

Y. Betts, Brother Grant Clark, and Brother Albert Brown; and Deaconess: Sister Margaret Wilkinson, Sister Hattie Williams-Cockrell, and Sister Eugene Brown.

Rev. A. L. Hill was elected pastor in the early 30s and remained until 1943 along with the Deacons: Brother Wesley Liddell, Brother Tom Sutton, Brother Nathaniel Fuller, Brother Joe Mixon, Brother Abel Hinton, Brother William Tyler, and Brother Miles Applewhite; and Deaconess: Sister Margaret Wilkinson, Sister Josephine Sutton, Sister Alberta Applewhite, Sister Estella Williams, Sister Ophelia Jennings, Sister Ida Long, and Sister Nancy Wilson.

Rev. T. W. Richardson was elected pastor in 1943 and in 1968 the church was reerected in 1969 after the death of Rev. Richardson. The board of Trustees were: Brother James Hunter, Brother LaHue Parker, and Brother Foster Green; and Deacons: Brother Arthur Phipps, Brother Otha Spraggs, Brother Foster Green, Brother J. S. Gresham Sr., Brother LaHue "Shock" Parker, Brother C.R. "Baby" Campbell, Brother Solon Williams, Brother Willie "Hot" Moore, Brother Coleman Washington Sr., and Brother Joe Moore; and Deaconess: Sister Estella Williams, Sister Alice Green, Sister Zenobia Campbell, Sister Mary Young, Sister Mary Lee Moore, Sister Minnie Ross, Sister Mary Singleton, and Sister Aretha Liddell.

Rev. W. L. Smith Jr. was elected pastor in July of 1969. Trustees were: Brother James Hunter, Brother LaHue Parker, Brother Foster Green, Brother J. C. Quinn, and Brother L. C. Quinn; Deacons: Brother Otha Spraggs, Brother LaHue Parker, Brother Solon Williams, Brother J. S. Gresham, Sr., Brother Bishop Hopkin, Brother Arthur Phipps, Brother Tommie White, Brother Bobby Love, Brother Coleman Washington Jr., and Brother Joe Moore; and Deaconess: Sister Estella Williams, Sister Alice Green, Sister Zenobia Campbell, Sister Estella Phipps, Sister Doshi Love, Sister Dossier Petty, Sister Candace Hill, Sister May Lee Moore, Sister Betty Quinn, Sister Sally Foote, Sister Mable Jackson, Sister Annie Foote, Sister Dorothy Banks, Sister Aretha Liddell, Sister Genette M. Smith, Sister Bobbie White, and Sister Charlene Love.

Rev. W. L. Smith Jr. retired and became Pastor Emeritus in September of 1992. Rev. C. J. Nelson served as Interim Pastor from December of 1992 through June of 1993. Board of Trustees were: Rev. Cleve McDowell, Sister Mary Phillips, Sister Jessie First, Sister Shery Nelson, Brother James Shoulders, and Brother Edward Triplett.

Rev. Adoris Turner was elected pastor in September of 1994 to November of 1997. Broad of Trustees were: Sister Mary Phillips, Sister Charlis Miller, Sister Sheryl Nelson, Brother James Pointer, Brother Coleman Washington, Jr., Brother Solon Williams, and Brother Booker T. Black, Jr.; and Deaconess: Sister Aretha Liddell, Sister Susie Staples, Sister Canary Pointer, Sister Dorothy Banks, Sister Charlene Love, and Sister Genette M. Smith. Rev. Jesse Gresham served as Interior Pastor from 1997 to 1998. Pastor Martha Shoulders served as his assistant.

Rev. Scotty Williams of Greenwood was elected as pastor in September of 1998 for a very brief period. No significant changes were made to the church under his leadership. Rev. Perry Grant of Greenville was elected as the pastor in 1999, where he remained for less than a year.

Rev. Jesse Gresham was elected as pastor in February of 2000, where he serves as Pastor and Musician. Rev. Martha Shoulders served as Youth Pastor. Two new musicians were elected: Charlie "Chuck" Allen of Clarksdale and Everette Walton of Drew; a fellowship hall was added; the Youth Ministry was assigned the second Sunday of each month; the Men's Ministry was assigned the fourth Sunday of each month; and two members were called into the ministry: Deacon Bobby Love and Brother Robert Hunter. Rev. Bobby Love now serves as superintendent of Education and Rev. Robert Hunter now serves as Youth Minister. The Deacons were: Brother James Pointer, Brother Coleman Washington, Jr., Brother John Johnson, Sr., Brother Melvin Mins, Brother Howard Williams, Brother Lacy Wilson, Brother Booker Black, Brother James Dixon, and Brother Willie Hooper; the Trustees were: Sister Annie Round, Rev. Bobby Love, Brother James Shoulders, Sister Mary Phillips and Brother Edward Triplett; and the Deaconess Board consisted of: Sister Aretha Liddell, Sister Dorothy Williams, Sister Minnie Spraggs, Sister Sisce Staples, Sister Ora Washington, Sister Dorothy Banks, Sister Bobbie White, Sister Charlene Love, Sister Essie Johnson, Sister Earnestine Dixon, Sister Gloria Williams, and Sister Sharon Hunter.

Rev. Gresham served for fourteen years. In 2014 Rev. Bobby Love was elected Interim Pastor until October 2015. Then, Rev. William "Ray" Blackmon was elected as pastor in November of 2015. Pastor Blackmon's installation was on February 14, 2016. Under his short tenure two musicians were added: Brother Seneca Owens, who played on the first, third, and fourth Sundays and Bishop Kimberly Randle, who played on the second and fifth Sundays and during this same time two tellurones and a surveillance system were installed. Rev. Bobby Love serves as Director of Christian Education and Rev. Robert Hunter serves as the Youth Minister. Deacons James Pointer is the chairperson of the Deacon Board and Deacon Howard Williams is the co-chairperson. The other Deacons are: Deacon Roy Stanford, Deacon James Dixon, Deacon Willie Hooper (who resigned in May of 2017) and Deacon Booker Black, Jr. There are two deacons in training: Brother John Henry Johnson, Jr. and Brother Eddie Horton. The trustees are: Sister Charlis Miller-Criss, Sister Bobbie White, Sister Sheryl Nelson, Sister Karen Mims, and Deacon Roy Stanford.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the growth of Holly Grove Missionary Baptist Church for its longevity and dedication to serving others.

HONORING MR. JAMES T. BRETT

HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY III

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate James T. Brett, President and CEO of the New England Council, on receiving the Éire Society of Boston's 2018 Gold Medal Award.

Since 1937, the Éire Society of Boston has celebrated the rich history of the Irish experience and the many important contributions that Irish-Americans have made to our country

and around the world. In keeping with tradition and the long list of distinguished recipients, the Éire Society has chosen to honor a truly inspiring individual this year.

A lifelong resident of Dorchester, Massachusetts, James "Jim" Brett has dedicated his life to serving others and raising awareness for critical issues such as accessible healthcare, education, economic empowerment, and disability rights. After fifteen years in the Massachusetts State Legislature taking on a number of leadership roles such as Chairman of the Joint Committee on Taxation and Joint Committee on Banking, Mr. Brett joined The New England Council where he has continued to promote a strong economic environment and quality of living in the region.

Since leaving office in 1996, Mr. Brett remains a leading voice in advocacy for individuals with disabilities both in New England and nationally, serving as a Chairman of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities, a member of the National Council on Disability, and Chair of the Governor's Commission on Intellectual Disability and Massachusetts Disabled Persons Protection Commission.

Across Massachusetts, we are proud to call James Brett our neighbor and grateful for his continued service to the disadvantaged among us. As the Éire Society of Boston gathers on April 7th to celebrate this important achievement, I call on Congress to recognize the many accomplishments of Mr. Brett's distinguished career and the impact that his tireless efforts have had on so many in New England and nationwide.

HONORING DEXTER M. BROOKINS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, LTC Dexter M. Brookins who entered the service on 11 August 1987 as a Private in the Infantry. LTC Brookins received his commission from the United States Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1997 from Jackson State University as a Distinguished Military Graduate.

Previous assignments include Launcher and Fire Control Platoon Leader for F/1-43 ADA in Kunson, S. Korea from July 1997 to June 1998 and Battery Executive Officer for B/1-43 ADA in Suwon, S. Korea from June 1998 to November 1998, and D/2-1 ADA from November 1998 to July 1999. Major Brookins also served as the Aide-de-Camp for the Commanding General (1-Star General) at Joint Task Force-6 from July 1999 to January 2001. In August 2001, he was assigned to the 31st ADA BDE from which he later deployed to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from February 2002 to September 2002. He later assumed command of A/3-2 ADA in December 2002. He later deployed Alpha Battery to Kuwait/Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from March to May 2003.

In April 2004, LTC Brookins was assigned to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Army Staff (JCS/OSD/ARSTAFF) Intern Program (a three year program). As a JCS/OSD/ARSTAFF Intern, LTC

Brookins attended graduate school at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. to earn an Executive Masters in Policy Management. He then served a year as an action officer in the Psychological Operations Division in the Operations Division (J-3) on the Joint Staff in the Pentagon. Later he was selected to serve as the Operations Officer (Special Assistant) to The Inspector General of the Army (3-Star General) in the Pentagon. Major Brookins was a White House Military Social Aide to President George W. Bush from September 2005 to June 2007.

In July 2008, LTC Brookins became the Operations Officer for 6-52 ADA, Fort Sill, OK. He then forward stationed the battalion to South Korea where he served as the Operations and Executive Officer for 6-52 ADA from April 2009 to January 2011. Later, he was assigned to the UNC/CFC/USFK Commander's Initiatives Group as the CIG Traveler, accompanying the UNC/CFC/USFK Commander (4-Star General) on all of his TDYs off peninsula from January 2011 to June 2012. Currently, LTC Brookins is assigned to the Joint Enabling Capabilities Command, Norfolk, VA as a Force Protection Plans Officer.

LTC Brookins holds a Bachelor of Social Work Degree from Jackson State University and an Executive Masters of Policy Management Degree from Georgetown University. His military education includes Airborne School, Air Assault School, the Primary Leadership Development Course, the Air Defense Artillery Officer Basic, the Air Defense Artillery Captains Career Course and the Combined Arms Services Staff School, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Joint Combined Warfighting School.

His awards include: the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the three Meritorious Service Medals, two Joint Service Commendation Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, four Army Achievement Medals, the Army Good Conduct Medal, two National Defense Service Medals, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Non Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Service Medal, two Overseas Medals, two Joint Meritorious Unit Awards, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, Basic Airborne Wings, Air Assault Wings, the Army Staff Identification Badge, and the Joint Staff Identification Badge.

LTC Brookins is an active member of the Rocks, Inc., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and Society of White House Military Aides. LTC Brookins is married to Jenée E. Brookins. They have a 17 year old son named Javier and an 12 year old daughter named Bailey.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing LTC Dexter M. Brookins. for his dedication to serving others.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF BRYAN
WHITNER

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Bryan Whitner of the Canton

Police Department in Haywood County, North Carolina. On behalf of the citizens of Western North Carolina, I would like to thank Chief Whitner for over 30 years of outstanding service to the people of the Town of Canton and Haywood County.

Chief Whitner began his career with law enforcement as a Waynesville Police Department Patrol Officer in 1987. He then served as a Canton Police Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain until he was promoted to Chief of Police in 2010. Chief Whitner faithfully served as the lead criminal investigator for 17 years during his time in office. During his career, Chief Whitner obtained law enforcement accreditation for the Canton Police Department through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, a large accomplishment for the Canton Police Department.

As a Tuscola High School graduate, Haywood Community College graduate, and Western Carolina University graduate, Chief Whitner has been a long-time student of institutions in Western North Carolina. Chief Whitner received his associate of applied science degree in criminal justice technology from Haywood Community College in 1998 and later received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Western Carolina University in 2006.

Over the course of his career, Chief Whitner has served on numerous committees, including Child Fatality Review, Kids Advocacy Resource, Law Enforcement Planning Committee, DWI Task Force and Haywood Community College Curriculum Advisory Committee. Chief Whitner's dedication to excellence has made him a wonderful Chief, and his commitment to the Canton community has made him beloved by many. The outreach programs he initiated in Canton schools will have an impact on the Town of Canton for many years to come.

Chief Whitner has earned the respect of his community through his commitment a the Canton Police Department and engagement in the community. For his abiding service to the people of Western North Carolina, I am privileged to express to Chief Whitner the gratitude and best wishes of the people of North Carolina on his retirement.

HONORING MRS. GLORIA
RICHMOND JACKSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Gloria Richmond Jackson.

Gloria Richmond Jackson came into this world on a windy day in March of 1957. She is the eleventh of thirteen children born to Floyd and Earnestine Richmond. She spent her early years on the Adams Plantation, three miles southwest of Lambert, Mississippi in Quitman County.

She left the State of Mississippi in 1972, and spent 33 years living in Louisiana, Texas, California and Illinois. In 2005, the Lord led her back to Lambert to work with the youth; but the true blessing of her return was the loving and nurturing relationship that developed between her and her mother who passed away July 17, 2011.

Jackson's mission quickly led her to become immersed in community work. In June 2005, she began working with the youth at the North Delta Youth Development Center in Lambert. As Director of The Children's Village Project, she encouraged them by sharing her story of trials and triumphs in an attempt to assist them with healthy development.

Jackson is proud of her southern upbringing and credits a lot of her accomplishments as a direct result of having a wonderful mother. She describes her mother as being, "Mississippi Strong." Her mother wasn't afraid to get involved with the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's. She worked with others to help get African Americans register to vote in Quitman County. She even defied the Superintendent of Education's warning, that if any of the school bus drivers participated in a Freedom March with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., they would be fired. She marched, but kept her job as a Bus Driver for the elementary school in Lambert.

Mrs. Earnestine Richmond's positive impact wasn't limited to only a few of her children: Her first-born daughter, Tressie Richmond Woods, in 1965 became the first African American to work as a Loan Officer for the Quitman County Farmers Home Administration, located in Marks, Mississippi.

Her daughter, Evon Richmond Ector, participated in the now famous, "Poor People's Mule Train March to Washington" in 1968.

Her daughter Mae Richmond Mosley was the first African American to become Vice President of Human Resources for Briggs and Stratton Engines Corporation in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from 2003 to 2007 when she retired.

Gloria Richmond Jackson, her youngest daughter, was the first African American to attend Lambert Jr. High School in 1969. Five of Mrs. Richmond's sons have owned businesses: Edgar Richmond (Automotive Repair Shop) Chicago, Illinois. Benjamin and Leo Richmond, co-owners (Bar and Lounge) Chicago, Illinois. Charles Richmond (Vending Machine Service Company, St. Louis, Missouri and a Home Health Service Company with locations in St. Louis and Kansas City, Missouri). James Richmond currently owns an Automotive Towing Service in Wellston, Missouri.

Jackson was appointed to the position of Town Clerk for Lambert, June 13, 2016. Prior to her appointment as Town Clerk, she was employed with Youth Opportunities Unlimited, Inc. of Lambert, Mississippi for eight years. There she worked as a Data Research Associate and Abstinence Educator in the Quitman, South Panola and Coahoma Municipal School Districts.

Her career with American Airlines began at O'Hare Airport in Chicago, Illinois in 1989; it spanned for over fifteen years. She started out at American while working evenings in Facilities Maintenance, concurrently attending Catherine Business College at night. After graduation, she was promoted to Ticket Counter Agent, two years later she was promoted to Sales Support Representative, and later she accepted the position of City Ticket Office Sales Representative until 2001. At that time she returned to Chicago O'Hare Airport to fill a position as Premium Service Representative in the very same office where she once worked as a janitor (Facilities Maintenance). Following a seven-year leave from American