

IN RECOGNITION OF JUDITH
HURLEY STANLEY COLEMAN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of the life of Mrs. Judith Hurley Stanley Coleman. Mrs. Stanley Coleman, an active philanthropist and environmentalist in her community, passed away on August 1, 2010, at the age of 75. She was a model citizen and adored by her colleagues. Her faithful dedication and commitment toward others is unquestionably worthy of this body's recognition.

Mrs. Stanley Coleman was raised in Asbury Park, New Jersey, by her mother and grandparents. She graduated as valedictorian from Asbury Park High School in 1952 and later went on to earn a bachelor's degree in history from Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts. Her academic accolades have earned her a position in the Asbury Park High School's Hall of Fame.

Judith Stanley Coleman's exceptional record of community service can be traced back more than four decades. Mrs. Stanley Coleman served as a trustee and held various leadership positions on the boards of the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey, Monmouth Medical Center Foundation, Monmouth Medical Center, Monmouth University, Rumson County Day School, Stevens Institute of Technology, Count Basie Theatre, the SPCA, and Monmouth Museum. Her passion for better, more accessible health care was matched by her love of community activism, politics, historic preservation and environmental justice. As founder and president of the Monmouth Conservation Foundation, president of the Save Sandy Hook organization, and a trustee of the Monmouth Park Charity Fund, Mrs. Stanley Coleman fought hard to preserve Central New Jersey's beautiful natural resources for future generations to enjoy. Her work in the community continued with her involvement in public service and politics. Mrs. Stanley Coleman was a member of the New Jersey Highway Authority under former Governor Thomas Kean. She was also appointed the chairwoman of the Middletown Planning Board and served with this organization for over 30 years. Mrs. Stanley Coleman remained an active member of the Republican Party, serving as New Jersey's Republican National Committeewoman for 10 years and fundraising for various GOP candidates throughout the country. She was a leader determined to make a difference in the community. Mrs. Stanley Coleman's unending generosity and charitable activities have undoubtedly touched many lives and have helped countless people throughout Central New Jersey.

As a result of her exceptional work, Mrs. Stanley Coleman received countless awards and honors for her achievements. She was awarded the 1983 Brotherhood Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Salvation Army's Others Award in 1984, and the 2003 Christine Todd Whitman Award of Distinction. Mrs. Stanley Coleman was also listed in the 1987 edition of "Who's Who in American Women".

Madam Speaker, Judith Stanley Coleman dedicated her life to philanthropy and

environmentalism and her actions touched the hearts and minds of countless men, women and children. Her legacy has served as an inspiration to us all and she will be truly missed.

**GRATITUDE FOR THE SERVICE OF
ANDREA CULEBRAS**

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank one of the most dedicated and productive members of the Judiciary Committee staff for her service to the House, Andrea Culebras. For 3½ years, Andrea has worked with exceptional ability and attitude for the Judiciary Committee, and I rise to commend her for her achievements.

After graduating from Fayetteville-Manlius High School in Manlius, New York, Andrea attended George Washington University, and graduated in 2005.

Following graduation, Andrea began her Congressional career. She first interned for former Congressman James T. Walsh. She soon found a staff position on the Hill, and worked for my colleague on the Judiciary Committee, the Gentleman from New York, ANTHONY WEINER. After her time in Mr. WEINER's office, she worked for the Gentleman from Texas, HENRY CUELLAR.

At the beginning of the 110th Congress, when I became Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Andrea was one of the very first new employees I hired. As a member of the committee's staff, Andrea has played a central role in the operations of the committee, coordinating the work of the subcommittees and full committee and assisting the Staff Director and General Counsel with the day to day organization of the committee. Recently, she has been instrumental to the committee's work on modernizing federal stalking laws.

Andrea is leaving the committee to attend Columbus School of Law at Catholic University this fall. On behalf of the Judiciary Committee, its staff, and this distinguished body, I would like to thank her for her exemplary work, grace under pressure, sense of humor, and relentlessly positive attitude. She will be sorely missed as a colleague and friend, but we wish her the best of luck and extend to her our deepest gratitude for her service. We know she will do well.

**RECOGNIZING MINNIE JONES'
DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE
ASHEVILLE COMMUNITY AND
HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
CAUSE OF CIVIL RIGHTS AT THE
LOCAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL**

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the long history of service that Minnie Jones has given to the Asheville area in civil rights and equal housing opportunities for the past forty years. Ms. Jones was recently awarded North Carolina's "Order of the Long

Leaf Pine," one of the state's highest civilian awards which has also been bestowed upon Maya Angelou, Billy Graham, and Charles Kuralt. She has also been recognized with the Buncombe County Democratic Woman of the Year award, the One Youth At A Time 2010 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award, the NAACP's Eighth Annual Sophie Dixon and Grace Dorn Leadership Award, as well as being the namesake and co-founder of the Minnie Jones Family Health Center in Asheville.

As a young woman, Ms. Jones moved to Asheville bringing experience working with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in voting registration drives throughout the Deep South. She continued to involve herself in Civil Rights in Asheville, becoming the first person to successfully integrate the Pisgah View Apartments. She went on to become the first president of the Pisgah View Residents Association and a tireless advocate for those residents. Ms. Jones also began the program for after-school education in this community.

Ms. Jones remains a vibrant force in the Asheville community to this day. She is a Deaconess of St. Paul Baptist Church. She is a life member of the NAACP, and a member of the Executive Committee of its Asheville Branch. She still teaches in her after school program at Pisgah View and continues her own education by taking courses at UNC-Asheville.

I strongly urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the singular impact that Minnie Jones has had on the civil rights movement in Asheville. Her tireless and effective advocacy has established her as a champion for all people and a constant voice for the voiceless.

**HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF PASTOR KENNY
FOREMAN UPON HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY**

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of a distinguished member of my community and my friend, Pastor Kenny Foreman, upon his 80th birthday.

Pastor Kenny Foreman and his beloved wife Shirley are the leaders and founders of the Cathedral of Faith. The Cathedral of Faith is one of the most prominent and highly regarded Christian Churches in Santa Clara County. Pastor Foreman's life story is truly one of faith and commitment to his beliefs and his community.

In 1957, Kenny wed Shirley and they began their lifetime commitment of building a home, community and place of worship. Their work began modestly with the Calvary Temple in Louisiana, which soon grew to serve a congregation of more than 2,000. In 1964, Kenny, Shirley and their two sons, Ken and Kurt, were invited to San Jose, California to conduct a crusade and eventually lead the Friendly Bible Church. He was also given the opportunity to present a television show on a local channel titled, "Kenny Foreman Presents Abundant Living," which was eventually nationally syndicated.

In 1976, 14 acres of property were purchased in San Jose to house what is now the Cathedral of Faith. Through hard work, dedication and faith, the Foreman's and their congregation not only are a faith community but a congregation reaching out to help those in need in the wider community.

The Church established the Reaching Out Center in 1979 out of a simple church closet. I recall fondly working with Kenny in the early 1980s as their successful efforts were underway to grow this important service.

The program now operates from a 16,000 foot distribution complex, serves 50,000 families annually, and provides food for some 200,000 people. The California Department of Agriculture has recognized Reaching Out as one of the most efficient food programs in the state. The Cathedral of Faith also provides child care, early childhood education services as well as a Family Life Center.

Kenny is well known not only as someone who serves his faith but as part of his faith serves the poor. He has never forgotten his own humble roots. His life has been one of joyful, generous, forgiving and loving service.

It is an honor to call Pastor Kenny Foreman friend and my privilege to honor him as one of the most significant people in the 16th Congressional district. I'd like to take the occasion of his 80th birthday to thank him and his family for their many gifts and contributions to the community of San Jose and wish him many more healthy, happy and blessed years.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Social Security Act. One of the cornerstones of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal, the Social Security Act drastically enhanced economic security in our country.

Shepherded by then Labor Secretary, Frances Perkins, the Social Security Act marked the first time a President and Congress sought to offer financial protections for the elderly. Today, that groundbreaking legislation encompasses several programs, including: Supplemental Security Income; Federal Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance; SCHIP; Medicaid; Medicare; TANF; and Unemployment benefits.

On the third anniversary of the Social Security Act, President Roosevelt said, "We have come a long way. But we still have a long way to go. There is still today a frontier that remains unconquered—an America unclaimed. This is the great, the nationwide frontier of insecurity, of human want and fear. This is the frontier—the America—we have set ourselves to reclaim."

Today, much of that dream has been realized. While we may never completely eradicate poverty, great strides have been made. In 1935, more than 50% of the elderly population lived in poverty. Today that poverty rate stands officially at 9.4%. However, that rate may not truly reflect the number of elderly that

actually face poverty, as the formula instated in 1955 does not adequately take into account the cost of medicine or other factors that face the senior population.

As we recognize and celebrate this anniversary, we must still bear in mind the unmet needs and reforms needed to our current system. A strong society is the one which takes into account the needs of the least among us, as well as those who are better off. I believe strongly in fiscal responsibility, however we must not turn back the clock on the humanitarian policies created by the Democrats under the New Deal. It is a strong and proud legacy, and our country is certainly better for the security provided by the Social Security Act.

A MESSAGE OF HOPE AND A CALL TO ACTION

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I submit a statement from the Sudan Catholic Bishops' Conference (SCBC) titled, "A Message of Hope and a Call to Action." The bishops gathered in Juba in July on the eve of an historic time for the people of Sudan as they approach the referendum in January 2011.

(Addressed to all the people of Sudan, the Sudanese leaders, and all people of good will)

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." (Luke 4:18-19)

PREAMBLE

We, the Catholic Bishops of Sudan, gathered in an Extraordinary Plenary Session in Juba from 15th-22nd July 2010, reflecting and praying together on the present situation in Sudan, greet you and present to you this message of hope and call to action.

This is an historic moment. This is a moment of change. Sudan will never be the same again. After centuries of oppression and exploitation, after decades of war and violence which have marked and marred the lives of so many Sudanese in south and north with no respect for human life and dignity, and now, after 5 years of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), we have reached a time to move and prepare for change.

We believe it is not the will of God for human beings to endure such suffering and oppression, particularly at the hands of fellow human beings, and so we bring a message of hope and encouragement to our people and all people of good will.

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the person is at the core of a moral vision for society. Our belief in the sanctity of human life and the inherent dignity of the human person is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. Our tradition proclaims that the person is not only sacred but also social. How we organise our society directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Our Church teaches that the role of the government and other institutions is to protect human life and human dignity and promote the common good. Human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. "The Church

has always had the duty of scrutinising the signs of the times and interpreting them in the light of the Gospel" (Vatican II, The Church in the Modern World). The Church is a teacher of truth for humanity and has the right and duty to speak on political and social issues that affect the people.

ANALYSIS

Agreement signed and hopes raised

When the CPA was signed amid great hope in 2005, a key element was that the unity of Sudan should be made attractive and given a chance by addressing the root causes of the conflicts in Sudan.

These root causes include:

Identity—Sudan is a multi-cultural, multi-lingual, multi-ethnic, multi-religious society, but in practice one entity still dominates and imposes itself on others in an oppressive manner, at every level; and

A highly centralised system of governance which marginalises those on the periphery.

Little progress

The CPA has brought some progress. The conflict between south and north was moved from the military to the political arena. Space was created, after the fighting ceased, for development projects to go ahead in the south and the marginalised areas of Abyei, Nuba Mountains (which is in Southern Kordofan State) and Blue Nile. There have been attempts to address the Millennium Development Goals, particularly in the areas of health and education. Reconstruction and rehabilitation have taken place in many war-afflicted areas. A system of governance has been put in place in these areas which, while still new and fragile, is making great progress. Increased oil revenue has become available to both north and south. There is freedom of movement. There is an increased awareness of human rights. Elections have been held peacefully, although not perfectly.

However, war continues in Darfur. Islam continues to be the source of legislation in the north, which adversely affects the rights of all, particularly non-Muslims. The human rights climate is deteriorating again. A number of oppressive laws, including the National Security Act, have not been repealed or brought in line with the new Interim Constitution. The powers of the national security organs, characterised by torture, intimidation and detention without trial, have not been curtailed. Humanitarian organisations in Darfur and the rest of the north are subject to restrictive regulations and kidnappings, and many have been expelled.

Weak governance in the south gives rise to corruption, nepotism, lack of respect for human rights, harassment of humanitarian agencies and power struggles. Divisions among peoples are being exploited by some elements. Violence still afflicts many parts of southern Sudan. Incursions by the Lord's Resistance Army continue. Many people still suffer food insecurity and lack of basic services.

Unity or secession, what do they mean?

If unity is an option, we must understand what kind of unity we are speaking of. It must be a unity embracing all, in a just, free and open society, where the human dignity of every citizen is safeguarded and respected. All indications are that unity has not been made attractive to the people of southern Sudan. At the same time, the root causes of the conflicts have not been addressed. The leadership of Sudan and the political establishment bear a great responsibility for this tragic situation. A unity which binds and oppresses, prohibits all opposition, a unity which imposes uniformity and condemns those who differ in faith and culture must be rejected. If secession is chosen, what are the challenges that will face the people of both