

Commissioner Dimora is a man I hold in very high regard for he has greatly touched the Cleveland community. He has dedicated his entire life to public service and enjoys working with his constituents. He is people-oriented, kind-spirited, hard-working, and dedicated to his work and community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring a very fine man and wishing him a happy birthday. Commissioner Jimmy Dimora is truly a man of the people, and has served the Cleveland community selflessly his entire life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2001

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I did not vote on House Concurrent Resolution 145 when the House of Representatives considered it on June 13th (rollcall vote No. 161). Had I voted on House Concurrent Resolution 145, I would have voted "yea."

TRIBUTE TO FREDERICK STEPHENS HUMPHRIES, PH.D., NOTED EDUCATOR, SCHOLAR, AND GREAT AMERICAN

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2001

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, tonight I am pleased to pay tribute to Frederick Stephens Humphries, one of the true giants of higher education in this country. We all recognized early in his 16-year tenure that he is a man of great vision and wisdom. As President of Florida A&M University, he built it into one of this nation's premier institutions of higher education.

Dr. Humphries is one of those special individuals in whom there exists not only an immense capacity for service, but also that touch of genius which everyone recognizes but no one can define.

Under Dr. Humphries' leadership, Florida A&M's enrollment has more than doubled and the number of graduates has tripled. He did this simultaneously while raising standards and improving the overall quality of the student body. Three times in the last ten years Florida A&M has been the top choice of National Achievement Scholars, tying last fall with Harvard for attracting the largest number of these high-achieving students.

Thanks to Fred Humphries, Florida A&M now has the triple distinction of being the nation's largest single-campus historically black college, the No. 1 producer of African-Americans with baccalaureate degrees, and the leading producer of African-American teachers.

Perhaps his single greatest contribution to America and to African-Americans is that, during his 26-year career as a college President, Dr. Humphries has taught an entire generation of African-Americans that there was room for intelligence and idealism in our world, and that "excellence with caring" was not just a way to live but a way to live greatly, that with edu-

cation and knowledge each of us might share in the promise of our age.

So to you Frederick Stephens Humphries, I want to thank you for all that you have done not only for Florida A&M, but this nation and our world.

ESPERANZA'S 11TH ANNUAL FIESTA OF HOPE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Esperanza, Incorporated for their years of education to the Cleveland community and celebrate their 11th Annual Fiesta of Hope to be held on Friday, June 22, 2001.

Esperanza, Inc. is the only non-profit organization in Ohio dedicated to the promotion and advancement of Hispanic education. This organization attracts hundreds of volunteers who tutor, mentor, and provide guidance to students of all ages. Volunteers provide assistance to students looking for scholarships and academic advice.

Since its formation, Esperanza, Inc. has celebrated its diversity through a yearly "fiesta." Last year, Esperanza, Inc. awarded 55 scholarships that provided much needed assistance to students. An education is the backbone of a healthy and productive life, and this organization is spending their time and energy in promoting a sound education for all people.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognition of a fine educational association. Esperanza, Inc. has served the Cleveland community for over a decade. I am humbled and grateful to have such a worthwhile organization in my district, and wish them the best of luck with their 11th Annual Fiesta of Hope.

A TRIBUTE TO WAYMAN F. SMITH III

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2001

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer my comments and warmest congratulations on the retirement of my friend, Wayman F. Smith III, who is leaving his position as Vice President of Corporate Affairs for the Anheuser Busch Corporation after 20 years of dedicated service. Throughout his life, Wayman Smith has remained a committed public servant who has made it his life's work to expand opportunity and raise the aspirations of African Americans in both his native St. Louis and our country as a whole.

As a young man during the height of the Civil Rights Movement, Wayman made the dangerous journey through the segregated South to help register African American voters as part of the NAACP Voter Registration Project. Later in the Sixties, Wayman entered the political arena and was elected to the St. Louis Board of Aldermen, where he served for twelve years. He also served four years on the Board of Police Commissioners for the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department.

Wayman Smith began his high school years in the 1950s at the segregated Summer High School in St. Louis, but later transferred to and graduated from Soldan High School following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Brown vs. Board of Education*. After completing his undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Monmouth University in West Long Branch, New Jersey, Wayman later went on to earn his Juris Doctorate degree from Howard University School of Law. Following his graduation from law school, Wayman became a partner in the law firm of Wilson, Smith, McCullin and Smith and later served as a judge in the St. Louis Metropolitan Court and served as the director of the Conciliation for the Missouri Commission on Human Rights.

During the last twenty years, Wayman has served as Vice President of Corporate Affairs for the Anheuser Busch Corporation, where he has been credited with building positive and economically productive relationships between Anheuser Busch and the African American community. Under Wayman's leadership, Anheuser Busch's Corporate Affairs Department expanded its Minority Purchasing Program initiative from less than \$1 million to nearly \$200 million. As a result, the Anheuser Busch Corporation today holds the honorable distinction of having done business with every African American, Hispanic and women-owned financial institution in the nation.

Additionally, his department has raised over \$160 million for the United Negro College Fund and he founded the "Budweiser Jammin' for Education Fund" a major provider of college scholarship funds for our nation's urban youth. Literally hundreds of organizations have benefited greatly from Wayman's assistance, including the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, which received a direct contribution from Wayman Smith to help pay off the mortgage on its Washington, D.C. headquarters.

In addition to his professional responsibilities, Wayman Smith has always been a leader in community involvement. He founded and chairs the African American Initiative for the United Way: a program that has raised millions of dollars for worthwhile charities in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area. Wayman is also Chairman of the Board of Regents for one of our nation's historically black educational institutions, Harris-Stowe State College, and serves on the Howard University Board of Trustees where he is also Chairman Emeritus. Wayman Smith also participates on the boards of the St. Louis Gateway Classic Foundation, the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Rankin Technical College, the NAACP Special Contributions Fund, and the United Way of Greater St. Louis.

Now after twenty years at the corporate helm, Wayman plans to enjoy his early retirement from Anheuser Busch by returning to his first love, private legal practice. This summer, Wayman will rejoin his brother, Christopher M. Smith, Sr. and six other attorneys in the Smith Partnership in St. Louis, where he will continue to represent Anheuser Busch as well as other national and international interests.

It is my pleasure and honor to recognize Wayman F. Smith III, for the many contributions he has made on behalf of his beloved City of St. Louis, his community and his nation.