

character, compassion, and courage, and she will be mourned by a large circle of family, friends and admirers.

She was born January 9, 1911 in Waco, Texas. The youngest of six children born to Thomas and Sarah Burks White, she was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Edward Johnson, and siblings Beulah White Bridgewater, Eliza White Ashford, Ella White Glasker, George White and Arthur White.

Mrs. Johnson was an honor graduate of AJ Moore High School, which is located in Waco, Texas in 1929 and attended Central State Business College. She married Edward Johnson in 1931 and was a faithful and devoted wife for almost 50 years. To this marriage, four children were born; three daughters and one son. After her husband's death in 1981, she moved to Grand Prairie, Texas and made her home with her oldest daughter, Sallye Moore.

At an early age, Mrs. Johnson joined the Chapel Hill Baptist Church in Waco, Texas and later joined the Toliver Chapel Baptist Church. They were loyal and faithful members for almost 50 years. As a member of Toliver Chapel Baptist, she was active in the Women's Mission, sang in the choir, and assisted with many children's activities.

Mrs. Johnson loved traveling. In addition to residing in Texas, she lived in Florida and California while her husband served in the United States Navy and pursued his career in civil service for the United States Department of Veteran Affairs.

Mrs. Johnson was raised in a spiritually influenced home with strong family values shared with her children. Her children, grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews are blessed to have been influenced by her deep Christian faith and joyous disposition. She was a compassionate person who loved to spend time with her children and their families. Her family will deeply miss her smile, her personal warmth, and thoughtful ways. For many years, Mrs. Johnson hosted large family dinners and catered to her family member's individual preferences.

She was a founding and active member in the Mamie Robinson Social and Family Charity Club until she relocated to Grand Prairie, Texas. The Waco News Tribune in 1979 and the Delta Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in 1980 named Mrs. Johnson "Mother of the Year."

After moving to Grand Prairie in 1981, she joined St. John Baptist Church. As a member of St. John, Mrs. Johnson was active in the Senior Women's Ministry, Ruth and Doris Ministry, Mission Choir, Generations Ministry and Adult Sunday School. In the community, she served as a member of the Willing Workers, Carter-Olive Senior Citizens Group and was a strong supporter of the Johnnie Stanton, "Just Say No" Club. She especially enjoyed the fellowship of the Senior Citizen's Nutrition Group.

Mrs. Johnson was a dedicated homemaker. Mrs. Johnson's love and dedication to her husband, her children, and grandchildren is what provided them with the inspiration in which to achieve their many accomplishments.

She loved her home and was happiest when she was with her family. Mrs. Johnson was also an avid reader. Her children and grandchildren cherish the memories of the time she spent with them in the small library she established in the family home.

She is survived by her daughters, Sallye Ruth Johnson Moore and husband, Vandine of

Grand Prairie, TX, U.S. Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson of Dallas, TX and Washington, DC and former husband Lacy Kirk Johnson, Lee Helen Johnson Willis of Houston, TX and husband Favor DePriest Willis, Esq. (deceased), son Carl Edward Johnson and wife Beverly; grandchildren: Gregory Dean Moore and wife Juana of Plano, TX, Dawrence Kirk Johnson and wife Sondra of Austin, TX, Karlton Jamar Johnson and Kanish JaKayel of Waco, TX; great grandchildren: Gregory Dean Moore II and Preston Andrew Moore of Plano, TX, Dawrence Kirk Johnson II, David Edward Johnson and James Lacy Johnson of Austin, TX, Jay Lynne Kourtney Johnson and Karlton Jamar Johnson II of Waco, TX; Special Niece: Luberta White Mayse of Waco, TX, Special Nephew: Robert Lee (RL) Ashford of Los Angeles, CA, sister in law: Mrs. Fannie Mae Johnson Wells of Brenham and Giddings, TX and many other special nieces and nephews and a host of family members and friends.

On behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus and our colleagues in Congress, may God carry her soul gently in her passage to peace. We know God joins with us today as we pray, "Sleep well my good and faithful servant." May we all know the service to others as epitomized by Mrs. Lillie Mae White Johnson.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE  
175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
ZION REFORM CHURCH OF  
WINESBURG, OHIO

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 17, 2007*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, the dedicated people of the Zion Reform Church of Winesburg, Ohio celebrate the 175th anniversary with great joy; and

Whereas, this milestone is the result of what a tempered people began on September 9th, 1832; and

Whereas, occasions such as these illustrate to us that love mixed with grace and trust will stand the test of time; and

Whereas, it is the fond wish of this body that you will continue to present this work as a beacon for hope to the destitute and maintain your stand as a symbol to this generation that our strength lays in our gracious commitment in unity to each other in the bonds of brotherhood; and

Whereas, you have demonstrated excellence in your calling as a church, anything less would have left you bereaved of such a jubilant occasion, and we are proud to have you as sons and daughters in the great state of Ohio and of our nation; be it

*Resolved*, That along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend the congregation for your unwavering labor and commitment, recognizing that all great achievements come at a cost. With great appreciation and respect, we wish you continued abundant grace as you continue to labor for your Lord, Jesus Christ.

TRIBUTE TO LANCELOT WRIGHT

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 17, 2007*

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a friend and an entrepreneur who has overcome adversity and achieved great success. Lancelot Devon Wright, known as Lance to his friends, is being honored by his community and his family on October 23, 2007 for his 20 years of success leading businesses in Columbia, South Carolina.

Lance Wright was born to a single mom in Boston, Massachusetts in 1966. During his younger years, Lance was raised by both his mom, Joan Joanne Wright, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wright of Holly Hill, South Carolina. Lance and his mother moved to Columbia when he was 10 years old, and it is the town he still calls home. He spent his formative years at Fort Jackson elementary schools and W.J. Keenan High School. One of his passions in high school was tennis, and he was quite accomplished at the game. His competitiveness on the court was a precursor to his competitiveness in business.

Although Lance's family didn't have much financially, he did grow up with a tremendous work ethic. At the age of 14, he became a dishwasher for a local renowned caterer, Bob Funderburk. Mr. Funderburk served as a mentor to Lance, and set him on a promising path.

While a student at the University of South Carolina, Lance worked his way up at the USC Faculty House restaurant from kitchen manager, to food and beverage manager, and eventually he became a chef. These jobs enabled Lance to pay for college, help his family, and gave him the skills he would need to launch a career.

At 21, Lance left college to start his own restaurant, the Las Vegas Deli in downtown Columbia. He and his business partner, Lenwood Greene, employed 10 people and built a successful restaurant. After 5 years, The Deli, as it was known, was forced to close when the building owner sold the property. Lance and Lenwood then opened their second restaurant, The Grille. The business was such a success it spun off to create a nightclub called Sunset Place and a billiards hall known as Sunset Pub. Finally The Grille also launched a very profitable catering business.

It was during this time that Lance reignited his love for tennis. He joined a men's tennis team at Greenview Park in Columbia. As captain of their team, he recognized that the tennis facilities at Greenview were sorely lacking. He led an effort to get the City of Columbia to upgrade the facilities. In 1997, the City supported Lance and his grassroots effort, and made a commitment to build a new tennis facility. Today Greenview Park has nine lighted tennis courts, hosts numerous teams for league play and tournaments, and provides programs for youth.

In 1995, Lance married Adrienne Felder of Columbia. It became clear a few years into his marriage that his businesses were taking too much time away from his family. So in 1998, he made a break from The Grille and began Home Choice Mortgage in a spare bedroom at his home. The business grew to seven employees, and provided alternative financing for residential loans to many South Carolinians.

Yet Lance knew there were community needs and that he had the entrepreneurial skills to help address those needs. As a child, he often rode his bike to a pharmacy to pick up his grandmother's medical supplies and prescriptions. That experience helped him visualize the need for a mail order company to supply these products to rural communities and senior citizens. In January 2000 he launched National Direct Diabetic Supply. Lance and his two associates, Tom Crocker and Andre Lewis, began the company to serve diabetics by mail. The company grew so quickly they had to move every year for the first 3 years to accommodate its growth.

Currently the company exists as National Direct Home Pharmacy. It has added additional services which include a full service pharmacy. Lance, as CEO and President, oversees approximately 125 employees and serves patients all over the country. He still maintains the company headquarters in Columbia, South Carolina.

Lance continues to support the community and contributes generously to the arts, the First Tee golf program for youth, and the American Diabetes Association among other worthy causes. He and his wife, Adrienne, have two sons, Lancelot II and Sean Christopher.

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Madam Speaker, I invite you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Lancelot Wright, Sr. for 20 years of entrepreneurial success and dedication to his community. His perseverance and passion have built a better life for his family, his community and the customers he serves. Lance is a true success story, whose life could have taken a very different direction. His family, faith and his fortitude helped him achieve remarkable things. I wish him continued success and Godspeed!

HONORING THE LIFE OF  
KATHLEEN MCCREE LEWIS

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 17, 2007*

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I rise tonight to honor the life of Kathleen McCree Lewis who recently passed away. The daughter of the late, Federal Judge, Wade McCree. "Kathy Lewis", as she was known, to all of us, was the lifelong partner and wife of David Baker Lewis and loving mother to Aaron and Sarah, their two children. Kathy was a dear friend and a loyal supporter of the Detroit, Michigan community. I valued her friendship and loyalty to her family and friends. She always gave her greatest effort to all that she accomplished. Kathy will always remain in our hearts and minds as a woman who dedicated her life to her family and to her community.

Kathy was a distinguished partner in the law firm of Dykema Gossett, Detroit, Michigan, where she was a specialist in appellate litigation. As an outstanding member of the State of Michigan Bar she was known for her continued involvement and support for all areas of substantive civil law, which included specialties in anti-trust, bankruptcy, environmental, banking, land use, product liability, intellectual property, and general commercial law.

Kathy was well recognized on the State and Federal level and in the U.S. Court of Appeals in more than five jurisdictions, as well as in the United States Supreme Court. Kathy achieved recognition by "Law and Politics" as one of the best lawyers in America and Michigan Lawyers Weekly named Kathy as one of Michigan's top ten lawyers of 2006.

Kathy was the recipient of the 1992 Wayne County neighborhood legal services award and the 1993 Dykema Gossett Pro bono award. She was named one of Detroit's most influential women. Kathy and her husband David jointly received the Learned Hand Award, from the Detroit Chapter of the Amer-

ican Jewish Committee Institute of Human Rights, for their civic, educational and philanthropic endeavors.

The greater Michigan community will sorely miss her generous efforts that she graciously gave on behalf of the committee on Children's Rights Litigation, Children's Hospital of Michigan, Children's Museum Friends, Grosse Pointe Academy, Detroit Chapter's of International Summer Villages, Inc., Jack and Jill of America, Inc., as well as other educational and philanthropic activities which were so much a part of her life. The world needs more individuals like Kathy, who give so much and ask for so little in return. Tonight, I and the people of the State of Michigan, will mourn the loss of Kathleen McCree Lewis.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE  
100TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
TUSCORA PARK IN NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 17, 2007*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Tuscora Park at New Philadelphia is celebrating 100 years of operation; and

Whereas, the park is one of 38 in the U.S. to celebrate this historical milestone; and

Whereas, Tuscora Park has brought wonderful memories to countless patrons and will continue to create memories for years to come; and

Whereas, the old amusement park has evolved into a municipal park and is still enjoyed by the community; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I applaud Tuscora Park and the community that has supported it for 100 years.