

graduate with honors from Livingstone College in Salisbury, North Carolina, Dr. Smith also earned two masters and two doctoral degrees. He has an MBA in Marketing and Finance, a Master of Divinity degree, a Doctorate in Higher Education Administration and Finance; and a Doctorate in Ministries.

Grand Master Smith is the Senior Pastor of the Mother African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, a major stop on the Underground Railroad, located in Harlem New York, which is the oldest African American institution in the State of New York, founded in 1796 and chartered in 1799. Dr. Smith is very proud of the history of Mother AME Zion, which was one of the earliest and most vocal opponents of slavery and a constant champion of abolition. Slaves who escaped north in search of freedom, knew they could find refuge and assistance at Zion Church, which became affectionately known as "Freedom's Church." In fact, Mother AME Zion became an important stop on the "Underground Railroad," hiding runaway slaves behind the pulpit in a secret passageway. Abolitionist and women's rights activist Isabella Baumfree transferred her membership from the John Street Methodist Episcopal Church to Zion Church in 1827. It was at the altar of Mother AME Zion in 1843 that she changed her name to "Sojourner Truth" and there she was also reunited with her sisters, who had been separated during slavery.

Sojourner Truth became one of the foremost voices for women's and equal rights and the abolition of slavery in America. Throughout its long history, Mother AME Zion has had many illustrious members who were leaders in the historic fight for freedom, including Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Paul Robeson, Madame C.J. Walker and many others who fought so valiantly to free African Americans socially, politically and spiritually. The legacy of this historic church is difficult to surpass, as it has always been a promoter of education and racial self-help for African Americans in this great city, playing a role in many of the social organizations that were founded to assist and improve the condition of the Negro. Reverend Dr. Smith holds and has held several major positions in the AME Zion Church, including Presiding President of the Elder's Council, and he serves on the Connectional Budget Board Executive Committee.

In 1976 at the age of 26, he was elected Director of Public Affairs and Convention Manager of the denomination, the youngest person to ever be elected to a worldwide office. In the past, he has served as Executive Secretary of the AME Zion Church Ministers & Lay Association, and, as pastor of the Mt. Hope AME Zion Church located in White Plains, New York, where in 5 years he transformed that congregation from 85 to 635 members, built and furnished a new multi-million dollar worship center and a pre-school program. Dr. Smith was also responsible for directing worldwide international relief assistance and other aid for the National Council of Churches' (NCC) 30 Protestant denominations. While at the NCC he raised more than \$200 million in program support.

Dr. Smith is a true "renaissance man," successfully integrating a successful career in business, public service and ministry. He has a proven track record of success leading nongovernmental, private, voluntary and religious agencies, with a strong expertise in the development of strategic alliances between public

and private sectors. He has 20 years of marketing, finance and managerial experience in Fortune 100 and Fortune 500 companies, with responsibility for over \$2 billion in revenue.

In December 1990, he was appointed by President George H.W. Bush as President and Chief Executive Officer of the African Development Foundation, an independent Federal agency located in Washington, D.C., with offices in 25 African nations and a staff of more than 300. He continued to serve in this capacity under President William J. Clinton's administration until May of 1995. He also serves as an officer and member of numerous boards of directors. Dr. Smith was interviewed by "The History Makers" on January 24, 2007, who designated him as one of the "Outstanding Men of America," and he was also the first African American in New York State to be selected by a major political party as their moral candidate. He continues to be active in local, State and national politics, as well as serving as President of Prince Hall Temple Associates, Inc. He is a member of Sigma Pi Phi—Beta Zeta Boulé, and is very well traveled, having visited all but five countries throughout the continent of Africa and over 30 other nations across the globe.

Madam Speaker, since our founding in 1812, The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons has followed in the Christian principles that were established in God's Holy Book, the Bible, of "Making Good Men Better"—which the foundation is character, the purpose is service and the measure is giving. As the grand nephew of our beloved spirited hero Paul Robeson, Reverend Dr. Gregory Robeson Smith was destined in his development to embody the principles, truths and heritage set forth by our founding fathers of the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. Dr. Smith takes over the leadership of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge at a crucial time in the history of the organization, and faces the daunting task of translating the historical usefulness of this ancient and honorable institution to meet the several challenges of its more than 10,000 members in today's "Information Age." His philosophy of life and service is stated in the words of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who said in 1948 on his application to Crozer Seminary, "I have an inescapable urge to serve society, and a sense of responsibility, which I could not escape."

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT  
JENNIFER EVITTS

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Sergeant Jennifer Evitts for her exemplary service to the United States House of Representatives through her work with the United States Marine Corps Office of Legislative Affairs.

Sergeant Evitts has been a steadfast asset for Members and staff, especially for my office, in responding to the myriad administrative and logistical questions and needs the House of Representatives often requires of our military liaison services. Her attention to detail, her ability to work quickly and independently,

and her cheerful engagement with whomever she encounters is always appreciated.

It is unfortunately usually the case that we fail to tell the individuals who mean the most to us, who do the most for us, how much they are valued until it comes time to send them on to their next adventure with our best wishes. I'm pleased, however, that Sergeant Evitts' contributions were formally recognized while she was still with us. It is my particular pleasure to note that due to her diligence and the merit of her efforts, Sergeant Evitts was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for meritorious service to the Marine Corps Office of Legislative Affairs. I am proud of Sergeant Evitts for earning such a prestigious award.

I personally congratulate Jennifer on her accomplishments, and I wish Jennifer and her family success and happiness in her future endeavors. She will be missed.

ALL THE MOORE—A TRIBUTE TO  
AN AMERICAN HERO: SGT JOHN  
MOORE, THE 1-25 STRYKER BRIGADE  
COMBAT TEAM, THE  
UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a poetic tribute penned by Albert Carey Caswell in honor of one of Tennessee's finest, SGT John Moore of Dickson Tennessee. On January 6th 2009 in Diyaoa Province in Iraq, SGT Moore was almost killed in an IED explosion. Like many of our nation's heroes who cheat death, they must then come back home and continue to fight another war. While John fought valiantly to try to save his leg, he lost that battle . . . but his courage and faith has helped sustain him through his darkest days. As he is a shining example to us all, as he inspires us all with his courage and positive attitude.

ALL THE MOORE

In this our Country 'Tis of Thee . . .  
There have been such fine patriots, so indeed!  
Whom, have so given up so much for Country!  
All to insure this our land of the free, for us . . .  
. . . so much would endure you see . . .  
As generation after generation, have so served this our fine nation . . .  
Who have so given up life and limb, all in those darkest of days war . . . so then . . .  
Who have so given, All The Moore!  
How can one so ask for more?  
Putting one's country first, while their own fine precious lives so last . . .  
Yet, knowing of the worst!  
From places, like Tennessee . . . have come such fine men, so indeed . . .  
Who are but The Toast of Tennessee!  
Men like John Moore, heroes who so boldly marched off to war . . .  
Leaving behind, all that they so love and adored!  
A man, of The 1-25 Stryker Brigade Combat Team . . .  
For this is how Angels are made it seems!  
So boldly marching off to war, as was John so seen . . .  
When, in the midst of hell . . . a bomb would almost take all of his future dreams . . .