

Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.



**26TH ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 11-15, 1996**



Congressional Black Caucus Foundation

Chairman's Message

These are extraordinary times for African Americans.

We are constantly being reminded of the parallels between what happened to America's "colored people" in 1896, 100 years ago at the end of the First Reconstruction Period, and what is happening to African Americans, as a people, in 1996.

It was in 1896 that the U.S. Supreme Court in the Plessy versus Ferguson decision upheld the plugging doctrine of "separate but equal," leading to the re-segregation of Negro Americans in all walks of life. This was only one of many acts of disenfranchisement of Negroes in a violent and hostile atmosphere in the 1890's.

As the current U.S. Supreme Court issues decisions which favor challenges to redistricting, which has paved the way for most African Americans elected to the U.S. Congress, the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation has launched a nationwide campaign to raise \$3 million for a legal defense fund. This campaign is in partnership with a cross-section of African-American business executives, civil rights leaders and elected officials. The objective is to battle those court decisions that threaten the existence of the majority of black Congressional districts.

If successful, the challenge to Congressional districts held by CBC members has the potential of putting at risk a number of seats. But equally as devastating could be the loss of over 5,000 seats now held by African-American representatives in state legislatures and city councils.

Over this 26th Annual CBCF Legislative Conference there will be discussions about action-oriented strategies and programs to preserve our past progress and protect our present and future rights. Especially noteworthy is the fact that the CBC Spouses has joined with the Black Women's Voter Crusade, a non-partisan coalition of more than 60 national African-American women's organizations. They will host a black women's leadership strategy session to discuss a 45-day, non-partisan voter education, registration and get-out-the-vote plan Friday, September 13 at the Washington Convention Center.

So, in these challenging times for African Americans, it is time to act. We no longer have the luxury of standing or sitting on the sidelines relishing the thought that "we have overcome" the barriers to equal opportunity, freedom and justice. We must be aware of the challenges, understand the clear and present dangers to our political and economic well-being, and move collectively and strategically to respond. It is our own survival that is at stake. All of us must become involved in this continuing struggle for our political and economic survival. This is the mission of the 26th Annual CBCF Legislative Conference.

LeBaron Taylor

Chairman, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.

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Honorary Chairman's Message

It is with heartfelt gratitude that I welcome you to the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's 26th Annual Legislative Conference. We are deeply grateful for your support. This is a time for us to pull together. Our theme for the 26th Conference, "Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow - African American Elected Officials Under Attack," underscores that the need for unified action is as important now as it has ever been.

Last year, we celebrated the Silver Anniversary of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. By paying tribute to the Congressional Black Caucus last year as "The Conscience of Congress," we emphasized the special and unique contributions that the Black Caucus makes in the life of the Congress and hence in the life of the nation. This year, the Foundation reflects on the past 100 years, 1896 to 1996, and focuses on how African Americans and African American elected officials have historically confronted and overcome obstacles over this period and then takes a forward look toward how we might continue to deal with new challenges, challenges often presented in complex and sophisticated forms.

In 1896, the Supreme Court in *Plessy v. Ferguson* established the doctrine of "separate but equal." In that case, Mr. Homer Adolph Plessy, who was from the city that I represent, was a part of the New Orleans African American community that first challenged the segregation laws, thus initiating a struggle that has met variously with triumphs and setbacks. One hundred years later, the struggle continues. Through the enforcement of the Reconstruction Act of 1867 and the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment, African Americans first won seats in the Congress of the United States. Hiram Revels of Mississippi was the first Black person sworn in as a member of the U.S. Senate on February 25, 1870 and Joseph Rainey of South Carolina was the first Black to take office as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives on December 12, 1870. Over the next 30 years, 20 Black representatives and senators were elected to Congress. By 1901, following *Plessy v. Ferguson*, all of the Black Congressmen were gone. African Americans were totally shut out of the Congress for nearly the next 30 years, until Oscar DePriest was elected to the House of Representatives in 1928.

In 1954, after the land mark Supreme Court case of *Brown v. Board of Education* which the Court overruled the *Plessy v. Ferguson* decision and ruled that "separate was not equal," Congress passed the Civil Rights Act of 1964, followed by the Voting Rights Act of 1965. During this period, although the number of Black Members of Congress was small, they were in the forefront in passing these crucial bills.

Since the passage of the Voting Rights Act, the number of African Americans in Congress has increased steadily. Today, forty-one African Americans serve in Congress; forty in the House of Representatives and one in the Senate. But, at what should be a euphoric time for African American officials, many of the districts from which these officials hail are now met with fresh challenges. Some have already met with unfavorable consideration by the U.S. Supreme Court. Some of these districts may not survive as majority minority districts. But, these new challenges will not deter our focus, and only inspire us to continue our tradition of struggling and overcoming for African American elected officials, for the disenfranchised, for economic justice, for equal treatment under the law, and for dispossessed and oppressed people in this country and throughout the world.

On this 26th Annual Legislative Conference we remember the past, steel for today's battles, but look forward to the future empowerment that we, with your help, are envisioning. In these endeavors, we appreciate your continued support and your prayers.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Jennings Jefferson".

Hon. William Jennings Jefferson (LA-2)

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Schedule

WEDNESDAY

September 11, 1996

Registration and Ticket Booth
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

National Press Conference
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Exhibits
12:00 noon - 7:00 p.m.

Cultural Museum
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Gospel Extravaganza
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

September 12, 1996

Registration and Ticket Booth
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Cultural Museum
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Exhibits
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

National Town Hall Meeting
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Procurement & Business Opportunity Fair
12:00 noon - 4:30 p.m.

Issue Forums
12:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

CBCF Musical Gala
Sponsored by Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc.; The Coca-Cola Company; Sony Music Entertainment, Inc. and Sony Electronics, Inc.; & Time Warner, Inc.
8:00 p.m. (Warner Theater)

FRIDAY

September 13, 1996

Registration and Ticket Booth
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

CBCF Braintrusts & Issue Forums
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Cultural Museum
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Exhibits
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Kellogg's Health Break
10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

CBC Spouses Benefit Concert & Cabaret
8:00 p.m.

CBC Spouses Evening Fashion Show
11:00 p.m. (Grand Hyatt Hotel)

SATURDAY

September 14, 1996

Ticket Booth
7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Will Call)

CBCF Prayer Breakfast
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Exhibits
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

CBC Spouses Luncheon Fashion Show
11:00 a.m. (Grand Hyatt Hotel)

CBCF Annual Awards Reception & Dinner
6:00 p.m.

Post-Dinner Party
10:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight

ALC Events held at Washington Convention Center unless otherwise noted.

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Cultural Museum

The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, once again during its Annual Legislative Conference transforms the Washington Convention Center into a cultural museum that reflects the rich heritage and cultural legacy of Africa and the people of its diaspora. Walk with us and behold...

Beyond Category: The Musical Genius of Duke Ellington

Produced by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service as part of the American Jazz Heritage Project, this visual tribute to one of America's greatest composers chronicles 50 years of musical innovation and achievement. Rare photographs, manuscripts and artifact move you through Duke Ellington's youth in Washington, his career in New York and his travels around the world.

This inspiring exhibition is available through the generosity of the Smithsonian's Anacostia Museum, a national resource for the identification, documentation, protection, and interpretation of the African American experience in Washington, D.C. and the "Upper South" a region including Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina and northern Georgia.

Works of Ester Mahlangu

Recognized as the "First Lady" of Ndebele art, Ester Mahlangu is a member of the Ndebele community, a culture in which all women are artist. Faced with the hardships of an apartheid system, the women of the Ndebele tribe preserved their culture and tribal traditions through their brightly colored and beaded clothing and accessories; and elaborate wall murals.

Mrs. Mahlangu's stunning murals and integrate beadwork have garnered international acclaim and have been exhibited in Paris, Lisbon and Tokyo. In 1994, the United States discovered Mrs. Mahlangu's unique artistry when she was honored at the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Mahlangu's participation in the CBCF Cultural Museum is sponsored by Norman Parish. A more extensive display of her work can be viewed at the Parish Gallery in Georgetown, 1054 31st St., NW, Canal Square, Washington, D.C., (202) 944-2310.

Paintings of Eric Girault and Franck Robuste

The paintings of Haitian artists, Eric Girault and Franck Robuste reflects their formal training as painters and also reveals their country's long and venerable tradition of folk art. Girault was a figurative painter in the French impressionist style, while Robuste works in the expressionist style of Vincent Van Gogh.

The paintings of these great artists come from the Moñ Cheri Gallerie located at 1231 Gerrard St., NW, Washington, D.C., (202) 986-5703.

The Dry Bones Collective

The Dry Bones Collective presents the paintings, culture and mixed media work of Howard University graduate students and alumni. Students from Howard University Department of Fine Arts have exhibited in the CBCF Cultural Museum in 1994 and 1995.

Spurred by the enthusiastic response to their work during the Annual Legislative Conference, several participants formed the Dry Bones Collective as a vehicle for promoting group shows. The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation takes pride in presenting the works of these students and alumni once again.

Special Cultural Museum Viewing

W.E.B. Dubois - A Biography in Four Voices

Carmicheal Auditorium - American History Museum, 12th and Constitution, N.W.

Presented by the Smithsonian Institution

Saturday, September 14, 1996

3:00 p.m.

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Issue Forums

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1996

WASHINGTON CONVENTION CENTER

AGING - Room 29

2:30P.M.-4:00P.M.

Rep. Carrie Meek

“Eldercare Locator”

THE ARTS - Room 30

4:30P.M.-6:30P.M.

Rep. John Conyers, Jr.

“Jazz: It’s Yesterday, Today and It’s Potential Tomorrow”

CIVIL RIGHTS AND POLITICAL ISSUES - Rooms 23-24

12:30P.M.-2:00P.M.

Rep. Jesse Jackson, Jr.

“Equal Protection Under the Law—The Death Penalty,
Justice, and a Dialogue with ‘The Ford Heights Four’”

4:30P.M.-6:30P.M.

Rep. James Clyburn

“Affirmative Action”

CIVIL RIGHTS AND POLITICAL ISSUES (CONTINUED) - Room 31

12:30P.M.-2:00P.M.

Rep. Cardiss Collins

Rep. Carrie Meek

“Will the 2000 Census Be Fair to Minorities?”

2:30P.M.-4:00P.M.

Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald

“The Census, Reapportionment, and Redistricting:
If We’re Not Counted, We Won’t Count”

4:30P.M.-6:00P.M.

Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton

“African American Voters in the Last Election of the
20th Century: Reviving Grass Roots and Black Power”

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CIVIL RIGHTS AND POLITICAL ISSUES (CONTINUED) - Room 31

12:30P.M.-2:00P.M. Rep. Alcee L. Hastings
“The Impact of Conservatives in the Judiciary on the African American Community”

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Room 29

12:30P.M.-2:00P.M. Rep. Chaka Fattah
“Urban Initiatives: Focus on Foundations”

4:30P.M.-6:00P.M. Rep. Bennie G. Thompson
“Community Development: 2000”

EDUCATION - Room 22

12:30P.M.-2:00P.M. Rep. Donald M. Payne
“Literacy: The Cornerstone of African American Advancement”

2:30P.M.-4:00P.M. Rep. Major R. Owens
“Education Grant and Gift Opportunities from the Public and Private Sectors”

THE FAMILY - Room 27

12:30P.M.-2:00P.M. Rep. Barbara Rose Collins
“Revitalizing and Empowering the Black Family”

2:30P.M.-4:00P.M. Rep. Eva Clayton
“Teenage Pregnancy Prevention”

4:30P.M.-6:00P.M. Rep. Earl Hilliard
“National Pan-Hellenic Council”

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Issue Forums

HEALTH - Room 32

12:30P.M.-4:00P.M.

Rep. Louis Stokes
Rep. Victor O. Frazer
Rep. Carrie Meek

“Living with AIDS: Trials, Challenges, and Triumphs”

INTERNATIONAL ISSUES - Rooms 23-24

2:30P.M.-4:00P.M.

Rep. Edolphus Towns

“The Future of Caribbean Development”

LABOR - Rooms 25-26

2:30P.M.-4:00P.M.

Rep. Bennie G. Thompson

“Report Card on Labor—Countdown 1996”

LAW - Rooms 10-12

2:30P.M.-4:00P.M.

Rep. Robert C. Scott
Rep. John Conyers, Jr.

“Doctors, Lawyers and Public Policy”

SMALL BUSINESS - Rooms 10-12

12:30P.M.-2:00P.M.

Rep. Albert Wynn

“Economic Development Initiatives Domestically and Internationally”

SPORTS - Rooms 10-12

4:30P.M.-6:00P.M.

Rep. Edolphus Towns

“Intercollegiate Sports: The Next Wave—Promoting
Higher Academic Standards and Better Student Athletes”

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Issue Forums

TELECOMMUNICATIONS - Rooms 25-26

12:30P.M.-2:00P.M. Rep. John Conyers, Jr.
“Emerging Legal Issues on the Information Super Highway”

4:30P.M.-6:00P.M. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee
“How to Capture the 21st Century Market Place Through the Internet”

TRAVEL AND TOURISM - Room 22

4:30P.M.-6:00P.M. Rep. Corrine Brown
“Tourism and the African American Community”

YOUTH - Room 33

12:30P.M.-2:00P.M. Rep. Maxine Waters
“Young, Gifted and Black”

2:30P.M.-4:00P.M. Rep. John Lewis
“Youth Mentoring and Anti-Violence Initiatives”

4:30P.M.-6:00P.M. Rep. Robert Scott
“Designing a Blueprint for Community-Based
Solutions to Juvenile Delinquency and Violence”

YOUTH (CONTINUED) - Rooms 20-21

12:00P.M.-4:00P.M. CBC Spouses
“Without Struggle, There is No Progress—What Solutions
Can You Offer to End Gang, Crew and Mob Violence?”

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Braintrusts

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1996

WASHINGTON CONVENTION CENTER

AGING BRAINTRUST - Room 29

9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

Rep. Carrie Meek

“Senior Power and the ‘96 Elections”

AGRICULTURE BRAINTRUST - Room 22

11-30A.M.-1:30:P.M.

Rep. Eva Clayton

Rep. Sanford Bishop

Rep. Earl Hilliard

Rep. Bennie G. Thompson

“Agricultural Exports: What the Future Holds”

BANKING, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT BRAINTRUST - Rooms 25-26

9:00A.M.-10:30A.M.

Rep. Maxine Waters

“Community Development Banks: How to Access Capital and Empower Your Business”

2:00P.M.-4:00P.M.

Sen. Carol Moseley Braun

“America’s Financial Security: A Look Ahead”

THE BLACK WOMEN’S BRAINTRUST - Rooms 20-21

9:00A.M.-10:30A.M.

CBC Spouses

“1996 Black Women’s Voter Crusade”

11:30A.M.-1:30P.M.

Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton

“African American Women’s Response to the Million Man March”

CRIMINAL JUSTICE BRAINTRUST - Room 33

9:00A.M.-10:30A.M.

Rep. John Conyers

Rep. Robert C. Scott

“An Examination of Criminal Justice Issues in the 104th Congress”

CORPORATE AFFAIRS BRAINTRUST - Rooms 10-12

11:30A.M.-1:30P.M.

Rep. Julian Dixon

“Corporate Responsibility in the African American Community: What Role?”

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BRAINTRUST - Rooms 23-24

9:00A.M.-1:00P.M.

Rep. Floyd H. Flake

“Economic Development and Wealth Creation:
A Means to Empower African American Communities”

EDUCATION BRAINTRUST - Room 33

2:00P.M.-5:00P.M.

Rep. Major Owens

“Mobilizing to Close the Math, Science, and Technology Education Gap”

ENERGY BRAINTRUST - Room 31

2:30P.M.-4:30P.M.

Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee

“Energy Policy for the 21st Century: Where Are Black Americans?”

HEALTH BRAINTRUST - Room 32

9:00A.M.-12:30P.M.

Rep. Louis Stokes

Rep. Elijah Cummings

Rep. Victor O. Frazer

Rep. Carrie Meek

“A Cry for Help: The Violence Epidemic”

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HEALTH BRAINTRUST (CONTINUED) - Room 32

2:00P.M.-5:00P.M.

Rep. Louis Stokes
Rep. Elijah Cummings
Rep. Victor O. Frazer
Rep. Carrie Meek

“Women’s Health: Saving Our Sisters”

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BRAINTRUST - Room 27

9:00A.M.-1:00P.M.

Rep. Donald M. Payne
Rep. Victor Frazer
Rep. Alcee Hastings
Rep. Earl Hilliard
Rep. Cynthia McKinney
Rep. Albert Wynn

“Conflict Resolution in Africa—
Diplomacy and Action”

POLITICAL AFFAIRS BRAINTRUST - Room 30

9:00A.M.-12:00P.M.

Rep. Charles B. Rangel

“Political War Room: Strategies for Recapturing Congress”

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BRAINTRUST - Rooms 10-12

9:00A.M.-11:00A.M.

Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson

“Welcoming in the 21st Century”

TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRAINTRUST - Room 31

9:00A.M.-11:00A.M.

Rep. Edolphus Towns
Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee

“Telecommunications Reform 1996—And Its Impact into the 21st Century”

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TRANSPORTATION BRAINTRUST - Room 30

2:00P.M.-4:00P.M.

Rep. Earl Hilliard

“ISTEA II and Its Implications for the African
American Community in the 21st Century”

VETERANS BRAINTRUST - Room 22

2:00P.M.-4:00P.M.

Rep. Sanford Bishop

Rep. Corrine Brown

“Veterans’ Health Care Reorganization—Impact on African Americans”

VOTING RIGHTS BRAINTRUST - Room 27

2:00P.M.-4:00P.M.

Rep. Mel Watt

Rep. James E. Clyburn

Rep. Corrine Brown

Rep. Cleo Fields

Rep. Cynthia McKinney

“Minority Representation Under Siege”

WELFARE REFORM BRAINTRUST - Room 31

11:30A.M.-1:30P.M.

Rep. Harold Ford

“Welfare Reform”

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Award Recipients

Honorable John Conyers, Jr., House of Representatives

The Adam Clayton Powell Award is presented to an individual in the political arena who has contributed substantially to African American political awareness and empowerment.

Honorable Donald M. Payne, House of Representatives

The George Thomas "Mickey" Leland Humanitarian Award is presented to an individual for his or her exceptional work in the struggle for human rights and social justice.

Andrew Young, Vice President & Co-Chairman Atlanta Committee for the Olympics

The Harold Washington Award is presented to an individual who, like Harold Washington, has demonstrated excellence in coalition building.

Elaine Jones, Esq., Director-Council NAACP Legal Defense Fund

The George W. Collins Award for community service is present to an individual who has exemplified the dedication and work style of the late Congressman George W. Collins.

Wade Henderson, Esq., Executive Director Leadership Conference on Civil Rights

The William L. Dawson Award is presented to an individual who has made significant research, organizational, and leadership contributions in the development of legislation that addresses the needs of minorities in the United States.

Toni Fay, Vice President of Community Relations Time Warner, Inc.

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Ingrid Saunders Jones, Vice President of Corporate External Affairs The Coca-Cola Company

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Chairman's Message

Welcome to the 26th Annual Legislative Conference! It seems like it was only yesterday when we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC). The second session of the 104th Congress presented the CBC with many challenges. We confronted those challenges and fought for our constituents in the Congress and at home in our districts. Each day we strive to fulfill our mission to introduce and pass legislation and to make and influence public policy, especially those policies affecting African Americans and our communities.

As Chairman of the forty-member Congressional Black Caucus, I responded to the changes caused by legislation and Supreme Court decisions by creating special task forces within the Caucus to address these pressing matters - Affirmative Action, Budget, Church Burnings, Haiti, Health, Voting Rights, and Welfare Reform.

Among the issues that caused us great concern was the resurgence of attacks on federal affirmative action programs. When the present administration began to make changes in affirmative action policies and programs, especially in the area of small and disadvantaged businesses, the CBC was at the forefront of the fight for equity and fairness. We made it known that we could not permit any form of discrimination, be it age, race or gender-based.

Another heart-wrenching issue was the burning of African American churches. Our churches are the soul of our communities and we must be able to worship in safe and secure environments. To answer this assault on our houses of worship, we called on the Judiciary Committee to hold hearings and we held our own hearing. Justice Department and Treasury Department representatives were called as witnesses so we could get a sense of how their agents were proceeding in bringing the perpetrators of these crimes to justice. We also introduced legislation to appropriate funds to hire additional agents to investigate the fires.

When welfare reform was threatened, the CBC took a strong stance against balancing the budget on the backs of women, children and poor families. We stressed the need for job training and placement. We do not believe in punishing those who lack the training and skills they need to earn a liveable wage.

Our theme this year is "YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW" and we have planned over fifty very informative Braintrusts and Issue Forums on a variety of substantive issues around this theme. As I reflect on "Yesterday", I marvel at how far we have come. As I think of "Today", I am reminded of how much more there is to be done. When I think of "Tomorrow", I believe the history of our oppressed past and our obstacles of today will give rise to our opportunities of the future.

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Hon. Donald M. Payne (NJ-10)
Chairman, Congressional Black Caucus

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Committee Assignments:

Committee on Agriculture

- Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops
- Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition and Foreign Agriculture

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

- Subcommittee on Hospitals and Health Care

Hon. Sanford Bishop
Georgia
2nd District



Committee Assignments:

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

- Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development
- Subcommittee on Surface Transportation

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

- Subcommittee on Hospitals and Health Care

Hon. Corrine Brown
Florida
3rd District



Committee Assignment:

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities,
Ranking Member

Hon. William Clay
Missouri
1st District



Committee Assignments:

Committee on Agriculture

- Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops
- Subcommittee on Resource Conservation, Research and Forestry

Committee on Small Business

- Subcommittee on Procurement, Exports and Business Opportunities

Hon. Eva Clayton
North Carolina
1st District

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Committee Assignments:

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

- Subcommittee on Aviation
- Subcommittee on Surface Transportation

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

- Subcommittee on Education, Training, Employment and Housing

Hon. James Clyburn
South Carolina
6th District



Committee Assignments:

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

- Subcommittee on Aviation
- Subcommittee on Surface Transportation

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

- Subcommittee on Postal Services
- Subcommittee on the District of Columbia

Hon. Barbara-Rose
Collins
Michigan
13th District



Committee Assignments:

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Ranking Member

Committee on Commerce
On Leave for 104th Congress

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Illinois
7th District



Committee Assignment:

Committee on the Judiciary, Ranking Member

- Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property
- Subcommittee on the Constitution

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14th District

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Hon. Elijah Cummings
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7th District

Committee Assignments:

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

- Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

- Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, Water Resources and Environment



Hon. Ron Dellums
California
9th District

Committee Assignment:

Committee on National Security, Ranking Member

- Subcommittee on Military Procurement



Hon. Julian Dixon
California
32nd District

Committee Assignments:

Committee on Appropriations

- Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, Ranking Member
- Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

Democratic Steering and Policy Committee

- Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis & Counterintelligence



Hon. Chaka Fattah
Pennsylvania
2nd District

Committee Assignments:

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities

- Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families
- Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

- Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Affairs

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Committee Assignments:

**Committee on Banking and
Financial Services**

- Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit
- Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy

Hon. Cleo Fields
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4th District



Committee Assignments:

**Committee on Banking and
Financial Service**

- Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Ranking Member
 - Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises
- Committee on Small Business**
- Subcommittee on Procurement, Exports and Business Opportunities

Hon. Floyd Flake
New York
6th District



Committee Assignment:

**Committee on Ways and
Means**

- Subcommittee on Human Resources, Ranking Member

Hon. Harold Ford
Tennessee
9th District



Committee Assignments:

Committee on Commerce

- Subcommittee on Energy and Power, Vice Chairman
- Subcommittee on Health and Environment
- Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Hon. Gary Franks
Connecticut
5th District

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Hon. Victor Frazer
Virgin Islands

Committee Assignments:

Committee on International Relations

- Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere
- Subcommittee on Africa



Hon. Alcee Hastings
Florida
23rd District

Committee Assignments:

Committee on International Relations

- Subcommittee on Africa

Committee on Science

- Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics
- Subcommittee on Basic Research



Hon. Earl Hilliard
Alabama
7th District

Committee Assignments:

Committee on Agriculture

- Subcommittee on Department Operations Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture
- Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry

Committee on International Relations

- Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade



Hon. Jesse Jackson Jr.
Illinois
2nd District

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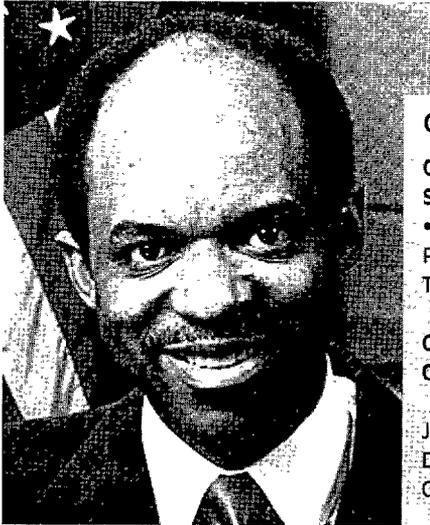
Committee on Banking and Financial Services

- Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity

Committee on Small Business

- Subcommittee on Government Programs
- Subcommittee on Procurement, Exports, and Business Opportunities

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Committee Assignments:

Committee on National Security

- Subcommittee on Military Procurement, Merchant Marine Task Force

Committee on House Oversight

- Joint Committee on Printing
- Democratic Steering and Policy Committee

Hon. William Jefferson
Louisiana
2nd District



Committee Assignments:

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

- Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, Public Buildings and Economic Development

Committee on Science

- Subcommittee on Energy and Environment
- Subcommittee on Technology

Hon. Eddie Bernice Johnson
Texas
30th District



Committee Assignments:

Committee on Science

- Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics
- Subcommittee on Basic Research
- Subcommittee on Energy and Environment

Committee on the Judiciary

- Subcommittee on Crime

Hon. Sheila Jackson Lee
Texas
18th District



Committee Assignment:

Committee on Ways and Means

- Subcommittee on Health

Chief Deputy Democratic Whip

Hon. John Lewis
Georgia
5th District

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Committee Assignments:

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

- Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs
- Subcommittee on Postal Service

Committee on the Budget

Hon. Carrie Meek
Florida
17th District



Committee Assignments:

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

- Subcommittee on Surface Transportation

Committee on Small Business

- Subcommittee on Government Programs
- Subcommittee on Taxation and Finance

Hon. Juanita Millender
McDonald
California
37th District



Committee Assignments:

Committee on International Relations

- Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights

Committee on Banking

- Subcommittee on Housing and Urban Development

Hon. Cynthia McKinney
Georgia
11th District



Committee Assignments:

Special Committee on Aging

Committee on Finance

- Subcommittee on Medicaid and Health Care for Low-Income Families
- Subcommittee on Medicare, Long-Term Care and Health Insurance

Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs

Hon. Carol Moseley-
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Committee Assignments:

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

- Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, Ranking Member

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

- Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development
- Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment

Hon. Eleanor Holmes Norton
District of Columbia



Committee Assignments:

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities

- Subcommittee on Workforce Protection, Ranking Member
- Subcommittee on Employer - Employee Relations

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

- Subcommittee on the Postal Service
- Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology

Hon. Major Owens
New York
11th District



Committee Assignments:

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities

- Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families
- Subcommittee on Employer - Employee Relations

Committee on International Relations

- Subcommittee on Africa
- Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights

Hon. Donald Payne
New Jersey
10th District



Committee Assignment:

Committee on Ways and Means

- Subcommittee on Human Resources
- Subcommittee on Trade, Ranking Member

Hon. Charles Rangel
New York
15th District

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Committee Assignment:

- Committee on Commerce**
- Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance
 - Subcommittee on Energy and Power
 - Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Hazardous Material

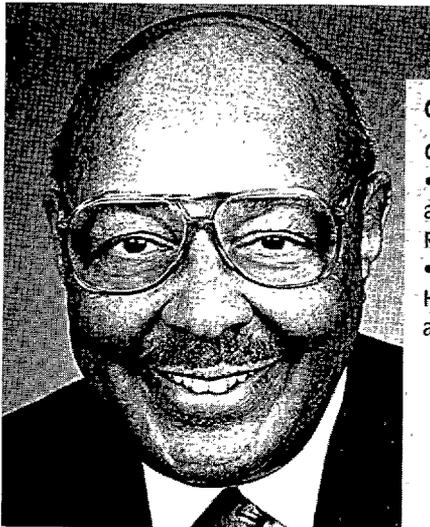
Hon. Bobby Rush
Illinois
1st District



Committee Assignments:

- Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities**
- Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families
 - Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
- Committee on the Judiciary**
- Subcommittee on Crime
 - Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law

Hon. Robert Scott
Virginia
3rd District



Committee Assignment:

- Committee on Appropriations**
- Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies; Ranking Member
 - Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education

Hon. Louis Stokes
Ohio
21st District



Committee Assignments:

- Committee on Agriculture**
- Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities
 - Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture
- Committee on the Budget**

Hon. Bennie Thompson
Mississippi
2nd District

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Committee Assignments:

- Committee on Commerce**
 - Subcommittee on Energy and Power
 - Subcommittee on Health and Environment
- Committee on Government Reform and Oversight**
 - Subcommittee Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations

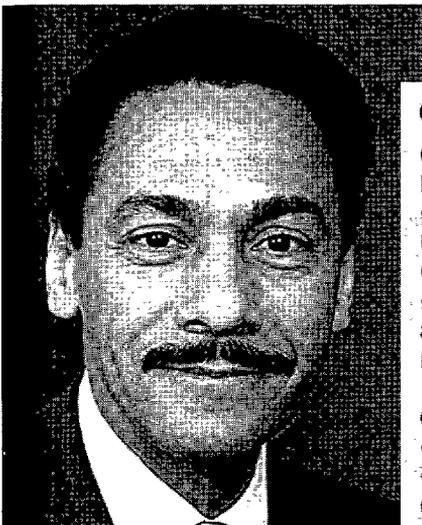
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10th District



Committee Assignments:

- Committee on Banking and Financial Services**
 - Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations, Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises
- Committee on the Judiciary**
 - Subcommittee on the Constitution
- Committee on Small Business**
 - Subcommittee on Government Programs
 - Subcommittee on Tax and Finance

Hon. Maxine Waters
California
35th District



Committee Assignments:

- Committee on Banking and Financial Services**
 - Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit
 - Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy
- Committee on the Judiciary**
 - Subcommittee on Crime
 - Subcommittee on the Constitution

Hon. Melvin Watt
North Carolina
12th District



Committee Assignments:

- Committee on Banking and Financial Services**
 - Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit
 - Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations
- Committee on International Relations**
 - Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere

Hon. Albert Wynn
Maryland
4th District

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Spouses

Established in 1976, the Congressional Black Caucus Spouses (CBC Spouses) organization is comprised of the wives and husbands of the members of the Congressional Black Caucus. There are currently twenty-seven members of the CBC Spouses organization. Working in concert with the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, the Congressional Black Caucus Spouses have concentrated their efforts toward enhancing educational opportunities for deserving minority students.

The CBC Spouses are committed to providing the resources and opportunities which enable youth to gain the skills and education to succeed in our highly competitive and technological society. This commitment is demonstrated by the establishment of the CBC Spouses Scholarship Fund Program, educational issue forums and other community service projects. The CBC Spouses are also responsible for establishing the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Fellowship Program in 1976.

The CBC Spouses Scholarship Fund Program was established in 1988 to provide tuition assistance to worthy undergraduate students throughout the country. In eight short years, the program has provided over \$2.1 million in scholarships to over 1,300 students from across the country.

In addition to their ongoing scholastic support, the CBC Spouses have taken on the challenge of educating Black Americans about public policy issues of critical importance to their community. Initiated in 1990, these forums have featured national policy experts in discussions on breast cancer, the challenges faced by single mothers, AIDS, violence, gangs and educational issues facing young people.

As demonstrated by their endeavors, the CBC Spouses are committed to enhancing the African American community by providing the resources and opportunities to educate a new generation of leaders.

Maria Owens is Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus Spouses.



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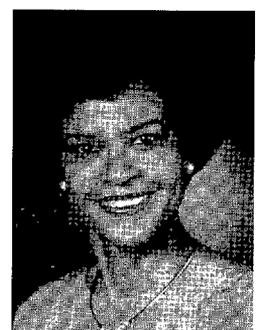
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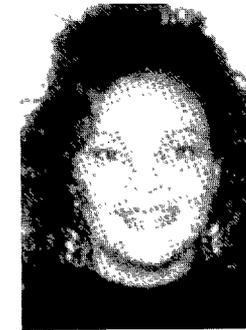
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