

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO JOSEPHINE AJAYI

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, March 21, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Josephine Ajayi for her significant contributions to the nursing profession and her community.

Josephine Monilola Ajayi is a black American of Nigerian origin, born in Oshogbo, capital of the Oshun state of Nigeria. She had her primary and secondary education in Nigeria. She was trained and registered as a Grade 1 Midwife, and worked in this capacity in Nigeria for four years. She was married to David Ajayi, and later migrated to the United States to join him in 1973.

Josephine attended the New York City Community College and graduated with an Associate's degree in Nursing and became a Registered Nurse. She went on to earn a Bachelors of Science in Nursing from the Long Island University Brooklyn Center, from where she later earned the MS degree in Community Health and Healthcare Administration.

Currently Josephine is the Regional Clinical Manager for Queens at the Visiting Nurses Service (VNS) of NY Long Term Home Health Care Program. She joined the organization in 1993 as an Admissions Coordinator, moved up to Patient Service Manager and then Compliance Manager. Before joining the VNS, she practiced her profession of nursing in several other institutions including St. John's Episcopal Hospital, Lutheran Medical Center, Metropolitan Jewish Geriatric Center and Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center where she held the Assistant Head Nurse position in the Rehabilitation Unit.

She is an active and devoted member of the Calvary First Nigerian Seventh-day Adventist Church. She has been a Church Board member and has held many positions in the church, including, Deaconess, Secretary/Clerk, Women Ministry Leader, Education Director, Youth Teacher, etc. She is a woman who loves God and strongly believes in the power of prayer. She is a Prayer Warrior.

She is blessed with five children, Temitayo, Olumide, Abimbola, Olubusayo (daughter-in-law) Olaoluwa and Atilola, all of whom are grown and independent. Outside of Nursing, Josephine is quite active. She belongs to Ipoti Ekiti Unity Club (IEUC) of New York, a cultural organization whose main goal is the betterment of the community the members came from, and she was recently the president of the club for five years. She also is a member of Nigerian Adventists in North America (NANA), an organization devoted to the spiritual, mental, physical and cultural well-being of its youth and older members. She is a member of the Africa Advisory Board of the Atlantic Union of Seventh-Day Adventist Church. She is a recipient of the Exemplary Leadership Award from the IEUCNY and the Ipoti community. Her hobbies include sewing, photography, shopping and cooking.

She is a woman who believes that "what is worth doing at all is worth doing well." She fully commits herself to any efforts she decides to pursue, be it in her private or public life, with the goal of making a difference for the better in the job environment and in the lives of consumers of her services. She is a person who does not believe in mediocrity. She learns details of her job and endeavors to produce excellence. She is generous and supportive of others and endeavors to make a difference in other people's lives.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Josephine Ajayi.

A TRIBUTE TO BARBARA BIGGS GLOVER

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Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Barbara Biggs Glover, a leader in local business and professional organizations and a great asset to the Brooklyn community.

Barbara Biggs Glover is the daughter of Raymond R. Biggs, Sr. and Ruby E. Biggs, both deceased. She is the oldest of her siblings, four sisters and two brothers. Barbara grew up in Brownsville's Van Dyke Houses. Barbara is a graduate from PS 150, George Gershwin J.H.S. 166 and Prospect Heights H.S. She attended Pace University and New York Technical College.

Barbara was employed by New York Telephone Company 1968. She was an active Union Shop Steward in 1972 (CWA 1109) and 1986 (CWA 1101) and Chief Steward in 1995 for Communications Workers of America Local 1101. Barbara served as Vice President of the National Black Communication Coalition, NY chapter, a member of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists. CWA 1109 and CWA 1101 Equity Committee, CWA Local 1101 Women's Committee, CWA International Minority Caucus, Co-Editor for the CWA Local 1101 Newspaper "The Generator" in 1995, National Council of Negro Women, Brooklyn Women's Coalition, and the Association of BellTel Retirees, Inc. In 2001 she retired from Verizon after 33 years of service as a Facilities Specialist and Chief Steward.

In 1982, Barbara joined the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (NANBPWC) as a member of the former East New York Club (ENYC), Barbara was elected President and became a Life Member in 1993. In 1995, Barbara became a member of the Brooklyn Club, NANBPWC, Inc. Barbara was appointed and serves as the Brooklyn Club's Liaison to Acorn Community High School. She is currently the President of the Brooklyn Club, NANBPWC, Inc.

Barbara is a Charter member of The Brooklyn Restoration Lions Club International, Dis-

trict 20-K1. She has served as Co-Chair of membership and currently serves as Chair of Membership and 20-K1 Brooklyn Chair of Lions Guest. She is the Vice President of the 300 Quincy Street Association and serves on the 79th Precinct Community Council, Inc., as an Outreach Coordinator and has received an Appreciation Award for Service in July 2008 and a member of the Community Board #3 Block and Civic Committee. The East New York United Concerned Citizens, Inc. presented Barbara with a Woman of Distinction Award on Saturday, October 27, 2009.

Barbara Biggs Glover is a member of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church. Faith and Family is the essence of a person. She is blessed to be happily married to James L. Glover; they have two beautiful daughters Jerrita Elydia Teel, Anissa Nicole Glover, son James Malik Glover and two handsome grandsons William Ameer Toland IV and Samuel Alexander Bivens III.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Barbara Biggs Glover.

A TRIBUTE TO ADUKE AREMU

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Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Aduke Aremu, an educator and writer whose work has helped children in Brooklyn and throughout the world.

Aduke Aremu was born in Brooklyn, New York where she graduated with honors from George W. Wingate High School. She received scholarships and awards to attend Hunter College where she graduated from with a Bachelor's Degree and Masters Degree in Education and Theatre. She received her degree in Education Administration and Supervision from the College of New Rochelle and a Ph.D. from New York University.

Her success as an educator and writer took her to Africa many times and eventually she received the loving name Aduke Aremu which she uses as an international writer along with her birth name Gwendolyn given to her by her parents.

Aduke Aremu worked for the Department of Education of New York City, the Department of Education of Connecticut and the Department of Education of Westchester County. During this 27 year period, she opened two innovative schools: The Star Academy was created and opened by Aduke in the South Bronx for Bi-Lingual Students and the International Arts Business School at Wingate High School. The International Arts Business School was the brain-child of Aduke Aremu and funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in collaboration with the United Federation of Teachers and the New York City Board of Education. Aduke organized a committee of business people, political leaders, artists and community leaders to galvanize interest in this project which found a home as a small school

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