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New Open-Source Browser Combines
Simple UI with Sophisticated Technology

Mountain View, CA—This month, Google, Inc. launched Google Chrome™, a new open source browser intended to create a better web experience for users around the world. Available in beta in more than 40 languages, Google Chrome is a new approach to the browser that's based on the simplicity and power that users have come to expect from Google products. In the early days of the Internet, web pages were frequently little more than text. But today the web has evolved into a powerful platform that enables users to collaborate with friends and colleagues through email and other web applications, edit documents, watch videos, listen to music, manage finances and much more. Google Chrome was built for today's web and for the applications of tomorrow.

"We think of the browser as the window to the web – it's a tool for users to interact with the web sites and applications they care about, and it's important that we don't get in the way of that experience," said Sundar Pichai, Vice President of Product Management, Google Inc. "Just like the classic Google homepage, Google Chrome has a simple user interface (UI) with a sophisticated core to enable the modern web."

Making the web experience better for users

Google Chrome is designed to

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Regional HSCC Champions Capture National Awards BDPA Student Members Secure Top Scholarships Awards in '08



Power Breakfast Club – BDPA DC and BDPA Northern Virginia Chapters fielded two (2) HSCC Teams this year. Pictured standing (L-R) Airrick Woolen (HSCC Alumni/Coach), Tarik Massac, Francisco Nuñez (NoVA Team Leader), Rod Edwards (HSCC Instructor), Christopher Lindsay, Ed Yeldell (HSCC Coordinator), TurKenya Herring (DC Team Leader), Lou Shack. Pictured seated (L-R) are Victoria Walton, Hassan Moustafa, Quenice Simms, Titus Thomas, and Mira Cruz. **Results on Page 7.**

National Capital Region Fields Two Nationally-Ranked Teams Atlanta, GA

—Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia High School Computer Competition (HSCC) teams are among the nation's top five (5) HSCC finalists this year. All 23 nationally ranked teams did remarkably well during the National HSCC held in Atlanta, Georgia on August 6-8, 2008. However, only the top five (5) teams are eligible for the Dr. Jesse Bemley Scholarship awards in 2008. One of BDPA's newest Chapters, BDPA Northern Virginia (NoVA) fielded an HSCC team for the first time which finished as one of the top five (5) during this year's

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SIG overtones include growth areas such as Standards, High Performance Computing, Modeling & Simulation, Intelligent Transportation Systems, Robotics, Web 2.0 technologies, or related computational ontologies.

BDPA-DC CIGs form within the National Capital Region to provide emerging services to Anne Arundel, Charles, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties in Maryland. To schedule a BDPA CIG event near you, visit our website at www.bdpa-dc.org for meeting and event locations or call us at 800.727.BDPA (2372).



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Dear Members and Associates,



On behalf of the Washington, D.C. Chapter of BDPA, we cordially welcome you and your associates to the District of Columbia for another exciting Annual Legislative Conference hosted by the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. Our chapter's 30-year tradition of community support continues forward as we reach out to diverse industries during this year's Issue Forums and Braintrusts.

We have upon us a very historic and unprecedented general election year. In January 2009, America welcomes a new President and our 111th Congress to Washington. By attending ALC forums and promoting professional networking activities, BDPA discovers better ways to empower communities during the next administration. Moreover, congressional support of chapter programs continues to foster creativity within BDPA communities, BDPA chapters, and chapter interest groups at participating colleges and universities.

Continued support of BDPA's programs also advances technical initiatives to the forefront of underserved communities and Minority Serving Institutions. These combined efforts undoubtedly support stronger science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) pipelines for tomorrow's workforce.

For new BDPA members, and members who attended last month's National BDPA Technology Conference in Atlanta, we enthusiastically applaud your chapter's continued advocacy while returning to Washington and cultivating stronger relationships with your representatives in Congress and the Congressional Black Caucus. Our synergies shall continue well into the next administration.

To that end, as a BDPA partner take with you exciting new professional opportunities and strategic concepts from CBCF's 38th Annual Legislative Conference.

With very warm regards, I remain

Sincerely,

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HSCC Scholarships

Washington—Next month, BDPA's Regional High School Computer Competition (HSCC) staff will begin expansion plans for 2009. A National HSCC will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina during the **National BDPA Technology Conference, August 5-8, 2009**. Final competition teams selected to represent the District, Northern Virginia, and Southern Maryland will be made up of four to six students each. However, remaining students are eligible to

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Las Vegas, NV—This past June, JEF student participants from BDPA's Mid-Atlantic Region participated in advanced computing competitions during the third annual TeraGrid conference, which encourages young people to enter careers in high-performance computing (HPC), scientific visualization, and grid computing. Cadeal Chase [Baltimore], third from left, Bryan Bemley [Washington], fifth from left, stands with Frederick Smith, III [Northern Delaware], fourth from right and Dr. Jesse Bemley [JEF], second from right.

participate in BDPA's annual Youth Technology Camp (YTC) during the Conference. Local teams have prepared to travel to the National BDPA Technology Conference. All students are allowed to participate in the Student Youth Technology Camp and all other planned student activities. The competition team will compete with other BDPA chapter teams throughout the United States developing web applications, mastering computer theory, conducting oral presentations and publishing their team's deliverables during written competition.

The top five (5) teams will win college scholarships, computer hardware and software. NBDPA likely will extend awards to the top six (6) teams in 2009 due to increased participation in BDPA Regional HSCC events. BDPA student members and HSCC students are afforded an opportunity to participate or attend next year's **TeraGrid '09 Conference** in Washington, D.C. and the **Supercomputing 2008 (SC08) Expo** later this year in Austin, TX. Student memberships are available to interested students at \$15 for full time high school, community college, vocational school, 4-year college or university attendees.

Local Student BDPA Members win record Scholarship amounts in 2008

Congratulations to National BDPA HSCC Finalists!



Social Technology is Evolving and Upgrading "Washington 2.0"

bdpatoday.org deploys upgraded Groupsites powered by CollectiveX

Columbia, MD—CollectiveX is a web-based service that enables people to create "collaboration communities" called Groupsites. Individuals within alumni groups, non-profits, membership associations and social groups are creating Groupsites to maximize return on involvement through private, secure, collaboration and networking.

Founded in January 2006 by serial technology entrepreneur, Clarence Wooten, CollectiveX (www.collectivex.com) is a hosted platform for the creation of Groupsites. Introduced in August 2007, Groupsites embody the Web's evolution into a social/collaborative medium by combining the most useful social technology features of traditional websites, discussion forums, listservs, blogs, collaboration software and social networks.

Groupsites allow individuals, organizations and companies to create "collaboration communities" in minutes, where group members can communicate, share and network for the purpose of making things happen. During a recent interview with *bdpatoday*, Wooten stated this month's upgrade will be a "game changer" featuring enhanced collaboration capabilities for all users.

Already, Washington is observing how social technology is dominating the current political season. Moreover, social-networking technologies have matured thus allowing campaign managers, lawmakers, advocates, and staffers to rapidly capitalize on a collective confluence of social "2.0" fund-raising technologies and legislative trends. 

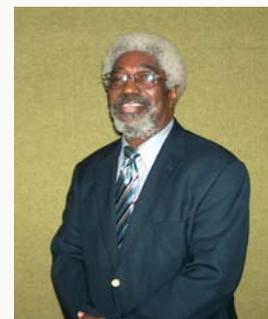
Nation's Top HSCC Teams Capture BETF Scholarships in Atlanta Conference
BDPA's Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia chapters fielded two High School Computer Competition (HSCC) teams [pictured above] which finished second and fourth place respectively from a field of 23 nationally-ranked HSCC teams. BDPA's National HSCC events were held last month in Atlanta, Georgia during the 30th Annual National BDPA Technology Conference. For graduating seniors, the BDPA Education and Technology Foundation (BETF) will post the following scholarship awards upon registration this fall.

— BDPA-DC Photo

HSCC Final Results

- BDPA Southern Minnesota** - This team successfully defended the National HSCC Championship they won last year. The young men and women from Rochester MN won National Championships in 2004, 2005, 2007 and 2008. *Each member of this year's team receives a \$2,500 Bemley Scholarship!*
- BDPA Washington, D.C.** - For the second year in a row the young men and women from the National Capital Region took home the Silver Medal along with \$2,000 *Bemley Scholarships!*
- BDPA Chicago** - Chicago is the only HSCC team in the past five years to beat Southern Minnesota for the National HSCC title in 2006. That year, BDPA Chicago won all major awards. For the second year in a row, the young students from the Windy City are bringing home the National HSCC Bronze Medal and \$1,500 *Bemley Scholarships!*
- BDPA Northern Virginia** - This chapter participated in the National HSCC for the first time ever and hit the ground running! Their fourth place finish earned each member of the team a \$1,000 *Bemley Scholarship!*
- BDPA Atlanta** - How cool is it to be the Host Chapter of an annual conference and also have high school students winning \$500 *Bemley Scholarships*? It recently was experienced by this year's Host Team from Atlanta. — **BETF**

Did You Know?



Dr. Jesse L. Bemley

Dr. Jesse L. Bemley started BDPA's High School Computer Competition (HSCC) program in 1986. Modeled after the Association for Computing Machinery's (ACM) annual multi-tiered computer programming contest for college student participation, BDPA's Atlanta, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C. Chapters became early adopters.

Bemley Scholarships that are awarded each year to the top HSCC national finalists by the BDPA Education and Technology Foundation (BETF) bare his namesake.

BDPA IT Showcase

During recent Mid-Atlantic Region presentations at Bowie State University, undergraduate and high school students excelled at presenting advanced technical concepts to general audiences. White Papers were published for the National BDPA Technology Conference recently held in Atlanta, GA.

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High School Students - Teams of high school students converge at the BDPA national conference to showcase their skills, teamwork, and creativity as they compete in an intensive 3-day competition. Others will be amazed at the talent and intellect of these students as they bond, compete, grow, learn and enjoy a healthy competitive environment laced with the most challenging technology available.

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Senior IT Executives - BDPA has affiliated with the ITSMF to help achieve their objective. Senior information technology executives assist African American women and men in preparing for senior level positions.

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Parents - Come join us! Share the fun and learning experiences with your children in our BDPA Host Chapter cities.

Community-Based Organizations - There is more to learn at our conferences. Technology is HERE! Don't let your organization fall behind because you were reluctant, or did not have the skills necessary to integrate your organization with technology. Many of our seminar tracks will help you better organize your CBO. Learn how to build your organization using technology, strategy, and team building.

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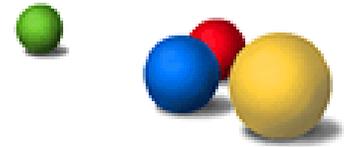
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Google Chrome was engineered to deliver a seamless web experience for users. At its core is a multi-process platform that helps provide users with enhanced stability and security.

- Each browser tab operates as a separate process; by isolating tabs, should one tab crash or misbehave, others remain stable and responsive, and users can continue working without having to restart Google Chrome.
- Google also built a new JavaScript engine, V8, which not only speeds up today’s web applications, but enables a whole new class of web applications that couldn’t exist on today’s browsers.

Contributing to the innovation of browsers through openness

“While we see this as a fundamental shift in the way people think about browsers, we realize that we couldn’t have created Google Chrome on our own,” said Linus Upson, Director of Engineering, Google Inc. “Google Chrome was built upon other open source projects that are making significant contributions to browser technology and have helped to spur competition and innovation.”

To further advance the openness of the web, Google Chrome is being released as an open source project under the name Chromium. The intent is that Google will help make future browsers better by contributing the underlying technology in Google Chrome to the market, while continuing to develop additional features.

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➔ What Is The Digital TV (DTV) Transition?

Currently, many over-the-air stations are broadcasting in both analog and digital TV formats. After February 17, 2009, full – power TV stations will broadcast only in digital. The DTV transition will affect those who watch free over-the-air television (through a rooftop antenna or “rabbit ears”). If you watch over-the-air programs on an analog TV, you must take action before February 17, 2009.

➔ Why Are Broadcast Stations Switching to Digital?

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AAEA on Eddie Bernice Johnson Science & Technology Braintrust



On September 26th, Congresswoman Johnson (D-TX), a long-time member of the House Science Committee, will host the Science and Technology Braintrust. The Braintrust is a panel discussion that is part of a larger event called the **Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference**. This year's Braintrust will focus on the technology of energy and environmental conservation. We will discuss sustainability from the academic-, corporate-, and federal perspectives as well as the education and skills needed for students of color to pursue careers in these areas.

Event: Science & Technology Braintrust: How Science is Saving the Environment. A panel discussion on novel efforts to

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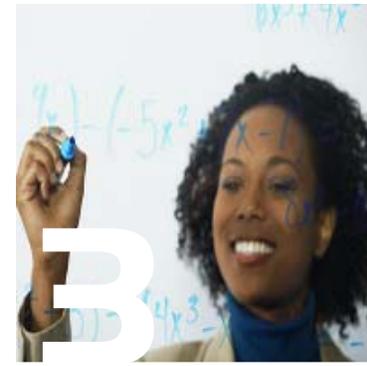
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Should my son, daughter, niece or nephew add value to Mark's global enterprise? Absolutely! Today's athletes need to crunch numbers and technicians need to stay in shape. Having your teams partner with local BDPA Chapters while participating in a sports activity or a BDPA IT Showcase event may accomplish both.

By The Numbers: **1. Advocacy** Last year, Ward 5 Councilmember Harry Thomas Jr., Washington's Police Chief, Cathy L. Lanier and Washington's Metropolitan Basketball League (MBL) Vice President Kevin "Moose" Jones helped launch DC's newest MBL street ball facility near Dunbar High School. **2. Teamwork** BDPA-DC Members (L-R) Syreeta Swann and Suzette Hampton of the Maryland Suns participated in this summer's New York Avenue Classic as coaches and Team Moms. **3. Education** Stay in school; join forces with BDPA to explore science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) topics in sports and entertainment industries. **4. The End Game** Team participants formally present their findings to a distinguished panel of judges during next year's National BDPA Technology Conference, Raleigh Convention Center, August 5-8, 2009, in Raleigh, NC. Christopher Shelton (above) made his formal presentation [Objects in Motion] during the IT Showcase in Atlanta last month to Gregory Johnson of AMTRAK (BDPA-DC) and Charles Moore of Wachovia Bank (BDPA Charlotte).

Ballers, Strikers, and Golfers—Welcome! BDPA is proud to welcome into the fold student athletes, Team Moms, Team Dads, and Coaches as new members of BDPA. "Infotainment" is a combo-word referring to websites, groupsites, software and other media BDPA can support that blend educational information and entertainment together for viewers, but also are fun to develop, launch, and watch. Advertisers pay billions of dollars each year leveraging new media to reach emerging sports markets. BDPA's IT Showcase is designed to help student athletes research, discover, and understand their favorite billion-dollar industry prior to entering college. Youth Programs are BDPA's initial phases of the "Interview Process" for scholarships and internships.

The CLASSIC. Once into college, experience "The Classic". Black College Football Classic games have occurred for more than 30 years across historically black college and university (HBCU) campuses. Today, there are close to 40 Classics each year hosted from New York (Urban League Classic) to Los Angeles (Angel City Classic) each providing the excitement of post-season bowl games while pumping millions of dollars into the local economy. Classic Fans get to visit major BDPA Chapter cities (such as Atlanta, Chicago, DC, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, New York or St. Louis) away from campus to watch their teams play usually in large stadiums. Extra activities like golf tournaments, step shows, and beauty pageants add to the excitement. Larger parking areas support expanded tailgating before, during, and after Classic Games. Then, there is the Battle of the Bands at halftime followed by a "Fifth Quarter"—after the game—for participating schools to showcase their talents. This year, BDPA is proud to support the 5th Annual Prince George's Classic at Bowie State University. Contact BDPA's Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia Chapters for BDPA hospitality information or see **Page 3** of this issue for additional details.

Join BDPA Today! Team Moms, contact us to register the whole team—Coaches, too. Our members can assist your new members with team groupsites, team logos, graphics, spreadsheets and statistics, email accounts, and blogs. There is other very cool Web 2.0 stuff your teams may want to use or present during next year's BDPA IT Showcase. Visit **www.bdpa-dc.org** for additional information or our Groupsite **http://bdpatoday.collectivex.com**.

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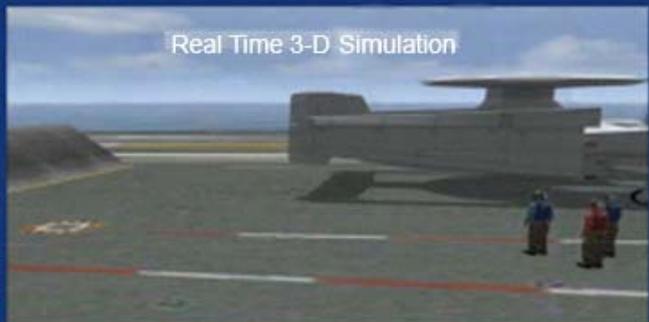
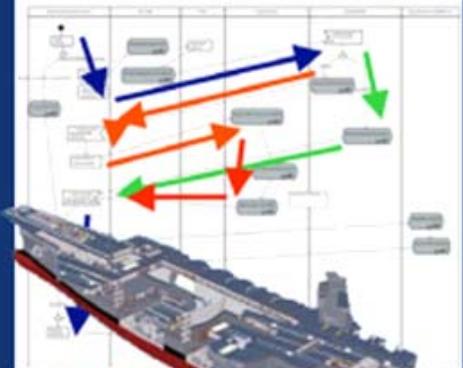
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- **Audit/Finance/Sales/Grants**
Invest in our *trillion-dollar* industry
- **IT Programs/Chapter Events**
Host *Interest Groups* and meetings
- **Membership/Services**
Source *non-IT* members for growth
- **Government Relations/Advocacy**
Track laws in our *high-tech* society
- **Communications + PR**
Join local BDPA *multimedia* teams
- **Education/Training/Standards**
Develop *courseware*, be a *Mentor*

What To Look For in 2008:

- Black Engineer of The Year Awards
- BDPA-Day-On-The-Hill
- BDPA-Day @ Annapolis
- ITSMF Symposium and Gala
- FOSE 2008
- National Harbor Conventions
- Regional BDPA Golf Classic
- Regional HSCC Competition (Youth)
- Regional IT Showcase (Students)
- TeraGrid '08
- National BDPA Tech Conference
- National IT Showcase (Students)
- National HSCC Competition (Youth)
- Legislative Conference (CBCF/ALC)
- Prince George's Football Classic
- Supercomputing 2008 (SC08)
- BDPA-DC 30th Anniversary Gala

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Corporate sponsorships and member discounts are available by contacting the Washington, D.C. BDPA Chapter:

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SUPERCOMPUTING 2008 CONFERENCE PREVIEW

SC08 Broader Engagement (BE) Program

SC08 is committed to broadening participation in the conference and to the engagement of individuals from around the globe, in groups and disciplines that traditionally have been underrepresented in high performance computing or at the SC Conference series. The breadth and depth of SC08 will provide unparalleled opportunities for learning about innovations in high performance computing, networking, storage and analysis. The Broader Engagement (BE) Program strives to identify and involve those individuals from underrepresented communities who have an interest in high performance computing.

Mentorship Programs

The mentorship program that started last year at SC07 will continue at SC08. In close collaboration with the Education Program, student volunteers and SC exhibitors, BE is endeavoring to grow its mentorship program. The program plans to continue the formation of mentor/protégé pairs, and develop informal opportunities through coffee or lunch meetings with scientists and industry leaders to encourage networking bridges that benefit the participants involved in the program and hopefully beyond. JEF and BDPA-DC have additional information for local teams. Visit: www.bdpa-dc.org



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Support Teams are forming for this year's high school and college student participation during featured technology expos, IT conferences, IT Showcase and BDPA HSCC events. Parents and sponsors are invited to participate and assist area students with research concepts and development projects. Contact the JEF Center at: **202.584.1898**

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Educational institutions, training companies, not-for-profits such as BDPA and government-funded training organizations can improve services to constituencies by joining CompTIA.

IT Career Upgrades

CompTIA is the leading association representing the international technology community. Its goal is to provide a unified voice, global advocacy and leadership, and to advance industry growth through standards, professional competence, education and business solutions.

BDPA-DC will work with CompTIA in 2008 to make certification testing more accessible with sponsored and discounted student

vouchers. This upgraded member service allows BDPA members to keep their own skill sets current with industry requirements. Advanced training and free vouchers for additional CompTIA certifications will be made available for BDPA student and full members.

CompTIA Exam Vouchers for BDPA Instructors

Qualified BDPA members of E2C member schools who are training students in any of CompTIA's current certifications are eligible to receive a voucher for one of the following CompTIA certifications: **A+**, **Network+**, **i-Net+**, **Server+**, **Linux+**, **HTI+**, **RFID+**, **Security+** and **Project+**.

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CompTIA certifications as electives or equivalents for their own certification tracks. BDPA members who achieve higher industry certifications with DoD security clearances attract growth industries to emerging communities, transfer knowledge to local schools while promoting economic development.




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BDPA's career center has an updated resume databank to post resumes and career vitae for exposure to the best companies in the world for Information Communication Technology (ICT) positions at all levels. We have an excellent search facility in the form of a Job Bank that allows one to search for the perfect position for matching a specific skill set.

Your career center has support services from career coaches that will assist users in getting careers back on track or reaching the next levels of advancement. These support services also extend to salary surveys thus allowing users to see how competitive a salary is in relation to other parts of the country and to other ICT positions. These services allow users to view the emerging positions within related industries and connect with resources for a full job outlook.

This career center also supports ICT college students with a Student Internship Program to include resources to assist first-time workforce entrants in securing desired college internships over the summer or any time during the course of a school year. BDPA should be one of the first stops in fulfilling all of your career goals and meeting ICT professionals in every industry sector.

Our next opportunity to network and interface with business leaders and hiring managers supporting BDPA and BDPA's Washington, D.C. Chapter, is **September 24-27, 2008** in Washington, D.C. during CBCF's 38th Annual Legislative Conference. More information is available by visiting "Events" online: www.bdpa-dc.org. 

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CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS MOURNS LOSS OF CHAIRWOMAN STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

Washington, D.C.—"GOD has called one of his devout disciples home. The untimely departure of our beloved friend and fearless leader, Chairwoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones is indescribable." said Congresswoman Carolyn C. Kilpatrick (D-MI), Chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC).

"This is an enormously solemn day for Members of Congress, the Congressional Black Caucus family, Ohio residents and the world. Chairwoman Tubbs Jones was undoubtedly a true steward of the people. She dedicated her life to ensure that life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness was afforded to every American. Her command of the law was only matched by her boundless sense of integrity."

"Chairwoman Tubbs Jones' illustrious career included a crowd of firsts. She was the first African American woman elected to the United States House of Representatives from Ohio. She was the first African American female to serve on the House Ways and Means Committee. She was the first African American and the first female to serve as Cuyahoga County, Ohio Prosecutor. She was the first

African American woman to sit on the Common Pleas bench in the state of Ohio.

"In the halls of Congress she was revered by her colleagues as a fair, yet firm Chair of the Standard of Official Conduct Committee. Throughout Ohio communities,

she was celebrated for her tireless advocacy and intervention. Within the Congressional Black Caucus family she will be forever cherished and missed.



Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones
11th District of Ohio

BDPA deeply is saddened by the loss of Congresswomen Stephanie Tubbs Jones. Her career was dedicated to the empowerment of the African American community. Our nation and the community of Northeast Ohio will surely miss the service of Congresswoman Jones. BDPA is proud to have shared in her vision of empowerment as the 2006 recipient of the Tubbs Jones Economic Impact Award. We offer our sincere condolences to her family, friends and the People of Ohio's 11th Congressional District, whom she served with honor and distinction.

Denise P. Holland
National President, BDPA

CBC—The "Conscience of Congress"

The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) was formed in 1969 when 13 black members of the U.S. House of Representatives joined together to strengthen their efforts to address the legislative concerns of black and minority citizens. African-American representatives had increased in number from six in 1966 to nine, following the 1969 elections. Those members believed that a black caucus in Congress, speaking with a single voice, would provide political influence and visibility far beyond their numbers.

Today, there are 43 CBC members representing many of the largest and most populated urban centers in the country. The CBC has been involved in legislative initiatives ranging from full employment to welfare reform, South African apartheid and international human rights, from minority business development to expanded educational opportunities. Most noteworthy is the CBC alternative budget which the Caucus has produced continually for over 16 years. Historically, the CBC alternative budget policies depart significantly from administration budget recommendations as the Caucus seeks to preserve a national commitment to fair treatment for urban and rural America, the elderly, students, small businessmen and women, middle and low income wage earners, the economically disadvantaged and a new world order.

In the thirty-seven years since its founding, Caucus members have been successful in rising to strategic positions on House Committees to affect needed changes in federal policies. Never afraid to tackle the most serious social issues, CBC members are regularly referred to as the "conscience of Congress."

For additional information, visit CBC's web site or attend this year's Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) Annual Legislative Conference at the Washington, D.C. Convention Center from September 24-27, 2008.



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