

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING NEW PRESIDENT AND CABINET OF THE BLACK CLERGY OF PHILADELPHIA AND VICINITY

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my sincere congratulations to the incoming President and cabinet officers of the Black Clergy of Philadelphia and Vicinity. Chosen from among their peers, this group of accomplished individuals will be tasked with overseeing the mission of their organization to "unify African-American clergy grounded in Christian principles around issues of social, political and economic justice."

Each and every one of these men and women have selflessly devoted themselves, over the course of many years, to building and sustaining communities of faith that lift up those who need a helping hand, that stand up for those whose voices are often unheard or overlooked, and that fight for equal justice for all especially in communities of color.

Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to include in the RECORD the names of the incoming officers as follows:

President: Rev. Robert Collier, Sr., First Vice President: Bishop J Louis Felton, Second Vice President: Rev. Dr. Wayne Weathers, Third Vice President: Elder Janet Sturdivant, General Secretary: Rev. Maxcine Selby Collier, Treasurer: Rev. Dr. Cassandra Graves, Financial Secretary: Rev. Toni Johnson, Assistant Secretary: Rev. Maria Tillman, Assistant Treasurer: Rev. Joe Brown, Chaplain: Rev. Juanita Walters, Chief Marshall: Rev. Dr. Jerome Fordham, Parliamentarian: Rev. Dr. Donna Jones, Public Relations: Rev. Dr. Charles McNeil, Advisor: Rev. Terrence Griffith.

As they are all consummate leaders in their own right, I am confident that, together, they will prove to be more than a match for the challenges that await them and that they will continue to make the Black Clergy of Philadelphia and Vicinity a potent source for good in the years to come.

CONGRATULATING ASHRITH REDDY

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLOUD. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate middle-schooler Ashrith Reddy for the achievement of winning first place in the 2019 U.S. Geography Olympiad National Championship.

Ashrith is a student at Marvin Baker Middle School in Corpus Christi.

At the national competition in Chicago, though, he represented all of south Texas.

To earn first place, Ashrith had to compete against students in his age group from across the country.

He was quizzed on the historical, cultural, urban, and economic facets of geography, completing both a written and buzzer test.

His skills are impressive, and he is only getting better.

Ashrith won fourth place in 2018, so he persevered, studied hard, and finally took home the first-place win in 2019.

Ashrith credits his parents, teachers, and school for supporting him in his passion for geography.

I think it is safe to say that, with such determination and a hard work ethic, Ashrith has a successful future ahead of him.

I congratulate Ashrith on this accomplishment.

He has made Corpus Christi and all of South Texas very proud.

RECOGNITION OF STEVE MARTINEZ'S COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO IDAHO HOME BUILDERS

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize Steve Martinez for his hard work, commitment and dedication to the Idaho State Home Builders Association.

Last year was not an easy year for the State Home Builders Association. While the economy and businesses were booming, the association had a difficult year with the passing of Executive Officer, Frankie Hickman, who ran not only the local Building Contractors Association for Western Idaho, but also the State Association for 27 years.

Steve is not only a hard worker and driven individual, but he is also a kind and compassionate person. He recognized the need of helping Frankie through her most difficult stretches and when the time came, he picked up the pieces and supported the staff as well as his peers within the association.

Steve Martinez grew up in the home building industry, his father was a custom home-builder, a Past President of the local Building Contractors Association as well as Idaho State President. Steve followed in his father's footsteps in many ways, including his profession and positions within the home builder associations. Steve is also the national builder representative and is a member of the National Association of Home Builders Finance Committee. He recently received several awards including 'One to Watch' from the National Association.

I personally have had the pleasure of getting to know Steve and have appreciated the opportunity to work with him. He is extremely professional and passionate about home ownership and the needs of his community.

I congratulate Steve on his 2019 Special Recognition Award, as it is well deserved.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF DR. CARROL WAYMON

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise with admiration and respect to honor and remember the tremendous legacy of Dr. Carol Waymon, who passed away in his San Diego home on January 3, 2020 at the age of 94.

Waymon was a champion for racial equality and one of the most impactful educators in San Diego's history.

Born to a family of eight in North Carolina, Waymon overcame many obstacles before making his way to San Diego. He received an undergraduate education from Howard University followed by masters in psychology and education from Temple University.

In 1964, he was working on racial issues for the Los Angeles Human Relations Agency when a request for assistance came from the San Diego City Council to assess racial injustice in the city.

Waymon chose to move to San Diego and dedicated his life to our community. While other cities experienced significant racial tensions, Waymon saw an opportunity for San Diego to build bridges and improve the lives of all citizens.

In 1967, Waymon was appointed head of the Citizens Interracial Committee (CIC), San Diego's first human relations agency. During his tenure he chaired more than 40 public meetings and spearheaded the drafting and adoption of San Diego's first equal employment opportunity ordinances.

Among the many achievements realized by the CIC, Waymon played a critical role in removing housing restrictions for people of color, making it possible for African Americans to stay in any major hotel across the County, try on clothes in department stores, and dine in major restaurants.

Waymon was also widely regarded as a brilliant educator who was responsible for the founding of San Diego State University's Africana Studies Department. He enjoyed a 33-year career working with San Diego Mesa College as a psychology, sociology, and anthropology professor.

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I was privileged to have the opportunity to personally witness and appreciate his drive to bring people together in order to create a better community. I always admired his focus on education for all at the center of all he did; a wise and thoughtful approach.

I genuinely treasured our warm relationship and will sorely miss his presence in the community.

While San Diego has lost a giant, I believe that his life's work will serve as a legacy and example for future generations to come.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you please join me in remembering and commemorating the great life of Dr. Carrol Waymon.