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BIOGRAPHY

Former Congressman Andy Jacobs eloquently introduced the story of his successor, JULIA CARSON: “The only thing some people learn from oppression is hatred and revenge. Others learn compassion and empathy. From the physical pain of material poverty and the mindlessly cruel persecution of nitwit racism, JULIA CARSON made her choice of hard work, compassion and a pleasing sense of humor.”

The result of JULIA CARSON’s choice was an extraordinary career of public service. Before she made history in 1996 by becoming the first woman and the first African American Indianapolis had ever sent to Congress, JULIA CARSON served 18 years in the Indiana General Assembly and then 6 years as Center Township Trustee.

In those offices, she distinguished herself as the rare elected official who demonstrates both compassion and common sense. As a State representative and senator, JULIA CARSON sponsored legislation to encourage in-home health care, to ease the collection of child support, and to protect the environment, while also serving as a no-nonsense fiscal watchdog member of the senate finance committee. When she was a member of Indiana’s citizen legislature, she also found time to work as a human resources executive at Cummins Engine and to operate her own small business.

In 1990, JULIA CARSON successfully ran for election to the post of Center Township Trustee of Marion County. She did so against the advice of many who feared the political quagmire of a poor relief office that was \$20 million in debt. However, Trustee CARSON employed an aggressive workfare program and anti-fraud procedures to quickly erase the enormous debt while providing much needed emergency services to the poor of Indianapolis. JULIA CARSON’s fiscal acumen and management skill led her to being named for the second time as the *Indianapolis Star*’s Woman of the Year. Her budget balancing feat earned bipartisan admiration, including that of Republican County Auditor John Von Arx, who said, “JULIA CARSON wrestled that monster to the ground.”

In 1996, JULIA CARSON accepted the challenge of wrestling an even more imposing monster: the U.S. Congress. Once

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again, she was equal to the task. As a member of the Committee on Financial Services, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Congresswoman CARSON sponsored legislation directed toward the most pressing needs of her community and the Nation.

In May 1999 President Clinton signed into law Congresswoman CARSON's bill to authorize a Congressional Gold Medal for Rosa Parks. In 2000, Representative CARSON and Senator Lugar (R-IN) successfully passed language as part of the Agriculture Risk Protection Act Conference Report which enhanced the identification of children eligible for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

In the 108th Congress Representative CARSON was the sponsor of the largest Amtrak reauthorization bill, the National Defense Rail Act, which would provide the rail passenger system with over \$40 billion in funds to develop high-speed rail corridors and aid in the development of short distance corridors between larger urban centers.

She was the sponsor of the Veteran's VOTE Act, a bill to ensure that all veterans have the right to vote after completing State or Federal prison sentences.

As a member of the Financial Services Committee, she was the sponsor of legislation that would regulate the debt consolidation industry. Congresswoman CARSON was passionate about fostering financial literacy for all Americans. She hosted numerous forums and town hall meetings addressing financial literacy issues, and worked with financial leaders including Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan to help increase financial literacy for her constituents.

Congresswoman CARSON served on the Housing and Community Opportunity Subcommittee of the Financial Services Committee. Representative CARSON was the sponsor and leading advocate of the Bringing America Home Act. This comprehensive legislation was designed to end homelessness in the United States by addressing the housing, health, and income needs of people experiencing homelessness and families at risk of homelessness.

She worked to establish the Indiana Mortgage and Foreclosure Hotline, 1-866-772-WAIT (9248), in partnership with Momentive Consumer Credit Counseling, Fannie Mae Indiana Partnership Office, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The hotline helps Indiana consumers facing foreclosure or just needing advice and counsel on their home mortgages.

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As she listened to her constituents' concerns, Congresswoman CARSON was able to draw on her own extraordinary life history for insight. As a woman who spent a lifetime scaling the barriers imposed by poverty as well as by racism and sexism, Congresswoman CARSON spoke with unique credibility on these issues and to the young people of Indianapolis whom she challenged to follow her lead over these barriers. JULIA CARSON pledged to help build a safe, caring, and responsible community.

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Proceedings in the House of Representatives

MONDAY, *December 17, 2007*

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Above the cold winds is a clear blue sky. Behind a flurry of activity is the conviction we are entering a holy season.

Lord God, as Congress resumes major responsibilities today, we mourn the passing of a dear colleague, strong witness of perseverance in suffering and advocate for the poor and the homeless, the Honorable JULIA CARSON.

Her sweet manner always shone through her raspy voice and determination. Her smile born out of sincerity and faith encouraged others when there was only a smidgen of hope.

God of all consolation, reward her public service, and be close to all who grieve the loss of her presence.

As all prepare to celebrate the approaching feast of heaven and Earth, we know many will greet her with shouts of triumph and thanksgiving. In Your kingdom, You will invite her to take her place where Rosa Parks has reserved for her a seat.

May she rest in peace. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE JULIA
CARSON, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. I yield to my colleague from Indiana (Mr. Visclosky).

Mr. VISCLOSKY. I appreciate my good friend and the dean of the Indiana delegation for the recognition, and I have the sad duty, along with Mr. Burton, in representing every member of the Indiana delegation, to inform the House of the passing of our good friend and colleague, JULIA CARSON from Indianapolis.

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I would simply point out, under the auspices of Mr. Burton and the Congressional Black Caucus and myself, to truly honor JULIA's life and her good work, we will have a special order for 1 hour tomorrow. I note this happens to be the darkest time of year as far as the winter solstice upon us, but it causes one to think about the light that JULIA CARSON has cast throughout her life. Whether it was the twinkle of her eye, that I think we are all very familiar with, or the fire that burned brightly in JULIA, compelling her every hour of every day to help those most in need, and the light of her shining example which should compel all of us to lead better lives and to do our best. Her constituents, her State, this House, and this country have suffered a great loss of a good friend who has enlightened all of us and who has enriched ours and everyone's life she has touched. And again I deeply appreciate the courtesy of Mr. Burton for asking for this period of time.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Let me just say that JULIA CARSON was a friend of mine. I have known JULIA for a long, long time. She worked for our former colleague Andy Jacobs when he was in the House, and she did a tremendous job for him.

She started out politically in Indiana as a State representative and became a State senator. And when Andy retired, she ran for and was elected to the Congress of the United States.

She was also a trustee. One of the things she did as a trustee was she reduced the cost to the trustee's office and reduced the number of people who had to be served on the welfare rolls. I think that is very honorable that she did that. She worked so hard. As a Republican, I have to take my hat off to JULIA for reducing the cost of that township trustee's office. She did a fantastic job.

She worked here in the Congress for a long time. Her health started failing, as you all know, in the last couple of years, but she continued to try to serve her constituents as best she could. JULIA was loved, literally loved by all of the people she served in Indianapolis. She worked so hard and so long, and I know everybody in the Indiana delegation and in Indiana will miss her. And I know her good friend, Andy Jacobs, grieves for her as well as we do tonight.

I would just like to say that JULIA, we miss you and we wish you Godspeed.

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. If we could ask for a moment of silence in the House, please.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. I ask everyone to please rise.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 880) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 880

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable JULIA CARSON, a Representative from the State of Indiana.

Resolved, That a committee of such Members of the House as the Speaker may designate, together with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of applicable accounts of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions [to] the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in reverence of the trailblazing life led by our colleague, Congresswoman JULIA CARSON, and to commemorate the myriad achievements attached to her name. She spent over 35 of her years—more than half of her life—as a spirited public servant, pushing her message of hope and equality in the Indiana Legislature, and subsequently, the Halls of Congress.

Her 1996 election from the Indianapolis district marked a litany of historic firsts: the first woman, the first African American from that area to serve in the House, and up until her passing, the only one in that delegation to fit that profile. Hers was a unique—strong, proud—voice, and the people of her district—the people of America—were all the better for it.

Known to all as “Miss JULIA,” Congresswoman CARSON was raised in modest conditions and retained that modesty throughout. She was born to a single mother, a housekeeper, who instilled in her the core values that impelled her to always agitate for justice. Her convictions drove her to be a vehement critic of the Iraq invasion of 2003, and her respect

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for history led her to push for the conferring of a Congressional Gold Medal to civil rights heroine Rosa Parks.

Representative CARSON, herself, was a heroine, and although her presence is infinitely missed, her aspirations for this great Nation will never leave us.

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I stand here today to mourn the loss of a friend, and celebrate the life of a dedicated public servant and exemplary American.

Congresswoman JULIA CARSON was a trailblazer and an inspiration to her colleagues here in the House of Representatives.

Before beginning her political career, Congresswoman CARSON raised two children as a single, working mother.

She first ventured into politics in the 1960s, when she went to work for then-Congressman Andrew Jacobs.

From then on she served as a State representative, State senator, city trustee, and U.S. Representative.

Throughout her distinguished career, Congresswoman CARSON never forgot who she was or where she came from.

She served as a constant advocate for those in her community who had no voice.

Since first coming to Congress in 1999, I have had the extreme privilege of working with Congresswoman CARSON on a number of issues.

In particular, we worked together to champion the cause of minority and socially disadvantaged farmers—who have traditionally faced many discriminatory obstacles.

In all our work together, I was amazed by her passion and her simple dedication to doing the right thing.

Madam Speaker, Congresswoman CARSON will be deeply missed by her family, friends, constituents, and colleagues here in Congress.

But her actions have left a bold legacy of action that will continue in the lives of those she has touched.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I recognize the life and passing of colleague Congresswoman JULIA CARSON of Indiana's Seventh District. I have known this extraordinary person for a long time. She was a woman of principle who unabashedly championed the issues in which she believed. Her constituents and the Nation have lost a great legislator and an outstanding leader.

Congresswoman CARSON made history in 1996 by becoming the first woman and the first African American Indian-

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apolis has ever sent to Congress. And she came to Congress with one mission—to improve the lives of the people of her community. Even as she rose to a position of prominence in this body, she never forgot the people she was sent here to serve. She truly dedicated her career to them—and for that, earned the respect and gratitude of all Americans.

Since her days in the Indiana State Senate, Congresswoman CARSON has been committed to helping seniors live with independence and dignity as they age. Throughout her career, she has provided exceptional leadership and devoted service to America’s senior citizens.

Congresswoman CARSON was also a strong proponent of the civil rights movement, scaling the barriers imposed by poverty and sexism. She was a leader in advocating for voting rights, and worked diligently for the health and income needs of people experiencing homelessness and families at risk of homelessness. As a member of the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Congresswoman CARSON worked to address the most pressing needs of her constituents and this Nation.

In the 108th Congress, Congresswoman CARSON was the sponsor of the largest Amtrak reauthorization bill, the National Defense Rail Act, which provided the rail passenger system with over \$40 billion in funds to develop high-speed rail corridors and aid in the development of short distance corridors between larger urban centers.

Madam Speaker, Indiana has lost a powerful legislator. The Nation has lost a great leader. The Congress will mourn JULIA CARSON for her enormous intellectual ability and her huge heart. I will miss an irreplaceable colleague and friend.

And yet, I know that while her loss will be deeply felt, the memory of her kindness and the recollection of her good deeds will transcend into future generations.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o’clock and 56 minutes p.m.), under its previous order and pursuant to House Resolution 880, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 18, 2007, at 9 a.m., for morning-hour debate, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable JULIA CARSON.

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TUESDAY, *December 18, 2007*

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in sadness, but also to honor the life and memory of the gentlewoman from Indiana that passed this week, Congresswoman JULIA CARSON. JULIA will be remembered as a political trailblazer, a tireless advocate and dedicated public servant to the people of Indiana.

Her life was a shining example of the power of the American dream: rising from the humble beginnings of poverty and segregation to become a leading champion for civil rights, women's rights and the working poor in this House. She leaves behind a legacy of standing up for those most vulnerable among us. But most of all, JULIA accomplished what we should all strive to do. She left the world a better place than when she found it. She will be deeply missed by this House, by me, and by the people of Indiana. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends during this difficult time.

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to stand with my colleagues to honor a truly remarkable Member of Congress, my friend, JULIA CARSON.

There are a lot of people in Washington, DC, that sometimes forget their roots or why they want to be here; not JULIA CARSON. JULIA never forgot why she was here or who she represented. She was here to expand the opportunities for others, to end inequalities in our society, and to seek justice for every American.

One of her most significant and meaningful accomplishments in the House was her effort to honor Rosa Parks with a Congressional Gold Medal. In the remarks that JULIA delivered when she introduced this bill, she said, "the quiet courage of Rosa Parks changed the course of American history."

For those of us who knew and worked with JULIA, we knew that she was not always quiet, but that the course of American history has always been changed by her courage. One of JULIA's greatest attributes was that it didn't matter who you were or where you came from or the color of your skin or the money in your pocket. She was happy to work with anyone who shared her commitment to treating everyone with respect and dignity.

Her relationship with a good friend of hers, Alan Hogan, comes to mind. Somehow, at age 17, a suburban boy from southeastern Indiana found a mentor in Ms. JULIA. Their

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mutual affection for each other and their work to promote justice and equality resonated with Alan and turned into a lifelong friendship. Her actions inspired Alan to fight to end social injustices, including working to ensure that young African American athletes were not exploited for their talents and that they received quality education when recruited to top-notch colleges and universities for their athletic scholarships.

Ms. JULIA affected Alan's life in a profound way, and I know she has uplifted countless others that I cannot begin to list here tonight. While she may have had many pieces of legislation that she could acknowledge as great accomplishments, I see an army of volunteers, like Alan, who will continue to carry her work as the greatest of her legacies.

JULIA's humanity always pierced through people's preconceived notions of what kind of stereotype she should fit into. You could never pigeonhole JULIA CARSON or predict what she could do or what she would say next. And it often left all of us at the edge of our seat, trying to predict what she would say next.

JULIA has said that it was Rosa Parks who paved the way for her to come to Congress. I believe that JULIA's work as a Representative has paved the way and opened the doors for countless young Americans who I hope will follow in her footsteps and achieve great things.

Thank you, Ms. JULIA CARSON, for your friendship and for your legacy of justice and equality for all. We love you, and we will always miss you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. Jones) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, 1 Samuel 20:18 reads as follows: "Then Jonathan said to David, tomorrow is the New Moon Festival. You will be missed because your seat will be empty."

Tonight, the Congressional Black Caucus and the Indiana delegation pause to celebrate the life of a great woman whose seat now stands empty here in the House of Representatives, Congresswoman JULIA CARSON.

Congresswoman CARSON passed away this past Saturday after a long bout with lung cancer. And while her seat is empty, her spirit lives on in our hearts. She was unique. She often reminded me of the elders in my family. They are

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strong in their convictions and don't pull any punches when making their point; yet they have a witty and humorous way about them that can disarm even their most ardent opponent. That was Congresswoman JULIA CARSON.

Even though she was in her last illness, she did not let that stop her from advocating on behalf of her constituents. And she never complained. She always greeted you with a warm smile and that unmistakable humor which always made you feel good.

She was a trailblazer, born in poverty and racial segregation to a teenage single mother. She came through the political ranks to become the first African American and woman elected to Congress from Indianapolis. A strong advocate for her constituents, she was not afraid to take a stand, be it popular or unpopular.

Madam Speaker, I will include for the *Record* an article in today's *Roll Call* that was written by her predecessor Andy Jacobs as a guest observer and was entitled "Remembering Congress' Jewel Named JULIA." It is a wonderful article. I won't go through it because we have a lot of people here who want to speak about their remembrances of our wonderful colleague JULIA CARSON.

[From *Roll Call*, December 18, 2007]

REMEMBERING CONGRESS' JEWEL NAMED JULIA

(By Andy Jacobs, Jr.)

"Look where he came from and look where he went; and wasn't he a kind of tough struggler all his life right up to the finish?" The words are those of Carl Sandburg in praise of Abraham Lincoln. The same praise could and should be said of our sister, the late Rep. JULIA CARSON (D-Ind.), who has passed beyond the sound of our voices into the sunset of her temporal life and into a dawn of history.

Where did she come from? Same place as Lincoln—Kentucky. And like him, she was born both to physical poverty and spiritual wealth, and moved to Indiana.

Another similarity: JULIA also had an "angel mother," Velma Porter, who put a lot of physical, mental and spiritual nutrients into the little flowerpot of her only child.

Fast-forward to a month after my first and improbable election to Congress. I was told by mutual friends that at the Chrysler UAW office, I could find a remarkable woman to join me as a co-worker in my Washington Congressional office. Remarkable? Understatement. Thus began my 47-year friendship and, eventually virtual sibling-ship with the already honorable JULIA CARSON, one of the most intelligent, ethical, industrious and compassionate people I have ever known.

Check out her first Congressional brainstorm. It started a national trend. Why make constituents in need of Congressional assistance with bureaucratic problems travel all the way to D.C. to get it? Why not take that part

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of the office to them? So we adopted her suggestion and did our “case work” in Indianapolis with JULIA at the helm. It set an example that has been followed by other Congressional offices all over the country ever since. OK, there was one other factor. She had two little kids she preferred to rear in Indianapolis, doing well by her kids by doing good for her country.

Later, my refusal to bring home a particularly pernicious piece of political pork earned me a severe gerrymander that, together with the Nixon landslide, ejected me from Congress. Nothing is all bad; the beneficiary of the gerrymander was my much-admired friend, Bill Hudnut (R). That was the year I had to talk JULIA into running for the state House of Representatives. She thought it would be disloyal to our friendship because it would take her away from my campaign, which was a campaign of futility that year.

She was elected to the state House, where she served with distinction and, in time, she became a state Senator, again gaining friends and admirers on both sides of the aisle.

Still later, she became the Center Township trustee and produced real “welfare reform,” not with ignorant histrionic speeches and braggadocio, but with hard, quiet and meticulous work. It was reform that broke no poor child’s heart, nor sent such a child to bed hungry. She not only ferreted out welfare cheats, but also sued them and got the money back for the taxpayers. Her reform wiped out a long-standing multimillion-dollar debt, moving the then-Marion County Republican auditor to say, “She wrestled the monster to the ground.”

JULIA was unique in that she was the only human being ever to be named Woman of the Year by The Indianapolis Star on two different occasions.

It was common parlance to say, “Congresswoman CARSON’s people,” a reference to poor black constituents. Rubbish. The 7th district is about 70 percent nonblack and “her people” were all the people of the 7th, regardless of physical or economic description. Millionaires can be treated unjustly by the federal government just as middle-and low-income citizens can. And wherever there was injustice, this Lincoln-like lady was there to redress it. Her political philosophy was a plank from the Sermon on the Mount: “Blessed are they who thirst for justice.”

There’s another one: “Blessed are the peacemakers.” She cast our vote against the conspicuously unconstitutional resolution that gave the Cheney gang a fig leaf to order our innocent military to the fraudulent and internationally illegal blood-soaked blunder in Iraq.

JULIA called me just before she cast that vote and said that, in view of the dishonesty, panic and jingoism of the moment, she expected to lose the next election. “Courage,” my mother said, “is fear that has said its prayers.”

Our JULIA, who art in Heaven.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. I am going to begin with the dean of the Indiana delegation, Representative Dan Burton.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding, and I want to thank the Black Caucus for taking this special order tonight. JULIA CARSON was a friend of mine and a friend of Steve Buyer. We traveled back and forth on the plane from Indianapolis to Washington on a regular basis and we got to know each other.

JULIA was a wonderful person, very highly regarded by the people of Indianapolis. In fact, she is the only woman in the

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history of the city who was recognized as Woman of the Year by the *Indianapolis Star* twice. That honor came to her by readers of the paper voting for her. That was quite an honor, an honor that has not been bestowed upon any other woman in the city's history.

The thing I really liked about JULIA was that even though she was a Democrat and I was a Republican, we worked together on a lot of issues that were very important to central Indiana and the city of Indianapolis.

I remember one case in particular that dealt with the Children's Museum. I talked to JULIA about it, and she took the bull by the horns and worked very hard to make sure that the problems that we had with the Children's Museum were resolved, and I really admired her for that.

Her predecessor and her buddy, Andy Jacobs, to whom you just referred in that article, really loved her like a sister. Andy served here for, I think, 28 or 30 years, and he is a very dear friend of mine, and Andy has told me on a number of occasions the great contributions that JULIA made to him and his staff when she worked for him before she became a Congresswoman.

She was a State representative. When Andy was defeated in 1972, he urged her to run for the Indiana House of Representatives, and she did. She was elected, and then she was later elected to the Indiana State Senate. Then she ran for the Center Township Trustee's job in Indianapolis and was elected to that.

The thing I talked about yesterday when we were acknowledging JULIA that I didn't know much about until just recently was that when she took over the Center Township Trustee's job, it was in a chaotic situation. And she was able to take care of the needs of the people of Indianapolis that really needed help and at the same time to reduce the debt of the trustee's office, and that was something that I think all of us, Republican or Democrat, really can admire.

She was a very fine Congresswoman. She was a very fine person. She always had a smile for everybody, and I really appreciated knowing her. She shall be missed. I think that she is probably in heaven looking down on us right now.

JULIA, you did a good job.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I now yield to my colleague and good friend, the chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, Congresswoman Kilpatrick. I had an opportunity to visit with Congresswoman CARSON a couple of weeks before her passing. It was a wonderful chance. I yield

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to our chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick.

Ms. KILPATRICK. Madam Speaker, Members of the House of Representatives, and people across this great Nation of ours, we have lost a jewel in JULIA CARSON.

I met the Congresswoman some 30 years ago, she from the legislature in Indiana and I from the legislature in Michigan, served 18 years together in those legislative bodies, and then came here together in 1997 to begin our tenure in the U.S. House of Representatives, she from Indiana, me from Michigan.

We both got assigned to the Financial Services Committee our first term, she from Indiana and I from Michigan. And together, during this 10 years of journey, we have worked together in this House of Representatives. Courageous, bold, smart, intelligent, compassionate. All those things that you want in a public servant, JULIA CARSON was that.

To the people of Indianapolis, the State of Indiana, you have lost a jewel. And all that we ask in this body of 435 of the most powerful people in the world, as well as the 100 most powerful people in the Senate, is that you send us another JULIA CARSON: intelligent, bold, compassionate, a coordinator, one who speaks for the people that she represents.

Ms. CARSON and I have had many battles and many struggles together. As was mentioned earlier by our chairperson of our Ethics Committee who is handling this special order tonight, she and I were in Indiana in her room with her 2 weeks ago. She looked beautiful. Her skin was radiant. Her heart was strong. And she said to us, thank you. Thank you to us as her sisters, and thank you to the people of Indiana who have been with her for over 30 years.

It is important that we come together tonight as members of the Congressional Black Caucus as well as members of the Indiana caucus, because we know she lives. We know she is in these walls and looking upon us now. What are you doing, girl? What are you all talking about? Thank you, JULIA. We love you, my sister.

And as we continue in our journey today, let's take a little bit of Congresswoman JULIA CARSON with us, dedicated, compassionate, take no prisoners, speak for the least of these. Thank you, my sister. And may you rest in peace.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. At this time, I yield to Representative Peter Visclosky, who is the dean of the Democrat delegation of Indiana.

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. I thank the gentlewoman for yielding, my good friend from Ohio, to honor JULIA CARSON and her life of work to the people she represented in her district, to the people of Indiana, and this country.

Yesterday on this floor, I talked about the light that JULIA cast upon all of us, whether it was the twinkle in her eye or her burning desire to make the world a better place. This evening, I would like to talk about the strength of her character.

JULIA, when she was a young child, had a stuttering problem; but it was corrected and she was not deterred. As a 12 year old, her mother, who scrubbed floors and took care of families and didn't get paid if she was sick, became ill; and at some point, the money had run out. JULIA went to the trustee's office to seek help, and, ultimately, cornmeal and lard were pushed across the counter to her.

When JULIA was 4 years old, for the only time in her life, she met her father. Her father promised that he was going to be a constant figure in her life. He gave her \$5, and he was never seen again. Her mother remarried to someone who used to beat her. And often her mother could not come to her school events because he was someplace taking care of someone else's children. And she certainly, being a product of that time and that place, was subject to racism.

In an article she wrote in March 1996, when she was running for Congress, entitled "My Neighbor as Myself," she related one of those instances. And I think it really summed up JULIA, who could be very tough but also have a gentle touch. She wrote:

Another more amusing experience with racial stereotyping occurred when I worked with Congressman Andy Jacobs. One particular woman called our office quite often to complain about a wide variety of problems. I tried to be patient with her.

I never realized that my many conversations with this woman had all occurred on the telephone until one day when she called, quite agitated, to inform me that a horrible thing had happened: a black family had moved in next door to her.

It took me a minute to overcome my surprise, as she simply assumed that this competent public servant had to be white. However, after thinking about a wide assortment of possible responses, I simply replied, "It is OK, honey. Just give it a chance. I have black families living all over my neighborhood, and it has turned out all right."

And you could just see JULIA saying that.

In the end, many people would be embittered by experiences like that, but JULIA was not. And as Andy Jacobs, her very dear friend, wrote:

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From the physical pain of material poverty and the mindless cruel persecution of racism, JULIA CARSON made her choice, a choice of hard work, compassion, and a pleasing sense of humor. And heaven smiled.

And I know heaven is smiling on JULIA tonight.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. At this time, I yield to the chair of the Financial Services Committee, Barney Frank, who is the chair of the committee that JULIA served upon.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. I thank my friend from Ohio and the other friends who have gathered to, really, mourn our own loss.

I served on the Financial Services Committee with JULIA CARSON. And let's be honest, there are Members of this body who, if you get to see them coming before they see you, you may not have a long conversation. But I sought JULIA's company. She was a dedicated fighter for social justice, but she was also a delightful woman.

She had that kind of air she put on of, "Oh, poor me." I feel sorry for anybody who fell for it. She had a brilliant mind, a wonderful sense of strategy, and, as I said, she put all that at the service of caring for poor people. As a member of the Financial Services Committee, she was a constant unyielding advocate for fairness in our society.

And I do also want to note, a number of people have mentioned my former colleague, many of us served with him, Andy Jacobs. Andy was the Congressman from that district. He retired. And rarely has any politician fought as hard for another politician as Andy Jacobs did to elect JULIA CARSON. And to the minds of many, JULIA wasn't a natural fit. People thought that she was not conservative enough for the district, not, let's be honest, white enough for the district. And race continues to be the besetting problem of America. We have made some progress in it. We haven't solved it.

Andy Jacobs' dedication to helping to elect JULIA, and, obviously, she got there on her own, but Andy's helping run interference as JULIA carried that ball really was one of the great acts of statesmanship, and then JULIA made the most of the opportunity.

I had the pleasure of going out to her district a couple of times because there was this sense on the part of some that a woman like JULIA CARSON, with her background and her set of values, couldn't possibly represent Indianapolis. Somehow they thought that something had gone wrong. But the people knew better, and the people stood by her. And they stood by her because she was, as I said, as staunch a fighter

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for making this the kind of America we all want to live in as I ever saw.

I miss her a great deal. I miss coming into the committee and seeing her pretending to look kind or angry and sad, with a twinkle in her eye ready for that comment that was going to put everything in perspective. JULIA CARSON was a wonderful Member of this body. And the dignity with which she bore her last months of pain troubled all of us, but it was a fitting example of the extraordinary quality of a great woman.

I thank the gentlewoman from Ohio and others for giving us this chance to express our appreciation for having had the benefit of her collegueship for a while.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. I yield time now to Mr. Buyer, a member of the Indiana delegation.

Mr. BUYER. I thank the gentlelady for yielding.

I have to agree with my friend and colleague, Barney Frank. We watched someone of great strength suffer from the cruelty of cancer. And it was really hard to watch JULIA.

This is an individual that I spent more time in the airport with than ever here in Congress. And those of us who fly back and forth, we know what that is like. For 11 years in the Indianapolis airport is really where I spent most of my time with JULIA CARSON. She and I shared a subcommittee leadership on the Veterans' Affairs Committee, but that doesn't even come close to the times in the Indianapolis airport.

I would rather remember the lady that I first met. JULIA CARSON is a lady who wore a big hat, with a witty personality, with a great smile, and a big heart.

And I also pity the individual who fell for any of her, oh, shucky darns wit, I just don't understand; can you help explain it to me? Because you lost if you believed any of that.

She suckered me in pretty good when it came to the support of the Midfield terminal with the Indianapolis airport. She had just got on the Transportation Committee. She understood the need for infrastructure for a city like Indianapolis and, gee, she wanted some of my help. And before I realized it, I am carrying the water heater, getting the letter, getting the support from all of the Indiana delegation, and said, oh, it would be OK if you go down and talk to the FAA. I mean, she was steering me the whole time. But I didn't mind. It was for the betterment of Indianapolis and Indiana.

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But don't let anybody fool you who was really controlling the strings here. It was JULIA.

And what a great lady. A great lady, because this Hoosier treated kindness like grain. She understood that, if she sows it, kindness will only increase. And I think she used that in her life. She used a kindness to go after her political enemies. She used that big smile and kindness to achieve great things. And it was also an endearing quality about her. And that is what I want to remember about JULIA the most.

I have to end with this, because she loved her Indianapolis Colts. When it came to the redistricting in Indiana, and we all know what redistricting is like: sometimes maps and the lines can go down the alleyways and sidewalks almost. But she made sure that her district was etched in and that it took the headquarters of the Indianapolis Colts and the training facility because she wanted her boys, as she told me. I said, "JULIA, I have got most of this territory all surrounded, and you went deep down the road and etched out and took them out." And she smiled and she said, "Those are my boys." And she loved her Indianapolis Colts, and I am glad that she got to see the Colts have that Super Bowl on her watch, because it only made her smile even that much greater and that much bigger. And that is the JULIA CARSON that I remember and loved.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. I want to comment as well that I will remember JULIA CARSON because she was a fantastic dresser. She was always immaculately dressed, all kinds of wonderful outfits. And I always think about how great she used to look as she came on the floor.

At this time, I yield time to my colleague and good friend from the great State of North Carolina, a former chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, Mel Watt.

Mr. WATT. Let me, first of all, thank the gentlelady for convening this special order in memory of our dear friend and colleague, JULIA CARSON.

If you didn't know JULIA CARSON, you probably would think she was a study in contradictions. That is kind of always the way I felt about her. She was a person who, from the very beginning when she came to Congress, which was the first time I met her, appeared to be a very fragile person. You would see her on the floor and she didn't appear to be well; and yet you would go on a trip to South Africa, and there she would be out among the children meeting with them and undertaking the rigors of an international trip

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that you knew was an imposition physically on the most physically fit Member of Congress.

You would see her and talk to her and her voice would be so mild and gentle, and yet when she undertook an issue, it was just like a metamorphosis because she was so articulate and passionate about that issue. And you would see her and she would look at you sternly and make a quip, and you would walk away thinking it was kind of a straightforward statement. And then all of a sudden it would dawn on you she had zinged you without you even being aware of a subtle point that she had made.

There were these contradictions there that I loved about JULIA CARSON. Once you got to know her, sometimes she would game you, as Barney Frank has indicated. She would appear unsophisticated politically, and then all of a sudden she would pull one of the most important political maneuvers, like the tribute to Rosa Parks that took such delicate balancing to pull the elements together. This was a lady of contradictions, apparent contradictions, yet once you got to know JULIA CARSON, you knew there was one person there who was just steady as a rock. She was solid. We loved her and we express our sincere condolences to her family.

With that I know there are many who wish to speak, so I yield back.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. I yield to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. Pence).

Mr. PENCE. I thank the gentlewoman for calling this special order, and I am very humbled to be able to stand on behalf of the people of eastern Indiana and express my deepest sympathies to the family and colleagues of my friend, the late JULIA CARSON.

The Bible tells us to mourn with those who mourn and to grieve with those who grieve. Tonight on the floor of Congress, we gather to do just that. To mourn with the many tens of thousands of grateful constituents who are remembering JULIA CARSON this week and who owe a debt of gratitude to her for 30 years of service to the people of Indianapolis that they know in their hearts they will never be able to repay.

I grieve the passing of JULIA CARSON for a variety of reasons. First, for her service. She will be remembered as a pioneering leader in the State of Indiana. As the first woman and the first African American elected to Congress from In-

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dianapolis, she will be long remembered in Indiana public life.

I will remember her throughout my own years in politics in trying to get into politics, seeming to see her contribute first as a State legislator, then as a legendary Center Township Trustee in Indianapolis, and later elected to the U.S. Congress. She was, and I say with affection, a fierce political competitor and succeeded at everything she tried to do, in politics and public service.

The gentle demeanor that we are remembering tonight belied a freight train of effectiveness that was JULIA CARSON. And I experienced that effectiveness, usually on the losing side of an argument. But what I would always find in JULIA CARSON is, while she was a fierce advocate here on the floor of the Congress for what she understood to be the needs of her district and the obligations of the law and of justice, that walking back to our offices after the fact, I would never fail to be moved by her gentleness and her kindness and her decency, which leads me to the other piece of JULIA that I will always treasure, and that was her profound Christian faith.

I must tell you as a cheerful conservative Republican elected to Congress having observed her career from afar, I would have told anyone in Indiana that the last person I expected to be friends with in Congress was JULIA CARSON. She was tough. She was effective. She was liberal. But when I arrived in Congress as a new freshman, she reached out to me, and she reached out to me on the basis of our shared Christian faith. And it was on that foundation that we built a friendship.

And we, on occasion, found ways to work together. Working with her to pass legislation authored by another colleague in the Chamber today, the Second Chance Act, it would be JULIA CARSON who would appeal to this House conservative about the needs of breaking the cycle of recidivism and crime that beset so many families in the underserved community, but it would be her heart on that matter that would reach me with the wisdom of the Second Chance Act. And part of her legacy here today will be the success that we have seen that legislation experience this year and, I trust, in the future.

Every time I would ask her in her infirmity in the last year and a half how she was doing, I don't know how she would answer the rest of the Members here, Madam Speaker, but whenever I would quietly say, "JULIA, really, how are you doing?" she would smile in that infirmity and say, "I am

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blessed by the best.” No complaints, no grumbling. “Blessed by the best” will be her legacy in my heart. To know that as I have the privilege of serving here, whatever the condition in which I serve, I will understand He who placed me here.

I think of that great verse. I don’t know what the pastor will say at Eastern Star Saturday. My wife Karen and I will be there, as I know most of this Chamber would wish to be there at her funeral. I don’t know what the pastor of that great church will say, but when I think of JULIA CARSON, I think of that mandate that we are called to do justice, love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

The JULIA CARSON I remember tonight and will always remember throughout my years in public service did justice as she understood it. She loved kindness even to those with whom she differed, and every day she was here, she walked humbly in the service of the people of Indiana. For that, we, as a State and as a Nation, will be eternally grateful.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. At this time it gives me pleasure to yield to my colleague and good friend from California, Barbara Lee.

Ms. LEE. I thank the gentlelady for yielding and for calling this special order to recognize and honor the extraordinary life of our dear friend and colleague JULIA MAY CARSON.

First, I would like to offer my deepest condolences to her family and her constituents of Indiana’s Seventh Congressional District, to her friends and to her staff here in Washington, DC, and in Indiana. For over 35 years, Congresswoman CARSON championed the rights of the underprivileged, the underrepresented, and the overlooked. We came to depend on her determined leadership and commitment throughout her tenure in Congress. So a true voice for the voiceless was taken from us on December 15.

We shared many conversations about our common interests. We frequently talked about the fact that we both shared the same astrological sign. We are both Cancers. JULIA’s birthday was July 8. Mine is July 16. JULIA CARSON was fiercely loyal and patriotic, and that supposedly is a typical characteristic of Cancers. She exemplified those values in many ways. Her loyalty and her patriotism were what undergirded and served as the foundation for her career in public service.

In coming to the House floor to vote, I would pass by her office. Oftentimes, I would walk with JULIA. We would share

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many conversations. But even to this day I noticed, and I would like for you to look at the plaque outside her door, she has the pictures of at least 45 of Indiana's fallen men and women who have served this country. She kept their pictures in her office. She loved the troops. She loved her district and our young men and women.

She was a woman of courage. Congresswoman CARSON was an adamant opponent of the Iraq war, and we talked about this a lot, even though it could pose political risks, but she let her conscience be her guide.

I witnessed her passion for justice when I served with her on the Housing Subcommittee with Congresswoman Waters, her passion for the homelessness and seeking housing for homeless public recipients. What a woman.

Very recently, even with her debilitating illness, several months ago she came to me and asked me to help her. We were putting this together, to put together another visit to South Africa. She wanted to lead a codel. And of course her health would not allow for this exhausting trip, but I will always remember up until a couple of months ago her optimism and determination to go back to South Africa. She wouldn't take "no" for an answer.

We are going to miss Congresswoman CARSON tremendously. I am reminded of the scriptures, 2 Timothy 4:7: "I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful."

Madam Speaker, Congresswoman JULIA CARSON fought hard. She fought hard for peace and justice all of her life, and she completed her work on this Earth, but it is up to us to pick up that baton and to move it forward in her memory.

And she remained faithful. She remained faithful to the end to her family, her friends, her constituents, her country, and most importantly to her God. May her soul rest in peace.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. Davis).

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I want to thank the gentlewoman from Ohio for yielding, and I am pleased to join my colleagues as we pay tribute to Representative JULIA CARSON.

JULIA and I were elected at the same time and soon discovered that we knew many of the same people because a large number of individuals from the town where I grew up migrated to Indianapolis and became very much involved in the affairs of the city.

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We also discovered that JULIA and my cousin were good friends because they were the longest serving African Americans elected in Indiana. They both had been trustees for a long time, JULIA in Indianapolis and Dozier Allen in Gary.

JULIA and I worked together on something called responsible fatherhood legislation that we had been working on with Senator Evan Bayh from Indiana and Senator Barack Obama from Illinois. We introduced that legislation and actually planned to give it a real push in 2008. If we are able to really move it, I would like to see us actually name it the Julia Carson Responsible Fatherhood Act.

And so it's been a pleasure working with JULIA.

She actually would drive. Well, she wouldn't always drive herself, but sometimes she would, from Indianapolis to Chicago. We had a hearing at the Federal Reserve Bank, and when I got to downtown Chicago, there was JULIA in her van, coming to testify. And all of us knew that she'd been ill. All of us knew the difficulty that she had. And I said, "JULIA, how did you get here?" She said, "Ain't nothing but a little sport."

And so JULIA, we're going to miss you. You were a brave soul, had a great heart. JULIA is a legend in Indianapolis. I mean, those of us who know her here, we know her in a sense. But in Indianapolis, she's an absolute legend.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Carol and I will remember that JULIA kept saying to us, look out for Andre. She loved her son and daughter, but she loved that grandson, Andre Carson.

It gives me great pleasure at this time to yield time to Joe Donnelly, a member of the Indiana delegation.

Mr. DONNELLY. It is interesting you mention Andre, because I was at JULIA's house just about a week or two ago where they had a vigil in Indianapolis while JULIA was so sick, and Andre was outside. And the amazing thing was it was a spontaneous vigil that had started approximately 3 in the afternoon on a Friday. And in a matter of just a few hours, we all congregated at her house at approximately 6:30. And so I headed over there, and it was spectacular, to say the least. There were police cars everywhere, and what they were trying to do was control the huge crowd that had come to JULIA's house to testify for her, pray for her, and show her how much they loved her.

And at that time, JULIA was so ill that she was not able to come outside the house. But she had friends and relatives

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come out and say JULIA isn't able to come out and speak for herself, but she told us to tell you how much she loved you. And the best part of the crowd was that it wasn't the captains of industry. It wasn't all the famous politicians over the years from Indiana. It was the regular, everyday folks who came out to show her how much they appreciated her hard work over the years; that every time they needed a champion, JULIA CARSON was there for them. And when you needed a friend, and JULIA CARSON stood up for you, you had no stronger champion.

I'm from the South Bend area, and I called JULIA during a very tough congressional race that nobody thought could be won and asked, "could you come up and help me?" She said, "Son, I'll be on my way." When she came up, the crowds came out. I remember we have a railway system there that's critical to our infrastructure, and JULIA was able to get so much of the funding for it. She wanted to take a ride and the press was out there, and she was still ill at that time. The train was supposed to leave at 8 in the morning. About five of 8, no JULIA, about 8, still no JULIA. Her chief of staff was standing there very nervous, and he said, "she'll be here very soon." The conductor said, "well, we have to go." I turned to the conductor and I said, "my guess is you'd be better off waiting." About 8:15, JULIA came, and it was like the queen of Indiana had arrived and everybody cheering and saying hello. She leaned over to me with a big smile and said, "I love trains and I'm looking forward to going for this ride." It was that spirit of warmth and enjoyment.

I followed her one time at an event where everybody had 5 minutes to speak and I followed JULIA CARSON. Telling JULIA CARSON she had 5 minutes to speak was like waving a red flag in front of a bull. So JULIA spoke for 41 minutes and then she looked over at me and said, "Sorry about that." The gentleman in charge of the event looked at me and said, "your 5 minutes is now 1½ minutes." I got up, and the only thing I could say is, "How do you follow someone who has spoken so eloquently and said so much?"

We will miss her in an extraordinary way. She had a wonderful staff, people truly devoted to her. But more than anything, she was devoted to her beloved city of Indianapolis, and they repaid that love to her with their care and affection and devotion.

One other thing, politically, I don't think she ever lost a race. Can you imagine that? Time after time after time, they

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underestimated Ms. CARSON, and Ms. CARSON always came out on top.

It was an extraordinary privilege to know her and, at the end, to see the dignity of her suffering. I know they said of Pope John Paul II that some of his finest moments were the dignity he showed in the suffering he went through. We all saw it here at the House of Representatives, how hard JULIA tried, how hard she struggled because she wanted to keep working hard for her beloved city. It may well have been that her most dignified, most powerful moments were the struggles she went through at the end.

So to JULIA, we love you. We miss you, and I look forward to seeing you on Friday.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. At this time I'd like to yield to the majority leader, Steny Hoyer of Maryland.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentlelady for yielding. I met Andy Jacobs in the Young Democrats, many years ago. I drove Andy Jacobs to a speaking engagement at the Young Democrats at a restaurant not too far from the Baltimore Washington International Airport. A few years later I was elected to Congress, and Andy Jacobs was a Member of the Congress of the United States, a member of the Ways and Means Committee, an extraordinary Member of this House. There came a time shortly thereafter when Andy decided to retire. There were a number of people who expressed an interest in running for this seat. Andy came to me and he said, "JULIA CARSON's going to win this race. You be for JULIA CARSON."

As our beloved colleague, Joe Donnelly, has just said, she never lost a race.

Now, there were some pretty active people, men and women, in that race; and we had met a couple of them. They were pretty impressive. I had not met JULIA CARSON. But Andy Jacobs, her predecessor, a Congressman for some 25 years, at least, said to me, "JULIA CARSON's going to win this race." And sure enough, JULIA CARSON won the race. Those of us who served in this body had the privilege of getting to know JULIA CARSON, getting to know her as a friend, getting to know her as a colleague, getting to know her as a leader in her community.

I went to Indianapolis. I saw my friend, my very close and dear friend Baron Hill there. Baron and I have been in Indianapolis a number of times, and I did a number of fundraisers in Indianapolis for and with JULIA. And then in the

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last campaign I went out to Indianapolis to be with JULIA. We were at a senior citizens center, and it was the essence of JULIA CARSON. JULIA CARSON, who was sort of one of the most—“acerbic” is not the right word; I’ve been searching for the right word—but JULIA could be very direct. There was no fooling around. You knew where JULIA stood and you knew what she was thinking. She didn’t have time for just jiving. She knew what she wanted to say, she knew what she wanted to do, and she told you.

I went to the senior center, and I spoke on her behalf. But so many people were speaking on her behalf. It was thought to be a tough campaign. She won better than she was expected to win. But you got the essence of JULIA CARSON as you went around and talked to those seniors who had been active in the community for many, many years, as JULIA had been, who worked herself up to be a Member of Congress, but she was not appointed by anybody.

The community loved JULIA CARSON. And when I say the community, the community writ large, not the African American community, the white community, this community or that. The community loved JULIA CARSON because she was honest, she was direct, she cared and she worked hard for her people. JULIA CARSON was an asset to her district, to Indianapolis, to Indiana, to this institution, the House of Representatives, and to our country.

JULIA CARSON is now back home in Indiana. We’ll miss her. But this body was better for her service. And I thank the gentlelady for giving me this brief time to pay honor to a great woman and a great American.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. At this time I’d like to yield time to my colleague and good friend from California, Diane Watson.

Ms. WATSON. I’d like to thank Stephanie Tubbs Jones for providing this opportunity for us to remember someone that I considered a dear friend before I came to the House. I met JULIA in the 1970s, and we bonded together because we were active in the National Conference of State Legislators, the Black Caucus. We were the two women in the senate. And once you meet JULIA, you never forget her. She had that kind of impact on you.

I remember her sitting up in the back with her head hanging very low. She looked up and saw me. I’d say, “How are you feeling JULIA,” and she’d say, “Oh, great.” Well, you knew she wasn’t feeling great.

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But she said, “You know, I want to go on a codel. So I’m taking my own codel because no one here will take me with them.” That was JULIA.

Then I remember going out and she was standing against one of the pillars outside and hardly able to stand. I said, “Well, JULIA, let me stand with you.” She said, “No, I’m holding on. My staff is coming after me.” She was the can-do-it person. Regardless how bad the time was, she never let you know.

She was the second one who went out with dignity and class and grace. I knew that the time would not be long, because I called her office and I talked to her chief of staff; and when he said he was sitting at her bedside, I knew then that she wouldn’t be back.

I saw JULIA, like all of you did, as a leader, a crusader, a humanist. She understood racism and oppression, but she was never deterred by it. It only made her more of a leader, more of a crusader and more humanistic.

As a former Congressman, Andy Jacobs relates in JULIA’s official biography, and I quote the Congressman:

The only thing some people learn from oppression is hatred and revenge. Others learn compassion and empathy. From the physical pain of material poverty and the mindlessly cruel persecution of nitwit racism, JULIA CARSON made her choice of hard work, compassion and a pleasing sense of humor.

It is therefore fitting that in 1996, JULIA CARSON took on the task of seeking the Congressional Gold Medal for another pioneer in the struggle for human rights, Rosa Parks.

It took nearly 3 years, but JULIA did not falter. In May 1999, President Clinton signed into law Congresswoman JULIA CARSON’s bill to authorize the Congressional Gold Medal for Rosa Parks, and we all came to be part of that experience.

JULIA CARSON, who could rightfully take her place in the company of Rosa Parks, was a woman of firsts. She was one of the first women of color to run for countywide office and then statewide office. She was the first African American to represent Indianapolis in the U.S. Congress.

So I salute this incredible life of service that JULIA gave to her city, her State and her country. She is a testament to a person who overcame many odds, who persevered and left a legacy on which others may proudly build.

Rest well, JULIA. We know you’re here, but we’ll still miss you. God bless.

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Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure at this time to yield time to the Speaker of the House, the gentlelady from California, Nancy Pelosi.

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I thank very much my colleague and thank you for calling us together so that we can express our sympathy to the family of JULIA CARSON, to her constituents whom she loved and worked so hard for, and to our colleagues from Indiana; Mr. Visclosky, Mr. Hill, Mr. Donnelly, and Mr. Ellsworth, who are here, this great distinguished delegation from Indiana with the crown jewel, JULIA CARSON, as one of the senior members of the delegation.

Thank you so much. I know you are among those who were the last, certainly from Congress, to visit with Congresswoman CARSON and conveyed back to us her usual good cheer and dignity and demeanor, and that is how she was.

So it's very sad to convey to her grandson Andre Carson on behalf of all of the Members of the House of Representatives the deep sadness that we have over their suffering.

Members have talked about her in Congress and the kind of person that she was, and I remember visiting her on a number of occasions in Indianapolis, and what was a joy to behold was the esteem in which she was held by all of the people there, whether we were walking down the street or talking to police officers there. Wherever it was we went to events that she had, relating to health care, relating to the issues that concerned America's working families. People just worshiped JULIA CARSON. I never saw anything like it.

She came to Congress, as has been mentioned, after decades of distinguished service to the State of Indiana, and Members have talked about her, the positions that she has held. During her time in the House, she was a very powerful advocate for the people of Indianapolis and for working families across the Nation.

As the *Indianapolis Star* editorial board wrote, "The city's history-making congresswoman never forgot her roots."

I was listening as Members talked about the role that she had played most recently, the Congresswoman from California talking about the role she played in getting the House to vote for a Congressional Gold Medal for Rosa Parks.

I talked about how it was to watch JULIA in Indianapolis and just how people responded to her as she was walking down the street, and I now talk about how it was the day that she got this idea and started the ball rolling on this and then the day that Rosa Parks came to the Congress. It was a thrilling, historic day for all of us, the bond between the

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two of them, the reverence in which we all held Rosa Parks, and the appreciation that she had for the work that JULIA CARSON had done to make that day possible, not only for Rosa Parks but for the country. She's a star. JULIA was a star.

It's a fitting cause for her, as JULIA and Rosa Parks shared a quiet determination, a fierce sense of purpose and a total commitment to an ideal of equality which is our Nation's heritage and our Nation's hope.

Sadly, as we all know, in recent months, JULIA CARSON faced illness, but she did so with her characteristic courage and dignity. When she was here, she was here, and when she wasn't here, she was directing us from home. You were very fortunate, and I'm not usually jealous, but I'm jealous of the fact that you had an opportunity to see her. We had all hoped, of course, that we would see her once again here on the floor of the House.

I know that we're reassured that JULIA is now at peace. This lovely woman, with an incredible sense of humor, she didn't miss anything that was going on on the floor. She would sit there quietly and then make the most incisive and insightful comments about the proceedings.

We're all sad to lose her as a Congresswoman, of course, for our country. We're deeply saddened to lose her as a friend, and I hope it is a comfort to Andre Carson and to her family and to her constituents that so many people throughout our country, and certainly in this Congress, share their grief and are praying for them at this sad time.

I thank again my colleague for affording us the opportunity to express our admiration for this great lady, JULIA CARSON.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure at this time to yield time to another colleague from California, the gentlelady, Maxine Waters.

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I'd like to thank the Congresswoman from Ohio for initiating this memorial moment in the Congress of the United States for JULIA CARSON. This is a very special and important time because we're here this evening to talk about a woman whom we truly loved and a woman who gave so much in public service to her country. I know that her family's saddened by her loss because it is a great loss.

She has been referred to this evening as a jewel, as the queen, and I came to understand this quite some time ago.

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I've known JULIA for many years, long before I came to Congress and long before she came to Congress. I served in the State legislature of California, and she was a State legislator also, and like Diane Watson and others, we all worked with the Conference of State Legislators and the Conference of Black State Legislators. So she knew legislators from all over the country.

After I came here, I kept in contact with JULIA, and when she ran for office, she called me and she told me that she wanted me to help her. I thought she wanted me to raise some money or maybe come someplace to do something. And after talking with her for a few minutes, she made it very clear she wanted me to get Muhammad Ali to come to help her out. She didn't want me. She wanted Muhammad Ali, and so she said, "Well, you know him, don't you?" And I said, "Yes, I do." She said, "Well, if I could get Muhammad Ali here, then that would seal the deal. That's exactly what I need."

Of course, I asked him and he went to campaign with her, and he often asked after that how she was doing. His award-winning photographer, Howard Bingham, would oftentimes ask me how she was doing, what she was doing so he could report to Muhammad Ali how the candidate that he had helped to win that election was doing in the Congress of the United States of America.

Well, let me just say, she was doing wonderfully well legislatively. Some people have referred to not only the fact that she was responsible for the recognition that Rosa Parks got getting the gold medal, but she was working on some tremendous legislation. And as I stand here before you this evening as the chair of that Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, her legislation is really before us. It is known as HEARTH. It means the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act. You know, we've got to pass that legislation, and we've got to pass it, that is, H.R. 840, in the way that she wants it passed.

She was expanding the definition of homelessness. She was expanding it so that more people, many of whom were not considered homeless, and should be qualifying for homeless assistance, who did not get it, could now be drawn in with this legislation.

So, it is important for all of us to give support to the work that she was involved in because, again, this very special woman really did not suffer fools. I mean, I know that you've heard the story about the time she stepped on the elevator

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and another Member of Congress, who had not been here maybe quite as long as JULIA, said to JULIA when she stepped on the elevator, "This elevator is for Members of Congress." And of course, she got the look that only JULIA can give, and told somebody, "Close the door," because that's how she handled someone who did not have the sense to be gracious enough to whomever was getting on the elevator, but certainly she should have known who her colleagues were getting on the elevator.

But there are many stories you will hear about JULIA CARSON, because not only was she brilliant, she had this sense of humor and she had this wit that was just undeniable. Of all of the people who spoke at Rosa Parks' funeral, and I was at the funeral in Washington, DC, when JULIA spoke, she was the most engaging, the most memorable, the one who really caught the attention of everyone at that service.

JULIA CARSON was truly a queen, and to understand the descriptions that you've heard about her this evening and how she was loved, you have to go to Indianapolis. You have to hear people talk about her to really get a sense of the queen, and they referred to her as "the queen."

So I'm very proud to be a part of this discussion, remembering her this evening, and she will rest in peace, having done her part, having given all that any human being could give.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, in her remarks during Rosa Parks' memorial service, Representative CARSON said, "I'm a sister from the hood and we know how to get things done." Well, from one sister to another sister I want to say, thank you, JULIA CARSON, for your legacy of service, for your laughter and your love. I promise I will continue to work to get things done right here in the House, and I will remember all the things that you told me in the last conversations that we had.

But JULIA, I'm still trying to figure out who it was you said was going to invite me to dinner. I asked you that day I came to see you, and you still wouldn't tell me. So whoever it is, come on and invite me to dinner, because JULIA CARSON would want it to happen.

I thank all of my colleagues for joining me in this wonderful hour of celebration for my colleague and good friend, JULIA CARSON.

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Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember my friend and colleague, the Honorable JULIA CARSON.

Everyone loved JULIA CARSON, especially we in the Congressional Black Caucus and the constituents in her district.

I had an opportunity to travel back to her district with her for a weekend health event, and I witnessed the deep affection and admiration that the people of Indianapolis—of all ages, races and walks of life—had for her.

JULIA had a way of telling a story that would have you rolling with laughter, even on serious or unpleasant things.

This was especially true when talking about herself. She was a regular at our health braintrust and she spoke of herself as being the poster child for health care and health disparities. Although at its core, it was no laughing matter, she had everyone in the audience cracking up.

As sick as JULIA might have been, she never let it diminish her dedicated representation of her district and other work that needed to be done in Washington. And she walked to votes even in the last days that she was here.

It was my honor—as it was for many Members—to assist her as she came to the floor or a meeting. Years ago, I took it upon myself to call her office and suggest that her staff get her one of those motorized scooter-like vehicles that other Members have used off and on. Who told me to do that? I got a gentle tongue lashing from my friend.

There were many proud moments when we stood with JULIA and applauded her achievements, but none more so than the day that Rosa Parks was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor upon the passage of the resolution she sponsored.

JULIA did not even begin to get the kind of attention for her health that she needed until she was elected to Congress and by then her heart disease, mistaken for indigestion, was far gone.

Today, this humble lady who had health care deferred because of her race and gender, has flags at all congressional buildings flying at half mast in her honor.

The Nation has lost a champion, the House has lost a valued and effective Member, minorities and the poor have lost an ardent advocate and I have lost a beloved colleague and friend.

She has gone to her eternal reward, and may she rest in peace.

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Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I rise tonight to honor the life and career of the Honorable Congresswoman, JULIA CARSON, who was elected to Congress in 1996, and who died on December 15, 2007. Representative CARSON was a most respected friend and colleague of mine and also many other Members of Congress. The Honorable JULIA CARSON was from the Seventh Congressional District in Indiana. Ms. CARSON was a dedicated servant and worked tirelessly for the people of this country and in particular she strongly advocated on behalf of those who were living in poverty or were homeless.

The list of legislative efforts that Representative CARSON helped to create in this and in previous congressional terms spanned many issues and these legislative efforts are now a permanent part of the history of this Congress and of this county. In particular, Representative CARSON gave her support for primary, secondary, and college, education; and she believed in single payer health care for all citizens of this country; she also believed in equal justice for all and lived a life that reflected some of these fundamental values that were the hallmark of her service to this country.

Congresswoman JULIA CARSON honored the legacy of the late Mrs. Rosa Louise McCauley Parks when she introduced legislation which came to fruition on May 4, 1999, when Mrs. Parks was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal. Representative CARSON also introduced legislation to have a commemorative postage stamp issued on behalf of Mrs. Rosa Louise McCauley Parks.

Representative JULIA CARSON will always be remembered by her successful political career and will continue to make her indelible mark in history as a natural politician who steadily strengthened ties between people and who never forgot the community which she loved and served. People who worked with her in Congress will not forget the great sense of humor she would bring to them when we all were experiencing long and arduous efforts that were often expended in the process of making daily decisions on significant and lengthy congressional efforts.

Her continued efforts in Congress addressed the issues and supported legislation in the following areas: She was a staunch advocate for equal rights for men and women. She demonstrated a sincere concern and fought for the relief and support for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. In her wisdom, she advocated for many medical advances in veterans health care. Her continued outspoken support for the Second

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Chance Act of 2007, was well recognized. She spoke out for the support of the National Literacy Act of 2007. In times of great suffering she stood tall and commemorated the Rutgers University women's basketball team for their vigor in remaining proud of the skill that the team had achieved. She introduced a bill for establishing the celebrated National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week. She honored the life of Arva Johnson, a pioneer in the U.S. Capitol Police Department, when she became the first African American female to wear the police badge. She supported the Horse Slaughter Prevention Act. She recognized the 20 years of service of the world famous Dr. James Hadley Billington, as Librarian of Congress. Congresswoman CARSON supported the Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007. She worked for the benefit of all persons to have access to affordable drugs and medicines by supporting the Pharmaceutical Market Access and Drug Safety Act. In the era of DNA research Representative CARSON supported the Stem Cell Enhancement Act of 2007. These are a few of the noble congressional legislative actions that she heartily supported and advocated for in the history of her tenure in the Congress of the United States. We appreciate her great efforts in the progress that has been made from all of her humanitarian efforts.

I extend my greatest sympathy to the family of Congresswoman JULIA CARSON on the loss of their mother, a warm and wonderful humanitarian who was an exceptional public figure and who has graciously served this country with her grace, wisdom, and gentility.

We will all miss her.

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, Indiana lost one of its finest this weekend. I was deeply saddened to learn of JULIA CARSON's passing and my thoughts and prayers are with her family during this difficult time.

I have known JULIA for more than 20 years, and am a better person for it. She was a dear friend, and her spirit will unarguably live on not only in the Halls of Congress, but in the neighborhoods of Indianapolis where she touched the lives of so many. She had an enormous presence in Indianapolis and was always striving to help those in need.

JULIA embodied the true meaning of a liberal—a woman who was always fighting for those without a voice. She championed civil rights and walked alongside Martin Luther King, Jr., fighting for equality. She was to me, and so many others, a true hero.

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JULIA was not only proud to be a Member of Congress and represent the fine people of Indianapolis, but she was constantly amazed at how far she had come. As many know, JULIA had a difficult upbringing but only used those experiences to strengthen and shape her political views. JULIA constantly reminded us all how fortunate we are to be Members of Congress.

I will miss JULIA very much, but her spirit will live on for decades to come. She was a truly faithful person and took much comfort in that. I am so honored to have known JULIA for so many years and to have worked so closely with her. She leaves behind a legacy of charity, service, and an unwavering commitment to helping others.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, let me join and thank my colleague and classmate Stephanie Tubbs Jones for organizing this tribute to JULIA CARSON.

President Kennedy was fond of saying that communities reveal an awful lot about themselves in the memorials they create and in the people that they honor. This evening my colleagues, led by Stephanie Tubbs Jones, the Speaker of the House, the majority leader, and the delegation from Indiana have stood tall in honoring the memory of JULIA CARSON.

Memory is what distinguishes us from every other creature on the face of the Earth. It's humbling listening to the reminiscing that took place this evening.

We have lost a number of people since I have been in Congress, wonderful, remarkable, dedicated citizens to this great country of ours. JULIA brought that warmth and dignity to this office. It was an honor to be with her and know her.

I often think at services such as this it's a shame she wasn't here to hear us all talk about her, and for those of us in this body who didn't get the opportunity to say good-bye, it's principally the ability to reminisce and the memories that so many of our colleagues have brought to this floor that make her come to life and live on. Not in memorials, though I am sure memorials will be created. Not in buildings named, because I'm sure that those things will follow. But those memorials that mean the most are those that are principally carried in our hearts. Listening to Baron and Steve talk earlier and all the Members who spoke here, what a rich life. What a wonderful person.

She has gone home to Indiana, but she will never leave us. God bless JULIA. God bless this country. I thank everyone here for the memorial that you created this evening.

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Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, there have been many characterizations and descriptions of our departed colleague JULIA CARSON. But let me just tell you how I view JULIA CARSON. For me JULIA CARSON epitomized the Christian value of joy divine. Joy divine, the Bible calls it an unspeakable joy. It's the kind of joy that the Congress, the world can't give you and the world can't take it away. This joy is based on your faith. JULIA CARSON had, in my estimation, joy divine because she understood the meaning of the Scripture when it states: "All things work together for good to those who love the Lord and those who are called according to His purpose."

What is His purpose, one might ask? Well, He makes it pretty clear in the Old Testament. He says: "What do I require of thee, O man, but to love mercy, do justly, and walk humbly with your God?"

Madam Speaker, JULIA CARSON had the joy divine. She epitomized it. She represented it. Because she knew that everything that we do, the things that we bind on Earth, we bind in heaven. She was really not working for just her constituents, but she was, indeed, working for eternal life. And now she is at a better place in the heavens with her God.

And I can just, in my own imagination, imagine JULIA when she got to heaven how the angels erupted in applause because of the work that she had done while she lived here on Earth.

Madam Speaker, JULIA CARSON did something that was almost impossible in the few years that she served in this great House. She made this great House even greater because of her commitment, her dedication, her resolve, her leadership, her insight, her compassion, those things that make one great.

Madam Speaker, I know that in heaven when she approached the throne of grace, when she approached the company of her Lord and Savior, I can hear the words spoken to her right now in the old way. I can hear her Lord and her Master telling her: "JULIA, servant, servant, well done. You did an extraordinary job under ordinary conditions. Servant, well done."

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I think it's a true testament to how people felt about JULIA CARSON based upon the fact that the hour has expired allotting time for her colleagues to get up here to say a few kind words about her and now we are in overtime and the hour is over and we still have col-

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leagues on the House floor who want to take the time to eulogize our friend and colleague JULIA CARSON.

I have known JULIA for over 25 years. In this business of politics, you have friends and then you have allies. I can, with a great deal of assurance, tell my colleagues here that JULIA was a friend, not just an ally. She was that, too. But I came from a small town in southern Indiana to the Indiana Legislature back in 1982; and one of the first people I ever met was from the great city, the large city of Indianapolis, IN: JULIA CARSON. And I will be honest with you from the rural community and the kind of sheltered atmosphere of southern Indiana and small-town Indiana, I, quite frankly, didn't know how to take JULIA CARSON when I first met her. She was something else. But as the years went by and I had the time to serve with JULIA both in the legislature and now here in Congress, I had come to love JULIA CARSON, a true friend. Not just a colleague, but a true friend.

We have all heard the stories about how she was revered in Indianapolis, IN. The *Indianapolis Star* was the newspaper there, and there was some friction between JULIA and the *Indianapolis Star* because the *Indianapolis Star* was basically a Republican-leaning newspaper. So there were moments between the *Indianapolis Star* and JULIA. But just recently the headline in the *Indianapolis Star*, and it was a large headline, said: "A Warrior for Indianapolis." And that's exactly what she was.

She was one of a kind. She had grace and she had flair, and she had a great sense of humor. She was a Hoosier to the core. She was the epitome of everything that Indiana is. And we will miss her.

I come to this microphone today with mixed emotions: sadness by the loss of JULIA, but also a sense of good memories that we have about JULIA CARSON. The one thread that all of us have been speaking about and I will speak about it too was JULIA was a champion, a champion for the downtrodden and the poor. She made no excuses that she was a liberal in the good sense of the word. She wanted to make life better for all Americans, not just a select few.

JULIA, we'll miss you.

I do believe that when she walked into the pearly white gates, as Congressman Rush said, that the angels applauded.

Well done, JULIA. We love you and we miss you.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Love conquers all. And I rise today, Madam Speaker, to join the celebration, for although

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we mourn, we celebrate the life of JULIA CARSON, and celebrate we must.

I'm delighted to have listened to my colleagues in the special order led by Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones and to hear my friends and colleagues from Indiana. But for a moment I offer my sympathy to those of JULIA CARSON's district, to the good people of Indianapolis, to the good people of Indiana, and, yes, to the American people. For JULIA CARSON truly represented and will be remembered as an American hero.

I believe that JULIA would not mind our recalling for our colleagues why she was so keenly committed to those who could not speak for themselves and could not help themselves. For JULIA CARSON's history, by its very nature, directed her into the fight for those who, like herself, grew up with very little, but yet could look to this great country and actually believe that they could achieve their dreams. For JULIA was born to a teenage mother, and that, from the time that she was born in the late 1930s, going into the early 1940s and World War II, was a struggle and an unsurmountable task in and of itself. They had to struggle together. JULIA CARSON herself raised two children as a divorcee. So first of all, she understood what a single parent, a mother with two children, had to overcome to make sure that those children saw in themselves and saw in her a future.

It's likely that she was already destined for public service, and so by finding Andy Jacobs, her finding him and as well his finding her, it was a match made in heaven. But she stopped along the wayside to give support and comfort to workers, United Auto Workers, and understood what it meant, a hard day's work for a good day's pay. So early on she was on the battlefield, and her time in respective legislative bodies only spoke to her continued desire to serve.

But I like something about JULIA and I like something about the description of her. And my good friend and colleague from Indiana, Congressman Hill, just said a liberal in Indianapolis. I ask the question how you can walk around in Indiana and call yourself liberal and be victorious. That was JULIA. Love conquers all, the love that she had for her people, but the love that they had for her stood largely to embrace her and surround her with armor against those who would try to do her political harm.

I was fascinated in listening to the Congressmen speak of the vigil. Can you imagine people just gathering out of pain and joy, the pain of possibly losing Congresswoman CARSON,

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but also the joy of having her. Going to her house. Now, we are the people's House. So Members of Congress are exposed and people know all about them. But can you imagine people feeling so comfortable that they would come to her block and just stand in silence or singing or praying or testifying just to say, We want to be near her. What a moving expression that must have been, and I'm so sorry that I missed it. But it was a showing of their own appreciation for her resilience, her astuteness, and her ability to be underestimated.

I went to Indianapolis, and it was that first year, her reelection after her first term, Madam Speaker, and yes, they were all out. It was the year of the targets, it was the year of impeachment here in this body, and people were not feeling good, they were feeling ugly. The right wing, as it could be defined, and I don't say it in a partisan way, but the guys who were trying to get her in reelection came up with all kinds of things. Soft on crime, they accused her of, a number of issues that they thought would get her unelected.

Well, I'll tell you, she had a good history with the people of Indianapolis. In fact, she even had some conservatives supporting her. Why? Because she was truthful in her belief for social services. But she also came up with the idea that welfare recipients should work for their benefits. I'm sure it was crafted around giving them hope and giving them goals and giving them the ability to believe that they could succeed, but she was applauded for that. She was called a person who wrestled a problem to the ground.

Madam Speaker, I close by simply saying that we have lost a warrior, a soldier on the battlefield, but tonight we celebrate her life. My sympathy to her family. Thank you, JULIA, for being our friend and my friend.

Mrs. CAPPs. Madam Speaker, I join my colleagues this evening in honoring the life of our dear friend, JULIA CARSON. I want to say a word in keeping with the comments by our colleague, our leader, John Larson from Connecticut, who spoke of the sacredness, really, of this hour that we can spend with one another to lift up the life of a colleague such as JULIA CARSON.

JULIA entered Congress the same year as my husband Walter, in 1996. And the reason I honor this time together is that I have a poignant memory. My husband died suddenly, and my daughter and I found ourselves on the floor here listening to his colleagues, now my colleagues, speak of his life. It was a tradition that I wasn't familiar with, but it touched me in a way that I know blesses the memory of

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those who have gone, who have served with us. In this case, for someone as special as JULIA CARSON, it is a moment that this place becomes what it should be, and is treasured by me.

Now, this Member of Congress became my colleague, JULIA CARSON, when I joined Congress in 1998. One of the first events I attended as a Member was an event held by domestic violence advocates, a coalition, a national coalition of the kind of grassroots organizations that I know JULIA CARSON represented in Indianapolis, but I also, in my previous life as a nurse in my community, knew very well at the community level. I wasn't as experienced when I came to Congress as JULIA was when she did. And I listened to her. We were kind of lined up, Members of Congress, to address this coalition on domestic violence. I could speak from my professional experience. But she spoke before me. She dazzled that crowd because she spoke as a survivor and as someone who had experienced every single thing that they themselves were here in this Capitol to represent on behalf of our community. She had broken the barriers that have entrapped so many Americans of color, Americans who are women. She knew how to fight for herself, for her children as a single mother, as a community member who knew what ceilings were like with class, gender, ethnicity, race, and she could relate that to people.

On that day that I listened to JULIA as a brand new Member, I knew that I was in a very special crowd if it included someone like JULIA CARSON. She knew how to take her experiences and become such a role model and strong advocate; civil rights, victims of domestic violence. She improved the lives of countless individuals, and she did so by fixing things that were broken, but also by inspiring people to not give up.

Then, as we moved along and as has been referenced, her style and her elegance, I used to love to see her here and to see her bearing and to see her fitting the word "queen" in every sense of that word. What a delight to serve with JULIA CARSON. We saw her, as her illness began to show its effects on her body, never on her spirit, never on her soul, never once dampened her smile, her dazzling beautiful smile. When I would see her moving slowly, and then with assistance, even in a wheelchair, to come and move about, she never gave an indication of weakness or that she was down. She was always up and inspiring me when I would see her. I wanted to spend time with her.

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This was a tough time for her. She never let us know it. She kept fighting for all of the issues she cared so much about. Now I want to just close by saying, you know, JULIA, we owe you to continue the legacy that you began.

I think of JULIA's suffering with lung cancer. I think about the fact that three of her colleagues, four, now, of our colleagues this year have died of cancer. JULIA, I make a pledge to you and to the others that we need to not rest. We need to follow your courage and your endurance and not rest until we do something about this dreaded disease, and do something here, and do it in your memory, and do some other things in your memory as well. And so, I make that pledge to you, JULIA.

And I also join my colleagues in remembering you forever for your wit, your elegance, your perseverance, and of course always, JULIA, your smile. I will always love you and treasure your memory.

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember a spiritual warrior for her constituents and those who could not fight for themselves, JULIA CARSON. She served 6 years in Congress, but her experience here far outweighed her time here. She always remembered where she was from and how she got there.

This was a tough lady. She spent her initial swearing in in the hospital recovering from double bypass surgery. She was a wonderful personal friend whom I enjoyed spending time with.

I have my JULIA CARSON story. I remember a few years ago, we were going to an event at the Army-Navy Golf Club. We were going to a program, a celebration, and our driver got lost and made a wrong turn. We ended up on the seventh fairway. We were going up the hill, and the car couldn't go up and it couldn't go back. I panicked, but she was calm during this entire process. We eventually were rescued by the Capitol Hill Police. I will never forget that experience.

JULIA CARSON was a classy lady, very classy. And I loved the way she dressed and the way she held herself. Like Paul in 2 Timothy 4:7, she fought the good fight and she finished the course. But most important, she kept the faith. JULIA, I will miss you.

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Speaker, tonight, as I stand to pay respects and honor to JULIA CARSON, I don't believe I will take 5 minutes, but I will say that as a freshman Member, I really can't recall some of the great stories that I've heard

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my friends tell about the great JULIA CARSON, but I do have my own recollections of her.

The most important thing I want to share with people tonight is that, when I just started here and I started getting on my feet and figuring out where the bathrooms were and how to get around the House a little bit, JULIA CARSON took a moment, JULIA CARSON had time, JULIA CARSON and I sat in the chairs of this gallery and talked. And she told me about the struggles that she had to overcome. And she also told me, when I had my first bill, “if you don’t put me on that bill right now, boy, I don’t know what I’m going to do.” And I had to laugh, because the spirit that she had was remarkable, given some of the health problems she was facing.

The health problems she was facing may have been a burden, but they were not too great for her to show kindness to a new freshman here in Congress. And so I will always remember JULIA CARSON, very fond memories of her, and I will always be inspired by the great example that she gave us.

Mr. SHAYS. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. ELLISON. Certainly.

Mr. SHAYS. I have a request for 5 minutes, so I can’t use the time twice.

But I just want to say, on behalf of the Republican side of the aisle, I don’t know a Member who didn’t appreciate JULIA CARSON’s fine work, who didn’t enjoy talking with her. She always had a great response to anything you had to say. She was insightful, she was right to the point, and had a tremendous sense of humor. It’s hard to think that she will not be with us because she was a presence here. JULIA often sat on this side of the aisle, so a lot of us got to know her, not just speaking on the floor, but talking with her personally, and we came to love her a great deal.

I thank the gentleman for giving me this opportunity.

Mr. ELLISON. It is certainly my honor. Many people loved JULIA CARSON, and I want to thank the Congressman from Connecticut for sharing his sentiments as well.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I want to take just a moment to pay tribute to our friend, our colleague, our beloved sister, JULIA CARSON. It is my belief that when the Almighty created this beautiful, charming woman, he threw away the mold.

Long before JULIA CARSON came here, she was a fighter, someone who stood up and spoke out for those who have

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been left out and left behind. She was a champion of ordinary people, a champion for justice, for civil rights, for human dignity. I want to thank her friend and our former colleague, Andy Jacob, with whom I served, for doing all he could do to have JULIA CARSON come to this place.

In this body, we are like a family, one family. We become like sisters and brothers. I feel with the loss and passing of JULIA CARSON. We have lost a member of our family. The chain, the circle, has been broken.

I will never forget when I was much younger, on April 4, 1968, almost 40 years ago, I was in her district. She was not representing the district then, but we were in the city of Indianapolis with Robert Kennedy when he announced to the crowd that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., had been assassinated. When JULIA came here, she always said to me, "John, you must come back to Indianapolis and visit." And I have gone back there.

We will miss her. She has gone on to a better place. And we will never, ever see her likeness again.

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I wish to mourn the passing of Congresswoman JULIA MAY CARSON, a committed and valued voice for justice, who passed away on December 15, 2007. Congresswoman CARSON was born on July 8, 1938 in Louisville, KY. She grew up in Indianapolis, IN, where she would lead a remarkable life committed to justice for all. Congresswoman CARSON was loved by many for her effervescent personality and fighting spirit. She served her constituents of the Seventh Congressional District of Indiana for six terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. She was the first African American and woman elected to serve Indianapolis in Congress.

In her youth, Ms. CARSON overcame obstacles created by race, gender, and poverty as the child of a single teenage mother. She attended and graduated from Crispus Attucks High School in 1955, a deeply segregated school in Indianapolis. However, her battles with injustice motivated her to pursue degrees in higher education at Martin University and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. Her career in public service began in 1965, when she was hired as a staff assistant and aide to Congressman Andrew Jacobs, Jr., her mentor and predecessor in the Seventh District of Indiana. She worked diligently on casework and other important legislative matters until 1972, when she ran and won a seat in the Indiana State House of Representatives. She served in the Indiana State House from 1972 to 1976 and in

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the Indiana State Senate from 1976 to 1990. In 1990 she was elected as a trustee for Center Township in downtown Indianapolis. As trustee, she was a just leader and a voice for reform. Her thoroughness and fiscal responsibility helped her manage the welfare rolls by providing assistance to those who needed it and removing those who did not. As a result, she transformed the office's \$20 million debt into a \$6 million surplus. She served as trustee for 6 years prior to her election to Congress.

In 1996, after a competitive campaign, Congresswoman CARSON replaced her mentor and predecessor Andrew Jacobs, Jr., as the Representative for Indiana's Seventh District. On January 3, 1997, she missed her congressional inauguration due to health problems. Her congressional tenure was replete with obstacles from failing health to closely competitive campaigns, but her tenacity and love for her district would not let anything impede her sincere dedication to her constituents. She never stopped caring for her district and she never lost a race. One of her most notable achievements in the House was passing a measure awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to Rosa Parks. Another milestone accomplishment was a bill she cosponsored with Senator Richard Lugar to remove blocks on child health insurance created by government agencies. She always sponsored legislation that helped the poor and homeless, veterans, and faithful American taxpayers. She served on the House Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Her 10 years in the House were a testament of perseverance, devotion and inexhaustible compassion.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to commend the life and mourn the passing of Congresswoman JULIA CARSON.

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I raise to honor the legacy and accomplishments of our recently passed colleague and dear friend JULIA CARSON.

In 1996 JULIA's deep commitment to those she served led her to become the first African American woman to be elected to the U.S. House from Indiana. I had the opportunity to get to know JULIA during our freshman terms in the 105th Congress and build a relationship with her over the past 10 years that we have both served. JULIA spent her time in Congress working for children's issues, women's rights and efforts to reduce homelessness. One of her biggest accomplishments in the House was passing legislation granting the Congressional Gold Medal to Rosa Parks, the "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement" who was arrested for refusing to

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give up her seat on a segregated city bus in Montgomery, AL. She leaves behind an unmatched record of service to the people and an unequalled legacy of leadership.

Madam Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me in paying respects to the family of JULIA CARSON and in honoring her career in service to our country.

FRIDAY, *December 28, 2007*

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE TO ATTEND THE
FUNERAL OF THE LATE HONORABLE JULIA CARSON AFTER SINE
DIE ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to House Resolution 880, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker on December 22, 2007, appointed the following Members of the House to the committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable JULIA CARSON.

Mr. Burton, Indiana
The members of the Indiana delegation:
Mr. Visclosky
Mr. Buyer
Mr. Souder
Mr. Pence
Mr. Hill
Mr. Donnelly
Mr. Ellsworth, and
Mr. Conyers, Michigan
Mr. Jefferson, Louisiana
Mr. Bishop, Georgia
Ms. Corrine Brown, Florida
Ms. Jackson-Lee, Texas
Ms. Kilpatrick, Michigan
Ms. Lee, California
Mrs. Jones, Ohio
Mr. Meek, Florida
Ms. Moore, Wisconsin

THURSDAY, *January 3, 2008*

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Congresswoman JULIA CARSON who passed away on December 15, 2007. A woman of great pas-

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sion and dedication, she will be remembered as a tireless advocate of the poor and working families.

Congresswoman CARSON was the first and only African American and woman in Indiana's congressional delegation. An exceptionally courageous and strong woman, she looked a childhood of poverty and segregation in the eye and rose above it to represent Indiana for over 35 years, first as an Indiana State representative and then as State senator before being elected to the U.S. Congress in 1996.

JULIA was able to use her life experiences to help others also overcome poverty, discrimination and illness. I had the honor of being part of the Congresswoman's initiative to raise awareness of hypertension and stroke. I will always remember her unrelenting advocacy of women's rights, children's health, affordable housing, and equality. She stood up for unpopular, but critical issues, including expanding SCHIP in the late 1990s and, most recently, voting against the war in Iraq. It is thus not surprising that Ms. CARSON was the only person to ever be named Woman of the Year by the *Indianapolis Star* on two different occasions.

My strongest memory, however, is how Congresswoman CARSON was a special and warm-hearted woman. She was one of the first to go out of her way to introduce herself to me when I first arrived in Congress in 2001. With our birthdays just a few days apart in July, she always took time to greet me with a special tenderness. Her determination on policy issues was matched by a stylish flair and humor that consistently brought a smile to the faces of all in the room.

On behalf of the families of Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District, we extend our prayers and sincerest condolences to her children and all of the family and friends of Representative CARSON. We lost a very dear sister this week. She will be remembered in the highest regard, and deeply missed by her colleagues in Congress and her constituents in Indiana.

Madam Speaker, please join me in paying special tribute to the life and service of Congresswoman JULIA CARSON.

WEDNESDAY, *February 6, 2008*

Ms. LEE. ... As we recognize Black History Month, I would also like to note that we feel the loss of our dear friends and CBC [Congressional Black Caucus] colleagues who passed away over the last year: Congresswomen JULIA

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CARSON, Juanita Millender-McDonald and founding CBC member former Congressman Gus Hawkins. They always joined in on the celebrations. We truly miss them, but their accomplishments live on as a part of Black history and beyond. . . .

THURSDAY, *February 14, 2008*

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows: . . .

By Mr. VISCLOSKY (for himself, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Souder, Mr. Burton of Indiana, Mr. Hill, Mr. Pence, Mr. Ellsworth, and Mr. Buyer):

H.R. 5472. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, as the “Julia M. Carson Post Office Building”; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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Proceedings in the Senate

MONDAY, *December 17, 2007*

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 407, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 407) relative to the death of Representative JULIA CARSON, of Indiana.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc; that any statements relating thereto be printed in the *Record*.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 407) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 407

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable JULIA CARSON, late a Representative from the State of Indiana.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns or recesses today, it stand adjourned or recessed as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, if there is no further business today, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the provisions of S. Res. 407, as a further

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mark of respect on the passing of JULIA CARSON, late Representative from Indiana.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senate stands in adjournment until 10 a.m. tomorrow, pursuant to S. Res. 407, and does so as a mark of further respect to the memory of JULIA CARSON, late Representative from the State of Indiana.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 8:01 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, December 18, 2007, at 10 a.m.

TUESDAY, *December 18, 2007*

Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, in remembrance of Congresswoman JULIA CARSON, who died on December 15, 2007, I have printed in the *Record* a column written by former Representative Andy Jacobs, Jr., of Indiana.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the *Record* as follows:

[Text of the article may be found on pages 10–11.]

TUESDAY, *January 22, 2008*

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated: . . .

By Mr. BAYH:

S. 2534. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, as the “Julia M. Carson Post Office Building” to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

WEDNESDAY, *January 23, 2008*

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 2534

At the request of Mr. Bayh, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. Lugar) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2534, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Serv-

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ice located at 2650 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, as the “Julia M. Carson Post Office Building.”

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The Honorable
Julia Carson



"A Heart of A Servant"

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CONGRESSWOMAN JULIA CARSON THANK YOU

We write today because we are your children as surely as if
you had conceived us, nurtured us, carried us in your
womb, and sent us out into the world to make our mark.

We write today because you have been faithful in all
that you do. You are a perfect example of strength and
endurance.

You have taught us to stay in the race come what may, and
God will get us through another day.

You never knew what your opponents would bring.
But you let them know, "Ain't No Thing But a Chicken
Wing."

We knew a lot of days you were very tired.
But you pressed on because your service was required.

You served us with dignity and class,
knowing that only what you do for Christ will last.

You worked very hard on Capitol Hill
And were proud when they passed your bills.

When President Bush said let's go to war,
You were the only one saying "My Goodness what for."

So I'm going to follow your many years of instruction
And simply not make a big production.

Your many accomplishments are too long to measure, but it
has been a pleasure to work for such a treasure.

You greeted us all with "This Is Me Is That You"
And you never said goodbye because that's not what we do.

We simply embrace with a smile on our face
And with Love in it.

We simply say,

IN A MINUTE

With Gratitude and Love
Clydonna Surrett

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Community Celebration of Life The Honorable Julia Carson

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Statement	Rev. Maudine Wordlaw
Prayer	Rev. Anne Byfield-Henning
Scripture	Rev. Elaine Walters
Selection	<i>“Wind Beneath My Wings” Keith Hayes</i>
Poem	<i>“Thank You Congresswoman Carson” Clydonna Surrett</i>

Reflections

Bart Peterson	Mayor of Indianapolis
Richard Hatcher	<i>Former Mayor of Gary, Indiana</i>
LaKimba DeFadier-Woods	<i>Executive Director, National Black Caucus of State Legislators</i>
The Honorable Rudy Clay	<i>Mayor of Gary, Indiana</i>
The Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee	<i>Member of U.S. Congress, Texas</i>
The Honorable Diane Watson	<i>Member of U.S. Congress, California</i>
H.E. Trungram Gyaltrul Rinpoche	<i>Spiritual Leader, Verbal Linage of Buddhist Meditation</i>
Selection	<i>“Sweet Dreams” Travis Conway</i>

Reflections

Rev. Leroy Dinkins	<i>Concerned Clergy</i>
Mr. Jeffrey Slavin	<i>Council Member, Town of Somerset, MD</i>
The Honorable Billie Breaux	<i>Friend</i>
Selection	<i>“Stand”</i>
Rev. Jesse Jackson	<i>RainbowPUSH Coalition</i>
Rev. Theron Williams	<i>Pastor, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church</i>
Paul Bateman	<i>Member Indianapolis / Marion Co. City-County Council</i>
Vop Osili	<i>Friend</i>
Selection	<i>“Total Praise”</i>
Andre Carson	<i>Grandson of Congresswoman Julia Carson</i>

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To All Supporters of OUR Beloved Julia

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The Honorable Julia Carson



July 8, 1938–December 15, 2007

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Julia Carson

JULIA CARSON was born to Velma Porter, then just 16, in Louisville, Ky. in 1938. After an early move to Indianapolis, her mother worked as a domestic servant as JULIA grew up in Haughville and other Indianapolis neighborhoods, with summer jobs picking cotton and beans at farms in Tennessee. On the West side of Indianapolis, she worked a paper route and had waitress jobs during the school year. She attended IPS #63 in Haughville and, in 1955, graduated from Crispus Attucks High School. Fifty-one years later she was inducted into the Indianapolis Public Schools Hall of Fame.

After high school, she went to work at UAW Local 550 by day and the Chrysler Foundry by night. She worked a while at Chrysler and continued to serve Local 550 and the UAW for a decade. One day in 1965 a man approached and introduced himself as Andy Jacobs, explained that he had just been elected to Congress, and asked her to come to work for him in Washington. She conferred with her mother who told her that Mr. Jacobs was really a Congressman and agreed to care for her children for a while if she wanted to go. She did.

She joined U.S. Rep. Andy Jacobs as an assistant, first in Washington DC, commuting home on weekends to see the children. After a time, she made a then radical proposal to Jacobs: casework relating to constituents should be done where they live. With that, she returned to Indianapolis and her children, and a new way of doing Congressional business, now a standard in Congress.

In 1972 she was first elected to the Indiana House of Representatives, serving two terms there. 1976 saw her election to the Indiana Senate where she served until 1990. In her time as a Member of the General Assembly she actively pursued issues related to the needs of working men and women, public health, the environment and fundamental justice. As the great scourge of AIDS came upon the land, she worked tirelessly to help her colleagues understand that it was an illness, not a biblical scourge of some sort, taking Elton John, Willie Nelson, Kris Kristofferson and other stars to the bedside of Ryan White at Riley Hospital, lifting the example of his story into public view and understanding.

Between 1972 and 1982, she worked in corporate America as a Public Affairs Manager for Cummins Engine Co., coming to sound understanding of that culture. In January of 1975 *Indianapolis Star* readers selected her as Indianapolis Woman of the Year for the first time.

1990 saw her elected Marion County's Center Township Trustee. In that financially floundering office she slashed \$9.3 million from the poor relief budget and trimmed nearly 85,000 undeserving people from the welfare rolls though careful background investigation and the introduction of a "workfare" program to help recipients get off poor relief. In 1992, she received the *Indianapolis Star's* Woman of the Year award for the second time—the first and last person to be honored twice.

In November 1996, after the retirement of her brother and mentor Andy Jacobs, she was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives for her first term but could not join her colleagues in taking the oath of office in Washington because of emergency double-bypass surgery. Instead, she received the oath from U.S. District Court Judge S. Hugh Dillin in her room at Methodist Hospital. The Center Township Government Center was renamed the Julia M. Carson Government Center to honor her later that year, and was the site of her district office.

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Passionately inspired by the role of Rosa Parks in helping to spark the movement that became a tidal wave and meant so much for so many, the Congresswoman was determined to honor Mrs. Parks and devised a plan to do so. In April 1999, Congress passed her bill to award Rosa Parks a Congressional Gold Medal and she hosted Mrs. Parks in Indianapolis later that year.

In addition to Mrs. Parks, she was privileged to host President Bill Clinton on his first visit to Indianapolis in six years, at a public rally at the fairgrounds; Hillary Clinton at a visit with young college students and a tour of a day care center; Muhammad Ali at an all-day school children's event at Riverside; Governor Ann Richards; and many of her colleagues, including Nancy Pelosi, John Conyers, Charlie Rangel, Barney Frank, Steny Hoyer, Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, Jim Clyburn, Loretta Sanchez, Robert Menendez, Sheila Jackson-Lee, Alcee Hastings, Donald Payne, Donna Christensen, Earl Blumenauer, Kendrick Meek, Lane Evans, Jim Traficant, and Senator Joe Lieberman.

Her commitment to veterans and to the challenge of homelessness produced a wonderful development in her neighborhood: Carson House, transitional housing for formerly homeless veterans around the corner from her home, donated by the Congresswoman to the Hoosier Veterans Assistance Foundation, was dedicated by Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony Principi and then Lt. Governor Joe Kernan as the Congresswoman welcomed the newcomers into the neighborhood and into her heart.

Recent Legislative Accomplishments

On October 10, 2002, Congresswoman CARSON joined 132 other Members of Congress in voting against House Joint Resolution 114, the bill which purported to authorize the use of military force in Iraq.

Always committed on children's health issues, she worked with Senator Richard Lugar to win passage of a bill to help states identify and enroll greater numbers of children who need health insurance. She joined with Senator Evan Bayh on HR 1300, the Responsible Fatherhood Act of 2001, recognizing the importance of fathers and encouraging fathers to play a more active role in their children's lives.

Her legislation renaming the United States Courthouse and Federal Office Building in Indianapolis for former U.S. Sen. Birch Bayh, D-IN, became law. She introduced the Bring America Home Act, or BAHA, a comprehensive bill that recognizes housing is a human right, aimed at eradicating homelessness in the United States by addressing the critical housing, health, and income needs of people experiencing homelessness and families at risk of homelessness.

She introduced House Resolution 130, congratulating the National Football League Champion Indianapolis Colts for winning Super Bowl XLI and for bringing the Colts and the State of Indiana their first Lombardi Trophy.

She was especially proud of HR 840, the Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing Act (HEARTH Act), to restore local level decision making on homeless activities, support homeless prevention activities, increase funding for emergency shelters and supportive services, and amend HUD's definition of homelessness so that many more children and families will be eligible for homeless assistance. The House Financial Services committee will move forward on this legislation early in the second session of the 110th Congress next year.

Her College Textbook Affordability and Transparency Act of 2007 sought, in the midst of skyrocketing college tuition and textbook prices, to ease the

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financial burden on students by ending unfair market practices and increasing stakeholder cooperation and access to information. Congresswoman CARSON strongly believed that the cost of an education and all its expenses should never hinder the ability of someone to access that education and this legislation offers a useful idea to help control college costs. The text of her legislation has been included in the Higher Education Reauthorization Act.

She was always effective in securing federal funding for Indianapolis and its needs. In recent years, the Congresswoman brought three million dollars home for the Northeast Corridor Transit Planning project; twenty-eight million for the City of Indianapolis Central Waterfront Project to develop, along with the Army Corp of Engineers, a multi-purpose riverfront project in downtown Indianapolis; two and a quarter million for the Indy Flex program; millions for a Downtown Transit Center; fifty thousand to help repair Veterans Memorial Plaza; two million for neighborhood preservation and transportation corridor improvements for the Stadium Drive District; one million for planning and design assistance for water-related environmental infrastructure projects; one million to meet water quality standards in the White River; eleven million for the Children's Museum of Indianapolis, a place Congresswoman CARSON felt was critically important to the children of her district and to the children of Indiana; millions more to help incorporate public transit into the core downtown area; and five and a half million for downtown road improvements, including road relocation, pedestrian walkways and rail line modifications in the Indianapolis Convention District.

In 2007, the Congresswoman was again successful in securing funds for Indianapolis and its people. With the help of Senators Bayh and Lugar, she secured nearly a quarter of a million dollars for the Children's Museum; \$614,000 for Indianapolis' Naturally Occurring Retirement Community; \$390,000 for a City of Indianapolis entrepreneurship education program; \$3,244,000 for further work on the Indianapolis White River North flood control project; \$1.5 million for Renewable Energy for Military Applications; \$1.2 million for a Warfighter Cancer Care Engineering program at Indiana University; and \$200,000 for the City of Indianapolis to help fund the Neighborwoods program to add 100,000 trees to the cityscape.

On November 5, 2007, she gave her last public interview to radio talk show host Amos Brown, expressing her frustration about being absent from Congress, her uncertainty about the future and her confidence in God's will. On November 25, 2007, she announced she was suffering from terminal lung cancer and on November 27, she told the community that she would not seek a seventh term.

She is survived by her two children, Tanya Carson and Sam Carson (Donna Gray Carson); her grandchildren Andre Carson (Mariama Shaheed Carson), Samuel M. Carson IV (Angela Lewis Carson), Ja'Dawn Carson, Phillip Carson (Maryama Diallo Carson), Jamie C. Carson, Stefan D. Carson and Barbara Carson; her great grandchildren; her Aunt, Nina Porter Brown; and countless friends and supporters.

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The Order of Service

Celebration of the Life of Julia Carson, Member of Congress

The Prelude and Processional	Musicians
Musical Selection—"The Lord's Prayer"	Keith L. Hayes
The Welcome and Purpose	Pastor Jeffrey A. Johnson, Sr., Senior Pastor Eastern Star Church
Prayer	Imam Michael Shaair
The Litany Celebration	
Liturgist: Come let us worship our God and rejoice in the midst of death.	
Congregants: We come to worship God! We come to celebrate life!	
Liturgist: This is the call to worship the God of life and the God of death.	
Congregants: All praises to God for the life of Congresswoman Julia Carson	
All together: Worship! Celebrate! Celebrate and Worship!	
The Invocation	Dr. Kent Millard, Senior Pastor St. Luke United Methodist Church
The Scripture	Rev. Father Boniface Hardin President and Founder of Martin University
The Ministry of Music— "Bye and Bye"	Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church Choir
Acknowledgements	Mr. Fran Quigley, Esq. First Chief of Staff
The Remarks	
Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels	
U.S. Senator Richard Lugar	
U.S. Senator Evan Bayh	
U.S. Senator Birch E. Bayh (retired)	
U.S. Representative James Clyburn—House Majority Whip	

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Indiana Delegation Representative Pete Visclosky
U.S. Representative Carolyn Kilpatrick—Chair of
Congressional Black Caucus
U.S. Representative Stephanie Tubbs Jones
Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson
Tavis Smiley, Television and Radio Host, Author and
Philanthropist
The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, Leader,
Nation of Islam

The Ministry of Music—
“In My New Home”

Tabernacle Missionary Baptist
Church Choir

The Remarks

Indiana Lt. Governor Becky Skillman
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Vebra Linage of Buddhist Meditation
Judge David Shaheed
Sheriff Frank Anderson
Burnetta Sloss Tanner—Grassroots
Cordelia Lewis Burks—Labor

Family Reflections: Andy Jacobs, Samuel M. Carson and son,
Stefan, Samuel M. Carson IV, Mimi Carson and Andre Carson

Musical Selection—
“If I Can Help Somebody”

Keith L. Hayes

Her Life Story—(Read In Silence)

Musical Selection—
“His Eye is on the Sparrow”

Lela Springfield

Words of Comfort

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Bailey,
Senior Pastor
Tabernacle Missionary Baptist
Church

The Benediction

Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-
Smith
Executive Director, the
Church Federation of
Greater Indianapolis

The Recessional and Postlude

Musicians

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HONORARY PALLBEARERS

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| Andre D. Carson | George (Levi) Sutton | Jarnell Burks Craig |
| MiMi Carson | Jeffrey Slavin | Freddi Carter |
| Phillip Carson | Sylvia Trotter | Clydonna Surret |
| Jamie Carson | Hon. Billie Breaux | Marlene Dotson |
| Stefan Carson | Sen. Jean Breaux | Charles Ford |
| Donna Carson | Rep. Vanessa Summers | Jackie Diamond |
| Angela Carson | Sen. Glen Howard | Jackie Tucker |
| Mariama S. Carson | Rozelle Boyd | Wilson Allen |
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| Judy Dalton | Joe Miller | Mia Clarkson |
| Nina (Auntie) Brown | Chuck Haenlein | Chad Chitwood |
| Edward Brown | Webster Brewer | Carter Moore |
| Eugene Brown | Virginia A. Caine | Drew Black |
| Hon. Andy Jacobs | John Hall | Carlton Morris |
| Hon. Bart Peterson | Charlie Garcia | Kathleen Taylor |
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| Hon. Gene Akers | Alan Hogan | Erin Rosenberg |
| Sheriff Frank Anderson | Bonnie Grimes | Helen Kidd |
| Sen. Birch Bayh | Linda Bonner | |

Constituents of the 7th Congressional District

The Celebration will conclude at graveside with full military honors
Crown Hill Cemetery

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge the many expressions of sympathy and condolences they have received.
The outpouring of support has been overwhelming.
We ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers. May God's continuous blessings be yours.

