

where she worked for WRNL radio and was a reporter for the Richmond Times-Dispatch newspaper.

Marybelle and Gedney married on April 17, 1942, in Pensacola, Florida. This was one of the places where he was stationed during World War II, prior to service in North Africa and the Pacific. They were to have four children—Belle Boone Howe, Gedney Main Howe III, Robert Gasque Howe, and Donald Higgins Howe—all of whom became attorneys. After the war, the Howes made their home in Charleston where Marybelle was a homemaker and Gedney was the Circuit Solicitor. She was active in the P.T.A. and the Second Presbyterian Church where she served as head of the Junior Department for many years. She was also active in the Democratic Party and was honored for her lifetime of service, shortly before her death.

In the 1950's Marybelle was elected president of Church Women United. This bi-racial group sparked her interest in a ministry for migrant laborers and their children on the Sea Islands south of Charleston. Marybelle and the Rev. Willis T. Goodwin opened Camp Care on John's Island in the late 1950's to minister to the children of migrant workers. This activity later blossomed into Rural Mission, Inc. which has a myriad of programs today to assist the residents of the Sea Islands. Rural Mission honored Marybelle Howe just before her death with a day long celebration, placing her name first on its Honor Roll.

Marybelle Howe's pioneering efforts on behalf of migrant laborers helped to establish the South Carolina Commission for Farm Workers which later served as a model for federal assistance programs. It was only natural that she be named the founding chairman of the Charleston County Commission on Economic Opportunity. Her work to help African-Americans during President Johnson's Great Society proved to be controversial among conservative Charlestonians and she suffered social ostracism for her commitment to the poor. This did not cause her commitment to waiver; she continued to work on behalf of the poor for the rest of her life.

She also labored long and hard on behalf of the Charleston County Library, serving as a dedicated board member for 25 years, several as chairman of its board of trustees. The Library honored her after her death by re-dedicating the South Carolina room in her honor. She also served on the Board of Women Visitors of the University of South Carolina from 1962-1973 and again from 1981 until her death. The University of South Carolina Board of Trustees presented a Resolution to her family after her death, expressing its gratitude for her years of service to her church, her community and to the University of South Carolina.

Marybelle Howe, known for her zest for worthy causes, was a truly remarkable woman. Journalism was her chosen profession, and she was a writer all of her life. In addition to corresponding with family members weekly, she wrote a new short story as a gift for her children and friends each Christmas. She also enjoyed playing the piano, particularly ragtime pieces.

She was a wonderful wife, providing strength and balance in support of her husband's legal career. She was a wonderful mother, fair in her dealings with her children, inspiring them with her compassion for others and her non-judgmental nature. Marybelle's warmth and wit made others gravitate to her, and there was no doubt that she had a genuine love for people. She saw

everyone as a "basically nice person" and knew the secret of inspiring others to bring out the best in themselves.

REV. LAYFORD R. JOHNSON

Rev. Layford R. Johnson, the son of the late Henry and Alice Johnson, was born in the Hickory Hill section of Lower Richland County, SC, 82 years ago. Rev. Johnson attended the Richland County Public Schools. He is a lifelong resident of Eastover, SC.

Rev. Johnson's parents, Henry and Alice Johnson were farmers. He said that some of the primary values they taught him, that he has taught to his children are honesty, and hard work.

Rev. Johnson worked in his earlier years on the WPX, as well as an employee of the CC Camp for two years, and for Holley Hill Lumber Company. Later he became a self employed farmer full time.

Rev. Johnson and Mrs. Evelina Hinton-Johnson are the parents of seven children. In addition they are the grandparents to fourteen (14) grandchildren, four great grandchildren, two daughters-in-law, two sons-in-law, two elderly aunts and a brother.

Rev. Johnson has always been and remains active in the work of the Lord. He is Associate Pastor at St. Phillip A.M.E. Church. He is also a Class Leader and Steward Emeritus, after twenty years of service as a Steward of the church.

Rev. Johnson is a Meals-On-Wheels Volunteer. He has served in this capacity for the past eighteen (18) years. Rev. Johnson is a dedicated and loyal volunteer. In addition, Rev. Johnson is very active in the political arena. He always volunteers his time on election day providing transportation to the polls.

Currently, Rev. Johnson, 80 years old is active in his volunteer work and pastoring. In addition, he still farms his garden. He is truly, an inspiration to his family and friends. Rev. Johnson believes and lives by the Golden Rule, "Do unto others, as you would have others do unto you."

Mr. SANFORD. Madam Speaker, I join my South Carolina colleagues to honor a fellow Charlestonian—Marybelle H. Howe. I think what Mrs. Howe represents is something we should all aim for and that is being an active part of our community.

Mrs. Howe was a wife and mother of four children, but that did not stop her from participating in her church and her community. In the 1950's, Mrs. Howe was elected President of Church Women United, which brought her in touch with the migrant labor communities in the Sea Islands, just south of Charleston. In the late 1950's, Mrs. Howe and the Rev. Willis T. Goodwin opened Camp Care on Johns Island to minister to the children of migrant workers. This activity later blossomed into Rural Mission, Inc., which provides a wide variety assistance programs to the residents of the Sea Islands. Just before her death in 1987, Mrs. Howe was honored by Rural Missions, Inc. and her name was placed first on their Honor Roll.

Mrs. Howe's efforts with the poor raised the profile of the issue across the state. Her work with migrant laborers helped to establish the South Carolina Commission for Farm Workers. She was also founding chairman of the Charleston County Commission on Economic Opportunity.

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serving 25 years, several as chairman of its board of trustees. Today, there is a Marybelle Howe Room at the library in her honor.

She also served on the Board of Women Visitors of the University of South Carolina from 1962-73 and again from 1981-86. After her death, the University of South Carolina presented a resolution to her family expressing its gratitude for her years of service to her church, her community and to the University of South Carolina.

I hope we can all, in some way, follow Mrs. Howe's example. Passage of this bill will not only honor this fine lady, but will also be a reminder of community spirit for all of us in Charleston. I am proud to cosponsor this legislation and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this woman's contributions.

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. TERRY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3018, as amended.

The question was taken.

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 49 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska) at 12 o'clock and 34 minutes p.m.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE HONORABLE BOB BARR, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Jonathan Blythe, Chief of Staff of the Honorable Bob Barr, Member of Congress:

U.S. CONGRESS,

Washington, DC, February 28, 2000.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VII of the Rules