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HISTORY AND MISSION OF THE BETHUNE-DUBOIS FUND

THE BETHUNE-DUBOIS FUND WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1984 AS A VEHICLE FOR EXPANDING THE PARTICIPATION AND FACILITATING THE EMPOWERMENT OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS.

This fund was named in the memory of two distinguished African-Americans, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, who was a friend and advisor of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and founder of the National Council of Negro Women, and Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, a philosopher and sociologist, writer-orator, co-founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and an eloquent spokesperson for African-Americans for the first four decades of the 20th Century.

Since its founding by Dr. C. DeLores Tucker, the Bethune-DuBois Fund has hosted a number of events ranging from its annual fundraising dinner honoring such distinguished leaders as Members of the Congressional Black Caucus, Dr. Dorothy Height, Governor Douglas Wilder, Mr. Ron Brown, now Secretary of Commerce, and a number of other distinguished African-Americans, to political awareness seminars designed to unify African-American leaders. Proceeds from the Bethune-DuBois annual dinner serve as one of the funding sources for the Bethune-DuBois programs, which are as follows:

Bethune-Dubois National Leadership Forum

The Fund sponsors, hosts and conducts bi-monthly leadership forums for the purpose of bringing together national African-American leaders to discuss and develop strategies that provide solutions to issues and problems impacting urban America. In addition, the forum provides an opportunity for young professionals to interact on a one-on-one basis with leading authorities in various professional fields. Forum speakers have included such persons as Congressman William H. Gray III, Dr. Ramona Edelin, Congressman Charles Rangel, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Gregg Watson (Xerox Corporation), The Honorable Richard Hatcher, Dorothy Gilliam (Washington Post), The Honorable Julian Bond, and Congressman Mike Espy.

BETHUNE DuBOIS FUND DINNER 1993**CONFIRMED DAIS GUEST
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June 8, 1993

BETHUNE-DuBOIS FUND 8th ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

DATE: June 9, 1993
LOCATION: Sheraton Washington Hotel
TIME: 8:30 pm
FROM: Kim Tilley, Amy Nemko

I. PURPOSE

To present the Bethune-DuBois award to Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun.

II. BACKGROUND

The Bethune-DuBois Fund

The Bethune-DuBois Fund was established in 1984 as a vehicle for expanding the participation and facilitating the empowerment of African-Americans in the political process. The Fund was named in memory of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, an advisor to President Franklin D. Roosevelt and founder of the National Council of Negro Women, and Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, philosopher, sociologist, writer, and co-founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Dr. Bethune observed that "knowledge is the prime need of the hour;" Dr. DuBois stated that "a highly trained cadre of blacks will be required to use their knowledge and skills in economics, in social policy, in public administration, and in political theory and practice as instruments, indeed weapons in the...struggle for social justice for all."

Fund Programs and Events

The Fund has established programs in varying areas to fulfill its goals of educational empowerment. These programs include an annual fundraising dinner honoring distinguished leaders such as Members of the Congressional Black Caucus, Dr. Dorothy Height, Governor Douglas Wilder, Secretary Ron Brown, and other distinguished African-Americans; political awareness seminars designed to unify African-American leaders; and bi-monthly leadership forums to bring national African-American leaders to discuss strategies to problems impacting urban America. The Fund also sponsors minority college students to work on Capitol Hill in summer internships, sponsors international programs for African-American students, and runs a camp for disadvantaged youth, ages 8-14. Finally, the fund has production and publications units which aim to preserve African-American history and culture through audio-visual and print media.

Bethune-DuBois Award

The award is a type of lifetime achievement award to recognize a high level of commitment to social justice. The award is selected by committee and is presented annually.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Honorees (on the dais)

Owen Bieber, President, United Auto Workers of America

Benjamin Lawson Hooks, Former Executive Director, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL)

Dais Guests

List follows, includes:

Jesse Hill, Chair, Bethune-DuBois Fund; Director, Martin Luther King Center for Non-Violent Change in Atlanta

C. Dolores Tucker, President, Bethune-DuBois Fund

Also in attendance

Alexis Herman, Board of Directors

Mike Espy, Board of Directors

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

[NOTE: Dinner and program will be in progress at the time HRC arrives.]

- Jesse Hill intro's C. Dolores Tucker;
- Sequence of speakers make remarks, beginning with C. Dolores Tucker;

[NOTE: If HRC is late, the following segment of the program will be moved down]

- C. Dolores Tucker intro's HRC;
- HRC presents award to Sen. Moseley Braun;

[NOTE: HRC departs after presenting award]

- Dorothy Height presents award to Benjamin Hooks;
- Rep. John Conyers presents award to Owen Bieber;

V. PRESS PLAN

Open press.

VI. REMARKS

To be provided by Maggie.

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1303

BIOGRAPHY

for
United States Senator
CAROL MOSELEY-BRAUN

Carol Moseley-Braun, the daughter of a Chicago law-enforcement officer, made history in November, 1992 when she became the first black woman ever to be elected to the United States Senate. It was the latest in a string of firsts - first woman and first African American ever to hold executive office in Cook County government and 10 years voted best legislator in the Illinois House.

Carol Moseley-Braun attended Chicago public schools and the University of Illinois at Chicago. Moseley-Braun received her law degree from the University of Chicago and worked for three years as a prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's office. Her success as a prosecutor earned her the United States Attorney General's Special Achievement award.

In 1978, Moseley-Braun was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives. She immediately earned a reputation as a dynamic debater and an uncompromising advocate for more efficient and accountable government. Her hallmark has been an ability to build coalitions comprised of people of all races who are committed to the same principles of good government.

During her first election for State Representative, Moseley-Braun pledged to make education her top priority. She was the chief sponsor of the 1985 Urban School Improvement Act which created and empowered parents' councils at every school in Chicago. She was the chief sponsor and prime mover of every school funding bill that affected education in the city of Chicago from 1980-87.

Other education legislation sponsored by Moseley-Braun included a bill, introduced in 1980, that provided for higher salaries for professors and a bill, passed in 1984, which allows public aid recipients to attend college without losing their benefits.

After just two terms in the House, Carol Moseley-Braun was selected to become the first woman and the first black in Illinois history to serve as Assistant Majority Leader.

As the late Mayor Harold Washington's legislative floor leader, Carol Moseley-Braun was the chief sponsor of bills to reform education and to ban discrimination in housing and private clubs.

Carol Moseley-Braun introduced the bill that barred the State of Illinois from investing funds in South Africa until the apartheid system is abolished. Moseley-Braun also filed, and won, the reapportionment case which affirmed the "one man - one vote" principle in Illinois.

For each of her 10 years in the legislature, Carol Moseley-Braun received the "Best Legislator" award given by the Independent Voters of Illinois - Independent Precinct Organization (IVI-IPCO).

In 1987, Moseley-Braun was nominated for the office of Recorder of Deeds as part of a multi-ethnic, multi-racial and gender-balanced "Dream Ticket." Carol Moseley-Braun made history when she was elected Cook County recorder of Deeds with more than one million votes cast in her favor. She became the first woman and first African American to hold executive office in Cook County government.

During the campaign for Recorder of Deeds, Carol Moseley-Braun promised to make the office more accessible and efficient. She took over a moribund and inefficient operation that used 19th-century style record keeping and spent more tax dollars than it took in. Today, the Cook County Recorder of Deeds office operates with computerized efficiency, greater accessibility, and returns to county government more than two dollars for every tax dollar budgeted for the office.

Moseley-Braun's 1992 Senate primary victory over two-term incumbent Senator Alan Dixon was a come-from-behind success in which her two opponents outspent her by more than 20-to-1. Moseley-Braun defeated Dixon and personal injury lawyer Al Hofeld in a positive campaign emphasizing issues over personalities and substance over negative attacks.

On November 3, 1993, Carol Moseley-Braun was elected to the United States Senate, beating Republican Richard Williamson with 53% of the vote. She took office on January 5, 1993 to serve the people of Illinois. Upon taking office, she was named to the Judiciary Committee, the Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee and the Small Business Committee.

She serves on the Juvenile Justice and the Courts and Administrative Practice Subcommittees of the Judiciary Committee. Her subcommittee assignments for the Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee are the Housing and Urban Affairs and the Securities Subcommittees. She also serves on the Export Expansion and Agriculture Development and the Urban and Minority-Owned Business Development Subcommittees of the Small Business Committee.

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HEADLINE: A symbolic victory for Moseley-Braun

BYLINE: By Elaine S. Povich, Chicago Tribune.

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY: Sometimes a clash of symbols illustrates the changes in American institutions. One occurred Thursday, when the United Daughters of the Confederacy ran into the first black female U.S. senator.

The senator won.

Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun (D-Ill.), in her first notable legislative act, persuaded the Senate Judiciary Committee not to renew the federal patent on the organization's logo, which includes the first national flag of the Confederate States of America.

A year ago, when Moseley-Braun was still Cook County recorder of deeds, the all-white, all-male Judiciary Committee - including many of the members who sat around the square table Thursday - had approved the patent extension for the logo without controversy or complaint from any senator.

While some Americans may have been offended by the group and its symbols, no one at the Senate table said so directly. Until Thursday, the insignia patent had been renewed periodically since 1898.

"This is called progress," said Judiciary Committee Chairman Joseph Biden (D-Del.). "This is awakening to the sensitivities of some people that others don't have."

Moseley-Braun also clashed with another symbol: Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.), 90, a 39-year Senate veteran, former Dixiecrat and as staunch a defender of the Confederacy as there is. Thurmond gave an impassioned plea for the United Daughters but failed to win over his colleagues - many of whom had earlier

pledged their support. The panel backed Moseley-Braun on a 12-3 vote.

"The United Daughters are . . . an organization devoted to commemorating and celebrating the Confederate effort in the Civil War, a war started and pursued by the Confederacy to preserve the institution of slavery and to tear apart the Union our Founding Fathers had achieved," Moseley-Braun said.

Eliminating patent protection does not materially harm the United Daughters, even they admit, since they can still get copyright or trademark protection for their symbol. Only the American Legion and a handful of other organizations have congressional patent protection.

Tommie Phillips LaCavera, president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, said the organization will survive. "We will continue as we always have," LaCavera, 55, said from Athens, Ga. "We will work with our veterans and give scholarships to young people."

After the committee meeting, Moseley-Braun told reporters: "I looked at the bill and I said, 'I can't vote for that.' It was not necessary to put the federal imprimatur on a logo that they could continue to use."

Thurmond spoke of the 23,000-member organization's good works and insisted, "This should be a non-controversial bill. Their charitable work for the good of all citizens far outweighs sensitivities that some may have, concerning their origin."

The logo includes the first national flag of the Confederacy: red and white stripes, with seven stars inside a blue field in a corner.

Sen. Paul Simon, Moseley-Braun's fellow Illinois Democrat, called it a "divisive symbol" and compared it to the more familiar Stars and Bars, the Confederate battle flag.

"In Illinois, when somebody comes up to me wearing that symbol on a shirt, I know I'm going to get some kind of anti-black statement - either crude or subtle - from that person," Simon said.

Sens. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Dennis DeConcini (D-Ariz.) joined Thurmond in voting for the patent extension.

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HEADLINE: SENATE'S NEW WOMEN // Moseley-Braun: We've already made difference

BYLINE: Jessica Lee

KEYWORD: 103RD CONGRESS:PROFILE CAROL MOSELEY-BRAUN: AGE:FEMALE CONGRESS MEMBER

BODY: As the first woman to win her party's nomination to the U.S. Senate in 1992, Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, D-Ill., became the icon of what was dubbed the Year of the Woman.

"The idea that half our population felt disconnected from a major institution like this should have been troublesome to a whole lot of people. Apparently, it was: They tripled the number of women," she says.

As one of six women in the Senate, and the only African-American, she says a staggering number of people outside Illinois look to her:

"The best thing I can do for women and African-Americans is to be the great senator from Illinois."

She had ridiculed the Senate as "garden-variety politicians making bad speeches," but now finds male colleagues receptive to change.

"It's so traditional . . . a familial kind of body," she says.

Legislatively, her top priority is to redirect the nation's economy to a "fiscally prudent" path.

She says women already have made a difference on the Judiciary and Banking committees.

"Sen. (Joseph) Biden talked to us first . . . on the Zoe Baird nomination," she says. Moseley-Braun and Dianne Feinstein were the first on Judiciary to signal that Baird's employment of

illegal immigrants was a disqualifier for an attorney general. On Banking, women pushed to strengthen oversight of the Resolution Trust Corp.

Moseley-Braun laments that she hasn't had time to assess the power centers and admits the senatorial hideaways - those ornate parlors honeycombed into Capitol corridors and claimed by seniority - fascinate her: "Women don't have hideaways. We haven't gotten there yet."

Being a first can be a plus, she says, but also can be a problem.

Moseley-Braun, 45, doubts she'll ever be comfortable with the scrutiny that goes with her job.

Details of her personal life have spilled into the headlines. She was criticized for mishandling an inheritance from her mother, for paying her campaign manager - now her fiance - \$ 30,000 after the election and for stonewalling on charges of sexual harassment against him.

GRAPHIC: PHOTO, b/w, Tim Dillon, USA TODAY

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NOTES: WOMEN ON CAPITOL HILL; Four of six women in the Senate were elected last year. Here's a closer look at them