

you, Mr. CLEAVER, for your service, your friendship and for your leadership.

A TRIBUTE TO CHAIRMAN
EMANUEL CLEAVER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. FUDGE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to salute EMANUEL CLEAVER, II, my chairman and my friend, the Congressman from the great State of Missouri who was unanimously elected to lead the Congressional Black Caucus for the 112th Congress. As we move closer to adjournment of this Congress, I rise with my colleagues to thank EMANUEL CLEAVER for his stellar leadership and sacrifice during the last 2 years.

From councilman to Kansas City's first African American mayor to Member of Congress, and most recently our leader, Chairman CLEAVER has continually represented the interests of both his constituents and scores of under-represented Americans with an undeniable zeal and passion.

The leader of the Congressional Black Caucus carries the burden of modeling that which makes us the "Conscience of the Congress," and he has succeeded. A man of fine intellect and unwavering integrity who daily exhibits his deep-seated belief in civility, Chairman CLEAVER is firm in his convictions based on what is right rather than what is expedient. As an ordained minister with many years of pastoral experience, EMANUEL CLEAVER has not only served as chairman of the caucus but has served as our spiritual adviser as well. He is a friend on whom we can all depend. He is selfless and unassuming, yet powerful, respected, and a trusted leader on both sides of the aisle. Chairman EMANUEL CLEAVER has earned the respect and admiration of citizens throughout this Nation and many beyond our borders.

Today, I salute Chairman EMANUEL CLEAVER. Today, the Congressional Black Caucus salutes him. We thank him for his dedication to our people, his devotion to the highest standards and his undeniably effective leadership. Our caucus thanks Chairman CLEAVER, our country thanks him, and I thank him.

A TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSIONAL
BLACK CAUCUS CHAIR EMANUEL
CLEAVER, II

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Ms. RICHARDSON) for 5 minutes.

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great man, one of the most respected Members of this House, a leader of unparalleled ability, a trusted friend, and one of the best chairs in the 41-year history of the Congressional Black Caucus. I'm talking about the distinguished gentleman from Missouri, the honorable EMANUEL CLEAVER, II.

The Congressional Black Caucus has long and rightly been known as the "Conscience of the Congress," and it's no exaggeration to say that EMANUEL CLEAVER is the conscience of the CBC.

Prior to being elected to the House of Representatives, he served on the local level. But since coming here to the House in 2004, EMANUEL CLEAVER has been a champion for the poor, the aged, the infirm, and for those struggling to join the middle class or working to stay there. He has worked tirelessly to expand educational and employment opportunities for those looking to build a better life for themselves and their families and to represent God. He has done so with dignity, grace, civility, and unflinching good cheer.

As CBC chair during the 112th Congress, EMANUEL CLEAVER understood the importance of drawing attention to the economic crisis in the African American community, where the unemployment rates were more than double that of whites. And under his leadership, the CBC launched the "For the People" Jobs Initiative, hosting town hall discussions and job fairs, one of which was in Los Angeles, in my hometown, and four other urban areas hit hardest by the recession.

The CBC took the feedback that was received from those communities and its recommendations for creating jobs to the President, who included them in the American Jobs Act.

Following the assault and the murder of Trayvon Martin, an unarmed African American teenager in Florida, the CBC stood up for his parents and made sure their plea for justice did not go unheeded. Chairman CLEAVER understood that justice delayed is justice denied. And when the precious right to vote was under attack this election season, the CBC, led by Chairman CLEAVER and the incoming chair, MARCIA FUDGE, exposed those voter suppression efforts and worked overtime to overcome those obstacles and to ensure that our constituents were ready and able to vote with the CBC's "For the People" voter participation initiative. As a result, African American turnout in the 2012 election far exceeded expectations and was successful in reelecting President Barack Obama.

Mr. Speaker, Chairman CLEAVER has led the Congressional Black Caucus with skill, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to justice and equal opportunity during some of the most critical times of this Nation's history. I thank Chairman CLEAVER for his service, for his leadership, for his friendship, and, most of all, for his example of being led by God here in the House of Representatives.

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IN MEMORY OF MAVIS DONAHUE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, I rise first of all

to commend a matriarch in my community who passed away a few days ago, Ms. Mavis Donahue, who came to the United States of America from Jamaica. Of course, much of her family came with her, and they kind of stay together as a group.

It was her daughter, Claudette, that I first met, and we worked together for about 40 years. But then her son-in-law, Billy, Claudette's husband, took the first photograph that I ever used in a campaign brochure. Their daughter Erica, who is my goddaughter, was the first person who ever appeared on a campaign brochure when I decided to run for public office. So I simply want to commend them as they prepare to take their mother, their grandmother, their aunt, their friend, their neighbor, back to her home in Jamaica to be buried alongside her mother.

I also join my colleagues in coming to pay tribute to our leader, the Reverend Congressman EMANUEL CLEAVER. We've all talked about his leadership, and I've been told two things about leadership that I always try to remember. One is that leadership is the ability to get other people to do what you want them to do but because they want to do it, meaning that somehow or another you can convince them that what you're talking about is the thing to do. The other thing that I've learned about leadership is that you can't lead successfully where you don't go, and you can't teach what you don't know.

I've been able to follow the life of EMANUEL CLEAVER long before he became a Member of the House of Representatives. See, he grew up in the Midwest, kind of, but really the Southwest, in a real sense, as I did. Our schools played football in the Southwest Athletic Conference. The first time we decided to televise our game, we went out and washed cars and did all the things you did to raise the money that we needed. We played Prairie View, and lo and behold, they beat us 28-0, which was a real letdown after we had paid to have the football game televised.

But I remember that EMANUEL came out of school, went to work for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, became a leader in his community as a young person, pastor of a tremendous church that I've had the opportunity to visit, and they even let me have something to say.

Reverend CLEAVER, Congressman CLEAVER, America has benefited from your leadership for many years. We know that what you've done for the caucus and for this Congress will stand, but we know that you will keep doing it for many more years to come.

God bless you and God keep you.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CURSON) for 5 minutes.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CURSON of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all