

GRATITUDE FOR THE SERVICE OF  
LASHAWN Y. WARREN

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2010*

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank one of the most dedicated and productive members of the Judiciary Committee staff for her service to the House, LaShawn Warren. For 2½ years, LaShawn served as Oversight Counsel for the Committee on the Judiciary.

LaShawn graduated magna cum laude from Savannah State College in Savannah, Georgia. She earned her law degree from Howard University, where she served as co-editor-in-chief of the Social Justice Law Review and rose to the leadership ranks of many of the law school's societies and associations. In addition to her law degree, she earned a certificate in non-profit management from Georgetown University's Center for Professional Development.

Prior to joining the staff of the Judiciary Committee, LaShawn served as Legislative Counsel for Civil Rights for the American Civil Liberties Union, ACLU. As Legislative Counsel, she prepared congressional testimony for the U.S. Congress and the United Nations Human Rights Council, UNHRC, and lobbied Members of Congress, UNHRC members, and their respective staffs on voting rights, education equity, racial profiling, employment, housing, domestic violence policy, welfare reform, privacy, international human rights, and civil rights enforcement. She chaired advocacy and legislative coalitions, worked with national and local media, and served as the lead strategist for the civil rights community's successful effort to reauthorize the Voting Rights Act in 2006. Prior to her tenure at the ACLU, she served as a legislative analyst for the Seattle City Council and as an Assistant Attorney General for the Washington State Office of the Attorney General.

During her time with the Judiciary Committee, LaShawn led the Congress' investigation into the enforcement of Federal civil rights laws, hiring practices, and resource management issues in the Civil Rights Division, CRT, of the Department of Justice. By the end of the 110th Congress, her work had exposed massive politicization of the CRT's operations, including its hiring practices and case-prosecution decisions. Cleaning up that division—so central to the equal rights of all Americans—is a great legacy of LaShawn's work at the Committee. She additionally served as the Committee's lead counsel on voting issues and conducted investigative and legislative work related to voting, employment, housing, predatory lending, bankruptcy, civil rights and criminal law enforcement, international law compliance, and civil rights in immigration policy. She authored large portions of the Committee staff's report "Reining in the Imperial Presidency: Lessons and Recommendations Relating to the Presidency of George W. Bush" and supervised the drafting and editing of the Committee's bipartisan amici brief in Northwest Austin Municipal Utility District No. 1 v. Eric H. Holder (2009).

On behalf of the Judiciary Committee, its staff, and this distinguished body, I would like to thank LaShawn for her service and for her unwavering commitment to protecting and advancing civil rights and liberties for all Americans. We are losing a dear colleague, mentor, and friend—her generosity, optimism, professionalism, and warmth shall be sorely missed. We wish her the best of luck and extend to her our deepest gratitude.

HONORING MR. ROD MORGAN ON  
BECOMING THE FIRST AFRICAN  
AMERICAN TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF THE INDIANA STATE  
BAR ASSOCIATION

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Rod Morgan, a remarkable jurist from Indiana's 7th Congressional District, who recently became the first African American to serve as president of the Indiana State Bar Association. I applaud Mr. Morgan for this monumental achievement.

Currently a partner at Bingham McHale LLP in Indianapolis, Mr. Rod Morgan's legal career has been vast and varied. His career has touched upon nearly every aspect of jurisprudence from serving as an Army Judge Advocate General, to acting as a legal advisor to numerous military and political leaders, to teaching law and writing scholarly papers. Mr. Morgan is also an active member of the community, serving on numerous boards and associations, recently serving as president of the Indianapolis Black Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the Partnership for Affordable Housing. His election as president of the Indiana State Bar Association marks yet another milestone in an exemplary career.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Rod Morgan and wishing him the best of luck in his latest endeavor.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF  
ELIZABETH JOYCE COSSER

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Elizabeth Joyce Cosser, lovingly known as "Nan" treasured grandmother of my wife, Elizabeth, and dearest mother and matriarch.

Mrs. Cosser was born in 1923 and spent her childhood in the beautiful, rolling farmlands of Nottinghamshire and later South Downs, England. Nan's unyielding love for the natural world, great joy of learning, deep commitment to family and sense of service to others was deeply rooted in her childhood. Moreover, Nan was raised to believe that girls were just as worthy as boys, and her fierce independence, courage and outspokenness shone throughout her life—and began during an era when women's rights and opportunities were still non-ex-

istent. A trailblazer in so many ways—Nan was a feminist and environmentalist before those words existed in the world's consciousness.

As a young woman, Nan ventured out on her own, eventually leaving home to become a nurse. During WWII, Nan's family homestead, Blackcap Farm, was destroyed by Canadian Troops who leveled the countryside with rounds and mortars during training maneuvers. At that same time, Nan worked as a nurse, tending to wounded soldiers amidst air raids and heaving bombing, in Brighton and the East End. After the war, Nan continued her chosen vocation of nursing, specializing in delivering babies. She became a community midwife, and delivered 1,265 babies, including Elizabeth, her namesake and granddaughter.

Nan coveted nature, and was on the forefront of the green movement and animal rights causes. In her spare time, Nan planted trees—thousands of trees. To this day, thick groves of chestnut, oak, buckeye and hazelnut trees grow along the country paths in Belhus Woods in Essex—all planted by Nan.

Nan taught by example, instilling in her children and grandchild a true love and respect for the earth and for each other. Beyond her love of gardening, Nan spent time with family on numerous outdoor adventures. She guided her grandchildren through the countryside, gathering berries which she later transformed into pies, jams, wine and even vodka. Her artistic talents and interests were extensive and varied; Nan excelled at painting, embroidery, knitting and pottery, and her adventurous spirit led her to journey to places around the world—researching the history of the culture wherever she went.

Nan combined her love of history and art, creating beautiful works depicting momentous eras and individuals in world history. Nan's keen interest in England's royal lineage led her to embark on an extensive project in which she researched every king and queen in England, dating back 1,000 years. Her research then inspired her to create an incredible series of pottery busts reflecting, in detail, the likeness and aura of royalty dating back one thousand years!

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Elizabeth Joyce "Nan" Cosser, whose kind and generous heart drew others to her. Nan's strength, integrity, and love for the world and its inhabitants, will forever live within the hearts of all us who knew and loved her well, and will forever reflect from the branches and leaves of the towering oak and chestnut trees along the English countryside—forever connecting us all in the cycle of life.

TOWN HALL BY MAIL SURVEY RESULTS FOR FLORIDA'S 10TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2010*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, our nation is faced with more major issues, and is more divided over how we should handle those issues, than at any time I have served in Congress.

These issues include matters of national security, financial security, economic security, and the future of our health care system. Last November, I asked residents of the 10th Congressional District I have the privilege to represent to share their thoughts with me on these and many other pressing issues. To date, more than 31,500 have responded to my survey which included 26 questions on a wide range of legislative matters. In addition, almost half of those who responded provided some very helpful additional comments about other matters of interest to them. In order to certify the accuracy of the results, I had an outside firm tabulate the surveys before returning them to me to review the comments.

Madam Speaker, following my remarks, I will include for the benefit of my colleagues the complete results of my Town Hall by Mail survey. As we return for the Second Session of this 111th Congress and begin debate on these many difficult issues, I think they will find these results of special interest.

CONGRESSMAN BILL YOUNG TOWN HALL BY MAIL

1. Which of the following do you feel to be the most pressing federal issue?
  - Federal Deficit, 17.33%
  - Job Creation, 16.02%
  - A Growing Federal Government, 15.14%
  - Health Care, 14.52%
  - National Security, 11.21%
  - Energy Independence, 8.83%
  - Immigration, 7.79%
  - Other, 3.61%
  - No Response, 2.86%
  - Housing, 2.69%
2. Are you satisfied with your current health care coverage?
  - Yes, 73.09%
  - No, 20.40%
  - Not currently covered, 4.77%
  - No Response, 1.73%
3. From what you have read about the pending health care legislation before Congress, do you believe this legislation would improve the quality of your health care coverage?
  - Yes, 15.85%
  - No, 70.71%
  - Unsure, 11.72%
  - No Response, 1.71%
4. From what you know about the health care reform legislation pending before Congress, would you support or oppose this legislation?
  - Support, 22.42%
  - Oppose, 65.81%
  - Unsure, 10.22%
  - No Response, 1.55%
5. Should health care reform include a government-run public option?
  - Yes, 28.49%
  - No, 60.44%
  - Unsure, 8.88%
  - No Response, 2.19%
6. Do you believe that any health care reform legislation should specifically prohibit federal funding for illegal immigrants to receive health care coverage?
  - Yes, 81.17%
  - No, 11.12%
  - Unsure, 5.99%
  - No Response, 1.71%
7. Should Congress raise taxes to pay for health care reform legislation?
  - Yes, 16.47%
  - No, 74.73%
  - Unsure, 7.04%
  - No Response, 1.76%
8. Should Congress pay for health care reform legislation by cutting Medicare by \$500 billion as proposed in the House bills?
  - Yes, 7.48%
  - No, 83.32%
  - Unsure, 7.44%
  - No Response, 1.76%

9. Should Congress require individuals to purchase health care insurance or face a tax penalty?
  - Yes, 17.02%
  - No, 73.54%
  - Unsure, 7.77%
  - No Response, 1.68%
10. Do you believe that the \$787 billion economic stimulus spending bill approved by Congress earlier this year has created jobs?
  - Yes, 15.32%
  - No, 73.67%
  - Unsure, 9.48%
  - No Response, 1.53%
11. Given the continued increase in unemployment, should Congress enact a second stimulus spending bill this year?
  - Yes, 13.31%
  - No, 72.66%
  - Unsure, 12.36%
  - No Response, 1.67%
12. Should the President approve the recommendation of General Stanley McChrystal to deploy some 40,000 more troops to Afghanistan?
  - Yes, 49.60%
  - No, 32.53%
  - Unsure, 16.04%
  - No Response, 1.83%
13. Would you be willing to pay higher fuel and energy prices to reduce the production of greenhouse gases?
  - Yes, 23.59%
  - No, 64.03%
  - Unsure, 10.52%
  - No Response, 1.86%
14. Should Congress be required to post major legislation online at least 72 hours before it's voted on in the House or Senate?
  - Yes, 85.08%
  - No, 5.90%
  - Unsure, 7.16%
  - No Response, 1.86%
15. Should Congress extend the \$8,000 federal first-time homebuyer's tax credit (the credit is set to expire on November 30, 2009)?
  - Yes, 48.66%
  - No, 41.21%
  - Unsure, 8.34%
  - No Response, 1.79%
16. Should Congress consider passage of a second Cash for Clunkers program?
  - Yes, 13.43%
  - No, 78.75%
  - Unsure, 6.27%
  - No Response, 1.56%
17. Should Congress provide additional bailout funds for U.S. automakers and financial institutions?
  - Yes, 2.88%
  - No, 90.71%
  - Unsure, 4.82%
  - No Response, 1.58%
18. The federal National Debt is currently over \$11.9 trillion and is projected to increase by more than \$9 trillion over the next ten years. To balance our account, Congress should:
  - Reduce government spending and eliminate programs, 83.30%
  - Increase taxes to pay for existing government programs, 13.43%
  - No Response, 3.27%
19. Should the federal government be required by law to have a balanced budget, as the Florida state government and most other states are required to do?
  - Yes, 79.64%
  - No, 9.18%
  - Unsure, 9.38%

- No Response, 1.81%
- 20. Which do you believe would do more to create jobs and stimulate the American economy?
  - Increased government spending and new government programs, 13.21%
  - Reducing taxes on private business (the U.S. business tax rate is the 29th highest of the world's 30 largest economies), 81.37%
  - No Response, 5.43%
- 21. The Federal Reserve had refused to disclose to the Congress which companies have been given trillions of dollars in bailout money. Should the Fed be subject to a full and complete audit of its actions?
  - Yes, 94.54%
  - No, 1.71%
  - Unsure, 2.24%
  - No Response, 1.51%
- 22. Should suspected terrorists be transferred from the prisons at Guantanamo Bay to federal prisons in the United States?
  - Yes, 20.62%
  - No, 67.22%
  - Unsure, 8.21%
  - No Response, 3.95%
- 23. Should amnesty for those here illegally be included in immigration reform?
  - Yes, 12.23%
  - No, 74.12%
  - Unsure, 9.69%
  - No Response, 3.96%
- 24. The measure of the cost-of-living for Social Security recipients is predicted to increase from 2010 to 2011, yet recipients are not likely to receive a cost-of-living adjustment the next year. Should Social Security recipients receive an increase in their benefits for 2012?
  - Yes, 74.86%
  - No, 10.60%
  - Unsure, 10.70%
  - No Response, 3.84%
- 25. Should the U.S. continue pursuing a missile defense shield in Europe?
  - Yes, 51.27%
  - No, 27.68%
  - Unsure, 17.19%
  - No Response, 3.86%
- 26. Should economic sanctions continue against Iran?
  - Yes, 78.87%
  - No, 7.27%
  - Unsure, 10.07%
  - No Response, 3.78%

IN TRIBUTE TO SHARON SCHULTZE

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication and contributions of my Senior Legislative Assistant, Sharon Schultze.

On Monday, January 11, 2010, Sharon retired after seventeen years of service in my Washington Congressional office. In and of themselves, these years are enough to qualify her for special recognition, but she also served as my Assistant for four years when I was a member of the San Diego Board of Education, as my Council Representative for five years when I was a member of the San Diego City Council, and in numerous roles in many of my campaigns, including Finance Director for two of my Congressional Campaigns. When one of my early campaigns