COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE GARY L. ACKERMAN, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The Speaker pro tempore (Mr. Hill of Montana) laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable Gary L. Ackerman, Member of Congress:


Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT, Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

Dear Mr. Speaker: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House that I received a subpoena for documents and testimony issued by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined to comply with the subpoena to the extent that it is consistent with Rule VIII.

Sincerely,

Gary L. Ackerman, Member of Congress.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE HONORABLE GEORGE E. BROWN, JR.

The Speaker pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 252, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the committee to attend the funeral of the late George E. Brown, Jr.: Mr. Stark, California; Mr. Hastert, Illinois; Mr. Geperht, Missouri; Mr. Bonior, Michigan; Mr. George Miller, California; Mr. Waxman, California; Mr. Dixon, California; Mr. Lewis, California; Mr. Matsui, California; Mr. Thomas, California; Mr. Dreier, California; Mr. Hunter, California; Mr. Lantos, California; Mr. Martinez, California; Mr. Berman, California; Mr. Packard, California; Mr. Gallegly, California; Mr. Herger, California; Ms. Pelosi, California; Mr. Cox, California; Mr. Rohrabacher, California; Mr. Condit, California; Mr. Cunningham, California; Mr. Dooley, California; Mr. Doolittle, California; Ms. Waters, California; Mr. Becerra, California; Mr. Calvert, California; Ms. Eshoo, California; Mr. Filner, California; Mr. Horn, California; Mr. McKeon, California; Mr. Pombo, California; Ms. Roybal-Allard, California; Mr. Royce, California; Ms. Woolsey, California; Mr. Farr, California; Mr. Biliray, California; Ms. Lofgren, California; Mr. Rangel, California; Mr. Campbell, California; Ms. Millender-McDonald, California; Mr. Rogan, California; Mr. Sherman, California; Ms. Sanchez, California; Mrs. Tauscher, California; Mrs. Capps, California; Mrs. Bono, California; Ms. Lee, California; Mr. Kuykendall, California; Mr. Gary Miller, California; Mrs. Napolitano, California; Mr. Ose, California; Mr. Thompson, California; Mr. Obey, Wisconsin; Mr. Kildee, Michigan; Mr. Sensenbrenner, Wisconsin; Mr. Kildee, Michigan; Mr. Sensenbrenner, Wisconsin; Mr. Hall, Texas; Mr. Boehlert, New York; Mr. Barton, Texas; Mr. Gordon, Tennessee; Mr. Costello, Illinois; Mr. Paleomvaska, American Samoa; Mr. McNulty, New York; Mr. Roemer, Indiana; Mr. Garcia, Michigan; Ms. Eddie Bernice Johnson, Texas; Mr. Ehrlich, Pennsylvania; Mr. Rivers, Michigan; Mr. Lampson, Texas; Mr. Holt, New Jersey.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks to include extraneous material on the subject of the special order today by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. Bilirakis).

The Speaker pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

TRIBUTE TO PARKER HIGH SCHOOL, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

(Mrs. JONES of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Parker High School for its efforts in eliminating color barriers in public education in Birmingham, Alabama, and across the United States. I would like to thank my colleague, the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. Hilliard), for joining me in this tribute to recognize Parker High School.

Mr. Speaker, it is important to salute Parker for the significant contributions it has made in educating African Americans. My father, Andrew Tubbs, and my uncles, William Burns and Bernard Sherrell, are graduates of Parker High School.

Parker High School was, at one time, considered the world’s largest historically African American high school. The school was named after Arthur H. Parker, a teacher in Birmingham, who established the first school in 1899.

Mr. Speaker, I have heard many good things from my family members about how this school has done an excellent job in preparing its students to be leaders in their respective fields.

Parker High School boasts many firsts, for example, graduated the largest number of students at an African-American high school in U.S. history. And also boasts of an enrollment of 3,702 students fifty years ago. Many of their students participated in the Civil Rights Movement and have become well-known business, professional, and civic leaders in cities across our great Nation.

During the 1960s, Parker High School raised its academic standard above all other schools in the State, which gave its students what many considered the best education in Alabama. Some of its graduates include Arthur Shores, the first African American admitted to the Alabama Bar; Bernice Spraggs, Chicago Defender Washington correspondent; James W. Ford, Communist candidate for Vice President in 1936; Shelton “Sead” Hemphill, the trumpet player for Duke Ellington; and Laura Washington, vocalist with Erskine Hawkins. Many of their alumni have been respected community leaders in New York, Chicago, and my hometown of Cleveland, which is part of the 11th Congressional District that I represent.

I congratulate Parker’s class of 1951, who will hold its reunion on Friday, July 30, in Cleveland, Ohio. As a guest speaker, I will help the class celebrate its history and discuss their theme of “Crossing the Bridge to the 21st Century, By Passing our Legacy on to our Heirs.”

SPECIAL ORDERS

The Speaker pro tempore. Under the Speaker’s announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

IN RECOGNITION OF DEDICATED SERVICE BY MR. ROBERT TOBIAS

The Speaker pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to recognize the outstanding efforts of Robert Tobias on behalf of Federal employees. After 31 years of service to the National Treasury Employees Union and 16 years as its president, Bob is retiring to spend more time with his family.

Words alone cannot adequately explain the impact Bob Tobias has had