., was larger than life, physically, politically and in every way.

Maynard Jackson was the essence of a public person. Being first elected the mayor of Atlanta and then reelected and term-limited for another term, Maynard found other venues in which to serve his beloved Atlanta. He was an entrepreneur, one who mentored many young people who had expressed an interest in starting their own businesses. Maynard Jackson can be best described as a facilitator of the people. A facilitator so much so that when he chose to return to elected office, Mr. Speaker, for a third term as mayor of Atlanta, he was elected overwhelmingly with 80 percent of the vote. People loved and trusted Maynard Jackson.

Maynard was a democrat with a small "d" and a capital D. He offered himself as the Chair of our party, as the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS) said earlier. Even though he was not successful, Mayor Jackson continued to work on voter education and outreach within the party in a very significant way.

I was pleased to appoint Maynard Jackson to serve on the Election Assistance Commission Advisory Committee. I think it was an honor to all the Democratic members of the House that he accepted that position. This advisory committee would have had, and does have, the import of assisting 50 States to make sure that the American electoral system is accessible and fair. What greater American to oversee such a momentous task.

Mr. Speaker, this was a result of legislation passed by the House of Representatives, by the entire Congress, signed by the President to make sure that every vote in America counts, that the public knows that, that we do the outreach, that we have the education of the public, that we have the technical assistance and the financial assistance to States and to communities, to have a voting system that, again, is fair, understandable, accessible and in which every vote is counted.

Maynard Jackson devoted his life to the legitimacy of the process, to democracy in our country, to a commitment to enhance the voices of minorities in our country. We will miss him with his warm smile and his big heart. We all would say to Maynard, Well done. Well done.

I hope it is a comfort to his family that so many people mourn their loss and are praying for them at this sad time.

REMEMBERING MAYNARD JACKSON

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

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise with a heavy heart, indeed, for Maynard Jackson was a very dear and close and personal friend of mine.

I say this with all sincerity and truthfulness, that had it not been for Maynard Jackson, I would not be here serving in the Congress of the United States. Maynard Jackson ushered in a whole era of black political participation unprecedented. He was a pioneer of soaring magnitude that touched so many people's lives.

In 1973 he gave opportunities and hope for so many of us when he ran and was elected to mayor. And to show the kind of person he was, one year later he encouraged me to run for the Georgia House of Representatives to start my career. I was elected as one of the youngest members of the House of Representatives of Georgia.

Maynard Jackson, one year after he was elected mayor, was in the street of Atlanta, on the Southside of Atlanta walking day to day and knocking on doors to help get me elected to the Georgia House of Representatives. So I hope you understand me when I say that I stand here with a deep and heavy heart.

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I have thought what could we say, what could we say in this hallowed Chamber of the Congress of the United States that would best epitomize Maynard Jackson?

To me, it is summed up in one word and that is great. Maynard Jackson was a great man. He was a great human being, not only great in size but great in his heart, great in his giving, extraordinarily great in his contributions, the guiding force to build the world's busiest airport Atlanta's International Airport, the guiding force to bring the 1996 Olympics to Atlanta Georgia, making us a world class city, opening door after door, not just in the world of politics, which has been mentioned, but in business, opening up doors of business opportunities for many of us who would not have those opportunities and those doors opened.

Greatness is his word. Greatness is its meaning, and maybe we ought to pause for a moment to ponder that word "greatness."

That question was put to the great Greek philosopher Aristotle, and Aristotle was asked, What does it take to make a great person? Aristotle replied, In order to be a great person, you must first of all know thyself. Maynard Jackson knew himself. He knew who he was and he knew whose he was, that he was foremost a child of God and he carried that with him.

His faith sustained him, gave him the courage to step out in 1969 as a young man and challenge the legendary Her-

man Talmadge for the United States Senate seat in Georgia in, 1969, one year after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Later on, that word of greatness was asked of the great Roman general Marcus Aurelius. What does it take to be great, Marcus Aurelius was asked. Marcus Aurelius responded and said, In order to be great, you must first of all discipline yourself, and Maynard Jackson disciplined himself, carried himself.

Oh, he was a master politician. Nobody could work the room like Maynard Jackson, shaking hand after hand. I learned so much from him, how to shake somebody's hand and look them in the eye and make them feel like they are the most important person on Earth. That was Maynard Jackson.

The discipline of getting through Morehouse School at 18 years old, the discipline of becoming the first Vice Mayor of Atlanta, African American, and then becoming the first Mayor of Atlanta, African American; the discipline of Maynard Jackson.

Finally, that question was put to the great Messiah, Jesus Christ, and Jesus was asked, What does it take to make a great person? Jesus responded and said, In order to be great, you must first of all sacrifice yourself. Maynard Jackson sacrificed himself. He gave of his life. Indeed, he did.

We all knew he had some health problems, but he kept going, and I am sure as he was here in Washington, D.C., this morning, he was sacrificing himself to further expand opportunities.

When I last met with him, he said, It is a shame that we have 600,000 African Americans who are able to vote and are the age to vote in Georgia but are not registered to vote. David, we must do something about it. He was a man of action who knew himself, who disciplined himself, who sacrificed himself.

On this day, let it be known that a great oak fell in the forest of America and the world and we all need to thank God for sending Maynard Holbrook Jackson our way, not just the black folks' way, but not just the white folks' way, all of our way, for he was truly a bridge builder, and this Nation and this world is better because God sent Maynard Holbrook Jackson our way.

God bless Maynard Jackson.

HONORING MAYNARD HOLBROOK JACKSON

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

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I stand again to address this House and to express my sorrow at the passing of my friend, a great man, Maynard Holbrook Jackson.

Longfellow wrote: "Lives of great men all remind us, We can make our

lives sublime. And, departing, leave behind us, Footprints on the sands of time." Yes, Maynard has left great footprints. He left footprints as he left high school at 15 years of age to attend Morehouse College as an early admissions student, when he graduated from Morehouse College with a degree and went on to North Carolina Central University Law School, where he earned a law degree at a very early age. He had a deep baritone voice which he honed singing in the Morehouse College Glee Club. When he graduated from law school, he put that voice to work as a lawyer with the Emory Neighborhood Law Office practicing legal aid.

Maynard was a very, very astute and committed lawyer to the poor. He represented the poor in Atlanta when they were evicted, when they were hounded by debt collectors. He represented them when they had family problems, domestic problems. He handled divorce cases.

I followed him at the Emory Neighborhood Law Office, and I inherited a number of his cases as he moved on to leave even greater footprints.

When he went to the City of Atlanta and became Vice Mayor, inspiring all of us at what this young man could do in terms of leadership for his city, he left footprints there, and it was just a matter of time before he was drafted to make the run for Mayor, and Mayor he was, Mayor of the City of Atlanta where he transformed Atlanta into a world class, world renowned city.

He instituted affirmative action with city contracting. He proved that minorities and women could and would under his watch participate as partners in building Atlanta to greatness.

He developed a national demonstration project in his methods of implementing affirmative action in Atlanta which was followed across the country as other mayors and other cities began to follow the example and the road map that Maynard Jackson left, the footprints that he left there in the sands of time.

He was a leader in so many respects. He founded the Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials, which was an organization that helped to bring leadership and to strengthen all of the black elected officials in Georgia and, again, allowed Georgia to lead the Nation in growing a crop of African American elected officials so that he could put flesh and put life into the Voting Rights Act that was brought into being by the civil rights movements out of Atlanta and across the country.

He was one who could be said to have been born with a silver spoon in his mouth. He was from a well-to-do, upper middle class African American family. He was a son of a Baptist preacher, the grandson of one of the icons of Georgia history, John Wesley Dobbs, grand master of the Prince Hall Masons of Georgia, a leader in his own right in political undertakings throughout the State.

He was the nephew of Mattiwilda Dobbs, opera singer, one of the few Af-

rican American opera singers in the 1950s.

He was a mentor, a bond attorney. He was a friend to so many, a helpful person. He helped young individuals who were interested in going into business or who were interested in running for office. He exemplified all that was good.

Yes, he was a great man, not because of the titles he carried, not because of the degrees that he had earned, the businesses that he started. He was great because he measured by the true standard of greatness set by Jesus, who said he who is great among you shall be your servant and who is the greatest shall be servant unto all.

Maynard Holbrook Johnson measured up. He was indeed great. We mourn his loss. We thank God and we thank his family that he came this way, that he helped make this world a little more of hope, a little less of fear and certainly much, much better because he traveled here.

CHILD TAX CREDIT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it was exactly a month ago that the House passed a \$350 billion tax cut, a tax cut that promised working families, those families who make between \$10,500 and \$26,600, it promised them a child tax credit, and these are our families who pay taxes, payroll taxes, sales taxes, property taxes, excise taxes.

Something happened on the way to the bill signing by the President of the United States. The Republican majority stole that child tax credit from 6.5 million families, 12 million children. Why? To make room for a \$93,000 tax cut for millionaires; 183,000 millionaires will get that amount in a tax cut. So I say happy anniversary.

A week from today, 25 million families in this country will begin to receive their refunds in the mail, but not these six-and-a-half million families hardworking, tax paying families. These families are being held hostage, used as little more than a bargaining chip in the Republicans' never ending obsessive quest to cut taxes and cut them only for the wealthiest people.

Among these families who will not be receiving this tax credit are 200,000 military families, men and women who if we open the paper we can see are still fighting a war. We are losing almost every single day one GI. They are fighting this war in Iraq. They do not deserve to be held hostage by this majority, a majority that has made no bones about their complete and their utter indifference to these families' plight.

The people who have been excluded, these are some of the hardest working people in the country, people who earn minimum wage. They often work two or three jobs just to get by to help

their families, and when we think about it for a moment, every minimum wage earning mother in this country paid more taxes than the Enron Corporation did. Enron Corporation paid no taxes in the last 4 out of 5 years. Every one of these families have paid more in taxes than a multibillion dollar corporation.

Make no mistake, this is an all out assault on millions of decent families in this country who work hard. They play by the rules, but this majority cannot put partisan politics aside and act simply and decisively to restore to these families the tax relief that they have rightfully earned, and it is an outrage but it also speaks volumes about their values and their priorities.

It has now been a month since this majority stole this child tax credit from these families. This calendar that is here tonight is here to remind this majority of those six-and-a-half million families that they hold hostage every day because they refuse to simply do what is right.

We will count down to July 1 when 25 million families are going to get the child tax credit, but these hardworking families are not. Every day this injustice is not corrected, every day they ignore the needs of honest, hardworking families in this country, is another day Democrats will be talking about this on the House floor. Every day the House takes up another bill that cuts taxes for the wealthiest people in this country is another day that we will be talking about this on the TV, on the radio and in the newspapers.

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Every day will be another day that this will not go away, and it will not go away until this House has done something about it.

So I want to let my Republican colleagues know in no uncertain terms that the clock is ticking. We do not need to see a 2-month anniversary of this injustice. The time to act is now. Twelve million children are waiting.

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2003

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. GINGREY) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to talk about one of my favorite subjects, health care, and in particular to talk about the Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003.

I am surely thankful this evening that I have this opportunity to talk about something which truly should be a bipartisan issue, the health of our Nation. I am particularly pleased that it is bipartisan on a day like today, when I learned before boarding a plane to come back to the Congress that a