

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
RONALD V. DELLUMS

SPEECH OF

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 1998

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to RON DELLUMS—a distinguished member of this body who has announced that he will retire this Friday.

The House will lose an outstanding Member of Congress with Representative DELLUMS's retirement. Congressman DELLUMS has served his constituents and the United States well and faithfully in the 27 years since he was first elected to Congress.

RON DELLUMS's career before his election to Congress helped prepare him for his outstanding service in the House. His service in the U.S. Marine Corps provided him with experience that would be of great use during his many years on the House Armed Services Committee. His experiences as a social worker and as a job training and development program manager provided him with insights into the everyday problems facing many American families. And his service on the Berkeley City Council provided him with valuable first-hand knowledge of the challenges facing municipal governments.

RON DELLUMS was first elected to Congress in 1970, campaigning on a platform of civil rights, environmentalism, and social justice. He clearly delivered on that promise in his first term and in his subsequent terms.

In his 14 terms in office, RON DELLUMS has served on a number of different committees, including the Foreign Affairs Committee, the National Security/Armed Services Committee, the District of Columbia Committee, the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and the Select Committee to Investigate the Intelligence Community. He served as chairman of the Armed Services Committee and of the District of Columbia Committee; he has the distinction of being the first Member of Congress to chair two different House standing committees.

RON DELLUMS has earned his reputation as an opponent of wasteful military spending. He believed that the defense budget could be reduced significantly without compromising our national security. He was unwavering in his efforts to cut military spending and shift federal resources to addressing pressing domestic needs. He worked diligently to halt the nuclear arms race, and with that end in mind he was a vocal opponent of strategically unwise weapons systems like the MX Missile and the B-2 Bomber.

Congressman DELLUMS was instrumental in recent years in drafting and offering an annual alternative budget that reflected progressive, fiscally responsible policies rather than the status quo, and he was an articulate and respected advocate for dramatic changes in federal spending priorities.

Congressman DELLUMS was active in a number of other areas as well. He introduced health care reform legislation as early as 1977. He introduced housing legislation and infant mortality bills. He led the fight against Apartheid in South Africa, introducing legislation as early as 1971 to impose economic

sanctions on that country. He worked to help create the Department of Education and to fully fund Head Start. He was involved in environmental issues like dredging. And he was a strong supporter of the Civil Rights Restoration Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act in 1987.

Congressman DELLUMS has had a remarkable career in the House. He has left his mark, made many friends, and earned great respect on both sides of the aisle.

RON, we will miss you here in the House. We will miss your insight, your passion, your eloquence, and your sense of perspective. We wish you well in your future endeavors.

CORINNE ROTH SMITH NAMED
HANNAH G. SOLOMON AWARDEE
OF THE YEAR

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 4, 1998

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I want to ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating a Central New York woman of whom I and my community are very proud, Corinne Roth Smith, the 1997 Hannah G. Solomon Award Recipient.

This prestigious award is named in the memory of the founder of the National Council of Jewish Women. The concerns of the NCJW include the improvement of the quality of life for people of all ages and backgrounds. To paraphrase the recent tribute: Corinne Smith has helped to change and expand the role of other women in vital areas of the community. Her leadership has motivated others to fight for change and has resulted in public enlightenment.

This is the 25th year in which the NCJW's Greater Syracuse Section has presented this award. As I salute Corinne Smith, I congratulate the Syracuse Section as well.

Corinne is a volunteer, organizer and community leader extraordinaire. She has led the United Way, been a board member of Hillel, chaired the Federal Campaign for the Jewish Community Center, and in fact was the first woman to serve as President of the JCC.

She has received the Jewish Family Service Humanitarian Award, as well as the Syracuse Post-Standard Woman of Achievement in Education award. As the Dean of Academic Programs for the School of Education at Syracuse University, Corinne has touched the lives of students, families and even indirectly other academicians through her outstanding publications which deal with learning disabilities, her specialty area.

It is with great pride that I enter Corinne Smith's name in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD today as a exemplary citizen, a mother, wife, and civic leader who rightly deserves this tremendous honor as well as our great esteem and deep respect.

HONORING THE REVEREND HARRISON T. SIMONS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE IN THE AREA OF RACE RELATIONS

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 4, 1998

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call the attention of the Congress to the work of the Reverend Harrison T. Simons of Oxford, North Carolina, for outstanding public service in the area of race relations. Reverend Simons received the Nancy Susan Reynolds Award on November 22, 1997 given by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation. The Nancy Susan Reynolds Award was founded "to seek out unsung heroes who have made a difference in their North Carolina communities."

On January 1, 1998, Reverend Simons retired from his position as rector of St. Stephen's Church and vicar of St. Cyprians Church in Oxford. As our nation prepares to celebrate Black History Month, it is appropriate to honor the work of Reverend Harrison, for his more than twenty-five years of service to the cause of racial harmony. I commend the work of Reverend Harrison and all members of the Oxford, North Carolina community of all backgrounds for their work in enhancing relations among people of every race. The Nancy Susan Reynolds Award to Reverend Harrison proclaims the following:

THE 1997 NANCY SUSAN REYNOLDS AWARDS

When Z. Smith Reynolds died in 1932, his two sisters and brother wanted their portion of his estate to benefit the people of North Carolina who had helped to create that wealth. So they formed the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation in 1936. When their uncle, William Neal Reynolds, died in 1951, he left the majority of his estate to provide additional support to the Foundation.

One of the founders of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation was Smith Reynolds' sister, Nancy Susan Reynolds, who has been called "the most remarkable woman of widely diversified philanthropy in Twentieth Century America." She believed in taking risks, even risking failure; she respected leadership and those who exhibited the courage "to try again and again."

She held strongest to the conviction that the best societies are those built from the bottom up and that a good community is not improved by grand gestures alone but by many people working together for common goals. In 1986 the Trustees of the Foundation created the Nancy Susan Reynolds Awards to honor her by seeking out unsung heroes who have made a difference in their North Carolina communities.

This is the twelfth year that the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation has presented the Nancy Susan Reynolds Awards, recognizing the uncommon leadership of North Carolinians whose vision, determination, resourcefulness, and strength of character have caused them to succeed where other individuals would have failed.

Even today, few people outside the recipients' neighborhoods would recognize their names. You will not find among the previous winners a governor, a corporate executive, or a bishop. You will find a priest, a teacher, a carpenter, a forester, a farmer, a librarian, and a physician assistant. What is remarkable is how each, usually with limited resources and in spite of the odds, has accomplished extraordinary good in his or her community.