roots movement that cut across race and class. We learned how to empower and engage our communities so that our voices would be heard and our issues addressed.

In the 25 years since Rev. Jackson's historic run for the Presidency, America has witnessed monumental changes culminating in our Nation electing the first African American President. Much remains to be done in this great Nation to achieve the American Dream, but Rev. Jackson's example of perseverance and coalition-building continues to inspire hope and change and provide for the participation of all of those in our great democracy.

Rev. Jackson, you have shown us that if the dream can be conceived, it can be achieved. And we honor you today.

RECOVERY.GOV REPORTS FAKE JOBS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last night, I learned that the government's own official Web site that was designed to report waste, fraud and abuse of the misnamed stimulus funds has produced a fake report.

Recovery.gov, the official administration Web site, shows that $6 million was to create six jobs in South Carolina's fake 16th Congressional District. It shows that $3 million couldn't even produce a single job in South Carolina's fake 43rd District.

Somehow, $1.8 million was spent for 1.4 jobs in the fake 00 district. This would be funny, but the money belongs to the taxpayers, not the government. The administration is mocking people looking for jobs.

Americans are faced with fake districts and fake jobs. Democrats and Republicans should work together to jump-start America's economy by promoting real jobs for real, hardworking American families.

In conclusion, God bless our troops and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

Congratulations, Jesse Jackson of Greenville, South Carolina.

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE REVEREND JESSE JACKSON

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

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today in honor of the Reverend Jesse Jackson, Sr., and to recognize his landmark and barrier-breaking run for the Presidency of the United States of America 25 years ago. I was his campaign Chair in the U.S. Virgin Islands and a committed delegate during both campaigns and conventions.

Although I recall those days on the platform committee, fighting for every vote on the floor and the tears of admiration from people from every corner and segment of U.S. society when he spoke to us, what I remember most was his coming to the aid of an often cast-aside, forgotten or ignored, misunderstood territory of our great Nation in our time of need.

After the devastation of Hurricane Hugo in 1989 and the ensuing negative media portrayal that our community endured in its wake, I contacted him through my DNC Black Caucus Chair, Dr. C. Delores Tucker, and Rev. Jackson came to St. Croix with an entourage that included Cicely Tyson to bolster our spirits, inspire our recovery efforts, and stave off an ill-informed Presidential declaration of martial law.

Jesse, there is so much for which we are grateful to you, but for me and the people of the U.S. Virgin Islands, we love you for always coming to the aid of those whom many look upon as the ''least of these,'' God's people. You are doing God's work.

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CONGRATULATING ST. AGNES SCHOOL IN FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY

(Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the students, faculty, and staff at St. Agnes School in Fort Wright, Kentucky. St. Agnes was recently named a 2009 Blue Ribbon School. The Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors schools that are either academically superior or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement to high levels. These schools serve as models for others throughout the Nation.

I recently had the opportunity to meet the students and faculty at St. Agnes and speak with them about their efforts to improve their school. Students and staff are unable to be here today in Washington with us because they're back in Kentucky working hard in the classroom to uphold their high standards. However, the students in Ms. Patti Conway's first-grade class sent a distinguished visitor to represent them in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in welcoming Teddy to the House of Representatives and extend our congratulations to all of the students of the St. Agnes community for their outstanding achievement.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF REV. JESSE JACKSON

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KUCINICH. We feel the presence of Rev. Jesse Jackson not only in this Chamber but in this Nation. Through nearly a half century commitment to social and economic justice, Rev. Jackson heard the call of Dr. King and marched for civil rights and helped to make civil rights for millions of Americans a reality.

He heard the call of the prophet Isaiah early in his life and made justice the measuring line—not just social justice, but economic justice, political justice. He heard the call of Matthew and made his life about a commitment to doing for the least of the brethren; asked the question, When I was hungry, did you feed me? When I was homeless, did you shelter me?

He has been and continues to be a powerful force for economic justice in America. He has and continues to be a person who points the way—a way-shower—for jobs, for health care, for housing, for education. Let us celebrate Rev. Jesse Jackson by continuing to support his work.

THE AMTRAK SECURE TRANSPORTATION OF FIREARMS ACT OF 2009

(Mr. FLEMING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, last month, I introduced H.R. 3789, the Amtrak Secure Transportation of Firearms Act of 2009. The bipartisan legislation will permit law-abiding gun owners to legally transport firearms on Amtrak trains—just as Americans have been able to do for years on our Nation's airlines.

Currently, sportsmen who choose to travel by rail for a hunting trip are left in an impossible situation because of Amtrak's prohibitions against checking unloaded firearms in the secure baggage car. Conversely, these same gun owners are legally allowed to check guns in their luggage on our Nation's airlines, of all places. Why the double standard? Should our federally subsidized passenger rail line have more restrictive regulations than air carriers?

The Amtrak Secure Transportation of Firearms Act would require Amtrak to enact regulations similar to those the U.S. airline industry uses to regulate the secure transport of firearms on airplanes. The requirements would apply for any year that Amtrak receives a federal subsidy.

I ask my colleagues here to support this bill.

TRIBUTE TO REV. JESSE JACKSON

(Mr. CONYERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, as I look over the House, no one has known Jesse Jackson longer than I. I remember him coming to Detroit, I remember going to Chicago, and I remember the work that he was doing even before Dr. Martin Luther King added him to the top of his staff as a valuable assistant.

The quest that he pursued then is still the quest that he pursues now.