

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING REV. ABRAHAM
REED, SR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rev. Abraham Reed, Sr., who is a remarkable civil and public servant.

Rev. Abraham Reed, Sr. was born on December 1, 1940, the third child of 10 children. He is a Civil Rights legend in the Jefferson and Claiborne County areas. Often when the movement did a boycott of a business in one county they would follow and boycott in neighboring counties.

Rev. Reed stated that he believed that he was used during the movement because he was not scared of anything, so he was the go-to man, when it was time for standing up to the Jim Crow society in Jefferson County.

Rev. Reed remembers that the movement started in 1965, when Mr. Charles Evers, another movement leader, would come into Fayette, MS to meet at Adams Chapel United Methodist Church in a mass meeting, then march to the Courthouse where demands of the people would be made. They wanted jobs in the stores and in the county offices and to have the same rights for good books for our children in their classrooms which would create the best opportunities for good jobs and education.

Rev. Reed remembers that it was well worth the marching, and the boycotting and the mass meetings, because after long hours and days of marching, many of their demands were met, resulting in two black ladies who were hired. Mrs. Doris White was hired at the Montgomery Store in 1966 and in that same year Mrs. Jeanie Enochs was hired at Hirsch's Store and these ladies worked at the stores for many years. And with continued success in the movement, another lady, Delorise Frye was hired as a Deputy Clerk in the Chancery Clerk's Office and worked there for many years.

Rev. Reed is a bricklayer by trade. He learned this trade from an elderly white man, Claude Brown. Rev. Reed was not participating in the movement to get a job for himself but because of his concern for others.

Rev. Reed stood guard over many of the most prominent civil rights workers at night and laid bricks by day. Oftentimes, while at Mr. Fernand Allen's house, he had to protect Mr. Allen, because he was the president of the NAACP. Therefore, Rev. Reed and others kept shifts because they were determined not to lose a great leader.

Rev. Reed laid the blocks to Mr. Allen's hotel that he was building, but when the MS Southern Bank at Port Gibson found out that Mr. Allen was active in the NAACP movement, the bank withdrew financing of \$20,000.00 and

the bank gave him 6 weeks to pay it back. Rev. Reed along with others participated in an emergency mass meeting and financial rally; and raised \$19,000.00 to cover this debt.

Rev. Reed often stood guard over other leaders of the NAACP as well as continued his trade of laying blocks all day. Often he picked up some worker's before they went on a job and the white folk came and enticed them to go to work with them, another bricklayer, would come by and try and get them to go to his job so that they would not get the building, that Rev. Reed was working on completed.

Rev. Reed enjoyed his work with the civil rights movement which was important work to him. He registered to vote in 1966 and assisted other blacks to register to vote. While doing this, others had to be called to assist in helping to register blacks because blacks were prevented from voting because they did not know how to fill out the forms or simply because of being black. But when help came, blacks were allowed to register and hundreds of blacks registered to vote.

Rev. Reed participated in registration drives and felt very proud when in 1969, a slate of black candidates ran for office in the City of Fayette and everyone that ran won.

Rev. Reed remembers the dangerous times during those years when blacks had to watch out for self and for others, yet he is proud to have been an active part of the movement.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Rev. Abraham Reed, Sr. for his dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, on June 11, 2013, I missed rollcall votes No. 212 and 213. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

Rollcall No. 212: "aye."

Rollcall No. 213: "aye."

CONGRATULATING THE YOUTH
CONSERVATION CORPS ON THEIR
29TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF
OUTING

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding work of the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC), and congratulate

them on hosting their 29th annual charity golf outing.

Originally started in 1974, YCC provides education and job training programs to prepare young adults to join the workforce and be active members of their community. Its founding principles intertwine conservation, environmental consciousness, vocational training and practical development in order to provide students with the best possible experience.

YCC serves disadvantaged, unemployed and ex-offender young adults, helping them build a path to a brighter future. In the last decade, throughout Waukegan and the entire Tenth District community, YCC has broadened its reach and expanded its programs.

The success of YCC is a testament to the power of public-private partnerships, and demonstrates how much good we can accomplish when working together to empower the next generation.

I would also like to honor Walgreens, based in Illinois's Tenth District, for their longtime support of YCC and its mission. A strong YCC partner since 1981, Walgreens, over the past eight years, has helped create the largest-netting non-national charity golf outing in north-eastern Illinois to support these incredible programs. Their generosity completely funds YCC's Summer High School Program, in addition to much more.

The dedicated men and women who make up YCC, as well as its many supporters, deserve to have their important work honored, and I am proud to recognize them here today. I am also proud of each and every YCC graduate for having the courage to take hold of their future. I wish YCC only the best as they continue giving this chance to more and more kids.

SWAP JURISDICTION CERTAINTY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I voted "yes" in error for the Swap Jurisdiction Certainty Act. As I stated in a dear colleague with fellow members, this bill will "undermine our financial regulators' efforts to regulate cross-border derivatives . . . putting our financial markets and economy at risk and undermining one of the most important provisions of Wall Street Reform." I stand firm with 124 of my colleagues who voted against this harmful legislation and will continue to fight for sensible policies that will prevent the kind of reckless gambling by our financial institutions that led us to the brink of economic catastrophe.

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