

a Quantitative Sociologist, Dr. Bynum still remains active in research and teaching. His research and teaching interests center around: (1) Black Church Studies; (2) Race, Gender and Ethnicity; and (3) Organizations, Markets and Work.

His publications include: A co-authored article with Duke colleagues in the sociology journal *Social Forces* entitled "Race and Formal Volunteering"; A chapter entitled "The Black Church in America: Demography and Current Trends" in the book: *Exploring The African American Experience* (3rd edition); and a short story entitled "For the Love of J-Ski" in the NASPA produced book: *Stories of Inspiration: Lessons and Laughter in Student Affairs*. Dr. Bynum is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, Chi Alpha Epsilon and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

A God-loving, God-fearing man, he is married to Deborah Elaine Bynum, a manager and 34-year employee with AT&T Mobility Services, and they are the proud parents of six children—Tyrone (a student at Georgia State University), Tyler (a student-athlete graduate of Truett-McConnell College), Chelsea (a student at Clark Atlanta University and Army Reservist), Zack (a student at Morehouse College), and Jordan and Jazz (both of whom are Atlanta public high school students).

Dr. Bynum's personal and professional motto is "Look back and thank God. Look forward and trust God. Look around and serve God. Look within and find God."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. William B. Bynum, Jr., a teacher, professional and educator for his contribution to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on the afternoon of Thursday, January 7 and January 8, 2016, I took medical leave to attend to an appointment related to an upcoming hip replacement surgery and was unable to be present for recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 7 (on agreeing to the Johnson (GA) Amendment to H.R. 712),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 8 (on agreeing to the Cummings Amendment to H.R. 712),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 9 (on agreeing to the Lynch Amendment to H.R. 712),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 10 (on agreeing to the Johnson (GA) Amendment to H.R. 712),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 11 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 712, with instructions),

"No" on roll call vote No. 12 (on passage of H.R. 712),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 13 (on agreeing to the Johnson (GA) Amendment to H.R. 1155),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 14 (on agreeing to the Cummings Amendment to H.R. 1155),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 15 (on agreeing to the Cicilline Amendment to H.R. 1155),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 16 (on agreeing to the DeIBene Amendment to H.R. 1155),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 17 (on agreeing to the Cicilline Amendment to H.R. 1155),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 18 (on agreeing to the Pocan Amendment to H.R. 1155),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 19 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 1155, with instructions),

"No" on roll call vote No. 20 (on passage of H.R. 1155),

"No" on roll call vote No. 21 (on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 581),

"No" on roll call vote No. 22 (on agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 581),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 23 (on agreeing to the Cohen Amendment to H.R. 1927),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 24 (on agreeing to the Conyers Amendment to H.R. 1927),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 25 (on agreeing to the Deutch Amendment to H.R. 1927),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 26 (on agreeing to the Moore Amendment to H.R. 1927),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 27 (on agreeing to the Moore Amendment to H.R. 1927),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 28 (on agreeing to the Waters Amendment to H.R. 1927),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 29 (on agreeing to the Johnson (GA) Amendment to H.R. 1927),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 30 (on agreeing to the Jackson Lee Amendment to H.R. 1927),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 31 (on agreeing to the Nadler Amendment to H.R. 1927),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 32 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 1927, with instructions), and

"No" on roll call vote No. 33 (on passage of H.R. 1927).

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. SUE BAUCH

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Sue Bauch on her retirement after twenty eight years of dedicated service to the City of Kingsburg.

Mrs. Bauch was born in Auberry, California. During her childhood, she attended local schools and later graduated from Sierra Union High School. Mrs. Bauch and her husband Guy have four children, Shannon, DJ, Chad, and Michelle.

On January 28, 1988, Mrs. Bauch began working as a part-time Utilities Clerk for the City of Kingsburg. Exactly one year later she was hired on as full time and has since served in multiple positions, including Business License Clerk, Building Secretary, Planning Secretary, and Deputy City Clerk. In 1998, she was promoted to City Clerk and has held that position ever since. In 2013, Mrs. Bauch also served as the Acting City Manager of Kingsburg.

Mrs. Bauch's hard work and dedication to the City of Kingsburg is without question. She is known in the community for her knowledge of all things Kingsburg and for her invaluable guidance to fellow co-workers and residents.

After twenty eight years with the City of Kingsburg, Mrs. Bauch retired on January 6, 2016. During her time with the City of Kingsburg Mrs. Bauch was known as the "face" of city hall. There is no doubt that the city has benefited from her guidance throughout her years of service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to

join me in commending Sue Bauch for her years of dedicated public service and wishing her well as she begins her retirement.

HONORING MILTON GASTON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable civil servant, Mr. Milton Gaston.

Born in Hollandale, Mississippi, Milton Gaston was nurtured and reared by his parents, the late James and Luella Gaston, in Glen Allen, Mississippi. He is the seventh born of eleven children to his parents. Gaston proudly admits that his parents reared them to be a close-knit family and his siblings and he remain so today.

Milton Gaston was educated in the Glen Allen Public Schools.

Understanding the meaning of family as so taught by his parents, Mr. Gaston met and married Ms. Alice Watts. To their union, six (6) children and ten (10) grandchildren are being shaped for this most extraordinary world.

To support his family, Mr. Gaston began work with the Washington County Sheriff Department on January 20, 1986 under the leadership of the late Sheriff Harvey Tackett, Sr. In July of that same year, Milton Gaston, Sr., became the only civilian sent to the Jackson Police Academy in Jackson, Mississippi to be certified and deputized under Sheriff Tackett's administration. Because of his work ethics, Greenville Optimist Club named him as Deputy Sheriff of the year in 1989.

On November 3, 2003, Washington County elected Milton Gaston, Sr. as Sheriff of Washington County, Mississippi. At the age of 42, he was the first African American in this county to hold this distinguished position. County Court Chancellor Vernita King-Johnson swore him in on January 5, 2004 to uphold this position to serve and protect the citizens of Washington County, Mississippi. Currently, Sheriff Gaston is in his third term, serving more than twenty-nine (29) years in law enforcement with a plethora of training on the state and federal level. Additionally, he has initiated and overseen a Juvenile Justice Intervention/Prevention Program that was developed to rebuild at risk youth between the ages of 12–15. The program was called "Biggest S.U.C.C.E.S.S.," which is an acronym for Students Unanimously Conceiving Confidence & Excellence in Skills and Success. The program was grant funded for one year. Currently, under his leadership, the TRIAD of Washington County was established in 2012. This organization is comprised of senior citizens working with law enforcement to address their safety needs in the community. It is also state funded and has been approved for the current year's funding.

Sheriff Gaston's staff is comprised of approximately 120 people between Washington County Sheriff's Department and Washington County Regional Correctional Facility; all of whom he requires to help make Washington County, Mississippi a safe place for all of its citizens.

As if he is not constantly busy enough, Sheriff Gaston devotes his time and servitude as a member of New Hope First Baptist