

and third parties to ensure that this legislation and the settlement agreement are implemented consistent with these goals.

TRIBUTE TO NORTH JERSEY CHAPTER OF THE LINKS, INC., PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH, AND DR. DORIAN J. WILSON FOR THEIR WORK ON NATIONAL DONOR SABBATH AND THE LINKAGES TO LIFE PROGRAM

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the participants in The Linkages to Life Program of the North Jersey Chapter of the Links, Inc., which has as its service area Essex, Hudson, Bergen and Passaic counties in the fine state of New Jersey. Each year, for the past 5 years, Links, Inc., and Roche form a major lifesaving or life-altering function by conducting the Linkages to Life program in houses of worship. Today approximately 93,000 people are awaiting transplant surgery, and 25 percent of the people awaiting transplants are of African descent.

Nationwide, we reserve the second weekend in November each year to emphasize the need for life-saving and life-altering blood, organ and tissue donation in houses of worship throughout the United States of America. The National Trends and Services Facet of the North Jersey Chapter of the Links, Inc., chaired by Beverly McQueary Smith, a past president of the National Bar Association, and a native and resident of Jersey City, New Jersey spearheaded this year's effort on behalf of the North Jersey Chapter of the Links, Inc.

Links, Inc., is built on a foundation of friendship and service. Sarah Scott and Margaret Hawkins founded it on November 9, 1946, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Today, it contains a network of over 10,000 Black women. Gloria P. Watson, the principal at Dionne Warwick Institute in East Orange, New Jersey, is the current president of The North Jersey Chapter of the Links, Inc., established in June 1949. The Motto for Links, Inc., this year under the leadership of National President Gwendolyn B. Lee, Ph.D. is "Seizing the Opportunity to Provide World Class Leadership, Friendship and Service." The members of the North Jersey Chapter of the Links, Inc., exemplify that motto.

By way of background let me first say that the United States Department of Health and Human Services started to coordinate National Organ Donor Sabbath in 1996, and November 10–12, 2006 marked the 10th anniversary celebration of the National Donor Sabbath program.

My friend Beverly McQueary Smith, who worked on my first campaign many years ago, was blessed with a hardworking and diligent committee. The members of the National Trends and Services Facet include:

Jessica L. Morse, who works for Community Agencies Corporation of New Jersey in Newark;

Dr. Paulette Stanford who promotes HIV and AIDS prevention and awareness at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey;

Dr. Montrae Calhoun Thomas, a pediatrician in Orange, NJ and the first lady of Pilgrim Baptist Church, and last, but certainly not least,

The Honorable Shirley Tolentino, a judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey sitting in Hudson County, a former president of the National Association of Women Judges, and a former president of the North Jersey Chapter of the Links, Inc., organized this year's Linkages to Life program at Pilgrim Baptist Church on 34 Hudson Street in Newark, New Jersey.

Linkages to Life focuses on educating people of African descent about the importance of blood, tissue and organ donation, and Linkages to Life is a 5-year partnership between Roche and Links, Inc., which resulted in the publication of a pamphlet, "Can We Talk?"

The Reverend Clarence Thomas, the pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church in Newark, NJ, agreed to allow members of the North Jersey Chapter of the Links, Inc., to worship with and to present its Linkages to Life Program on National Donor Sabbath to the members of Pilgrim Baptist Church. He delivered a powerful sermon on organ donation.

Dr. Dorian J. Wilson, a transplant surgeon and a native of Jersey City, and member of the faculty at The University of Medicine and Dentistry spoke at the Linkages to Life program at Pilgrim Baptist Church.

Leslie and Laureen Britton, Kevin and Tawanna Waters, and the Honorable Mumtaz Bari-Brown, an administrative law judge in the city of Newark and also a member of the North Jersey Chapter of the Links Inc., discussed the impact of organ and tissue donation on their lives. Garry Branch spoke in his choir robe about how he learned that he needed a kidney transplant. Other members of the congregation talked about their decisions to donate organs of their loved ones.

Former Chapter President, Leanora Logan serves as the Eastern Area Representative for National Trends and Services, who returned from a meeting in Virginia to bring greetings at the Linkages to Life program. Attendees recognized the hard work of the representatives from Ketchum Marketing including Katie Donnelly, Nichole Rothkopf, Adam Pawluk and Amy Losak of Link Victoria Dent's office. They thanked Gail Safian and Ellen Lambert of Roche for providing the brochures and organ donor cards for the Linkages to Life Program.

The North Jersey Chapter of the Links, Inc., thank Newark City Council President Mildred C. Crump and her counsel, Victoria F. Pratt for making sure that members of the City Council provided proclamations to Pilgrim Baptist Church and the North Jersey Chapter of the Links, Inc., during the service.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the hard work of people who work in and serve my congressional district. Their work was reported by the New York Times, The Houston Chronicle, The Record, News 12 NJ, and also aired on The Today Show. This body should acknowledge their willingness to help let my constituents know how important it is to donate blood, tissue and organs.

IN CELEBRATION OF RILEY MOORE, AN EXCEPTIONAL GODFATHER

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 90th Birthday of my Godfather, Riley Moore. Riley Moore exemplifies all the qualities one would want or expect from a Godfather.

I am 57 years old and Riley Moore and his wife of 56 years, Mattie, have not missed a birthday, a graduation, a Christmas, an election victory, the birth of my son, my marriage, the celebration of the life of my mother, or any other significant or insignificant event in my life. For all of these reasons, I am eternally grateful for the love and instruction I have received from Riley and Mattie Moore.

Riley and my father, Andrew Tubbs, worked together as skycaps for United Airlines for almost forty years. My mother, Mary Tubbs, and Mattie Moore were born on the same day. They were both members of the Wives Club, an organization composed of wives of skycaps. The Wives Club hosted picnics, parties and other events in support of their husbands.

Riley introduced my father to the game of golf more than fifty years ago. He and my father have since golfed all over the world. Their circle of friends in golf includes Charles Sifford, who was recently inducted into the Golf Hall of Fame in Scotland. It also includes Renee Powell, one of only three African-American women to ever play on the Ladies Professional Golf Association's (LPGA) tour, and her father, William Powell, who was the first African American to design, construct, own and operate a golf course. This golf course is located not far from my district, in Canton, Ohio. At age 90, Riley is still an avid golfer.

Although Riley and Mattie have moved from Cleveland to Centerville, Tennessee, they have yet to miss an opportunity to celebrate an event in my life. In addition, they call my 86-year-old father every Sunday. Although he is homebound, he eagerly looks forward to these weekly phone calls from his friend.

Mr. Speaker, I wish that everyone could have a godfather like my godfather, Riley Moore.

RECOGNIZING SAMUEL A. BRANDT FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Samuel A. Brandt, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 357, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Samuel has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Samuel has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.