

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE



Remembering and honoring the life of Stephanie Tubbs Jones

On behalf of the Men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc and members of Zeta Omega Chapter of Cleveland, Ohio, wish to provide heartfelt condolences at the homegoing of our beloved sister,

The Honorable Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs-Jones.

WHEREAS, Stephanie Tubbs Jones departed this life on August 20, 2008, causing a great loss to her family, friends sorority sisters and constituents; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Tubbs Jones was born on September 10, 1949, in Cuyahoga County, Ohio and raised in Cleveland, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Tubbs Jones rose to political prominence by way of the Municipal and Common Pleas Court, having also served as the first black Cuyahoga County prosecutor and the first African-American woman elected to the House of Representatives from Ohio, serving in her fifth term as representative of the 11th Congressional District until her untimely death; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Tubbs Jones was co-sponsor of legislative efforts to broaden health care coverage for low-and middle-income people and legislation requiring certification for mortgage brokers and stiffer penalties for predatory loans and was Chairwoman of the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct for the 110th Congress; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Tubbs Jones was initiated into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in 1982 through the Greater Cleveland Alumnae Chapter and was active on both local and national levels; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Tubbs Jones was a friend to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; her colleagues in the House of Representatives, Omega Brothers James E. Clyburn (D-SC) Kendrick B. Meek (D-FL) remarked that Stephanie Tubbs Jones didn't just like people; she loved people--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; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Tubbs Jones served as keynote speaker for the 2002 Zeta Omega Chapter Russell T. Adrine Achievement Banquet and frequently participated in Zeta Omega functions and supported the efforts of the chapter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF ZETA OMEGA AND THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHAPTER, WITH OMEGA MEN EVERYWHERE CONCURRING, that we do hereby commend and honor the life and accomplishments of the Honorable Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones and express our deepest sympathy to her son Mervyn II, her sibling Barbara, her family, her sisters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and all those who mourn her passing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be presented to her family, a copy forwarded to the Supreme Council of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and a copy remain in the custody of the local chapter as a testament of our respect to the life and legacy of Stephanie Tubbs Jones.

Signatures affixed this date of August 29, 2008

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