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COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE BARBARA-ROSE COLLINS, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable BARBARA-ROSE COLLINS, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, January 22, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,  
Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that Meredith Cooper, my Chief of Staff, Royal Hart, my Deputy Chief of Staff, and the custodian of the records in my Washington office, have all been served with grand jury subpoenas duces tecum issued by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoenas is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

BARBARA-ROSE COLLINS.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN  
KWEISI MFUME

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I take this time to join, I know, all the Members of this House to acknowledge that in the next few days this House will be losing one of its most distinguished Members, a person who has contributed much to this Nation, who will be resigning to take on the presidency of the NAACP. I refer to my colleague and friend, the gentleman from Maryland, KWEISI MFUME.

When Congressman MFUME resigns from Congress, I will be losing one of my closest friends in this House, and one of my closest colleagues. Both of us were elected to Congress at the same time in the 100th Congress. Both of us were elected from Baltimore to represent that community in the Congress of the United States.

He is my seatmate, he is my colleague, he is my advisor and friend, and I will miss him dearly here in the House. We share the same vision for our communities, and we have worked together in order to effectively represent those communities here in the Congress of the United States.

What a record has Congressman MFUME achieved during his now 9 years in the Congress of the United States. He has been an articulate spokesperson for the Nation's cities. As a result of his work, we now have empowerment zone legislation that is working to

renew America's cities. Because of Congressman MFUME's role, Baltimore is designated as one of those empowerment zones, and we are already seeing the fruits of that labor in Baltimore, thanks to Congressman MFUME's leadership here in the Congress of the United States.

He serves on the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, and has been a frequent speaker on this floor, to speak out for the needs of our Nation's cities. Of course, I think most of us know him best for the leadership that he displayed as chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, particularly during the first 2 years of the Clinton administration. He brought forward the vision of so many Americans that we can do better for all of our communities.

He was keenly responsible for much of the progress that we made during those 2 years. He united not just the Black Caucus, but he united all of us who were interested in renewing our commitment to America's urban areas and to all of our people.

But you know what I think KWEISI's greatest legacy will be to this House will be the style in which he conducted his affairs. He brought the highest degree of integrity, hard work, coalition building, and what a communicator. What a way he has with words and can carry out on the floor in a very articulate way and get us all to work together.

I could relate some stories in Baltimore where he brought communities together. He worked with me to build bridges between the African-American community of Baltimore and the Jewish community in Baltimore. We learned from former Congressman Gray of Philadelphia about efforts that he made in Philadelphia, which we copied in Baltimore, known as Operation Understanding, where we arranged for African-American students and Jewish students to travel together to Africa and Israel to better understand each other's roots, an historic reason why we work together on civil rights legislation.

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That program succeeded in bringing together children who are now good friends and are spreading, I think, an important message to our community that we must work together in order to move forward on areas such as civil rights and improvement in all ways of life.

Mr. Speaker, the Civil Rights Act of 1991 was another accomplishment in which I know Congressman MFUME is very proud. He had a major part to play in that achievement. In minority businesses having greater opportunity, Congressman MFUME was there with legislation and gaining support throughout the Nation in order to infuse more capital, more dollars, more opportunities, and more jobs in our inner-cities.

In Baltimore, we now see the Columbus Center, which was a dream a few

years ago, become a reality where we will become the leader in marine biotech research in this country. It will mean jobs in Baltimore. It is good for this Nation, and it is another achievement that Congressman MFUME can be proud of, a proud legacy that he will leave when he resigns from this institution.

The drug courts and law enforcement area was another idea that he brought forward.

Mr. Speaker, let me say in conclusion that the loss of this Chamber will be the gain to the NAACP. I know I speak for all Members of the House to wish him only the best as he goes forward with this new challenge.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HAYWORTH). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair, but not beyond 5 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 16 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. HAYWORTH] at 4 o'clock and 28 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER  
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House will resume special orders without prejudice to the resumption of legislative business at 5 p.m.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE  
KWEISI MFUME

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, it is a sad occasion for me to rise at this time to note and to lament the leaving of our colleague, the gentleman from Maryland, KWEISI MFUME.

Most of you know that KWEISI MFUME is in many ways the embodiment of the American dream and American ideal. He was a young man, like so many of us when we were young, who had trouble coming to grips with life. I can empathize with that. I am sure many of you can as well. In fact, as a teenager he was, from the perspective of many, a teenager that would not make a positive contribution to his community. The joy of the story is that KWEISI MFUME looked at himself and made a similar conclusion, and decided that that was not the route he wanted to go.

Robert Frost wrote a poem "The Road Not Taken." He said in that poem "I shall be telling this with a smile

somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood and I, I took the one less traveled by."

The road less traveled by, as all of us know who go through a woods, has more briars, has more brambles, has more branches in the way of progress. But if one is prepared to overcome those obstacles, one can prevail and be admired for that victory of the spirit.

I am not objective, Mr. Speaker. KWEISI MFUME is my friend. As the dean of the Maryland delegation, I can say with pride and with conviction that KWEISI MFUME has served the citizens of not only his district but of my district and of every district of our State exceedingly well. But more than that, KWEISI MFUME has been a leader in our country. Indeed, he has been a leader on the international scene.

KWEISI MFUME was picked by his African-American colleagues to lead the Black Caucus here in the Congress. Frankly, it was, perhaps, one of the high points of the history of the Black Caucus during the 2 years of his leadership, in which he became perceived by the President of the United States, by the Speaker of the House, and by the minority leader as an individual of great consequence and conscience, as an individual prepared to fight for that which he believed, an individual who was in the best tradition of service in this House.

There have been some 10,200 Members, citizens, who have been selected by their communities to serve in this House since 1789. Few have served with such distinction as KWEISI MFUME.

KWEISI MFUME called me a few weeks ago, early on a Saturday morning. He informed me before it was to happen that he was going to be selected as the President and CEO of one of the historic and great institutions in this country, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

That organization has done as much for civil rights as any organization in this country, but that organization, frankly, has fallen on hard times. It was confronted with problems of great magnitude, not just financially but in terms of energy and direction and focus and agenda. The genius of that organization was that they looked around the breadth of America and made what I think was the very best possible selection they could have made.

I am sad that they chose KWEISI MFUME, for myself, for my State, but I am glad that he will have an even broader stage, in some respects, on which to work. I am glad that the character of KWEISI MFUME will be associated with one of the great associations of this country.

KWEISI MFUME is on the floor and stands before me just now, and KWEISI, I say to you as a friend, as a colleague, but as well, as an American concerned about my country, concerned about bringing blacks and whites together, not dividing us, concerned about the rise in racism and the lack of understanding between the white and black

communities in America, an understanding which is critical for both communities if we are to be the kind of successful American dream which the rest of the world thinks about and admires.

I want to thank the Speaker for his consideration of my closing with these comments about my brother, the gentleman from Maryland, KWEISI MFUME, who has served his country and his people so well. We wish him Godspeed and great success.

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#### FAREWELL TO THE HONORABLE KWEISI MFUME

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Florida [Mrs. MEEK] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. I yield to the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my remarks to the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER], who spoke earlier, and I recognize the duties of the Chair, having served there for many years.

Mr. Speaker, let me thank the gentleman from Maryland, on the gentlewoman's time, for his kind remarks, for his friendship over the years, for leading the delegation, from all of us who served the State of Maryland, and for extending the first hand toward me shortly after my election in 1986. Both he and former Congressman Tony Coelho came to Baltimore at that particular time to find out what it was they could do for me as an incoming Member. It has been that kind of relationship over the years, STENY, and I really appreciate your kind remarks.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I say to the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. MFUME], it is a distinct pleasure to come to the well and tell you how much we are going to miss you, because you have shown the kind of leadership that is seldom seen, not only in the Congress, but throughout this country. The leadership you have demonstrated was one that was fed by character, one that was fed by dignity, one that was fed by knowledge, one that was fed by your strong desire to bring people together and not to separate them, regardless of their views.

Your name stands with the son of kings, and that you are, you are a son of kings. You are a conqueror. You have shown your lineage by your leadership and your example, which you have shown to all of us. You did not lead by talking. You could not say anything about a sermon, because I think from all of your work, you have shown that you would rather be a sermon than to preach one any day.

You have been the hope of all America, but most specifically, you have been the hope of black America. You have been a hero to us, and you still are. I am greatly saddened, at least I was, when you decided to retire and go

to the NAACP, because I knew you had more and more to give to us, but God saw it better to send you someplace where you would be needed most. So I was saddened, but I was also encouraged, because they saw the same thing that we saw: The ability to lead, the ability to pull people together, the ability to start initiatives that work.

You were president of the Black Caucus for the first 2 years I was here. I say to you, if it were not for your leadership, we never could have accomplished the things that we accomplished. You even took people in the Caucus who were not directly associated with the idea of the kind of movement that you were trying to make, but you were such a person as to allow everyone a chance and to think of their opportunities.

You are a man of class. You are a cut above, MFUME, quite a bit a cut above, because we will never find a father, a leader, a peacemaker, above you in this Congress. I like the way you work with everybody, white, black, regardless of color or creed. You did not play the race card at any time. What you did was to play the people card, and you made that card work for us in the Congressional Black Caucus.

Mr. Speaker, I think in the end, MFUME, even though I am saddened by your leaving, that your particular dictum may be and your shibboleth could be: Service is the price you have paid for the space which God has let you occupy.

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, if the gentlewoman will continue to yield, I could not, obviously, not respond to your heartfelt comments, CARRIE, and the friendship that we have developed over the last several years working on a number of issues, both here in Washington and down in your district in Florida and elsewhere. It is those kinds of words at this kind of moment that really makes the last 10 years worth more than they might have been otherwise.

I know that words are inadequate on my part to tell you how much you mean to me as a person, and why I will miss this institution, not because of the partisan bantering that takes place, but because of the genuine kind of dialog and fellowship that I have learned to develop and I have learned to develop with people like you. I love you very much. Thank you for your kind words.

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#### CONGRATULATIONS TO KWEISI MFUME ON HIS SELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE NAACP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PAYNE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I have had the great privilege of serving as chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 104th Congress, taking over the reins from my good friend, KWEISI MFUME, who served