

In 1945, Gertrude Hadley Jeannette was cast in the lead role in *Our Town*. In 1950, she performed in her first play, *This Way Forward*. That same year, Gertrude and Fred O'Neil appeared on television in James Weldon Johnson's *God's Trombone* on CBS's *General Electric Hour*. Gertrude replaced Pearl Bailey, who was originally cast in that role. As a result, she continued to work in both the theatre and in film and television. Gertrude has worked as a professional actress in radio, stage, film, and TV for many years.

Performing on Broadway, she originated roles in such plays as *Lost in the Stars*, *Nobody Loves an Albatross*, *The Long Dream*, *Amen Corner*, *The Skin of our Teeth*, *The Great White Hope* and *Tennessee Williams' Vieux Carre*. Gertrude's film credits include: *Cry for the City*, *Nothing but a Man*, *Shaft*, *The Legend of Nigger Charlie*, *Cotton Comes to Harlem*, *Black Girl*, and several documentaries and short films.

In 1979, Gertrude founded the H.A.D.L.E.Y. Players (Harlem Artists Development League Especially for You) in answer to the need of professional artists to develop their talents and skills in the theatre, and to enrich the cultural life in the Harlem Community. Gertrude went on to direct, produce, and write her own plays, as well as the works of other playwrights.

Gertrude Hadley Jeannette was presented with several awards for her work and accomplishments. Ms. "J" or Ms. "G" as she is endearingly called received the Outstanding Pioneer Award from AUDELCO in 1984, and the AT&T and Black American Newspaper's 1987 Personality of the Year Award. In 1991, Ms. J was honored as a living legend at the National Black Theatre Festival in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Ms. J is also the recipient of the 1992 Harlem Business Recognition Award from the National Council of Negro Women.

In 1998, Ms. J received the Lionel Hampton Legacy Award, the Standing On Our Shoulders Award from Delta Sigma Theta, Bronx Chapter, and was inducted into the Bushfire Theatre Walk of Fame in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. On October 16, 1999, in her birth state, Gertrude Hadley Jeannette was inducted into the Arkansas Black Hall of Fame. Her portrait hangs in the halls next to previous honorees such as Maya Angelou, John. H. Johnson, Daisy Bates, and Ernest Green to name a few. In 2002, she received the prestigious Paul Robeson Award from the Actors Equity Association. Ms. J was also inducted into the Hatch-Billops Oral History Collection at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture.

In February 2003, Ms. Jeannette was amongst 30 individuals who were honored in the "Harlem Is... Living History of Harlem Exhibit"—which celebrated 30 Harlemites (ages 50–100) whose contributions to the fields of art, music, education, politics, community service, and sports define Harlem's rich and diverse cultural legacy. On December 15, 2003, she was honored with the New Hope SDA (Seventh Day Adventist) Church Women's Ministry Award.

In 2009, Ms. J received the Barbara Ann Teer Artistic Award; and in 2010, she received an AUDELCO Nomination for Best Play Revival for her play "Gladys" Dilemma." On March 28, 2011, she was honored by "The Coalition of Theatres of Color"—a group whose purpose is preserving the history and commitment of Black theatre in New York City

and New York State. Ms. J also received honors from the "GBC-Giving Back Corporation" of Los Angeles on April 30, 2011.

Most recently, she is featured in the film "The Savoy King: Chick Webb and the Music that Changed America" which was screened at The 2012 New York Film Festival. Of all her accomplishments, Ms. Jeannette, however, is most proud of the work she has done in and around the Harlem Community.

Mr. Speaker, great women like our beloved Ms. J are precious gifts we temporarily have in this world, but their contributions and accomplishments are far remembered and everlasting. Though retired and well into her nineties, Ms. J is an active and celebrated member of the New York theater scene. I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 98th Birthday of Ms. Gertrude Hadley Jeannette.

#### HONORING THE WORK OF MERVYN DYMALLY

#### HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2012

Ms. BASS of California. Mr. Speaker, today I'm honored to stand and recognize the extraordinary life of my dear friend Mr. Mervyn Dymally for his decades of public service to the great people of California. Mr. Dymally's life is a testament to the belief within our great country that no matter who you are or where you come from, America with its boundless opportunities remains a place where we can all thrive together.

Mr. Dymally immigrated to the United States from his native Trinidad at the age of 19 years old. Through hard work he went on to graduate from California State University before later earning master's and doctoral degrees. He dedicated his life to public service early—working as a special education teacher in Los Angeles and organizing the most marginalized citizens of our state so that they could use their voices to build a politics that best reflected their values and aspirations.

Mr. Dymally became California's first foreign-born black state assemblyman when he was elected in 1962, its first black state senator four years later and, in 1974, its first black lieutenant governor. In 1980 he became one of the first foreign-born blacks elected to the House of Representatives, where he served six terms and led the Congressional Black Caucus for a time.

Throughout his decades long career, Mr. Dymally made standing up for human rights and the working poor the hallmarks of his service to California and the nation. He worked to improve health care for the poor and sponsored legislation to expand civil rights protections for women. As lieutenant governor he joined Cesar Chavez in trying to protect jobs for farm workers.

Mr. Dymally was a mentor to several African American leaders who followed him into public service, so much so that he was dubbed the "Godfather of African-American politics." He broke down barriers and through it all remained humble and dedicated to the causes that brought him into public service in the first place.

Mr. Dymally's life is an inspiration to us all who serve in this House and today we honor his service.

TRIBUTE TO MARIA GOODLOE-JOHNSON BY CONGRESSMAN JAMES E. CLYBURN

#### HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2012

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated educator, who devoted her life to improving educational opportunities for all children and ending historic achievement gaps in our public schools. I had the privilege of knowing Dr. Maria Louis Goodloe-Johnson when she served as the Superintendent of the Charleston County School District from 2003–2007, and she left an indelible mark during her time in South Carolina. Although Dr. Goodloe-Johnson left this world all too soon, her legacy lives on in the countless students she touched throughout her career.

Dr. Maria Louis Goodloe-Johnson was born September 3, 1957 in Omaha, Nebraska, the second of two children of Jewell Eva and Leonard O. Goodloe. She married Bruce Johnson, on September 22, 2004, and the two had one daughter, Maya Jewell.

Maria spent her formative years in Omaha. She graduated from Central High School in 1975. In 1979, she graduated from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, where she earned a Bachelor's of Science in Special Education. While in college, she also played trumpet in the Cornhusker Marching Band.

In 1980, she moved to Colorado to attend the University of Northern Colorado at Greeley, where she completed her master's degree (Educationally Handicapped, K–12) and began her career as a special education teacher and soccer and cross country coach in the Aurora Public Schools.

In 1987, Maria was named assistant principal at Broomfield High School in the Boulder Valley Schools. Three years later, she became the youngest African American female high school principal in the state of Colorado. While principal at Broomfield High School, she completed her doctorate in Educational Administration, Supervision, Curriculum and Instruction. She next served as director of secondary instruction for the St. Vrain Valley School District before moving to Texas.

Maria joined the Corpus Christi Independent School District in 1999, where she served as Assistant Superintendent. During her tenure, she was one of 20 educators selected from across the country to participate in the 2003 Urban Superintendents Academy, a highly specialized training program with the Broad Superintendents Academy.

She continued to serve in the Corpus Christi District until accepting the position as Superintendent of Schools for Charleston County School District, the largest urban district in South Carolina, in October 2003. Maria is not only the first black but also the first woman to hold the position; Maria was noted for improved student achievement faster than other districts in the state.

In September 2007, Maria was selected as the Superintendent of Seattle Public School District where she served until March 2011.

Maria then accepted a position as Deputy Chancellor, Instructional Support and Educational Accountability at Michigan Education Achievement System. Maria assisted in the

development of a program designed to provide a new, stable, financially responsible set of public schools that create the conditions, supports, tools and resources under which teachers can help students make significant academic gains. It will first apply to underperforming schools in Detroit in the 2012–2013 school years and then be expanded to include low performing schools throughout Michigan.

Maria was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated. Throughout her life, she was actively involved in community service and received numerous honors and awards for these efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in remembering this barrier-breaking educator. Dr. Maria Goodloe-Johnson was a trailblazer and an innovator in the public school arena. Her expertise and enthusiasm will be sorely missed, but her contributions will live on in perpetuity.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF DORIS BEACH

#### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 12, 2012*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Doris L. Beach, who passed from this life on November 13, 2012 at age 74. Doris was a true humanitarian and gave of herself fully. For more than forty years, Doris Beach was the face of Green Thumb, now known as Experience Works Inc. linking capable older adults with employment. A tireless advocate in pursuit of job opportunities for older adults, that service was her passion.

One of six children, Doris Beach graduated from high school in Pittsburgh. She briefly worked in a hospital and broadcasting, but soon found her calling as she set out to make Toledo's Green Thumb the best senior employment service. She sought out employers, when necessary taught them the value of hiring older workers, and matched older workers to the jobs. Explained her longtime colleague Billie Johnson, president of the Area Office on Aging of Northwest Ohio, "She was so out-of-the box and didn't think in traditional terms of how to find employers who would hire retirees. She went above and beyond and knew how to help a retiree package a skill set." Doris knew the work ethic of older adults, understood their needs and guided them toward their potential. She was an inspiration to all who knew her, an amazing woman. We knew her for her "ready smile, a raspy voice, compassion and an air of authority" and she was endeared to us all.

In addition to her life's work, Doris Beach gave to her church, St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church, and her family was most important. She was a well-loved sister and aunt. We share her family's sorrow at her passing, and hope they find comfort in the gift that was her remarkable life. Through Doris' life-giving counsel and street smarts borne of struggle, her persevering work bettered the lives of thousands of older Americans and gave them added meaning and purpose. Our community remains indebted always to the ethic of service to others her life embodies.

HEISMAN WINNER JOHNNY MANZIEL

#### HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 12, 2012*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, last weekend, America watched as Kerrville, Texas' own star quarterback received College Football's most prestigious award—the Heisman trophy.

Johnny Manziel, the Tivy High School graduate and current Texas A&M University quarterback, became the first college freshman to follow in the footsteps of some of the sport's greatest athletes.

Known by his fans as "Johnny Football," it seems as if Manziel was born to play the game. His first year at Tivy High School, Manziel started out on the freshman football team. By the end of the season, he was playing on Varsity. He was the only quarterback in America named as a Parade All-American his senior year.

This year, Manziel led the Aggies to a victory over Alabama, the number one ranked team in the nation. He is the first freshman and only the fifth player in the NCAA to pass for 3000 yards and rush for 1000 yards in a season.

The champion who Americans have now been introduced to is the same humble young man that Kerrville, Texas, has known all along. Hard work, determination and graciousness have been Johnny Manziel's trademark all along.

From the halls of Congress, and from the heart of Texas District 21, congratulations, Johnny, on well-deserved award.

#### CA DEMOCRATIC DELEGATION

#### HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 12, 2012*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my thanks and best wishes to the members of the California Democratic delegation who will be departing at the end of this Congress.

Starting with departing members toward the northern portion of the state, I can say that Congress is losing two of its most important and effective progressive champions, LYNN WOOLSEY and PETE STARK.

LYNN has been a strong advocate for peaceful solutions to the world's problems, and her voice for peace and disarmament will be missed. She was one of the most vocal and consistent opponents of the war in Iraq, and fought to stop the surges in both Iraq and Afghanistan. I have been proud to work with her over the past several years to bring a responsible end to the wars. LYNN has also been a forceful advocate on education and children's issues.

I know LYNN will stay involved in progressive causes, and I look forward to continuing to work with her in her new role as President of Americans for Democratic Action. But her compassionate efforts in Congress will be difficult to replace.

The thing I will remember most about PETE STARK is that he was always a fighter for af-

fordable healthcare. With the passage of the Affordable Care Act, we will soon see the day when every person in the country has health insurance. For many years I cosponsored a bill offered by PETE that would have at least provided a guarantee of healthcare for children in this country. It was outrageous that children were not provided guaranteed health insurance or covered by the government in this country, and PETE worked to end that outrage. Of course, PETE was instrumental in the passage of the Affordable Care Act as the chair of the Health Subcommittee, and we owe him a debt of gratitude for those efforts.

Southern California is losing several members who will likewise be missed.

HOWARD BERMAN and I ran against each other in 2012. Nothing that happened during that campaign has lessened my admiration for HOWARD as a public servant and legislator. In the 40 years since his first election to the State Assembly, he has provided California and the country with exemplary service. In fact, as a long serving member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and its former Chairman, this service extended to the world.

HOWARD could have enjoyed the comfort and financial benefits of working in the private sector, but instead chose to serve the public. From local Valley projects such as preserving the Santa Monica Mountains, improving the Hansen Dam, and rebuilding Kaiser Permanente Hospital after the 1994 quake, we owe him a sincere debt of gratitude.

He has been a longtime champion of farm workers, starting with his work with Cesar Chavez and the Agricultural Labor Relations Act, which grants farmworkers the right to organize and bargain with their employers. HOWARD has been a consistent advocate for the entertainment industry, working to protect the jobs of so many residents of the San Fernando Valley.

Under his direction as the top Democrat on the Foreign Affairs Committee since 2008, our foreign aid program has better protected American interests abroad and allowed for a more stable world. Through projects like the Iron Dome missile shield and enabling Israelis to apply for E-2 Visas, he has strengthened the U.S.-Israel relationship. HOWARD has also helped fight against global HIV/AIDS and alleviate suffering in the poorest countries. HOWARD has built a legacy of effective leadership. He will be missed in Congress.

While LAURA RICHARDSON only served three terms in the House, she was an effective leader for her diverse district. She became a respected expert on intermodal transportation issues despite serving only a brief time in Washington. The Ports of LA and Long Beach, and those that work or do business there, will miss her efforts here to improve the transit of goods across the country. Very few members of this House better understand the importance of transit infrastructure, and the need to pay for it wisely, than LAURA.

I have greatly enjoyed serving with my friend, JOE BACA, on the Financial Services Committee and in Congress generally. JOE served his country, first in the Army and then in Congress. JOE served as Chairman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus from 2007–2008. He fought hard for the rights of immigrants and the wider Latino community in the United States.

And finally, I wish my friend Bob Filner success as he continues on his career in public service as the mayor of San Diego. The