

Resnicks contribute \$50 million annually to life-changing initiatives like community development efforts, educational programs, and the Wonderful Health and Wellness initiative, which Lynda directly oversees.

Lynda's philanthropic efforts extend well beyond the company. She was recently honored as a Life Trustee for her donations to, and service as a Board of Trustees member on the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Additionally, she is an executive board member of the Aspen Institute's board of trustees, and contributed over \$30 million to establish the Resnick Sustainability Institute at the California Institute of Technology.

Lynda's lifetime of philanthropy, and generous contributions to the communities where Wonderful operates, deserve our recognition and gratitude. The Bakersfield College Foundation Sterling Silver Medal recognizes Lynda's many achievements, and I want to thank her for her tireless leadership and devotion to the communities and citizens of the Central Valley.

CELEBRATING THE INVESTITURE  
OF DR. LILY D. MCNAIR, 8TH  
PRESIDENT OF TUSKEGEE UNI-  
VERSITY

**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 21, 2019*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Inaugural Convocation and Investiture of Dr. Lily D. McNair as the 8th President of Tuskegee University and the first woman to ever serve as President in the University's storied 136-year history. Prior to her appointment at Tuskegee, Dr. McNair served for nearly seven years as provost and senior vice academic for affairs at Wagner College—a private college of 2,200 students located in Staten Island, New York.

Dr. McNair grew up in Browns Mills, New Jersey and is the eldest of four children. She is the daughter of a Japanese seamstress and an African American veteran who worked as a payroll clerk after serving in the Korean War.

Unlike many of her friends at other schools, Dr. McNair was lucky to have a high school guidance counselor who encouraged her, an aspiring first-generation college student with scarce financial resources, to apply to the Ivy League university she had dreamed of attending since she was a little girl. Because of her own experience, Dr. McNair believes in the value of mentorship and has placed a special emphasis on working with students and faculty to advance their goals.

Dr. McNair was the first in her family to attend college, and among the first African American women to attend Princeton University just six years after the university began admitting women. Dr. McNair earned her bachelor's degree in psychology in 1979, and master and doctorate degrees in psychology from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Dr. McNair served as associate professor of psychology and associate director of the Clinical Psychology Doctoral Training Program at The University of Georgia, where in 1999 she was the first African American woman to ob-

tain tenure and promotion in the psychology department. Dr. McNair's career in higher education also includes other appointments at the State University of New York at New Paltz, Vassar College and Spelman College. At Spelman, Dr. McNair was responsible for cultivating the institution's research capabilities, worked to strengthen faculty involvement in research and improve the efficiency of research resources.

Dr. McNair's upbringing in a working-class family and her public school background deeply influenced her philosophy on higher education, as she has sought to elevate and open doors of opportunity for minorities in academia. While at the University of Georgia, she was actively involved in increasing the numbers of African American psychology graduate students. Likewise, as the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Wagner College, Dr. McNair helped increase the diversity of hired faculty by over 115 percent.

A clinical psychologist by training, Dr. McNair's research has focused on the development and evaluation of community-based interventions that target substance abuse and early sexual behavior in African American youth. Preliminary findings of her longitudinal studies demonstrate the significant impact of positive parenting practices on children's outcomes across a variety of domains.

In addition to her numerous academic accomplishments, Dr. McNair is a dedicated mother to Randall and Marguerite Roberts, and wife of Dr. George W. Roberts, a retired senior administrator at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

On a personal note, I am proud to know Dr. McNair as a fellow graduate of Princeton University. She is a devoted administrator, committed public servant, inspirational figure, tireless educator, loving wife and proud mother. I know Dr. McNair will be an exemplary president of this esteemed institution, bringing to the position a keen intellect, strong advocacy abilities, steadfast work ethic and deep faith in God and the power of Mother Tuskegee. I look forward to continuing to work with Dr. McNair in her new position to bring more resources and greater opportunities to Tuskegee University. I gladly wish her well in her new endeavors.

On behalf of the 7th Congressional District and the State of Alabama, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the inauguration of Dr. Lily D. McNair as the 8th President of Tuskegee University and as the first woman to ever hold the position. I am honored to pay tribute to Dr. McNair for her tireless service and for the stellar and positive leadership she will surely continue to provide for all those who are a part of the Tuskegee University family.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NA-  
TIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOP-  
MENT ASSOCIATION'S 50TH ANNI-  
VERSARY

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 21, 2019*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary

of the National Community Development Association (NCDA). Since its genesis in 1969, the NCDA has been a pillar of support for cities and counties across the country, including the Fifth Congressional District of Missouri.

The NCDA is a nonpartisan, national, non-profit organization that was established to assist cities across the nation in administering the new U.S. Housing and Urban Development funds and programs created through President Johnson's Model Cities Program. In doing so, they rose to help address the great disparities in housing options and opportunities that had created racial and socioeconomic inequality in many of our great American cities.

The NCDA represents cities on a federal level for programs such as the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships, among a myriad of others. Specifically, the NCDA has fought to improve local infrastructure and provide greater accessibility to safe, decent, and affordable housing, as well as greater economic opportunities. Through these initiatives, the organization has expressed a commitment to providing tangible services that will strengthen both families and communities across the country. Through the NCDA's prestigious John Sasso Award and Audrey Nelson Award for Best Practices in Community Development, they annually recognize and celebrate significant contributions and solutions to affordable and alternative housing projects through federal grants.

Moreover, as an integral part of the NCDA model, they respect diversity and inclusion in leadership as a fundamental part of effective leadership. Throughout their fifty years of service, the organization sought to represent diversified backgrounds and individualized expertise. They continue to include a wide variety of organizations and individual voices as we collectively search for solutions to urban difficulties and discover ways to implement greater equity in housing as time moves forward. These voices are brought to national attention each year at the National Community Development Week hosted by the NCDA. This annual conference educates Members of Congress on the achievements of federal programs like HOME and CDBG so that these programs can continue to address a need for affordable housing and community development.

Today, NCDA membership has grown to include over 400 separate cities and counties. The organizations and governments represented across that vast membership continue to carry out a centralized goal and purpose. As they have been since day one, the NCDA continues to serve as a united, national institution to provide services and support for local governments and policy makers as they work on critical federal community development and housing programs.

Madam Speaker, please join with Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in honoring the National Community Development Association for their remarkable achievements over the span of fifty years across the nation and in our own community. We stand to celebrate their indelible mark on our society.