

TRIBUTE TO PASTOR HERBERT
GUICE

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great spiritual and civic leader, Pastor Herbert Guice for his lifetime of ministry. In addition, he has been a tireless champion of education, empowerment, and equality for more than 89 years.

Reared by his mother, Mrs. Eulee Guice, Reverend Doctor Herbert Guice was born in Rentisville, OK. The family later moved to Kansas City, MO, where he and his younger brother grew up and where he attended Lincoln High School and Baptist Seminary. In 1942, he moved to Oakland, CA, and in 1953, he organized Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, the first Black church founded in Alameda. Bethel Missionary was the first modern Black church built from the ground up.

Pastor Guice has provided broad civic and community leadership as: organizer and first president of the Alameda branch of the NAACP; executive board member, Alameda Red Cross; Chair of the Board of Directors of the Oakland Industrial Corporation; Advisory Committee member for the Oakland Unified School District. He has also served on the Adult Minority Employment Project and Oakland Economic Development Council, the Alameda County Welfare Advisory Committee, and was president of the Baptist Ministers Union.

In 1961, Reverend Doctor Guice established an educational and scholarship program which has awarded over \$1 million dollars to over 3,000 students. He instituted the Bethel Baptist Church Job Placement Program in 1971, providing full-time and part-time job placements for 2,500 young people and adults. In 1983, Pastor Guice led the church's efforts to purchase a lot and construct the Dr. Herbert Guice Christian Academy for pre-school through sixth grade, which was completed in 1997. The sixth grade class of June 2002 was the first graduating class of the Academy.

Finally, as we honor Pastor Guice today, I want to thank him on behalf of the entire 9th, Congressional District for being an exemplary role model, pastor, and preacher. Pastor Guice is known, acknowledged, and appreciated as, "an originator not an imitator." He has been a friend who has shared his wisdom and has given me tremendous support. Most of all, I thank Pastor Guice for his indomitable spirit and his prayers.

I take great pride in joining Reverend Doctor Guice's friends and colleagues to salute the extraordinary Herbert Guice.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ROBERT D.
JENSEN

HON. JIM KOLBE

OF ARIZONA

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Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the community of Tucson, Arizona, I would like to express our gratitude to Dr. Robert D. Jensen, a pioneer in the community college movement

who has led Pima County Community College District as Chancellor for the past eight years. As he retires, it is fitting that Tucson thanks him for the leadership and vision he displayed at local, state and national levels. He has left a legacy that will benefit our children and grandchildren for generations to come.

A Tucson Citizen editorial paid tribute to this "highly visible community leader, working for higher education funding and ensuring that Pima Community College is a key cog in the community. Jensen has concentrated on making the college a truly local institution, responsive to local educational and job-market needs. He will be badly missed."

While in Tucson, Bob Jensen brought Pima Community College to the workforce development and economic development tables through business, government and education partnerships. He served on the board of directors for the Tucson Airport Authority, the Greater Tucson Economic Council (GTEC), the United Way, the Arizona Town Hall Board and the Carondelet Foundation. He was appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Higher Education, and is on the national boards of the American Council on International Intercultural Education, Community Colleges for International Development, and the American Association of Community Colleges where he chaired its Executive Committee on Public Policy/Government Relations.

He is recognized by his colleagues for his leadership in advancing the level of professionalism in educational administration and for his passion and dedication to enabling students to achieve success. He has worked tirelessly to make a college education accessible to all and to expand community college resources within the city of Tucson. He has mentored several generations of people who are now in executive administrative positions throughout America's community colleges. He co-authored the Insider's Guide to Community College Administration, a primer on issues facing campus leaders. He faced tough issues head-on, tackling each with generosity, creativity, and wisdom.

Dr. Jensen has served as a chief executive officer in higher education for 25 years of his 41-year career. His leadership at four community colleges in California and Arizona includes a broad range of expertise and experience in administration/management, curriculum, instruction, planning, institutional research, professional development and community outreach.

Bob Jensen earned a bachelor's degree in business/administration/accounting and a master's in education/English/literature from Linfield College in Oregon. He began teaching in 1962, but returned to college on a National Graduate Fellowship to earn his doctorate in community college administration from Washington State University. Jensen served in numerous positions at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham, Oregon; as Deputy Chancellor at Los Rios Community College District in Sacramento; President of the District's American River College; Chancellor of Rancho Santiago Community College District in Santa Ana; Chancellor of the Contra Costa Community College District in Martinez, California; and, finally, as Chancellor of Pima County Community College District in Tucson, Arizona.

A sampling of awards and honors accorded to Dr. Jensen include Pacific Regional Chief

Executive Officer Award from the Association of Community College Trustees; National Pacesetter by the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations, CEO of the Year by the National Council for Research Planning. In addition he was honored by the national community college honor society, Phi Theta Kappa, with its Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction for executive leadership, and by the Tucson PTK chapter, Alpha Beta Chi, with its lifetime achievement award, renamed the Robert D. Jensen Award. Pima County Workforce Development recognized him for his achievement in the development of a well trained work force, he received several Community Services Award from the League of United Latin American Citizens and was honored for his work in advocating equal access and affirmative action by a conference of black educators (SAAMP). He also received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Research and Planning Group for California Community Colleges; and received the Annual Leadership Award for serving the Mexican American Community from SER/Jobs for Progress.

None of this would have been possible without the loving support of his wife, Jan, and his four daughters—Marjorie, Becky, Shelly, and Megan, as well as the indomitable high spirit and energy he inherited from his mother, Dorothy. The light of his life, his first grandchild, Jake, will no doubt give him great joy in retirement.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to pay tribute to one of the great leaders in the community college movement in the United States.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JAMES BROWN

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in order to recognize James Brown, a longtime resident of Gilboa, NY. Though, because of redistricting, Mr. Brown is no longer one of my constituents, it is with gratitude I stand before the distinguished Members of the House and salute his many years of tireless dedication to the Upstate New York community.

Since being elected to the House of Representatives, I have been privileged to work with Mr. Brown on my Service Academy Selection Committee. Mr. Brown labored diligently for ten years, charting the future for many of the 22nd Congressional District's most talented young men and women. As a veteran of the United States Air Force, Mr. Brown offered a soldier's perspective to this panel of notable citizens, proving himself a dedicated and insightful partner.

Mr. Brown's commitment to public service spanned beyond his tenure in the Armed Forces and service on the Academy Selection Committee. Mr. Brown showed a great commitment to the betterment of his community, serving on the Schoharie Board of Supervisors since 1990 as Supervisor of the Town of Gilboa, holding the title of Board Chairman from 1994 until 2001. Mr. Brown has also answered the call of New York's Chief Executive, Governor George Pataki, by lending his keen insight and sense of community to the ongoing New York Watershed agreements.

Mr. Brown is a true public servant. He embodies those qualities that re-affirm my pride