

Hodding Carter III, the former editor of Greenville's Delta Democrat Times newspaper and a Mississippi contemporary of Mr. Watkin's, described him as "one of those southerners who loved this place so much that he had to change it. He had to do what he knew was the right and necessary thing in a very hard time. He had to break with so much that was basic to his past." Carter is president of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation in Miami.

In 1975, Mr. Watkins returned to Washington and joined the Center for Policy Alternatives and helped found the Flemming Leadership Institute.

There, Linda Tarr-Whelan, the organization's board chairman, called him a "larger-than-life figure with a thick Mississippi accent, a magnetic personality and a gift for telling stories."

He habitually wore cowboy boots and a ten-gallon hat. When chemotherapy treatments for his cancer caused some of his hair to fall out, Mr. Watkins simply shaved his head and started wearing an earring.

In the 1980s, Mr. Watkins was task force director for the Commission on Administrative Review of the U.S. House of Representatives, which also was known as the Obey Commission. He was a former legislative assistant to Rep. Frank E. Smith (D-Miss.).

He served on the boards of Common Cause, Americans for Democratic Action and Mid-Delta Head Start, and most recently he was a board member of Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington.

He was a former vestryman and a teacher in the Christian education program of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Washington.

His marriage to Jane Magruder Watkins ended in divorce.

Survivors include his companion, Anita F. Gottlieb of Washington; two children, Gordon Watkins of Parthenon, Ark., and Laurin Wittig of Williamsburg, two sisters, Mollye Lester of Inverness and Ann Stevens of Newark; a brother, William S. Watkins of Alexandria; and four grandchildren.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, during roll call vote number 150 and 151 on H. Con. Res. 100 and H.R. 2043, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on both.

RACIAL PROFILING EXISTS

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I submit for the RECORD to document that Mr. Beulah is an honest, respected constituent and his letter depicts that racial profiling does exist!

5/24/01.

To: Chief Jeffery Patterson

Re: Boardman Police Department; Racial Profiling

DEAR CHIEF PATTERSON: My name is Gerald Beulah, Jr. I am an employee of Clear Channel Youngstown; WKBN AM Radio, located at 7461 South Ave. in Boardman. I am the Senior Engineer and Producer of Morning

Programming on 570 WKBN AM. I am also an African-American.

On Wednesday, May 23, 2001, the topic of discussion on "Mangino in the Morning" and "The Dan Ryan Show" centered around Racial Profiling with regards to the Boardman Police Department being the recent primary investigators thereof.

Unfortunately, I also was the nucleus of the conversation because of my personal experiences, which were becoming more frequent as I drove into work daily. I felt and commented on the air that I believed I had become the target of such profiling, including the very morning this show aired.

Quite simply—what happened was I was making a left turn onto Tiffany Blvd. from South Ave. A Patrolman was sitting at the stop sign, preparing to turn onto South Ave. As I passed him, I noticed from the rear view mirror that he had placed his car in reverse, turned around and proceeded to follow me, albeit stealthily. The officer slowly crept along Tiffany Blvd. as I exited my vehicle and walked toward the Clear Channel Complex. He remained in clear view, allowing me to see him watching me and it was only after I had entered into the building that he sped away.

Unbeknownst to me, Morning Talk Show Host, Robert Mangino was entering the parking lot from the opposite direction, having to pass the patrol car as he entered. He commented when inside, that he had observed the officer's movements pursuant to my own and that it was "quite funny" that the officer did not back up to watch him enter the building. Thus our "on-air" conversation ensued.

What I also stated on air—and which is absolute truth—is that in the year and a half that we have occupied this building, I have been "profiled" at least four (4) times at this location alone. Twice, an officer stopped me on the grounds of Clear Channel. In February, the officer aggressively approached my vehicle with his car, penning me into the parking space (I guess he anticipated me fleeing—however, I had already taken the time to park)—his car lights were flashing and his flashlight was shining squarely in my face. Since I was already in the process of exiting my vehicle, I spoke first—asked what the problem was, only to be asked what I was doing "here." I responded that I worked at this facility and he inquired as to my job description. I told him and he turned off the lights and pulled away, remarking that he thought I was going "kind of fast back there."

I would like to make it perfectly clear, that these incidents have only happened in the early hours of the morning—between 4:40 and 5:00 am—as my shift begins at 5:00 am sharp; and only within a few feet of Clear Channel.

I have never been stopped on South Ave (which is my usual route) for speeding, running a red light, an inoperable taillight, brake light or any other violation.

Although my family and I live in Youngstown, we shop and dine in Boardman frequently. I admit to being "followed" from time to time—but—and your own records should substantiate this—I have never received a ticket—or an official warning from any officer for any reason. I consider myself to be an upstanding member of my community who tries to seek the best in people while making my own contribution to be my best.

I am in no way a "Jesse Jackson" type who looks under every rock for racial injustice—nor do I play "the race card" to seek an advantage over others. It's obvious that racism exists—and even though I have experienced my share, I do not let my personal experiences deter me from judging others on their own character and merit.

In my "on-air" comments, I made it very clear that I did not lop the entire Boardman Police Department under "One Umbrella"—nor did I speak in generalities—only to my specific experiences, which I again state, seem to be occurring more frequently. I also commended one of your officers, I believe his name to be Mike Mullins, who at one time dropped off a book of American History Quotes for me to give to my daughter, who is graduating from Cardinal Mooney this June. Dan Ryan took the liberty to read from this book on the air—so again I have expressed no personal vendetta against your department.

Since WKBN serves the public trust, and these shows generated a large volume of calls, it was suggested by many that "something be done." Either we call you, specifically for a response, or I file a lawsuit and on and on. What I decided was to send you this correspondence in the hopes that you would keep it on file as an official complaint concerning these incidents. It would be nice to receive a formal apology from you—but I am not demanding it. I leave you to search your own heart before making that decision.

I trust that this letter alone will suffice to curtail further unfair behavior, towards myself—or any other minority who has expressed similar treatment. Over time, there has been a stigma and slogan related to these experiences common in the Black Community—it's called "DWB"—Driving While Black. I hope that the Boardman Police would take the initiative in totally destroying such a negative connotation, while simultaneously rebuilding the level of common respect from one human being toward the other. I do understand the difficult nature of your jobs and the dangerous conditions you face daily, however I trust that your professionalism and discipline would shine through in each and every situation.

Sincerely,

GERALD H. BEULAH, JR.

Clear Channel Youngstown,
WKBN AM.

THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT OF 2001

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my full support for H.R. 1184, a bill that requires the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the contributions of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to the United States. I am proud to be a cosponsor of this bill, which was introduced by my good friend and colleague Representative JIM LEACH on March 22, 2001. A similar piece of legislation has been introduced in the other body by U.S. Senator MARY LANDRIEU on February 15 for herself and 24 other members of the Senate.

Dr. Martin Luther King proved to be a man larger than life, and had an extraordinary impact not only on the civil rights movement, but on the history of America. The 40th anniversary of his "I have a dream" speech, delivered at the foot of the Lincoln Memorial, is fast approaching in the year 2003. That may seem far in the future, but in the realm of coin design, we do not have the luxury of waiting because of the time that it will take the Mint to prepare dies and to make this a part of the overall commemorative program.