

vote on National Voter Registration Day, which was an initiative to raise awareness to block the voter suppression efforts with the enacting of voter ID laws by numerous States during the Presidential election this year.

This outspoken, soft-spoken minister can bring the fire when needed. I cannot forget his legendary and enthusiastic speech to Democrats on the pressing issues that affect all Americans, as demonstrated in his 2012 Democratic National Convention speech in Charlotte, North Carolina. He is not afraid to display his passion for what is right.

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Chairman CLEAVER is truly a man on a mission for his constituents in Kansas City and all Americans across this Nation. A crusader for justice, I am proud to serve alongside him in the Congressional Black Caucus and look forward to our continued friendship in the 113th Congress.

I wish him God's richest blessings and continued success.

HONORING EMANUEL CLEAVER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. ISRAEL) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues in honoring Chairman EMANUEL CLEAVER. I have never had to wait so long to say something nice about a colleague of ours, and that gives you a sense of how wonderful Chairman CLEAVER has been as the chairman of the CBC, as a Member of Congress, and as a human being.

This is a place of hard elbows and harsh tongues, and Chairman CLEAVER has always worked to make us better, a better Congress and better as individuals.

He and I found common ground very early on in our tenure together. I created the House Center Aisle Caucus, and he reached out to me and we tried to figure out ways of injecting respect and tolerance and sensitivity into our discourse on the floor of the House. We share the value that listening is better than shouting and that bringing people together is a more valued tradition than driving them apart.

His leadership of the CBC has inspired so many of us, his ability to drive the CBC forward and, at the same time, to reach even higher. And I know that the incoming chairperson, Chairwoman FUDGE, will pursue those goals with equal tenacity and equal vision.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I would say this. Although EMANUEL CLEAVER ascended to the highest position in the Congressional Black Caucus, although he has become a senior Member of this Congress, he has never forgotten that our fundamental ability is to work for those we serve, and he has reminded us every single day that no matter how high you are at any given time, there is always a higher calling. And for that we are forever grateful to Chairman CLEAVER, for his service to the CBC and

his continuing service as a Member of this body. He has made us a better Congress and a better country, and we look forward to continuing to work with him.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE EMANUEL CLEAVER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PAYNE) for 2½ minutes.

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor my good friend and mentor, chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, Representative EMANUEL CLEAVER, the outgoing chairman of the CBC.

An accomplished and esteemed legislator, Congressman CLEAVER was instrumental in orchestrating the CBC For the People Jobs Initiative, which brought together private and public sector entities across the Nation to help the unemployed Americans get jobs.

He also spearheaded voter protection events to bring attention to the State voter suppression policies designed to discourage and prevent African Americans from exercising their right to vote.

Personally, it was my pleasure to get to know Congressman CLEAVER through his relationship with my father, the late Congressman Donald Payne, Sr. However, I became more acquainted with Mr. CLEAVER when I was a candidate for the 10th Congressional District of New Jersey.

Throughout the many encounters with Congressman CLEAVER, he has always shown tremendous leadership, intellect, kindness, and poise. These characteristics were on full display during the passing of my father. My family and I were honored to have Mr. CLEAVER deliver a very emotional and uplifting speech that was felt throughout the church during my father's home-going service in March. His advice and words of comfort during those very challenging times were tremendous help, and I will always be grateful for his unwavering support.

During my transition to Capitol Hill, he offered a great deal of support, oftentimes stopping me in the hallways to ask me how am I doing and how can he help. His assistance has eased my transition considerably, and I am grateful for the profound impact that Congressman CLEAVER has had on me.

In just a few months, I've come to know why my father considered him a great colleague and an outstanding leader. Today I cannot think of a better friend and mentor.

Thank you.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF CONGRESSMAN EMANUEL CLEAVER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. RANGEL) for 2½ minutes.

Mr. RANGEL. I don't rise to talk about and to give accolades to Congressman CLEAVER because he has served the Congressional Black Caucus so well. And the reason I don't is because I can't imagine that he won't continue to serve us as he has this capacity to do.

I know that Congresswoman Judge FUDGE is going to do a remarkable job, but there is a uniqueness about Reverend CLEAVER, Pastor CLEAVER, City Councilman CLEAVER, Mayor CLEAVER, Congressman CLEAVER. God has given these terrific assets to be able to take complex, emotional problems and to talk to you like he's known you all of your life as he helps you to work with him to try to find some solution.

Every time I hear him give a talk, I vision him in his church talking about those things that give inspiration to so many people that have lost hope, and especially now, as many have lost their homes and lost jobs.

As we struggle in this Congress today, in trying to bring some balance in terms of our deficit, our spending, as well as our raising the revenue, I cannot help but look at the reverend, Congressman, chairman in terms of the words of Matthew, when Jesus made it abundantly clear that, although the rich were not asking Jesus for comfort as related to providing for the sick and the naked and the poor and the underprivileged, somehow Jesus had said what EMANUEL CLEAVER follows, that it's not what we do here in the Congress for Members of Congress, indeed, it's not what we do for the rich and the middle class, but the basic question we all have to decide is: What did we do for the lesser among us, the vulnerable, the sick, the aged, and the poor?

Certainly, EMANUEL CLEAVER provides a conscience for all of us that are privileged to serve in this august body.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Congress's finest members, Chairman EMANUEL CLEAVER, for his exemplary leadership and service to the Congressional Black Caucus.

While Chairman CLEAVER has worked on behalf of the people of Missouri's fifth district for the last eight years, and in service to the people of Kansas City as a councilman and mayor for many more than that, I want his constituents to know the depth, character, and accomplishments of the public servant they are so fortunate to have representing them and Americans across this country.

As Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, Congressman CLEAVER has guided its more than 40 members on their mission to extend the promise of the American dream to every community and corner of this Nation. Through his tireless advocacy on issues critical to the African American community and his stewardship of the Caucus's jobs fair initiative, Chairman CLEAVER worked to bring the business community together with the many talented and skilled workers that were disproportionately impacted during this recent economic recession.

He has worked to ensure that every child has an opportunity to receive a quality education; that every man and woman can exercise their constitutional right to vote, and that

the doors of economic and social opportunity are open to every American who seeks to step through them.

And, like so many of my fellow Members, I have the privilege of knowing Chairman CLEAVER as a dear friend and mentor. He is always ready with a kind or encouraging word, no matter the situation or where he stands on the issues.

I salute the Chairman for his distinguished leadership and achievements with the Congressional Black Caucus and congratulate him on this milestone in his career. As colleagues, we are grateful that we will continue to benefit from his service and friendship for years to come.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor our colleague, the Honorable EMANUEL CLEAVER III. Congressman CLEAVER has served with distinction during the 112th Congress as the 20th chair of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC).

During his tenure as CBC chair, Chairman CLEAVER focused on bringing critical issues before the United States that are of importance to Black America such as voter protection, job creation, inequity in unemployment, the debt-ceiling and many other pressing issues facing our country. As a co-chair of the CBC Technology and Infrastructure taskforce I have worked closely with Chairman CLEAVER to advocate for the needs of community colleges, increased workforce training, initiatives to broaden participation in STEM and inadequate, outdated, and underfunded transportation systems.

Chairman CLEAVER deserves to be commended for highlighting African-American inequity in unemployment and spearheading the Congressional Black Caucus Jobs tour this past summer. The jobs tour was a nationwide initiative that helped pair thousands of unemployed African Americans with employers and brought the issue to the forefront of the national discussion. As past chair of the CBC I know that the work of the Caucus truly serves as a voice for the voiceless and its 43 Members serve as the conscience of the United States Congress.

It has been an honor to be a friend and colleague of Chairman CLEAVER during our years in Congress. He continues to inspire and encourage us all through his milestone of service to our Nation throughout his tenure as a United States Congressman.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Chairman CLEAVER for his many accomplishments during his tenure as Chairman of the CBC.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. I rise in tribute to the Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, the Honorable EMANUEL CLEAVER this morning.

Every Chair brings a special brand of leadership to the Caucus and every term in which that Chair serves has its own unique challenges.

Chairman EMANUEL CLEAVER led the 112th Caucus with humor and equanimity and provided a strong and unwavering moral compass for not just the CBC, but for the entire Democratic Caucus.

His stories—we never knew where he was going with them until the end—were always full of wit and “down-home wisdom” and always held a message to remind us “whose we are” and “what is expected of us.” There was always an inspirational message to fuel us for the task.

We were continually challenged during the 112th Congress, the recession, the contentious election season and its voter suppression initiatives, the ethics attacks on our members, and the Tea Party influence on our Republican colleagues made it a particularly challenging two years.

But he met and led us to meet those challenges head on and took the CBC to yet another higher level. I was proud to serve as his First Vice-chair.

I know these years were full of sacrifice for him and his family and so I proudly join all of the other members of the CBC to tell him thank you for his excellent and significant stewardship.

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Congressman EMANUEL CLEAVER, for the great job he has done as Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 112th Congress.

As the 20th chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, Congressman CLEAVER has benefited from the legacy of many great leaders from our past.

A legacy that includes inspiring leaders like Shirley Chisholm, the first African American female Member to be elected to Congress, Charles Diggs, Jr., the first Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, and the late great Congressman Donald Payne from New Jersey.

I can say with great sincerity, that Congressman CLEAVER has established a legacy of his own.

During his tenure as CBC Chairman Congressman CLEAVER has sought to fight the pervasive job loss in the African American community by promoting the CBC jobs initiative.

Chairman CLEAVER has led Members of the Congressional Black Caucus across the country, where we have called upon private and public sector partners to immediately remedy the jobs crisis by going into communities with legitimate employment opportunities for the undeserved.

Under Representative CLEAVER's leadership, the CBC has hosted town hall meetings and job fairs in the hardest hit, economically distressed areas to provide opportunities for people to be connected to real employment.

When Republican state legislators decided to pass egregious voter I.D. laws to undermine the Voting Rights Act of 1965, Congressman CLEAVER made sure that the Congressional Black Caucus was at the forefront of the fight to educate the voting public about these laws, and stop them in their tracks.

After working under the leadership of Congressman CLEAVER for the last two years, I can attest with great confidence that he has shown a natural aptitude for strong leadership, with a clear vision that will serve as a great example for future CBC Chairmen for years to come.

I think my colleagues would agree with me when I say—Congressman CLEAVER, you have served well.

Thank you for your commitment and your tireless effort on behalf of the CBC.

I look forward to working with you, and continuing to “fight the good fight” in the 113th Congress.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair

declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 17 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, we give You thanks for giving us another day. We pause in Your presence and ask guidance for the men and women of the people's House.

Enable them, O God, to act on what they believe to be right and true and just, and to do so in ways that show respect for those with whom they disagree.

Send Your healing upon our Nation. As we continue to recover from such a great tragedy, endow the Members of this House and all our governmental leaders with the wisdom to respond with whatever policies and laws might be needed to ensure greater peace and security in our land.

Bless us this day and every day, and may all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from California (Ms. CHU) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. CHU led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

CORRECTING THE ENROLLMENT OF S. 2367

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table Senate Concurrent Resolution 63 and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows: