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CBCF Celebrates the Life and Service of Rep. Tubbs Jones



Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones

WASHINGTON — The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) celebrates the life and legacy of U.S. Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones, who died Wednesday, August 20, 2008, in Cleveland after representing the 11th Congressional District of Ohio since 1998. She was 58.

Rep. Tubbs Jones served on the Foundation's board of directors and was chairwoman of the board's nominating committee. She was also a co-chairwoman of the CBCF's annual Mervyn L. Jones Memorial Golf and Tennis Classic, which is named after her late husband and each year raises thousands of dollars for the Congressional Black Caucus Spouses' scholarship programs.

Rep. Tubbs Jones was in her fifth term in the House of Representatives. A former prosecutor and judge in Cleveland, she achieved multiple firsts as an African-American woman: the first elected to Congress from her state, the first to serve as chairwoman of the House Standards of Official Conduct Committee and the first to serve on the House Ways and Means Committee.

"Stephanie Tubbs Jones didn't like people; she loved people," said U.S. Rep. Kendrick B. Meek of Florida, the CBCF Board Chairman. "She didn't shake constituents' hands; she warmly hugged them. She didn't just enter a room, sitting silently as an observing onlooker; she was the life of the party, with a lightning bright smile and an infectious laugh. I have shed many tears remembering a woman who lived an extraordinary life and accomplished much in the short time she was with us. We have lost a champion for the underserved and a heroine to so many."



Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Barack Obama has chosen Delaware Sen. Joe Biden to be his running mate. A massive crowd gathered to watch as the Democratic presidential ticket launched a crucial phase of the campaign as it heads to Denver for this week's nominating convention.

Obama called Biden "what others pretend to be -- a statesman with sound judgment who doesn't have to hide behind bluster to keep America strong."

"Joe won't just make a good vice president -- he will make a great one," Obama told thousands who flocked to Illinois' Old State Capitol. "After decades of steady work across the aisle, I know he'll be able to help me turn the page on the ugly partisanship in Washington."

The announcement was at the same site where Obama began his presidential

campaign on a cold day in February 2007 and where Abraham Lincoln launched his career as a revered political leader.

Biden, 65, is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He has four children, one of whom is deceased. In 1966, while in law school, Biden married Neilia Hunter. They had three children, Joseph R. "Beau" Biden III, Robert Hunter, and Naomi. His wife and infant daughter died in a car accident shortly after he was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1972. His two young sons, Beau and Hunter, were seriously injured in the accident, but both eventually made full recoveries. In 1977, Biden married Jill Tracy Jacobs. They have one daughter, Ashley.

Obama and Biden will face off in the November 4 presidential election against Republican John McCain, who has not yet announced his choice for VP candidate.

Michelle Obama 'Hit Homerun' at Democratic Convention

But, Will it Resonate With Hillary Clinton Supporters?



Michelle Obama

By: Hazel Trice Edney
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DENVER (NNPA) — Some delegates and visitors who left Denver's Pepsi Center on Monday night had a look of euphoria on their faces like they'd seen something totally mystifying.

"Michelle hit a homerun — plus," said Elsie Burkwalter, a super delegate from a city that she called "Katrinaville, Louisiana," obviously New Orleans. "When she did a comparison of the way that she and Barack were raised and the values that her family taught her and that his taught him, it turns out that they both stand for what America is about."

Young and old, the sentiments were the same. "It was a pivotal moment in history," marveled 17-year-old New York native, Emma Christman. "And to have an African-American woman to finish off the night..."

Colette Divine of Los Angeles, said she just cried. "She moved me to tears. She's just so genuine. To see people rising together just gives me hope." The women were in awe over the speech given by Michelle Obama, the wife of presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama as Democrats prepared for his official nomination at Invesco Field Thursday.

"Barack and I set out to build lives guided by these values, and pass them on to the next generation. Because we want our children — and all children in this nation — to know that the only limit to the height of your achievements is the reach of your dreams and your willingness to work for them," her clear, passionate voice resonated throughout the gigantic center, where it seems everyone had paused for the keynote speaker of the evening.

In the speech, scripted to help Americans of all races and backgrounds establish empathy and rapport with the Democratic nominee, Obama talked personally about her husband and family to an America that has historically oppressed Black peo-

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AXIS Savannah Returns for a 2nd Year

Savannah's Call To Economic Development

Savannah will once again host the South Coast Regional M/WBE Conference, Axis Savannah, September 30 - October 1, 2008. This year's conference will open with a golf tournament on Tuesday, September 30th, 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at the Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort. The event, which connects Minority and Women Business Enterprises (M/WBES) to greater corporate, government and business-to-business access, features a full-day schedule on Wednesday, October 1st from 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., at the Savannah International Trade & Convention Center. Axis Savannah prepares attendees to embrace the value of supplier diversity and to equip their companies for broader success.

Axis Savannah pro-



Leadership Breakfast and Luncheon keynote speaker Cornell McBride.

vides the opportunity for key corporate/governmental players, minority and women-owned councils, and regional small businesses in the Savannah metropolitan area, other Georgia cities, Florida, and The Carolinas to have direct networking access to one another-coordinated by a broad-based collaborative. The Georgia, Carolina, and Florida

Minority Supplier Development councils have partnered with co-title sponsors Georgia Power and Gulfstream Aerospace, the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce, the City of Savannah, and the Georgia Women's Business Council, along with *The Savannah Tribune*, *The Atlanta Tribune-The Magazine* and the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to ensure that Axis Savannah reflects the interests and addresses the needs of both purchasers and M/WBE suppliers.

The conference's diverse steering committee positions Axis Savannah to connect southeastern M/WBES with governmental entities and corporations (including Fortune 100 enterprises) like never before. Geared towards turning

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