

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING THE TERRORIST ATTACKS LAUNCHED AGAINST THE UNITED STATES ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2008

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, today we are solemnly commemorating the seventh anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks. September 11th changed all of our lives. It is important that we take this opportunity to remember those who lost their lives, and those brave men and women who came to the aid of the victims. We will always be indebted to the first responders, nurses, doctors, counselors and volunteers who have tended to the wounds inflicted by Al Qaeda terrorists just 7 years ago.

As our hearts and national character continue to absorb the pain of that tragic day, we understand that our greatest healings have come from unity. We gain strength through the compatriotism of our fellow citizens, and extend our hands of help as others do the same for us.

Following September 11, 2001, our country saw a meteoric rise in volunteerism, community service and national service program enrollment. When our Nation was at its darkest, the light of unity gave us direction towards a brighter future. Men and women from every walk of life answered the call of history to become active and serve their country in any way they could.

I commend those who have committed their day to giving back. Today, dozens of organizations and thousands of individuals are turning their grief, respect, and remembrance into action and service to their community. This national day of service is patriotism manifested. Service confronts the cynicism and hopelessness of terrorism, and exemplifies our national foundation of justice, equality, and fellowship. The work being done today throughout the country renews the spirit of unity that followed tragedy. A national day of service gives our country a new tradition that I hope will grow for generations to come.

Once again, I want to thank those who have dedicated their efforts to ensuring that our country is protected against and prepared for any future terrorist attack. I also wish to remember those lives lost during the brutal attacks on September 11, 2001. As we pass the Resolution today, we are honoring the heroic service, actions, and sacrifices of Americans who so bravely came together after 9/11.

EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE OF OHIO

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2008

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Congresswoman STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES.

First, I would like to offer my deepest condolences to her entire family, especially her son Mervyn and her sister Barbara. I want to also offer my condolences to the constituents of Ohio's Eleventh Congressional District, to all of her many friends, her colleagues—especially in the Congressional Black Caucus—and of course to her staff here in Washington and in Ohio.

On August 20, 2008 the people of Cleveland, this Nation and the world lost a giant in the fight for equality and justice when we lost my beloved friend and colleague Congresswoman STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES.

So many know Congresswoman TUBBS JONES for her exceptional work on behalf of her constituents and for the many barriers she broke and trails she blazed as the first African American woman elected to Congress from Ohio, as the first African American woman to serve on the powerful Ways and Means Committee, and as the first to chair the House Ethics Committee.

Congresswoman TUBBS JONES and I came to Congress about the same time. We worked closely together for a decade and she was one of the most remarkable persons I have ever known. Whether it was standing up for Ohio voters and fighting for election reform or fighting to end the unjust war and occupation in Iraq, she always stood on the right side of justice.

She was a political giant, a skilled legislator, an incredible orator, but she was much more than that to me. She was also my sister in arms, my confidant, and my friend. We spent many an evening in Washington together throughout our decade long friendship.

From attending events together, to just grabbing dinner or an occasional down moment, we've spent a great deal of time throughout the years. We also spent many mornings together. You see STEPHANIE was also my gym partner along with Congresswoman LAURA RICHARDSON.

STEPHANIE and I also had the chance to travel together on several occasions to places like Cuba and Israel. I will always treasure those times and memories. It was during some of our travel together, and our work together for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, that I got the chance to know her

husband, Mervyn Jones, whom she loved dearly and tragically lost in October 2003.

In the wake of his death, STEPHANIE created a scholarship golf tournament in his memory, which has become a successful annual event. I know she would be pleased that a scholarship has been now arranged in her honor.

Unquestionably, her passing has left a tremendous hole in the Congress, in the Congressional Black Caucus, and in my heart. I will miss my beautiful friend and sister, Congresswoman TUBBS JONES so very much.

My thoughts and prayers remain with the Congresswoman's entire family, her son Mervyn, her sister Barbara, her staff, her friends and her many supporters.

May her soul rest in peace..

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SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2008

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today, I join my colleagues to remember and celebrate the life of a dear friend and colleague, STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES. It is during times like these that we are both able to smile, thinking about those who we admired and who have distinctly touched our lives—and in the case of STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES—touched the lives of thousands of Clevelanders who were so devoted to her and she to them. And of course, we sadly mourn the death of a woman who was dedicated to making the lives of Ohioans and Americans better. From increasing the minimum wage to making healthcare available to all, STEPHANIE was at the forefront, fighting for all of our families.

Congresswoman STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES is the real-life American success story. Born to a factory worker and skycap, STEPHANIE went to public schools in Ohio, then became a prosecutor and municipal judge and finally, the first African-American woman from Ohio elected to the United States Congress. Nearly 10 years ago, she was a little-known Democrat from Ohio who rose to prominence becoming Chair of the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and a member of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee.

Like so many, STEPHANIE was taken from us too soon and too abruptly. I extend my sincerest condolences to STEPHANIE's family and especially to her beloved son, Mervyn. Your mom was a great lady and a wonderful friend. We will all miss her dearly.

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