

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
TEAMSTERS JOINT COUNCIL 7**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 8, 2007*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I along with Hon. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER, Hon. ANNA G. ESHOO, Hon. MIKE HONDA, Hon. GEORGE MILLER, Hon. TOM LANTOS, Hon. ZOE LOFGREN, Hon. MIKE THOMPSON, Hon. PETE STARK and Speaker NANCY PELOSI are proud to rise today to honor Teamsters Joint Council 7 on the occasion of their 100th anniversary. There is a proud history, whose origins in the days of the California Gold Rush speak to a long-time concern for the welfare of working people.

In the mid-1800s, when San Francisco was a booming Gold Rush town, the Teamsters Association was formed to address competition from Australians who had arrived with stronger horses. While not a true trade union, it was the first teamster organization on the West Coast and the precursor of Teamsters Joint Council 7.

The Teamsters Association collapsed in the depression of 1854, and in 1856, a new Draymen's and Teamsters Union was formed. By 1888, however, the majority of working teamsters had dropped out, leaving a guild of employers and bosses. Due to poor conditions, a second attempt was made to create a union in 1900, and again the organization was commandeered by employers.

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters came into existence in 1903 and stepped up to organize local unions by occupation after the 1906 earthquake led to a more complex system of goods distribution. On November 18, 1907, the Joint Council was chartered to oversee these groups.

By 1912 there were 13 groups ranging from hackmen to ice wagon drivers. The Joint Council helped in disputes with employers as well as differences among the locals, relieving union officers of many routine duties and improving the welfare of the membership.

In those early years, Teamsters Local 85 dominated the operations and provided notable leadership. Local 85 had demonstrated its ability to create solidarity when they called a strike in 1901. Other labor unions rallied around, and the employers backed down. This action earned San Francisco a reputation as the strongest "Union Town" in the nation.

Today Joint Council 7 has 15 affiliates and serves the greater Bay Area from Santa Rosa in the north to Salinas/Monterey in the south. The current affiliates are:

Local 70, Oakland, Chuck Mack, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 78, Hayward, Steve Mack, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 85, San Francisco, Van Beane, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 278, San Francisco, Jack Bookter, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 287, San Jose, Bill Hoyt, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 315, Martinez, Dale Robbins, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 350, Daly City, Robert Morales, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 490, Vallejo, Carlos Borba, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 624, Santa Rosa, Bob Carr, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 665, Daly City, Ernie Yates, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 853, San Leandro, Rome Aloise, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 856, San Bruno, Joseph Lanthier, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 890, Salinas, Franklin Gallegos, President; Local 896,

Vallejo, Rene Medrano, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 912, Watsonville, Brad Sebring, Secretary-Treasurer.

Under the leadership of president Chuck Mack, who has served for 25 years, the organization has developed many additional functions. These include legal support, a commercial drivers' training program, political activity to support working families, alcohol and drug treatment, and maintenance of a charitable trust to assist members after disasters and tragedies as well as to support community causes.

Their own words say it best: "100 hundred years old and our members are still priority number one!"

Madam Speaker, organized labor in this country has led to better wages, health care, and pensions for workers. Throughout the years, Teamsters Joint Council 7 has reaffirmed its commitment to the working families of the Bay Area. We all wish Joint Council 7 continued success in the future and hope that their second hundred years will be as productive as the first hundred.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ELECTION  
OF CARL B. STOKES AS MAYOR  
OF CLEVELAND**HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of a personal hero, Carl B. Stokes. Today marks the 40th anniversary of his historic election as mayor of the city of Cleveland. The first African American mayor of a large American city, Carl Stokes was an inspiration not only to people of color, but all Americans.

Carl Stokes was born June 21, 1927 in Cleveland, OH to Charles Stokes, a laundry worker, and Louise Stokes, a cleaning woman. His father died when he was two, leaving his mother to raise Carl, and his brother, my predecessor, former Congressman Louis Stokes, alone. They lived in Cleveland's first federally funded housing project for the poor Outhwaite Homes.

Although a good student, Carl dropped out of high school in 1944. He worked briefly for Thompson Products before joining the U.S. Army at the age of 18. Following his discharge in 1946, Stokes returned to Cleveland and earned his high school diploma in 1947.

He would attend several colleges before earning his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota in 1954. He went on to graduate from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1956 and was admitted to the Ohio bar in 1957.

While studying law he was a probation officer. For four years, he served as assistant prosecutor and became partner in the law firm of Stokes, Stokes, Character, and Terry, and continued to practice throughout his political career.

In 1962, he became the first black elected to the Ohio House of Representatives, where he served for three terms. He made his first run for mayor of Cleveland in 1965, narrowly losing the bid. He would mount a second run in 1967 where he was able to mobilize both black and white voters to defeat Seth Taft, the

grandson of a former U.S. president William Howard Taft, by a 50.5 majority. As mayor, Stokes opened city hall jobs to blacks and women and initiated Cleveland: Now!, a public and private funding program aimed at the revitalization of Cleveland neighborhoods. Additionally, the National League of Cities elected him as their first black president-elect. He was reelected in 1969, and in 1971 chose not to run for a third term.

After his mayoral administration, Stokes lectured to colleges around the country. In 1972 he became the first black anchorman in New York City when he took a job with television station WNBC-TV. He returned to Cleveland in 1980 and began serving as general legal counsel for the United Auto Workers.

In 1983, he decided to run for the municipal court judgeship that I had vacated against an incumbent judge appointee. This election was the beginning of a long friendship that I could have never dreamed of or anticipated as a young volunteer on his 1967 campaign. From 1983 to 1994 he in that seat where he developed a reputation as a fair judge with a common sense approach to the law.

President Bill Clinton then appointed him U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles. He was awarded 12 honorary degrees, numerous civic awards, and represented the United States on numerous goodwill trips abroad by request of the White House.

Along with all of Carl Stokes great achievements, he inspired a young, black college student who was volunteered to work on his 1967 mayoral campaign to follow her dreams. He was a shining example for this young black woman, that through hard work and determination you could do the impossible. That young African American woman was me. I am able to serve here in Congress as the first African American woman elected to the House of Representatives from the state of Ohio, because Carl Stokes paved the way for me and many others. If there were no Carl Stokes, there would be no STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES. I am truly blessed to have been able to call him and his brother my friend. So, it is my honor and privilege to recognize this significant milestone today, and simply say, thank you Carl Stokes for your courage and tenacity forty years ago, and for inspiring me to follow my dreams.

HONORING AMBASSADOR RONALD  
WEISER AS THE 2007 CHELSEA  
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**HON. TIMOTHY WALBERG**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 8, 2007*

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, it is my special privilege to recognize Ambassador Ronald Weiser upon his receiving of the 2007 Chelsea Citizen of the Year Award. It is with great admiration that I congratulate Ambassador Ronald Weiser on behalf of all who have benefited from his hard work and dedication.

Ambassador Weiser, founder of McKinley Properties, understands the importance of a vibrant downtown to the growing Chelsea community. Through McKinley Properties, the