

Congressman Walter E. Fauntroy-- A Profile

Congressman Walter E. Fauntroy has represented the citizens of our Nation's capital in the U.S. House of Representatives since 1971, effectively combining this leadership role with his role as a religious and civil rights leader.

A native of Washington, D.C., Congressman Fauntroy was educated at Dunbar High School, where he earned his Bachelor of Divinity Degree in 1958. He began his public career in 1959, as Pastor of the church of his childhood-New Baptist Church-where he continues to serve.

He brought to his seat in the Congress a rich background as a civil rights activist and a Christian minister. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., appointed him Director of the Washington Bureau of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. In that position, he performed many valuable services for the movement of the 60's. In 1963, he was D.C. Coordinator for the historic March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. He was also Coordinator of the Selma-to-Montgomery March in 1965, and the founder of the Shaw Urban Renewal Project aimed at revitalizing housing, businesses, and public facilities for low and moderate income families in Washington, D.C. He served as first appointed Vice Chairman of the D.C. Council from 1967 to 1969.

Within two years of his election to congress, he designed and the Congress passed the Home Rule Charter, that permitted the District of Columbia to elect its own Mayor and City Council.

He is now Chairman of the Fiscal Affairs and Health Subcommittee of the Committee on the District of Columbia. He is the second ranking



member of the House Committee on Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs and Chairman of its Subcommittee on International Development, Finance, Trade and Monetary Policy. As a member of the House Banking Committee, he supported the first housing bill in seven years, which passed the 100th Congress and was signed into law by the president, providing \$15 billion to help battle this country's affordable housing crisis. In addition, he is a Member of the House Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control and co-sponsored the 1988 \$2.7 anti-drug bill.

Mr. Fauntroy was Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) for the 97th Congress. He is President of the CBC national network vehicle, the National Black Leadership Roundtable (NBLR), composed of the chief executive officers of over 350 national Black organizations. Under his leadership, the NBLR developed and issued The Black Leadership Family Plan for the Unity, Survival and Progress of Black People. He is Chairman of the Board of the

Southern Christian Leadership Conference and Vice-President for Government Affairs of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non Violent Social Change.

On Thanksgiving eve in 1984, Congressman Fauntroy and two prominent national leaders launched the "Free South Africa Movement" (FSAM) with their arrest at the South African Embassy. He serves as Co-Chair of the Steering Committee of the FSAM and coordinator of its legislative thrust.

As the Chairman of the Congressional Task Force on Haiti, Congressman Fauntroy has played a pivotal role in shaping a new U.S. policy toward that nation, emphasizing democratization, human rights and economic development with justice.

In recognition of his distinguished record of humanitarian community service, his alma maters, conferred upon him honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees. For his leadership in bringing voting rights to the people of the Nation's Capital, the Georgetown University Law Center awarded him a Doctor of Laws degree. In 1988, after delivering Howard University's Charter Day Convocation speech, entitled, "The Tripple Whammy," Congressman Fauntroy received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Congressman Fauntroy is member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and a Past Potentate of Mecca Temple, Number 10 P.H.A., Washington, D.C. He is married to the former Miss Dorothy Simms of Petersburg, Virginia; and they have one son, Marvin Keith.



NATIONAL BLACK HAIR FASHION GROUP FORMED

A group of internationally known hair designers recently met in Memphis, TN for the inaugural meeting of the National Black Hair Fashion Group (NBH Group).

The NBH Group is a professional organization for Black hair designers and was formed to promote professionalism and continuing education in the Black hair care industry.

Thomas Hayden, internationally acclaimed hair designer and educational and style consultant to NBH, is spearheading the effort. Hayden is president of Mr. T & Company Hair Design Studios and has won over 100 awards and honors in hair design competition. In 1981, he was the first American to win the European Hairdressing Championships and the following year, he was the first Black American to become part of the United States Olympic Hair Styling Team.

The NBH Group intends to engage in the business of providing advisory testing, promotional and educational services to hair stylists and cosmetologists who service primarily Black customers. They will offer similar services to manufacturers of Black hair care and cosmetic products.

TEXTURE, the NBH Group newsletter, will include information on current industry trends. The organization will sponsor educational seminars to promote the continuing development of Black cosmetologists.

"In addition to promoting excellence in hair design, we want to help Black salons upgrade their business techniques," says Tom Hayden. "We also plan to develop and interpret national and international hair fashion trends for the Black cosmetology community."

The meeting was hosted by Plough Professional Products Group, a newly formed unit of Plough, Inc. formed to promote hair and skin products to the Black hair designer. Headquartered in Memphis, Plough markets ARTRA Skin Care and Sulfur-8 Hair Care Products through R.M. Walker & Associates.

Small Business Association News

Susan Engeleiter, Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced the appointment of Lindsey L. Johnson as Director of the agency's Office of Women's Business ownership.

"Lindsey Johnson has extensive knowledge of economic issues affecting women. Her background in trade issues will be especially helpful as we seek to increase the participation of women in international trade. She will be a strong leader and I am delighted to have her on our team," Engeleiter said.

Johnson will oversee SBA's efforts to assist women business owners, the fastest growing segment of the small business community. Women are going into business at one-and-one half times the rate of their male counterparts.

The SBA's Office of Women's Business Ownership manages a \$2 million annual grant program to train women entrepreneurs, organizes credit and government-procurement conferences for women, and negotiates goals for federal agencies to purchase their goods and services from women-owned firms.

The office operates a program that matches experienced women business executives in one-year mentorships with novice business women. It also serves as an advocate for women business owners in the Federal Government and the private sector.

These programs are carried out with the assistance of nearly 100 women business coordinators in

SBA's regional and district offices.

Johnson, in commenting on her appointment, said, "I look forward to encouraging further growth in the number and strength of women-owned businesses. I will play an active role in removing any barriers that yet remain to their full participation in the economic mainstream."

Immediately prior to joining SBA, Johnson served as the National Director of the Coalition for Women with the Bush/Quayle '88 Campaign. In this position, she initiated and implemented special projects relating to women and women in business, and developed a national network for then Vice President Bush.

From 1985 to 1988 she was the Director of Legislative Affairs for the Washington-based law firm of Verner, Lipfert, Bernhard, McPherson & Hand. She specialized in employee benefit issues such as health care, and domestic and international trade, contracting and transportation issues.

She has served as campaign manager for several congressional campaigns, and a number of state and local races since 1976.

Her other positions include congressional affairs specialist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the Department of Commerce and special assistant to the director of advance for the Williamsburg Summit of Industrialized Nations.

Johnson received an A.B. in International Relations from the University of Chicago.

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