

currently serves as Co-Director of the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Institute at the School for Marine Science and Technology at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth.

His contributions to the marine fisheries industry extend from studies of population dynamics and biological oceanography to fisheries management and natural resources policy. This is not the first time his expertise has been recognized. In 2004, he received an Outstanding Achievement Award from the American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists and in 2008 he was recognized by The Standard-Times as the "South Coast Man of the Year."

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Dr. Rothschild on his receipt of the 2012 Prince Henry Society Award. We thank him for his role in marine sciences and eagerly anticipate his continued contributions to the field.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND MICHAEL SNIFFEN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Reverend Michael Sniffen, a man dedicated to serving God, his family, and the community.

Rev. Michael Sniffen was ordained in 2007 and went to The Church of St. Luke and St. Matthew in 2010 after serving as Assistant Rector of St. John's, Lattingtown, NY. Since arriving at The Church of St. Luke and St. Matthew, Fr. Michael has created a full time Artist-in-Residence program, opened the church to the community more than ever, expanded programs for children, built relationships with youth in detention and attracted a growing and diverse congregation.

As part of linking the church and the neighborhood, Fr. Michael won a grant of \$287,000 from the New York City Department of Environmental Protection to undertake a major green infrastructure project in the churchyard that will help the environment as well as create a new public greenspace on the block. In 2011 NYC chose The Church of St. Luke and St. Matthew to launch ChangeByUs—a program linking neighbors together to build a better city.

Fr. Michael holds a B.A. from W.V. Wesleyan College and a Master of Divinity degree from Drew University. He is a candidate for a Ph.D. in Homiletics and Liturgical Studies. A member of the American Academy of Religion, a visiting member of the Academy of Homiletics and the North American Academy of Liturgy, Fr. Michael has won awards in Pulpit Oratory and Manner, as well as pastoral leadership and innovative ministry. For the 2011/12 academic year he was a Luce Fellow of the Center for Christianity in Global Contexts. He is currently Secretary of the board of Episcopal Response to AIDS.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Reverend Michael Sniffen for his commitment to economic and social justice in Brooklyn and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Reverend Michael Sniffen.

HONORING MR. TYRONE DAVIS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable blues artist, Mr. Tyrone Davis.

Tyrone Davis was born as Tyrone Fettson on May 4, 1938, in Greenville, Mississippi. Through his blues career, he was first known as Tyrone the Wonder Boy, then later as Tyrone Davis.

Tyrone moved with his father to Saginaw, Michigan, before relocating to Chicago, Illinois in 1959. He then became a valet/chauffeur for blues singer Freddie King. He befriended the likes of Bobby "Blue" Bland, Little Milton, and Otis Clay, among others, and began to pursue his own singing career in the clubs on the city's West and South Sides. While working for King, he started singing in local clubs where he was discovered by record executive/musician Harold Burrage. This became the start of his career as a blues singer called "Tyrone the Wonder Boy".

His records for small labels under "Tyrone the Wonder Boy" did not bring him much success. In 1968, a successful Chicago record producer Carl Davis signed him to a new label, Dakar Records, that he was starting as part of a distribution deal with Atlantic, and suggested that he use the stage name Tyrone Davis. A Texas DJ flipped his first release over and started playing the B-side, "Can I Change My Mind."

Teamed with producer/arranger Willie Henderson, who masterminded "Can I Change My Mind", Tyrone Davis capitalized on his breakthrough with a string of orchestrated hits that emphasized his new, smoother style, and helped point the way for Chicago soul into a new decade. "Is It Something You've Got" reached the R&B Top Five in 1969, and it was followed in 1970 by the sublime "Turn Back the Hands of Time." It was his second R&B number one, and also his biggest hit on the pop charts with a peak at number three.

Tyrone Davis hit the R&B Top 40 with steady regularity over the next few years, including the Top Tens. "Could I Forget You," "I Had It All the Time," "Without You in My Life," and "There It Is." In 1975, he scored his third number one R&B hit with "Turning Point," but left Dakar for Columbia the following year.

Tyrone Davis' ballad mastery was a main selling point for Columbia, which made his backing orchestrations even lush than before, but he also made the occasional concession to contemporary dance trends, which informed his debut Columbia hit "Give It Up" a number two R&B single from 1976. Further successes followed in "This I Swear" (1977), "Get On Up" (1978), and the slinky ballad "In the Mood" (1979). Tyrone Davis recorded his final album for Columbia in 1981, then switched to Highrise, where he promptly landed a Top Five R&B hit—his last, as it turned out—with "Are You Serious" in 1982. Short stints with Ocean-Front and Prelude followed before Tyrone Davis settled in with Future for the latter half of the 1980s. He spent the first half of the 1990s on retro-soul label Ichiban, recording several albums, and then moved to Southern soul imprint Malaco in 1996 for an

equally productive stay that lasted into the new millennium. Tyrone Davis continued to release new albums every year or two, and toured the soul/blues circuit as restlessly as ever. Tyrone Davis suffered a stroke in October of 2004 and remained hospitalized until his death in February of 2005.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Tyrone Davis, a great blues legend from Mississippi's Second Congressional District.

HONORING MR. LEONARD JAMES CANTY, JR.

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional life of Mr. Leonard James Canty, Jr., community stalwart and entrepreneur, co-founder of the 100 Black Men of the Bay Area, Inc. and founder of the Black Economic Council, BEC. "Len," as he was known, was a trailblazing businessman committed to supporting and promoting minority- and women-owned businesses. Known as a hard-working and talented visionary, a passionate advocate and a man of great faith, Mr. Canty has left an indelible mark on Bay Area communities. With his passing on September 22, 2012, we look to Len Canty's legacy and the outstanding quality of his life's work.

Born on April 26, 1945, to Leonard James and Elisabeth Canty, Len was part of a large family growing up in Atlanta, Georgia. A U.S. Air Force veteran during the Vietnam War, Mr. Canty moved to Oakland, CA, upon his honorable discharge in 1968. There he met his loving wife and lifelong partner of 42 years, Kyra. Mr. Canty worked for United Airlines and in real estate, until launching his own mortgage brokerage firm, Canty & Associates, in 1984.

Throughout his entrepreneurial success, Mr. Canty never lost sight of the needs of his community. Among his many career milestones, he was a founding member in 1988 and an eventual President of the 100 Black Men of the Bay Area, Inc. A tireless champion for African American equality and opportunity, he was Chairman of the 1993 African American Economic Empowerment Conference and a lecturer in the African American Entrepreneurship program at California State University, East Bay. In the early 1990s, he founded a private equity venture capital fund for small, minority- and women-owned businesses. And, in 2005, after a decade of investment banking, he founded the Black Economic Council, a national 501(c)(3) headquartered in Northern California.

Today, the BEC celebrates its Second Annual Game Changers and Bridge Builders Awards in tribute to its founder, Len Canty, who epitomized the qualities of positive change and collaboration. As an organization facilitating local business development, economic sustainability and job creation to advance the economic platform of Black Americans and underserved communities, BEC is a leading advocate in promoting the equity and self-sufficiency of Black communities through stronger economic infrastructure.

Len Canty's tireless work to open access to intellectual and economic capital for communities of color stretched to many fields. He frequently traveled to Washington, DC, to fight for initiatives and spoke extensively about financial fitness, health disparities, supply diversity issues, regulatory bodies and equal access to federal and corporate contracts. His numerous accolades included, most recently, the 2012 "Spotlight Award" from the Bay Area Business Roundtable.

On a personal note, Len was a longtime friend and supporter. His "tough love" was a constant source of inspiration. Our conversations were deep and authentic. He was truly a visionary and a magnificent leader who always kept his "eyes on the prize." Moreover, Mr. Canty was a church Deacon and a man of deep compassion. He demonstrated a strength and commitment to both his immediate family and the extended family that he created within our community.

Today, California's 9th Congressional District salutes and honors an outstanding individual and inspiring community leader, Mr. Leonard James Canty, Jr. He was a dear friend, a respected colleague and mentor, and a beloved husband, father, son, grandfather, brother and uncle who will be deeply missed by an extended group of loved ones. I offer my sincerest condolences to Len's surviving family and to the many friends and associates whose lives he touched over the course of his incredible life. The Bay Area and the nation has lost one of its greatest advocates for economic justice. May his soul rest in peace.

SUPPORT FOR VOTER EDUCATION EFFORTS BY NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my thanks and support for recent actions by Northwestern University to help students register to vote and navigate increasingly complex and strict voter registration procedures nationwide. Their efforts were chronicled in an article by the New York Times this past Sunday, and I hope that my colleagues will pay attention to the story and its lessons.

Today, roughly 11 million college students are eligible to vote. Unfortunately, states across the country have considered or passed legislative initiatives that erect barriers to student voting. Northwestern University, which I am proud to represent, rose to the challenge and adopted a series of policies to ensure that its student body could go to the polls. When incoming freshman picked up their student IDs, they were given the opportunity to register to vote. Volunteers took time out of their day to make sure that out-of-state students were given absentee request forms, and any assistance they required so that their vote would count when they engaged in their civic duty.

As last weekend's article noted, Northwestern University's initiatives were wildly successful. Last year, 89% of incoming Northwestern freshmen were registered to vote in 37 states by the first day of class. This year,

the university again saw dramatic success—almost 95% of their eligible freshman were registered as of the first day of classes, and out-of-state students had the tools to make sure their vote was not denied due to new state regulations.

After the enormous success seen on its campus, Northwestern University expanded its project and created the UVote Project. The UVote Project shares these proven registration techniques to campuses across the nation—providing consistent and streamlined registration efforts so that students get the support they need to participate in the democratic process. According to the project's web page, schools who adopt these methods typically see their student voter registration rates double or triple.

These recent efforts by Northwestern University and their UVote Project are the type of collaboration between students and institutions of higher learning that I envisioned when I introduced the Student VOTER Act, a bill that would make institutions of higher learning play a key role in voter registration efforts. The contents of this bill have been incorporated into H.R. 5799, the Voter Empowerment Act of 2012. The Voter Empowerment Act modernizes and overhauls our voter registration system to assure that as many people are involved in our democratic process as possible, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

I congratulate Northwestern President Morty Shapiro and hope other universities will follow his lead. Together, through policies like those created by Northwestern University and through legislation such as the Voter Empowerment Act of 2012, we can encourage increased engagement and participation, including among student voters.

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COLLEGES TAKE A LEAP INTO VOTER REGISTRATION

(By Steven Yaccino)

EVANSTON, IL.—Every four years, volunteers swarm university campuses, clipboards in hand, to register newly eligible voters for what is generally the only presidential election of their undergraduate careers. This year they found large numbers were already registered.

Dozens of colleges have begun their own voting registration drives in orientation programs, class registration, intranet Web sites and other interactions crucial to campus life, institutionalizing services that had often been left to outside efforts. As a result, thousands of students registered to vote, updated their addresses or requested absentee ballots from their home states within days of arriving to campus this fall, officials at several universities said.

University-sponsored attempts to make voting easier for students are being tested in at least 60 colleges across the country amid the outbreak of battles over new voting laws.

"The voter registration process has become more cumbersome and difficult as there's been a competition to define who is eligible to vote," said Dan A. Lewis, director of Northwestern University's Center for Civic Engagement, which started incorporating voter registration into its freshman orientation last year. "You almost have to have a Ph.D. now to figure out how to do it if you're not sitting in the same house for the past 20 years."

Northwestern officials who developed the new program, UVote Project, said their intent was not to critique voting rules across the country, but to help students navigate them more easily.

"We're not always going to have the incredible excitement among 18- to 22-year-olds that you did in 2008, so I think it's an obligation," said Morton Schapiro, the president of Northwestern. "We're supposed to teach citizenship."

Northwestern, just north of Chicago, began a drive to register voters last year, with incoming students signing up when they picked up their campus IDs. University-trained staff and volunteers provided absentee ballot request forms from all 50 states, scanned students' driver's licenses or other identification, and offered to mail in the paperwork.

By the first day of class, 89 percent of the university's freshmen had been registered to vote, in 37 states. Northwestern repeated the effort this year, registering almost 95 percent of eligible freshmen, and expanded the model to eight other colleges. Stanford University used the method around campus, including on its bicycle registration line, netting more than 700 new voters in two weeks.

Roughly 11 million eligible voters ages 18 to 24 are in college, about a quarter of all eligible young voters, according to the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement at Tufts University.

The federal Higher Education Amendments of 1998 require colleges to make a "good faith effort" to distribute registration materials to transient students, who have the option to establish residency in their home community or where they go to school.

Students who prefer to vote absentee must first traverse an array of varied rules. Some states, like Michigan and Tennessee, make voters who register by mail cast a ballot in person for their first election. North Carolina requires that ballot requests be handwritten. Other states, like Delaware and Wyoming, require a notary.

Complicating matters more this election have been partisan fights over restrictions on registration drives and new laws requiring state-issued IDs for voting, though many have been overturned or blocked this year.

Harvard University, which holds a competition among dormitories to register the most voters, is one of a growing number of schools expanding efforts by purchasing access to the Web site of TurboVote, a non-profit effort that provides complete online registration and automated vote-by-mail services.

Founded in 2010, TurboVote is working with 58 colleges this year. It now helps more than 100,000 individuals get absentee ballots, find voting locations and track coming elections, sending out text reminders for important deadlines.

"We single-handedly registered more people in a couple of hours than several organizations that have been doing this for months," said Shelby Taylor, a spokeswoman for the University of Florida, which promoted TurboVote on the college's intranet home page and in an e-mail from the university's president. The school, which registered more than 3,000 students this year, also flashed ads for TurboVote on the football stadium's GatorVision screen during the opening home game last month.

"We alone cannot do this," said Heather Smith, president of Rock the Vote, which has been registering voters on campuses for two decades. "If we could get every university engaged and invested in the work of asking every one of their students to register to vote, we'd have a very different democracy."