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# MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN HORSFORD

## **Setting the stage for a surge in Black-led enterprises.**

Since the beginning of the 117th Congress, the Biden-Harris Administration, the Congressional Black Caucus, and House Democrats have been working to build a better and more inclusive economy that works for all Americans.

In the past three years, we have created more than 2.6 million jobs for Black workers, achieved the fastest creation rate of Black-owned businesses in more than 30 years, reached the lowest Black unemployment rate on record, forgiven over \$167 billion in student loan debt, created the environment for 16 million new businesses to be launched – led in large part by Black women entrepreneurs, and removed barriers for previously incarcerated citizens to be able to apply for federal business loans.

As we have worked to deliver on our mission of improving economic outcomes for Black Americans, MAGA Republicans have been working to undermine progress and take us backward. In the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court decision to end affirmative action, attacks on the Small Business Administration's 8(a) Business Development Program and the Minority Business Development Agency have put in jeopardy billions of dollars in federal contracting dollars for Black-owned businesses.

The CBC has been using our collective power every day in Congress to hold the line against these attacks and defend the rights of Black business owners to grow their businesses and achieve the American dream.

This past quarter, the CBC was honored to join forces with Vice President Harris on the White House Economic Opportunity Tour to empower Black entrepreneurs to succeed and ultimately redefine the American economic landscape. In the months ahead, we will continue fighting to improve economic, entrepreneurial and employment opportunities for Black people by investing in HBCUs and community colleges and expanding apprenticeship programs.

And in coordination with our partners like the Black Economic Alliance, we will continue to advance the Black Wealth and Economic Prosperity Agenda to lift more families out of poverty and into the middle class by creating employment opportunities for Black workers, building long-term generational wealth in Black communities through home ownership, and closing the Black-white wealth gap.

This is our mission. We want to set the stage for a surge in Black-led enterprises for generations to come.

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# EXECUTIVE BOARD

01





## ADVANCING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IN BLACK COMMUNITIES

Since the U.S. Supreme Court's conservative supermajority struck down race-conscious admission programs on college campuses in the landmark *Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard College* decision, the attacks on DE&I and other tools of economic opportunity have increased. Programs like the Small Business Administration's 8(a) Business Development Program and the Minority Business Development Agency are under attack, which jeopardizes billions of dollars in funding for small Black-owned businesses and entrepreneurs.

The CBC joined forces with Vice President Kamala Harris on the nationwide Economic Opportunity Tour to highlight Democrats' historic investments in Black and minority entrepreneurs and the CBC's Black Wealth and Economic Prosperity Agenda. During the June district work period, which included Juneteenth National Independence Day, the CBC partnered with Vice President Harris and the Democratic Policy and Communications Committee to lead the House Democratic Caucus in the Defending Our Freedoms Week of Action where members held district events focused on Black economic opportunity and wealth building.

## STRENGTHENING U.S.-AFRICA RELATIONS

President Biden welcomed the President of the Republic of Kenya, His Excellency Dr. William Ruto, to the United States for the first state visit by a Kenyan president in two decades and the first by an African leader since 2008. During the president's visit, House Speaker Mike Johnson refused to allow President Ruto the opportunity to address a Joint Session of Congress — an offer traditionally extended to world leaders.

The CBC was honored to welcome President Ruto to the U.S. Capitol for a reception to recognize the historic state visit, where our members presented President Ruto with Honorary Membership to the CBC. Alongside President Ruto, the CBC affirmed our commitment to strengthening U.S.-Kenya and U.S.-Africa relations, and recommitted to working in partnership on key international issues including the reauthorization of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), the mission in Haiti, and economic prosperity in Kenya, among others.





## FIGHTING FOR POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Four years after the tragic murder of George Floyd, the CBC remains dedicated to advancing accountable policing and public safety for the communities we serve. George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Tyre Nichols, and so many others, should still be with us today. While the Biden-Harris Administration and Congressional Democrats have taken meaningful steps to improve standards around the use of police force by banning the use of chokeholds and no-knock warrants, more needs to be done on the federal level to keep our communities safe.

The CBC will not stop fighting to achieve more accountability, transparency, and better policing standards in America. Our Caucus, led by Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, reintroduced the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act – a bold, comprehensive approach to holding police who violate the law accountable, changing the culture of law enforcement, empowering our communities, and building trust between law enforcement and our communities by addressing systemic racism and bias to help save lives.

## ADDRESSING THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN HAITI

The political, economic, and security crises in Haiti have become increasingly dire over the past several months. According to reports, more than 2,500 people have been injured or killed in Haiti between January and March, and another 15,000 have been displaced in the midst of violence and unrest on the island. This humanitarian crisis calls for Congress to join the Biden-Harris Administration, CARICOM nations, and others like Kenya in working toward lasting solutions for the people of Haiti.

The CBC and House Haiti Caucus, in partnership with the Haitian Bridge Alliance, convened a roundtable discussion with more than two dozen stakeholder groups to discuss the urgent need for federal action to address the crisis in Haiti. The roundtable discussion followed a press conference held at the Capitol where members renewed calls for House Republicans to release an additional \$40 million dollars in security funding to stabilize Haiti and chart a path towards free and fair elections.





## PROTECTING OUR SACRED RIGHT TO VOTE

Since our country's founding, Black Americans have been denied full participation in our electoral process. As we marked the anniversary of the *Shelby v. Holder* decision, which allowed states with histories of voter suppression and white supremacy the ability to alter voting procedures without federal oversight, we made clear that voter suppression is not simply an issue of the past. To date, nearly 30 states across our country have enacted laws that make it more difficult for Black voters to participate in elections.

The CBC, led by Congresswoman Terri Sewell, reintroduced the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and renewed calls for its passage along with the Freedom to Vote Act to protect our right to vote, fortify our democracy, and restore the full protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

## ADVOCATING FOR OUR COMMUNITIES ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

As the Conscience of the Congress, we have a responsibility to ensure that the rapid proliferation of new artificial intelligence technologies work to benefit and not harm our communities.

The CBC launched the Artificial Intelligence Policy Series this year to explore the complex relationship that AI has with Black Americans. To date, the multi-part series has brought together thought leaders in academia, government, industry, and civil society to engage in focused conversations on a variety of issues including misinformation related to voting rights and elections, civil rights and jobs equity, racial bias, and design and deployment.

Additionally, Congresswoman Maxine Waters led a trip to Silicon Valley, California to explore the intersection of artificial intelligence, tech, and financial services, to better understand how venture capital firms are funding entrepreneurs of color.







- **Rep. Gabe Amo** introduced legislation to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the brave soldiers who comprised America's first Black military unit – the First Rhode Island Regiment.
- **Rep. Gabe Amo** hosted Ranking Member John Larson (CT-01) at East Providence Senior Center to discuss the Social Security 2100 Act – a landmark bill that would protect and expand essential earned Social Security benefits for millions of Americans across the country.
- **Rep. Terri Sewell** hosted an "Affordable Connectivity Roundtable" in Brighton, Alabama, to highlight the benefits of President Biden's Affordable Connectivity Program.
- **Rep. Terri Sewell** hosted a "Terri Talks" virtual discussion for National Small Business Week with the owner of the Coffee Shoppe, a Black-owned business in Selma, Alabama.
- **Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove** introduced H.R. 8502, the Children's Safe Welcome Act, a bicameral bill that embeds child welfare best practices into every stage of our immigration system involving both unaccompanied and accompanied children who seek asylum in the United States.
- **Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove** introduced the Higher Education Access and Success for Homeless and Foster Youth Act, a bipartisan and bicameral bill that removes barriers in college for homeless and foster youth and ensures they have clear and reliable pathways into and through higher education.
- **Rep. Lucy McBath** led legislation to overhaul the federal prison system that was approved in May by the full U.S. House of Representatives. The Federal Prison Oversight Act establishes new, independent oversight of the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP). In the Republican-led House, McBath's bill was approved on a bipartisan vote of 392-2.
- **Rep. Lucy McBath's** legislation to help put an end to online child exploitation was signed into law by President Biden. The END Child Exploitation Act extends the time period that technology companies are required to securely preserve information about child sexual abuse images they report, empowering law enforcement in their investigations to hold perpetrators accountable and bring missing children home.
- **Rep. Maxwell Alejandro Frost** introduced the Safe Air on Airplanes Act, a bipartisan bill to stop passengers and crew from inhaling toxic jet fumes on planes.

- **Rep. Maxwell Alejandro Frost** joined local advocates in Central Florida to echo calls to end the criminalization of folks experiencing homelessness as the Supreme Court heard oral arguments on *Johnson v. Grants Pass*, a case that will decide whether cities are allowed to jail, ticket, or fine people for sleeping outside.
- **Rep. Shontel Brown** introduced The U-FIGHT Act, legislation to establish a new federal grant program for the detection and treatment of uterine fibroids, which disproportionately impact Black women and are the leading cause of hysterectomies in the U.S. The legislation was filed with 50 cosponsors and endorsed by Black Health Matters and The Center for Black Health & Equity.
- **Rep. Shontel Brown** hosted her second annual OH-11 Small Business Expo June 1st in Warrensville Heights, OH, a majority-Black community in Northeast Ohio. Approximately 450 people attended the expo, which featured representatives from federal, state, and local agencies, financial institutions, and nonprofits, including the Urban League and the Minority Business Development Agency.
- **Rep. Bobby Scott** introduced the bipartisan Second Chance Reauthorization Act of 2024 alongside **Rep. Danny K. Davis**. This bill reauthorizes reentry grant programs from the Second Chance Act of 2008 for an additional five years, allowing the government to continue making important investments across the U.S. to bolster reentry services and help people successfully reenter their communities after incarceration.
- **Rep. Bobby Scott**, the Ranking Member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, released a new report on summer feeding programs, including the new Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (S-EBT) Program and its potential to effectively combat child hunger during the summer months, when children are not in school.
- **Rep. Joyce Beatty** hosted U.S. Department of Transportation Deputy Secretary Polly Trottenberg and members of her Columbus community for a press conference and first-of-its-kind bus tour to celebrate a \$41.9 million grant to support the West Broad Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project.
- **Rep. Joyce Beatty** introduced a resolution to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in medical education during National Minority Health Month. This was in response to the EDUCATE Act's effort to cut federal funding for medical schools with DEI policies and practices. Rep. Beatty's H.Res.1180, supported by over 25 medical organizations including the Association of American Medical Colleges, reaffirms the importance of DEI for health equity and academic freedom.
- **Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock** and Senator Bill Cassidy celebrated bipartisanship with National Seersucker Day.
- **Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock** welcomed Usher to Capitol Hill to raise diabetes awareness.
- **Rep. Robin L. Kelly** introduced the Wear Orange Resolution to designate June 7, 2024 as "National Gun Violence Awareness Day" and June 2024 as "National Gun Violence Awareness Month."
- **Rep. Robin L. Kelly** introduced the Protecting Seniors from Emergency Scams Act that would direct the Federal Trade Commission to submit a report to Congress on the number and types of scams targeting seniors during emergencies and make recommendations on how to prevent such scams in the future.
- **Rep. Troy A. Carter, Sr.** chaired a hearing in partnership with the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys titled "Mayday: Suicide & the Mental Health of Black Men and Boys." Suicide is on the rise for Black men and boys and it is time to act for the well-being of our communities. During Mental Health Awareness Month, these resources, prevention measures, and passing legislation is critically important.

- **Rep. Troy A. Carter, Sr.** joined the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to announce a final rule that will reduce toxic air pollution from chemical plants. This action will significantly reduce emissions of pollutants both in Louisiana and nationally, including reducing chloroprene from the Denka Performance Elastomer facility in LaPlace, Louisiana, the largest source of these toxic emissions in the country.
- **Rep. Alma S. Adams, PhD** secured \$2.5 million for the construction of a center that offers an "umbrella" of services in her district for survivors of domestic violence and their families under one roof in her district.
- **Rep. Alma S. Adams, PhD** hosted the 7th Annual Bipartisan HBCU Caucus STEAM Days of Action. This year's theme was "Full STEAM Ahead: More for 2024." The program brought together academic administrators, advocates, and members of the business community to discuss the ongoing needs of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and building a diverse workforce through the expansion of HBCU Education.
- **Rep. Jennifer McClellan** introduced the bipartisan Improving TAP for Guard and Reserve Servicemembers Act to support Guard and Reserve service members' transition back to civilian life.
- **Rep. Jennifer McClellan** introduced the Accessible College Campus and Expanded Student Savings (ACCESS) Act to improve post-second education affordability and reduce barriers to access.
- **Rep. Hank Johnson**, a member of the Judiciary Committee and Progressive Caucus, discussed the Hunter Biden verdict and Attorney General Merrick Garland contempt of Congress vote on C-SPAN's Washington Journal.
- **Rep. Ayanna Pressley** celebrated the \$1 million she secured for the Black Economic Council of Massachusetts (BECMA) to help BECMA's efforts to support small Black-owned businesses and Black entrepreneurs through technical assistance and other tools and services.
- **Rep. Ayanna Pressley** hosted a press conference with her House Haiti Caucus colleagues & advocates to renew their calls for urgent federal action to address the growing crisis in Haiti & save Black immigrant lives.
- **Rep. Dwight Evans** joined Vice President Kamala Harris at a roundtable at a school in Philadelphia with public service professionals for the announcement of new student debt relief plans that, if successful, could help more than 30 million borrowers.
- **Rep. Stacey E. Plaskett** co-led a bipartisan, bicameral letter with 43 Members of Congress to urge the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to condemn and cease reliance on the racist rulings of the Insular Cases that continue to negatively impact U.S. territories today. The letter resulted in the DOJ denouncing the cases and relaying that they will be taking active steps to coordinate with offices and litigators to not rely on the racist rhetoric and reasoning of the Insular Cases.
- **Rep. Stacey E. Plaskett** joined her colleagues Senator Tim Kaine and **Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick** along with 39 House colleagues and 10 Senate colleagues in sending a letter to House Foreign Affairs Committee Chair Michael McCaul and Senate Foreign Relations Committee Ranker Member James Risch to urge for security funding Haiti.
- **Assistant Leader Joe Neguse** — in partnership with the Congressional Dads Caucus and the Congressional Mamas' Caucus — hosted Kids in Congress Day. 30 Members participated in the family-filled fun and there were nearly 100 kids, spouses, and other guests.
- **Assistant Leader Joe Neguse** introduced the Edward J. Dwight, Jr. Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2023 to honor the life and legacy of Ed Dwight Jr. days before he made history at 90-years-old as the oldest person on Earth to travel to space upon Blue Origin's New Shepard spacecraft. Dwight first made history in 1961 when President John F. Kennedy invited him to join the U.S. Air Force's astronaut training program as the country's first African American astronaut candidate.

- **Rep. Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. and Rep. Don Davis** introduced the HEIRS Property Act which reauthorizes the Heirs Property Intermediary Relending Program and the farmland ownership survey at USDA, directs annual reporting, and authorizes \$60 million per year for cooperative agreements to provide pro-bono legal services in resolving heirs' property issues on farmland or forest land.
- **Rep. Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.** was joined by U.S. Department of Labor Acting Secretary Julie Su as well as White House Director of Public Engagement Steve Benjamin for a roundtable discussion and community resource fair highlighting the ways in which laws like the American Rescue Plan Act, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Inflation Reduction Act, and others are helping provide more funding to expand rural area access to broadband internet, improve roads, ensure clean water, and create good-paying jobs.
- **Rep. Ilhan Omar** introduced the End Welfare Polluter Act, a bill that closes tax loopholes, eliminates corporate handouts to the oil, gas, and coal industry, and would save American taxpayers up to \$170 billion over the next 10 years.
- **Rep. Ilhan Omar** introduced the Judicial Ethics Enforcement Act of 2024 creating an Office of the Inspector General within the judicial branch and empowering the inspector general to conduct investigations of alleged violations of the Code of Conduct for Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States.
- **Rep. Glenn Ivey**, serving on the House Judiciary Committee, introduced the Recruit and Retain Act. Congressman Ivey leads a bi-partisan effort to support the efforts of law enforcement agencies that are experiencing declines in officer recruitment. Recruiting and retaining the best, brightest and most compassionate and dedicated men and women of differing backgrounds is vital to keeping our residents safe and promoting better community relations and policing.
- **Rep. Glenn Ivey** participated in a Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Field Hearing at the distinguished HBCU, Bowie State University. As co-chair of the CBC DEI Task Force, the field hearing was an important opportunity for the Maryland Delegation to hear directly from impacted entrepreneurs, since the challenges to the SBA's 8(a) program and the MBDA began.
- **Rep. Don Davis** connected North Carolina First Congressional District students with good-paying jobs at a roundtable with eastern North Carolina community college leaders, workforce development personnel, and representatives from Huntington Ingall's Newport News Shipbuilding, which is currently adding 3,000 employees every year.
- **Rep. Don Davis** was recognized as one of the top five most bipartisan Members of the U.S. House by the Lugar Center and subsequently named a Common Ground Champion for his exemplary bipartisan work in Congress.
- **Rep. Emanuel Cleaver** hosted FHFA Director Sandra Thompson in Kansas City for a roundtable discussion on fair and affordable housing with community leaders.
- **Rep. Yvette D. Clarke** introduced the Area Median Income Fairness Act, legislation designed to confront some of the core challenges that have led to a severe lack of affordable housing in our nation's urban areas. The bill would direct HUD to conduct an assessment of more inclusive calculation methods of the metric known as Area Median Income, as well as to submit a report to Congress detailing its post-assessment findings and recommendations for reforming or eliminating the use of AMI. Additionally, the legislation authorizes \$5 billion to various housing programs nationwide to combat these issues.
- **Rep. Yvette D. Clarke**, her fellow Haiti Caucus Co-Chairs, other members, and advocates held a press conference to renew their calls for urgent federal action to address the growing crisis in Haiti.

- **Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee** re-introduced the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act joined by 154 Democratic cosponsors. This legislation – the product of intense bipartisan negotiations with civil rights advocates, law enforcement, stakeholders, and the Department of Justice – will create meaningful accountability rules that will restore the trust between police and the communities they serve by limiting qualified immunity, strengthening civil rights protections, improving training, ensuring transparency, and investing in innovative approaches to public safety. She hosted a press conference on the occasion with the assistance of her colleague **Rep. Troy Carter**.
- **Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee** penned an op-ed explaining the legislative history of Juneteenth and her fortitude to establish Juneteenth as a federal holiday.
- **Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester** introduced the Reducing Regulatory Barriers to Housing Act with Sen. John Fetterman, which would empower local and state governments to address regulatory barriers to affordable housing supply by establishing new national frameworks and guidance.
- **Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester** hosted Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, Administrator for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), for a fireside chat at a senior center in Wilmington, Del. The discussion with critical stakeholders and members of the community focused on how the Inflation Reduction Act has helped lower health care and prescription drug costs for seniors in Delaware and around the country.
- **Rep. Jasmine Crockett** was honored to host Department of Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg in Dallas to celebrate \$80 million for North Texas through the DOT's Reconnecting Communities grant program.
- **Rep. Jasmine Crockett** was honored to celebrate the groundbreaking of the renovation of the historic Forest Theater in South Dallas. Beginning in the early 1950s, Forest Theater became an important place for the growing African American population. The 75-million-dollar project will ultimately aid in preserving South Dallas' rich history and revitalize the South Dallas community.
- **Rep. Barbara Lee** led a letter with the chairs of the Tri-Caucus and over 40 House democrats to the Small Business Administration urging Administrator Guzman to publish a complete version of federal contracting data broken down by race and ethnicity. In May the SBA granted the lawmakers' request for the agency to publish complete data on federal small and disadvantaged businesses disaggregated by race and ethnicity.
- **Rep. Barbara Lee** led an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act for FY2025 requiring the Pentagon to perform an annual audit or risk a reduction in the discretionary budget authority available for the Department of Defense by .5 percent. This amendment was made in order and included in the FY25 NDAA.
- **Rep. Marilyn Strickland**, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, announced the passage of the FY25 Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) (H.R. 8070) out of committee. Under Strickland's leadership and advocacy, the bill includes the full restoration of the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH).
- **Rep. Marilyn Strickland** championed workforce diversity in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization. The newly established Bessie Coleman Women in Aviation Advisory Committee will advise the Department of Transportation (DOT) on supporting women in the aviation industry. She also secured a provision to direct the FAA to partner and collaborate with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs).

- **Rep. Gregory W. Meeks** hosted a Juneteenth Commemoration for constituents in New York's 5th Congressional District. He presented a \$3.5 million community project funding check to the Southern Queens Park Association (SQPA), NYC's only Black-run Park.
- **Rep. Gregory W. Meeks** joined **Rep. Shontel Brown** in introducing a resolution that recognizes the month of June as Black Music Month. This resolution recognizes and honors the impact that Black music has had on other genres of music, spreads awareness of this impact nationally and globally, and recognizes the contributions of the artists who have contributed to Black music.
- **Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries** convened members of the House Democratic Steering and Policy Committee for a field hearing with Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra to learn from advocates, doctors and impacted women about how extreme MAGA Republican attacks on abortion care have affected them and share how Democrats will always stand up for reproductive freedom.
- **Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries** hosted his Annual Clergy Breakfast at Weeksville Heritage Center in Brooklyn, New York, featuring a dialogue between clergy members and leaders from agencies and organizations that provide resources to local congregations.
- **Rep. André Carson** co-lead a House resolution designating June 2024 as Black Music Month which was led by **Rep. Shontel Brown**. Black Music Month highlights the major influence of Black music on American culture and history. The resolution urges nationwide acknowledgment through events and programs that honor Black musicians, promote diversity, and bring awareness of Black music's impact and legacy.
- **Rep. André Carson**, in celebration of Eid al-Adha, introduced the Eid Days Act with Congresswoman Grace Meng (NY-06) to recognize Eid al-Adha and Eid al-Fitr as legal public holidays. This bill is about recognizing and uplifting these important holidays and emphasizing their significance to Muslim Americans and promoting inclusion and tolerance as American values.
- **Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman** introduced the Homes for Young Adults Act, a bill that would create a new entitlement under Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 – the Housing Choice Voucher program – specifically targeted at young people who are unstably housed or experiencing homelessness.
- **Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman** co-lead the Stop Comstock Act in response to clear Republican intent to misuse the antiquated and unconstitutional statute, the Comstock Act, to prohibit the mailing of medication abortion and other materials used in abortion procedures.
- **Rep. Nikema Williams** celebrated the investment of \$1.6 million in the Morehouse College Andrew Young Center for Global Leadership's (AYCGL) Higher Education in Prisons Program through a successful Community Project Funding request.
- **Rep. Nikema Williams** participated in a panel with Arian Simone at Clark Atlanta University on the role financial literacy plays in closing the racial wealth gap.
- **Rep. Ritchie Torres** introduced the Credit Report Enhancement Directive Act, which requires a study on the benefits of using two instead of three credit reports. This could positively impact the Black community by lowering costs and making it easier to get loans, mortgages, and business funding.

- **Rep. Ritchie Torres** convened a roundtable in the Northeast Bronx to address the critical issue of credit invisibility, which disproportionately affects the Black community. The discussion focused on the implementation of alternative data sources to establish credit scores for individuals traditionally overlooked by conventional credit systems.
- **Rep. Valerie Foushee** welcomed Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff and U.S. EPA Region 4 Acting Administrator Jeanne Gettle to Durham to announce \$1.3 million in federal funding coming to North Carolina as a part of the Biden-Harris Administration's effort to replace every lead pipe in the country within a decade.
- **Rep. Valerie Foushee** co-led the introduction of the Expanding Child Care Access Act of 2024 alongside Reps. Jeff Jackson (NC-14), Judy Chu (CA-32), Nanette Barragán (CA-44), **Ayanna Pressley** (MA-07), Linda T. Sánchez (CA-39), and Andy Kim (NJ-03), to address the nationwide child care shortage. This bill would provide a refundable tax credit to new family child care providers, lessening financial burdens for hard working families and lowering the barrier to child care in communities across the country.
- **Rep. Steven Horsford** introduced the Broadcast Varied Ownership Incentives for Community Expanded Service (VOICES) Act. The legislation will increase diversity among owners in the broadcasting industry by restoring mechanisms that encourage investment in broadcast stations owned by minorities and women.
- **Rep. Steven Horsford**, as a member of the Armed Services Committee, secured major wins in legislation that will now go to the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives for consideration by the entire chamber. The committee debated the annual National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), legislation that establishes funding levels and sets policies for the Department of Defense.
- **Rep. Emilia Sykes** hosted a Community Conversation on improving maternal health in Ohio's 13th District. She discussed her work in Congress to improve maternal health, including co-sponsoring the Momnibus Act, comprehensive legislation to support mothers and combat the public health crisis of maternal mortality in the United States by addressing critical issues such as maternal healthcare, affordable childcare, paid family leave, and economic empowerment for women.
- **Rep. Emilia Sykes** joined the Summit Suffrage Centennial Committee and the Sojourner Truth Statue Fund to unveil the new Sojourner Truth Legacy Plaza and Statue in Akron.
- **Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick** and **Rep. Jonathan Jackson** introduced the U.S.-Africa Strategic Trade and Investment Partnership (ASTIP) Act. This legislation, designed to bolster the U.S.-Africa partnership, holds significant potential to advance the Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement, marking a crucial step in the evolution of U.S.-Africa trade relations.
- **Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick**, Rep. Marcy Kaptur, **Rep. Shontel Brown**, and Rep. Tim Kennedy hosted a press conference in recognition of National CPR and AED Awareness Week to advocate for the need to expand nationwide access to AEDs. The legislators called on Speaker Mike Johnson to bring the HEARTS Act of 2024 to the floor for an immediate vote. This legislation, which includes Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick's Access to AEDs Act, advanced unanimously through the Energy and Commerce Committee markup.

# KEY MOMENTS

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(SINCE APRIL 1, 2024)



**09**

**APRIL**

The CBC held a Special Order Hour on the importance of bringing stability to Haiti.

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**APRIL**

The CBC participated in the National Council of Negro Women Policy Summit.

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**APRIL**

Chairman Horsford held a meeting with the Federal Housing Finance Agency Director Sandra L. Thompson to discuss affordable housing.

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**APRIL**

The CBC participated in the National Action Network's 33rd National Convention.

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**APRIL**

The Tri-Caucus Chairs and Rep. Barbara Lee led a letter with over 40 House Democrats urging the SBA to publish a complete federal contracting data broken down by race and ethnicity.

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**APRIL**

The CBC remembered the life and contributions of Rep. Donald M. Payne, Jr.

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**APRIL**

The CBC participated in the African American Mayors Association Conference.

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**APRIL**

The CBC held a staff briefing on bias in artificial intelligence.

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**APRIL**

Chairman Horsford joined Vice President Harris in Atlanta for the kickoff event of the White House's nationwide Economic Opportunity Tour.



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APRIL

The CBC held a Special Order Hour remembering Rep. Donald M. Payne, Jr.

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MAY

The CBC welcomed Maryland Governor Wes Moore to the CBC Weekly Business Meeting.

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MAY

Chairman Horsford spoke at the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boy's hearing on mental health.

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MAY

The CBC participated in the 2024 Black Economic Alliance Summit.

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MAY

The Congressional Tri-Caucus urged President Biden to release AFFH rule to accelerate racial equity in Housing.

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MAY

The CBC held a Special Order Hour on Black mental health.

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MAY

The CBC held a member briefing on civil rights and jobs equity in artificial intelligence.

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MAY

The CBC and House Haiti Caucus called for federal action to stabilize Haiti and address the growing crisis on the island.

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MAY

The CBC and House Haiti Caucus convened a roundtable with more than two dozen groups to discuss action for Haiti.

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MAY

The Tri-Caucus denounced Republican efforts to exclude non-citizens from the Census.

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MAY

The CBC invited the Department of State's Bureau of African Affairs' Assistant Secretary Molly Phee to the Weekly Business Meeting.

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MAY

The CBC applauded President Biden's nomination of U.S. Magistrate Judge Embry Kidd to the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

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MAY

The CBC held a Special Order Hour on *Brown v. Board of Education*.

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MAY

The CBC welcomed Irene Marion, Director Departmental Office of Civil Rights, and Christopher Coes, Acting Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, to the Weekly Business Meeting.

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MAY

The CBC celebrated the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus.

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MAY

The CBC responded to the fatal police shooting of U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Roger Fortson.

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MAY

The CBC commemorated the 70th anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*.

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MAY

The CBC condemned Texas Governor Greg Abbott's pardon of Daniel Perry.

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MAY

The CBC welcomed Kenyan President William Ruto to the U.S. Capitol in recognition of his historic state visit.

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MAY

The CBC convened a staff briefing with stakeholders on disinformation in artificial intelligence.

04

JUNE

The CBC condemned comments from Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene on George Floyd.

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JUNE

The CBC participated in the NAACP's 115th Convention Press Conference.

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JUNE

The CBC Immigration Task Force reacted to President Biden's executive actions on asylum.

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JUNE

The CBC condemned comments by Rep. Byron Donalds on Black families under Jim Crow.





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The CBC, led by Rep. Maxine Waters, went to Silicon Valley to meet with the tech industry on funding diverse innovators and entrepreneurs of color.

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The CBC recognized Juneteenth at the White House.

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The CBC held a Special Order Hour to recognize Caribbean Heritage Month

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The CBC welcomed Acting Under Secretary for the Minority Business Development Agency, Eric Morrissette, to the Weekly Business Meeting.

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The CBC welcomed the CBC Institute Boot Campers to the Weekly Business Meeting.

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Chairman Horsford spoke at the White House CEO Roundtable.

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The CBC commemorated Juneteenth with Economic Opportunity Events.

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The CBC held a Special Order Hour for the anniversary of *Shelby v. Holder*.

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The CBC convened the minority business and federal contracting roundtable.

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Chairman Horsford participated in the Regional Minority Supplier Development Council Fireside Chat.

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The CBC reintroduced the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.

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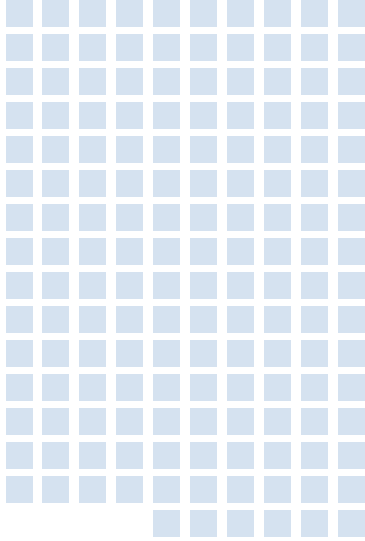
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The CBC responded to the new DOJ decision on the Minority Business Development Agency.

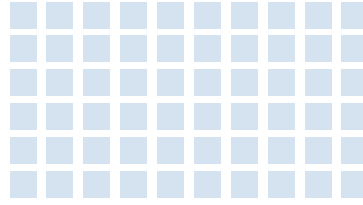
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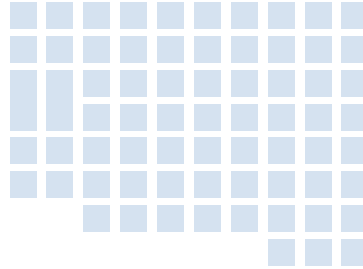
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**The Hill:** [Congressional Black Caucus: Public trust 'broken' after police killing of Roger Fortson](#)

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**MSNBC:** [Speaker Mike Johnson earns condemnation for his treatment of Kenya's president](#)

**The Hill:** [Black leaders commemorate 70 years of Brown v. Board with call to action](#)

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**Cleveland.com:** [Juneteenth: Black Congress members from Ohio discuss progress and problems since holiday's establishment](#)

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**WSB-TV:** [Congressional Black Caucus wants to educate Georgia voters on their rights](#)

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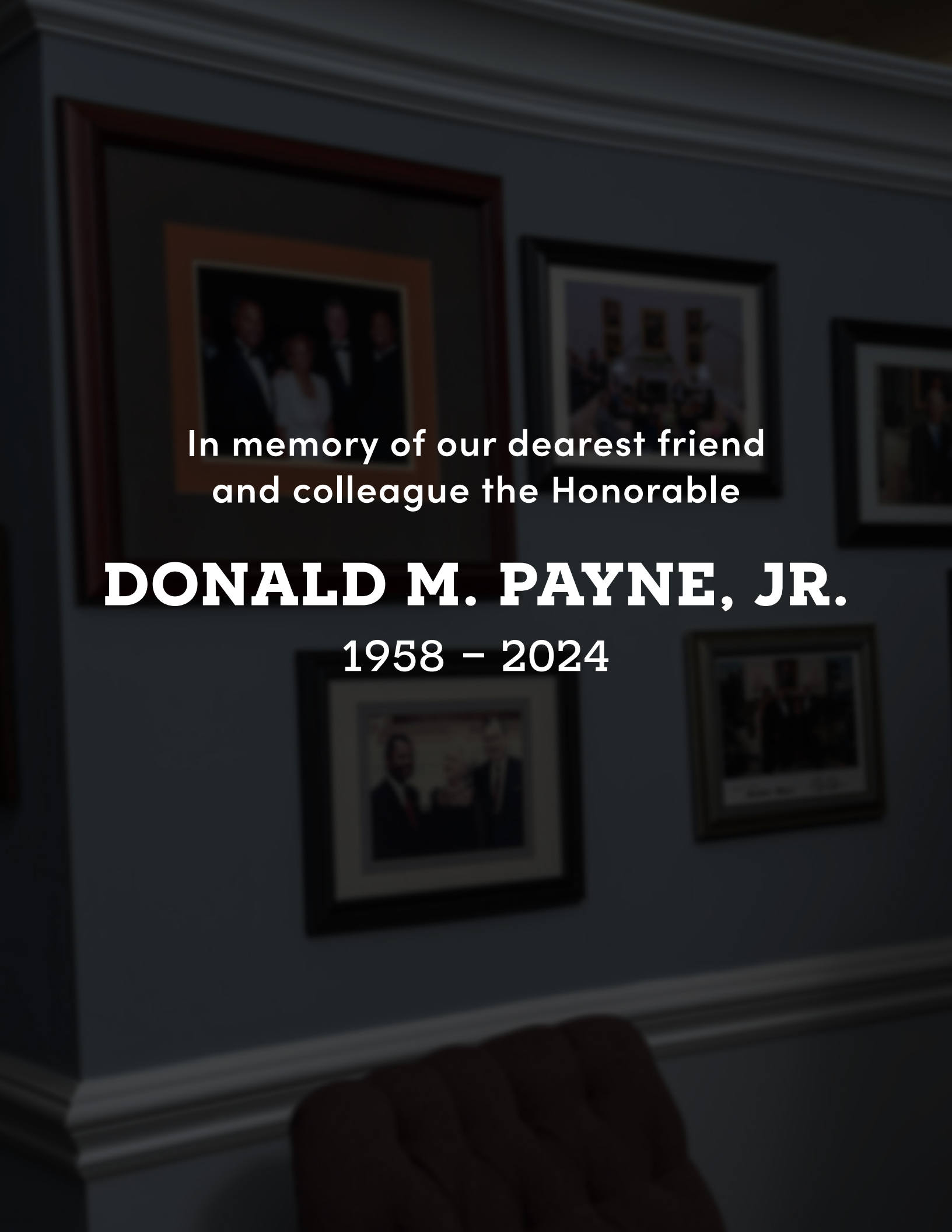
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