

Dr. Johnson, was born and raised on a livestock farm in Luck, Wisconsin, in the heart of western Wisconsin's dairy country in my district. He received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin at River Falls in 1961, he received his Master's from the University of Minnesota in St. Paul in 1963, and was awarded his doctorate by the University of Maryland in 1968.

Thirty-five years ago, in 1964, Dr. Johnson began his career with the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, first as a chemist with the Swine Research Branch, and later as Research Physiologist with the Reproduction Laboratory. He became Research Leader of the Germplasm and Gamete Physiology Laboratory when it was created in 1991. He also served for two years as Visiting Scientist at the Research Institute for Animal production in the Netherlands.

With Dr. V.G. Pursel, Dr. Johnson developed the Beltsville Freezing and Thawing Method for preserving swine sperm. This method has been commercially used for cryopreservation of boar semen since 1975 and it has been used for the exportation of the highest quality genetics to upgrade swine production in more than 40 countries throughout the world. Subsequently, Dr. Johnson initiated collaborative studies with Dutch which led to the Beltsville TS Semen Diluent becoming the primary swine semen diluent throughout the world, currently used in 12 to 15 million inseminations worldwide each year. More recently, his research led to the development of the only effective method to control the sex ratio of mammalian offspring, considered a major advance in reproductive biology, which has brought him world recognition as an authority on gender preselection. In 1993, Dr. Johnson and his colleagues successfully adapted the sexing technology to be used for disease prevention in humans.

Dr. Johnson has authored or co-authored more than 265 scientific papers, book chapters and abstracts, and he has presented 75 papers at various international symposia and meetings. His numerous awards have included the Alexander von Humboldt Award in 1994 for the "most significant accomplishment in American Agriculture in the previous five years", and, in the same year, he was recognized as the Distinguished ARS Scientist for the Year. Dr. Johnson's work has also been recognized in countries throughout the world from the Netherlands to Japan.

Upon his retirement from government service, Dr. Johnson will be returning to his home state of Wisconsin. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank him for his years of government service, and wish him well in his future endeavors.

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TRIBUTE TO DR. THOMAS LLOYD

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 22, 1999*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a man whose outstanding dedication to our children, the future of our nation, does

us all proud. Dr. Thomas Lloyd, General Superintendent of Schools in the Highland Park School District, passed away on June 28, 1999, at the age of 61. The community will miss him dearly.

Dr. Lloyd, who had served since 1996 as the District's 16th superintendent, was born in Miami and graduated from George Washington Carver High School there in 1956. After attending Morehouse College in Atlanta, Dr. Lloyd enrolled at Wayne State University, where he earned a B.A. in Psychology in 1963. In addition, he minored in Sociology and English. He continued on at Wayne State, where he earned a M.A. in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling, with a minor in Education. Subsequently, Dr. Lloyd earned his Ph.D. in Administration and Supervision at the University of Michigan.

From 1962-63, Dr. Lloyd served as research technician at Henry Ford Hospital and Lafayette Clinic in Detroit. He also served as a clinical psychologist at W.J. Maxey Training School in Whitmore Lake (1963-65), an assistant at Wayne State's Traffic Research Center, and as School Psychological Diagnostician for the Southern Wayne County Economic Group, Inc. (1966-68). Additionally, Dr. Lloyd served as dropout counselor and guidance department supervisor in the Detroit Public Schools; and as team leader, special instructor and acting supervisor of trainee affairs at the DPS Skills Training Center from 1965-66.

In his 32 years of service to the Highland Park School District, Dr. Lloyd held a variety of posts. A state-certified Psychological Examiner, he also served as School Diagnostician (1967-68), counselor at Highland Park Community College (1968-1971), Assistant Dean at HPCC (1971), and School District Special Education Programs Supervisor (1987). Dr. Lloyd also had an earlier stint as Superintendent of Schools (1978-87) and two periods as President of Highland Park Community College (1971-78 and 1993-96).

Dr. Lloyd was renowned and respected for his leadership ability in the field of education, always placing a strong emphasis on planning, efficiency and fiscal responsibility. His most recent accomplishment was a richly detailed blueprint for improved educational quality and student achievement, the 1997-2000 District-wide School Improvement Plan. Dr. Lloyd realized early on the impact that new technology would have on learning, becoming a strong advocate for high-tech teaching, learning and information services. He led the District into a new age of technology, accomplishing a swift transition into an exciting era.

Dr. Lloyd was also an impassioned defender of Highland Park Community College. He vociferously fought to keep the only convenient metro-area community college open, to serve thousands of "education-seeking students" who could not easily attend other institutions of higher learning. He fought to ensure that education was available to all, not just a privileged few.

Other initiatives fostered under Dr. Lloyd's stewardship were the creation of a new public information program, and in concert with the Mother's Club of Highland Park, reactivation of the Harvey C. Jackson, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund. Combined with local fundraising

and outside providers, the Scholarship Fund has issued \$173,400 in college scholarships to 127 Highland Park students in 18 years. Dr. Lloyd successfully grasped the importance of advanced education in the modern world and ensured that his gifted students were in no way restrained from reaching their full potential.

In addition, Dr. Lloyd, at various points in his career, served as chairman of national and local planning committees. He planned the first annual National Association of Black School Educators Summer Leadership Academy (Ann Arbor, 1983). He also chaired the Southeastern Michigan League of Community Colleges (1977-78), and served on the Executive Board of the Michigan Community College Association. Also, Dr. Lloyd was also a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, the Phi Delta Kappa educational honorary society, and various state and national professional organizations in the fields of psychology and education.

Dr. Lloyd has served as a member of executive boards of the Highland Park Boys' Club, Rotary Club, Caucus Club, Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of School Studies, and Detroit Black United Fund. In addition, he was a member of the Highland Park Lions' Club, Highland Park City Planning Commission, and the advisory board of the Reggie McKenzie Foundation, and has served as Trustee of Mayflower Congregational Church in Detroit.

In 1997, Dr. Lloyd received the honored Golden Apple Award, from the Trailblazer's Division (Scouting for the Handicapped) of the Detroit Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Dr. Lloyd is survived by his wife Karen, son Thomas (Melissa), daughters Lisa (Mark) and Charlene, stepdaughter Dawnielle, brothers Samuel and James, grandsons Kennie Hobbs, Jr., and Mark Jones, Jr., and granddaughters Danielle Mike; Jessica, Amber and Mallory Lloyd.

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IN REMEMBRANCE OF THREE HEROES; JOHN PITTMAN, LYNN ETHERIDGE, AND CHARLES ATTEBERRY

**HON. KEN BENTSEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 22, 1999*

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor three Texans, Mr. John Pittman, Ms. Lynn Etheridge, and Mr. Charles Atteberry who were tragically killed in a helicopter crash while en route to pick up a patient as part of the world renowned Hermann Life Flight program. Their helicopter crashed in eastern Fort Bend County this past Saturday, July 17, 1999. It was the first fatal accident for Hermann Life Flight program since its inception in 1976.

Mr. John Pittman, 58, was an accomplished pilot who worked on Hermann Life Flight for much of his career. Ms. Lynn Etheridge, 35, was flight nurse who provided quality emergency care services to injured persons. Mr. Charles "Mac" Atteberry, 32, was a dedicated paramedic who provided cutting-edge medical services to trauma care victims. All three were