

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### SWING INTO SPRING: A HARLEM TRIBUTE TO LIONEL HAMPTON

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 1996

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker and Members of this great body, It is said, "give me my flowers now while I am still around to enjoy them".

I rise to pay tribute once again to an individual who really needs no introduction \* \* \* to one who certainly in his lifetime has made an impact on the world as a great American, an ambassador of goodwill, a musical genius, and without a doubt, a living legend. If you have not guessed by now, the person of whom I speak is none other than Lionel Hampton.

On Tuesday, March 19, I, as chairman of the board of the Apollo Theatre Foundation, Inc., and executive producers Grace Blake and Bill Titone, will present "Swing Into Spring"—A Harlem Tribute to Lionel Hampton.

This star-studded musical tribute marks an opportunity to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Lionel Hampton by his many friends, admirers, and those who have benefited from his work and musical greatness.

Whether you are familiar with his musical accomplishments or not, over the years, Lionel Hampton has known no status where he was not eagerly accepted, as he has been well received the world over by Presidents, politicians, kings, and queens. His very music has caused the walls of Communist nations to come tumbling down.

However, it is not only for his music that Lionel Hampton is well known for he is also a staunch leader in the community. His fame has not let him forget the homeless and the hopeless. A long supporter of public housing, he developed the Lionel Hampton Houses in the early 1970's and upon completion, built the Gladys Hampton Houses, named for his late wife. To this day, those projects are considered among the best in the Nation.

The Lionel Hampton Community Development Corp. has built more than 500 low and moderate income apartments in my congressional district of Harlem alone.

Lionel Hampton holds more than 15 honorary doctorates and received the gold medal of Paris, its highest cultural award, from its Mayor, Jacques Chirac. He was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Kennedy Center in 1991 by President George Bush, and in December 1992, he was awarded a prestigious Kennedy Center honor for his lifetime career achievements as a musician and teacher. Since then, he continues to produce educational events and considers the real highlight of his career as having the music school at the University of Idaho named for him—the Lionel Hampton School of Jazz.

Whether you are black or white, rich or poor, Democrat or Republican, I am sure you would agree that Lionel Hampton represents the very best of America. It is in this instance

that March 19 will be proclaimed "Lionel Hampton Day" in New York City and New York State.

### TRIBUTE TO REV. DR. GRANVILLE A. SEWARD

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 1996

Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues a dedicated leader and servant of the people, Rev. Dr. Granville A. Seward. Rev. Dr. Seward is celebrating his 28th anniversary as pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Newark, NJ.

Rev. Dr. Granville A. Seward was licensed to preach at the age of 17. He accepted the pastorate at the First Baptist Church of Rendville, OH, when he was 22. He is a graduate of Ohio State University. He received the master of divinity and doctor of divinity degrees from the Colgate Rochester Divinity School. Rev. Dr. Seward is a member of the board of trustees at the Colgate Rochester/Bexley Hall/Crozer Theological Seminary.

For many years Rev. Dr. Seward diligently prepared for his place in a changing society. His education and life experiences have been used to focus on the topic of his doctoral thesis, "The New Creation and the Emergence of a New Humanity." He has pragmatically looked at his church and our community and has developed programs that address the burgeoning needs of a diverse congregation and community. He has taken an active role in our community by serving as a member of the Newark Board of Education. He is also the dean of the Open Forum Baptist Ministers Conference of Newark and Vicinity.

Rev. Dr. Seward is the first pastor of Newark's Mt. Zion Baptist Church to ordain women deacons. He instituted prayer services at non-traditional times to better serve our population. He has developed feeding and clothing programs for the less fortunate. He implemented various types of ministries within Mt. Zion, where "every member is a minister" is emphasized.

Mr. Speaker, when we look at the shepherd who is tending his flock well, Rev. Dr. Granville A. Seward is among the chosen. I am sure my colleagues will join me as I extend my congratulations and best wishes to Rev. Dr. Seward, his wife, four children, and two grandchildren.

### A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1505 OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1986

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 1996

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, today, I, along with our colleague from Michigan, Mr. KILDEE, am introducing legislation to correct a board of trustees appointment problem for the Institute of American Indian Arts. This simple fix will help maintain the continuity of that board.

The Institute of American Indian Arts is a federally created institution of higher education. Its primary purposes are to provide scholarly study of and instruction in Indian art and culture, and to establish programs which culminate in the awarding of degrees in the various fields of Indian art and culture. The institute is authorized under title XV of the Higher Education Amendments of 1986, and policy for the institute is set by a board of trustees which includes 13 voting members appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the other body.

Unfortunately, the board appointment process has proven to be overly cumbersome and this has resulted in a number of board members serving additional terms, sometimes beyond the time they wished to serve, in order to ensure that the board could maintain a quorum.

The legislation we are introducing today would simply amend section 1505 of the Higher Education Amendments of 1986 to allow the board to recommend successors for board members whose terms are expiring and who do not wish to serve additional terms. The President would have the prerogative to act on these recommendations, or to appoint another qualified individual of his choosing subject to the confirmation of the other body.

However, should the President fail to act within 2 months of the expiration of the sitting member's term, and should that member not wish to serve an additional term, then the individual recommended for appointment by the board would be automatically seated.

This legislation makes a simple correction to the institute's board appointment process. It was requested of us by the interim president of the institute, who is concerned that without this fix the board may not be able to maintain a quorum and the institute might suffer.

This legislation is bipartisan and revenue neutral. It does not limit the options of the President in making appointments to the board, but merely streamlines the appointment process for this one institute.

This is common sense legislation, and I urge its support.

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