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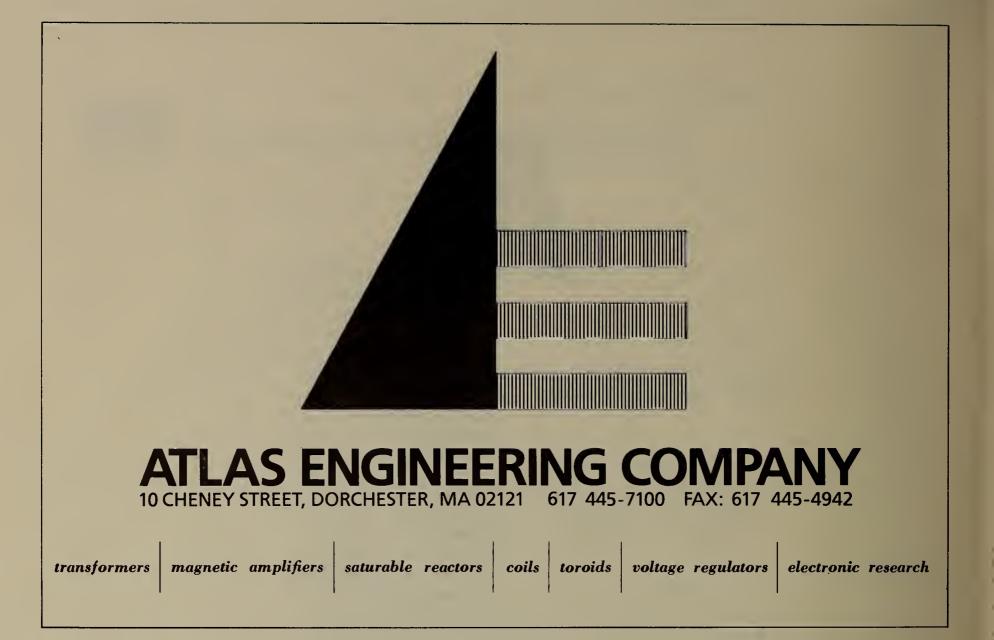
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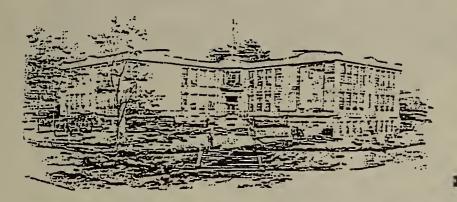
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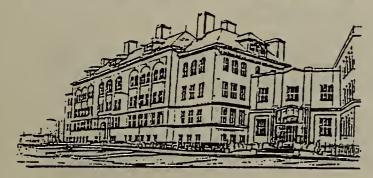
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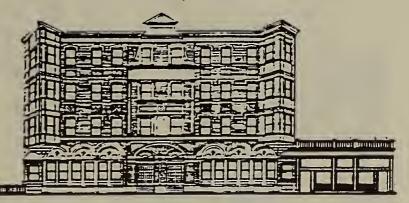


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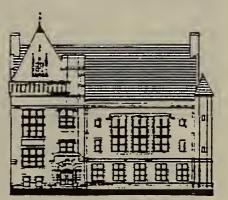


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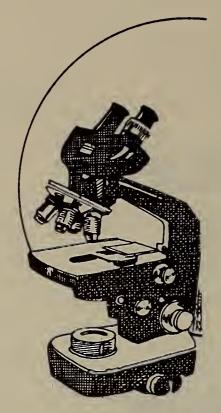
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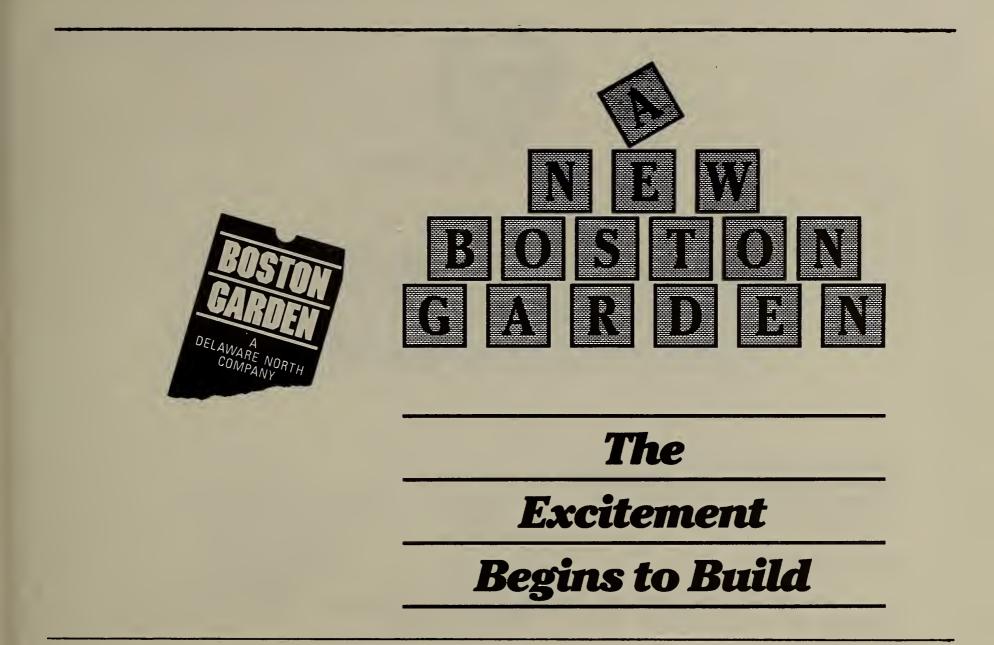
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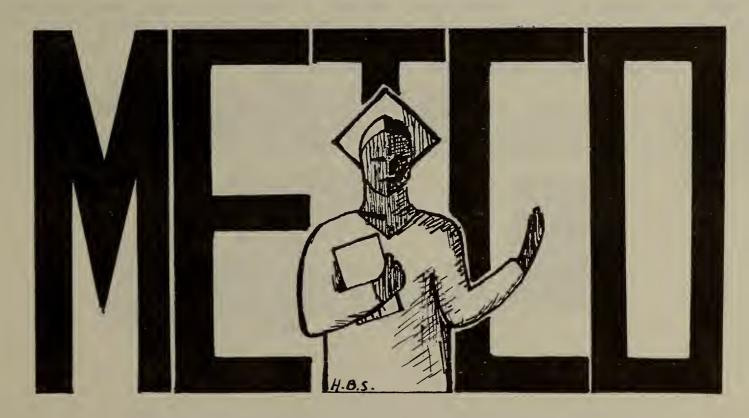
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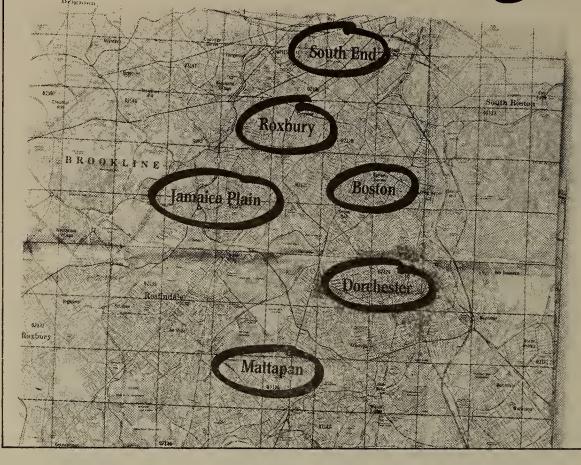


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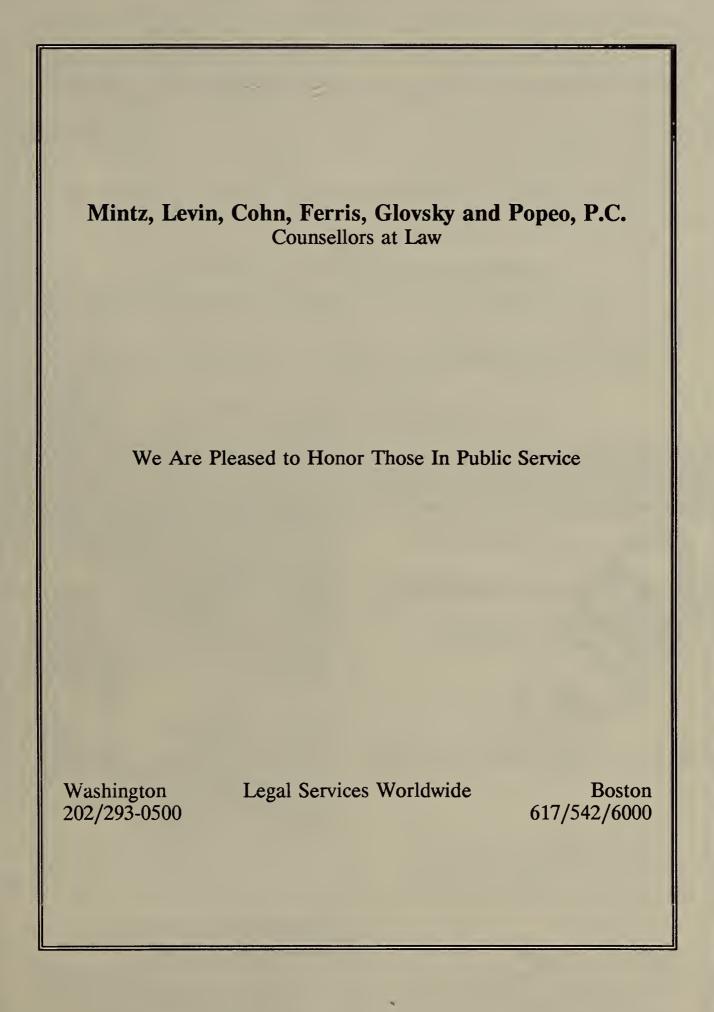
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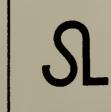
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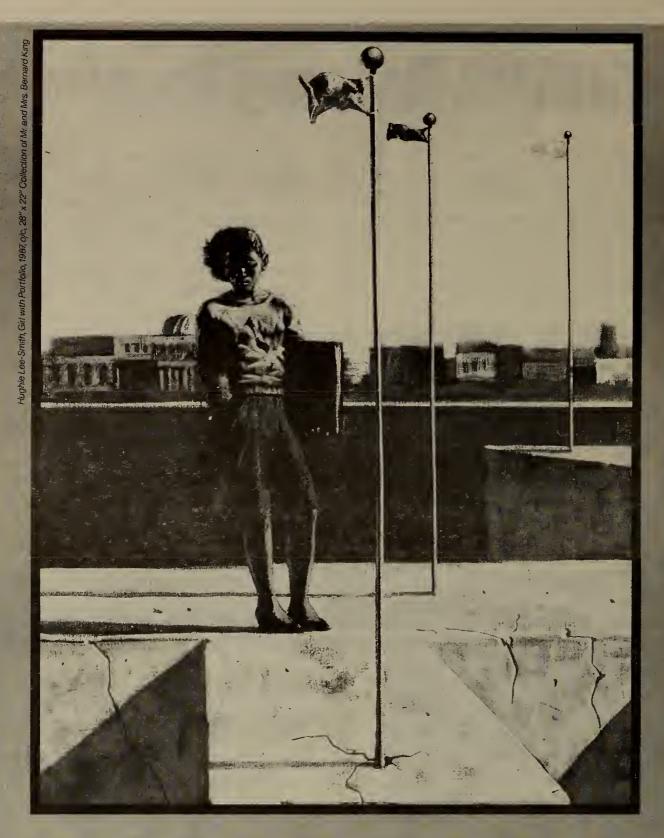
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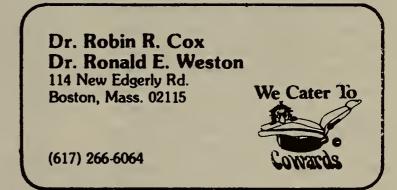
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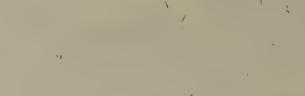
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Dr. Kenneth C. Edelin is Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Boston University School of Medicine. From 1978 through 1989 he was Director of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Boston City Hospital. During that eleven year period he was responsible for the quality of care of the women who came to Boston City Hospital for Reproductive Health Care Services. In addition, he trained and educated young physicians in the art and science of providing health care to women. Dr. Edelin is Certified by the American Board of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and is a Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He is a member of the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists, the American Fertility Society, the National Medical Association, the American Medical Association, the Massachusetts Medical Society, and he is a Fellow of the Obstetrical Society of Boston. Dr. Edelin is listed in Who's Who in America and Who's Who in the World. Recently, Dr. Edelin was elected Chair of the Board of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, the oldest and largest private family planning and women's health care agency in America.

Dr. Edelin has dedicated his career to quality, personalized and sensitive health care for women. When hospitalization is required he admits his patients to Beth Israel Hospital and The University Hospital.

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March 26, 1990

The Honorable Shirley Owens-Hicks House of Representatives Chairwoman, Massachusetts Black Legislative Caucus State House Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Shirley:

It gives me great pleasure to extend my personal greetings and the greetings of the Commonwealth to the distinguished members of the Massachusetts Black Caucus, Dr. Barbara A. Sizemore and friends attending the Twelfth Annual Awards Dinner. I am unable to join you for this very special evening because I will be on vacation.

I am particularly supportive of this year's theme, "A Global Crisis: Our Children at Risk". The needs of our children are so important these days, in light of what is facing our youth. Our war against drugs and violence must be stepped up because we have so much to lose. We are becoming a nation at risk, because our future is dependent upon our youth who need to have a healthy way of life.

You have my best wishes for a stimulating and interesting evening.

Thanks for thinking of me.

Sincerely MICHAEL S DU

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### United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 10, 1990

Representative Shirley Owens-Hicks Chairwoman Black Legislative Caucus State House Boston, MA 02133

Dear Representative Owens-Hicks:

Congratulations on the twelfth anniversary of the Massachusetts Black Legislative Caucus Awards Dinner. This year's theme, "A Global Crisis: Our Children At Risk", focuses on this nation's most valuable resource - our youth. It is essential that we concentrate on protecting our children from the perils of today and preparing them for the leadership responsibilities of tomorrow.

I regret that I cannot join you tonight, but I would like to wish the Caucus continued success and to congratulate tonight's award recipients for their achievements. Best wishes to everyone for an enjoyable evening.

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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 10, 1990

The Honorable Shirley Owens-Hicks Chairwoman Massachusetts Black Legislative Caucus State House Boston, Massachusetts 02133 Dear Representative Hicks:

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for inviting me to the Twelfth Annual Awards Dinner.

Through the years, the Black Legislative Caucus has been an innovative and strong support for the black community. You should be proud of your many achievements and I am most appreciative of having the opportunity to work with you.

"A Global Crisis: Our Children At Risk" is such an appropriate theme for the challenges we face as we enter this new decade. One needs only to read or view the news to see the deterioration of the fabric of our communities and the problems we face as a result of drugs, crime and youth/gang-related violence.

The Black Legislative Caucus has a tremendous track record of responding to the needs of the community. Over the years they have developed strategies and provided the kind of leadership that is effective in dealing with the issues of family conflict and rejection, education, low self esteem, and limited access to mainstream services, programs and other opportunities.

Again, congratulations on your many successes. I look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead.

derely, ohn F. Kerry United States Senator



WILLIAM M. BULGER

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT MASSACHUSETTS SENATE STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133



April 11, 1990

Dear Representative Owens-Hicks:

On the happy occasion of the Twelfth Annual Awards Dinner of the Black Legislative Caucus, I am pleased to extend greetings to you and your colleagues and to proffer my congratulations to your award recipients.

It is a further pleasure to be invited to enlist in the noble crusade that is expressed in this year's theme -- "A Global Crisis: Our Children at Risk." You have my wholehearted encouragement and support as you undertake this timely yet farsighted endeavor.

I am privileged to be among those who celebrate another year of significant achievements by the Massachusetts Black Legislative Caucus.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Shirley Owens-Hicks Chairwoman Massachusetts Black Legislative Caucus State House Boston, Massachusetts 02133



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The Honorable Shirley Owens-Hicks, Chairwoman Massachusetts Black Legislative Caucus State House Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Shirley,

Greetings and congratulations to the members and honored guests of the Massachusetts Black Caucus as you meet for your Twelfth Annual Awards Dinner.

I know I express the sentiment of your colleagues in the House of Representatives when I wish the Caucus another successful year in advocating and attaining those laws and programs important to your constituents and to the people of this Commonwealth.

Your theme this year -- "Global Crisis: Our Children At Risk" -- is most timely and appropriate. It is, after all, our children who will ultimately decide the fate of not simply our state but our planet.

Again this year, I wish to thank the members of the Black Legislative Caucus for their support and cooperation in a most difficult time. And I assure you, once again, of my continued support of your most worthy and important programs.

Sincerely,

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GEORGE KEVERIAN Speaker

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State Senator Bill Owens first served as a State Representative in 1973, for a period of one term. He was subsequently elected to the State Senate, where he had the distinction of being the first African-American in this office, and served from 1975 through 1982. In 1988, he was re-elected and proudly represents the constituency of the Second Suffolk District.

Senator Owens is currently the Senate Chairman of the Committee on Counties and is a member of the following committees: Election Laws, Public Safety, Education, and State Administration.

The Senator's current legislative priorities include: Senate Bill #495, legislation to establish a special commission to identify needs, existing resources, and develop new resources in order to decrease the sharp disparities which exist between people of color and non-minorities in health status; Senate Bill #620, an act to prevent youth violence and gangs, which establishes a commission to administer a trust fund, a job bank, and develop solutions to this problem; Senate Bill #1201, which would form the Blue Hill Regional Development Corporation, in order to promulgate a local development plan for the communities of Dorchester, Roxbury, and Mattapan; and Senate Bill #1332, which would provide financial incentives, in the form of tax credits, in order to develop affordable housing.

In keeping with the theme adopted by the Massachusetts Black Legislative Caucus this year, "A Global Crisis: Our Children at Risk", Senator Owens has stated, "We must look at creative and innovative strategies for addressing the needs of our children, in particular, and our communities, in general. We must continue to strive to make folks understand that funds spent addressing education, health, housing, and economic development, are really an investment, which cannot fail to garner significant returns."



SHIRLEY OWENS-HICKS REPRESENTATIVE 6TH SUFFOLK DISTRICT ROOM 473-G, STATE HOUSE TEL. (617) 722-2070

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Representative Shirley Owens-Hicks is currently serving her fourth year as a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives. She is chairwoman of the Massachusetts Black Legislative Caucus, member of the Massachusetts Caucus of Woman Legislators, National Caucus of Black State Legislators, Committee on Education, Arts and Humanities and Committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs. She has served as chairwoman of a Special Legislative Committee to Study worker Availability in Long-Term Care Services for the elderly, member of Special Commission on Violence Against Children, and Special Sub-Committee on Foster Care.

Based upon a firm commitment to service, Representative Owens-Hicks is consistent in her concern for all individuals who are poor and/or unempowered especially children and youth, the elderly, Black and other people of color. Her legislation reflects these concerns, as it seeks to provide affordable housing, economic development and employment, opportunities for minority and womanowned businesses, full financial aid to low-income students, additional youth programs for Dorchester/Mattapan residents. She shows this concern also by serving as Advisory Board Member to Dorchester Substance Abuse Training Project, Department of Mental Retardation Area Six, and One Church-One Child, a program facilitating adoption of Black children.

Representative Owens-Hicks' 6th Suffolk District includes parts of Mattapan, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain and Roslindale. She resides in Mattapan.



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In the 1920's, W.E.B. DuBois, noted historian, political activist and Massachusetts native, prophesied that, "The Problem of the twenty-first century would be the color line". In many respects, his intuition was correct. Today, as we enter the 1990's, too many Massachusetts citizens' efforts towards upward mobility are affected by the race factor -- so eloquently addressed by DuBois decades ago. Yet, I believe that were he alive today, DuBois might revise his statement to encompass the overwhelming influence economic status exerts over life choice issues.

It is important, during the Twelfth Annual Black Legislative Caucus Banquet, to underscore the seemingly insurmountable barriers facing Massachusetts citizens of African American descent. Far too many of our men, women and particularly our children, approach the new century encumbered by circumstances with far reaching impact on the future generations of all Americans. African Americans do not suffer these issues alone.

The common denominator among poor African Americans, poor Latinos, poor Asian Americans and poor Whites is economic status. To focus entirely on the issue of race, significantly narrows the definition of the problem, therefore, will subsequently result in its limited resolution.

Our challenge for the coming century will be to use the same courage, compassion and commitment of a DuBois in fashioning an American society free of racial and ethnic division; a society free of economic barriers; a society in which true economic and educational opportunity serves to unite us all.

Raymond A. Jordan, resides in Springfield, Massachusetts with his wife Donna and daughters, Denise and Darlene. He received his Master of Public Administration from John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University and his Bachelor of Science from University of Massachusetts.

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#### **BYRON RUSHING**

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I enjoy representing one of the most heterogeneous districts in the state. I have learned that effective representation is mutual--a partnership between the Representative and the constituents. I listen and I debate; I suggest and I lead. Not in isolation, but with the authority that derives from election and on-going consultations.

This has been an atrocious year for anyone concerned with the fate of the people in the Commonwealth who need and provide human services. As the state has entered into difficult fiscal times, many people, including most of the State Legislature, have chosen the morally void position of choosing drastic cuts to human services rather than embracing progressive taxation. I hate to say it, but the worst hasn't hit yet; there are more cuts on the way. This is no longer a fiscal crisis--it is an ideological struggle.

We must act now to grab back the initiative from the tax cutting, human service sacrificing forces who are affecting state policy. To do this I suggest to the advocates of people of color, of the poor, the homeless, the mentally and physically ill, a three point strategy. It is a difficult and risky strategy. However, it could place our Commonwealth back on the road that is paved with prevention, healthy beginnings, rehabilitation and life after birth. The plan: increase progressive taxes, return to the Judicial branch to sue for increased benefits, and hold a one day service strike to dramatize the drastic effect of budget cuts--a strike now, for care and compassion in the long run.

We must all redouble our efforts to enact progressive tax measures. We must raise revenues. We must share, we must pay for a livable city and Commonwealth for all. The advocates must advocate for fair taxes.

Advocates and clients should seek protection of their rights and benefits through the judicial branch. The advocates must join class-action lawsuits to recover the promises made and to prevent further deterioration of services and aid.

Finally, I ask all human service providers and advocates to consider a one day human service strike to dramatize the unnecessary devastation now.

In these few months we are seeing the dismantling of programs that took more than eight years to initiate and build up. Frederick Douglass wrote in 1849, 'Find out just what people will submit to, and you found out the exact amount of injustice and wrong which will be imposed upon them.' We must not submit to this crisis of miserliness.

Call me. Write me. Let me know what you think. THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS



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GLORIA L. FOX REPRESENTATIVE 7TH SUFFOLK DISTRICT ROOM 540. STATE HOUSE TEL. 722-2090

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DANIELLE R. JONES-WILLIAMS LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT



THERE ARE MANY THINGS IN THIS WORLD THAT WE CAN BE PROUD OF BUT NONE CAN COMPARE TO THE PRIDE THAT WE FEEL FOR OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. THE PRIDE THAT MAKES US BOAST TO WHOMEVER WILL LISTEN "THAT'S MY CHILD".

IT IS THIS PRIDE THAT GIVES OUR CHILDREN THAT FEELING OF SELF-WORTH, THAT "I AM SOMEBODY".

A FEELING THAT TOO MANY OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE MISSING OUT ON BECAUSE THEY ARE WAITING FOR ADOPTION OR BECAUSE THEY ARE CONSTANTLY BEING MOVED FROM ONE HOUSE TO ANOTHER WITHOUT HAVING TIME TO ADJUST TO A HOME.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MASS. FOSTER CARE LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS, REPRESENTATIVE FOX HAS COSPONSORED HOUSE BILL 5358- WHICH WILL PROVIDE POTENTIAL FOSTER PARENTS WITH PRELIMINARY INFORMATION ON CHILDREN PLACED IN FOSTER HOMES. IT IS HER HOPE THAT THIS LEGISLATION WILL PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN THAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STATE SYSTEM.

REP. GLORIA FOX HAS A STRONG COMMITMENT TO THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY AS A MOTHER OF TWO SONS AND GRANDMOTHER OF FOUR. SHE BELIEVES IN THE NEED OF A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL FOR OUR CHILDREN. BECAUSE OF THIS BELIEF, YOU WILL FIND REP. FOX AS HONORARY CHAIRPERSON AND ORGANIZER OF THE SYRIA TEMPLE #31 ANNUAL TALENT AND SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT, OR YOU WILL SEE HER SPEAKING AT DAY CARE CENTERS PARTICIPATING IN STORY TIME AND BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATIONS, AS WELL AS SPEAKING AT BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS, PARTICIPATING IN THE PROMISING PALS PROGRAM, WHICH ENCOURAGES CHILDREN TO READ AND WRITE. YOU MAY EVEN SEE HER SPEAKING AT HIGH SCHOOLS ENCOURAGING YOUNG ADULTS TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION, OR AT ONE OF THE STATE'S MANY COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES SPEAKING TO STUDENTS ON THE EFFECTS OF RACISM.

WHEREVER THE REPRESENTATIVE SPEAKS SHE IS OFFERING ENCOURAGEMENT TO AFRICAN AMERICANS OF ALL CAPACITIES AND ENSURING THAT FEELING OF SELF WORTH.

REPRESENTATIVE FOX HAS ALWAYS CHAMPIONED FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND VIABILITY FOR THE MANY CONSTITUENTS WHICH SHE SERVES. AND TO THAT END, WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO BY SPONSORING HOUSE BILL 4712 - WHICH WILL ESTABLISH A MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSE BILL 4711 - WHICH WILL ESTABLISH AN EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE COMMONWEALTH. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MASS. BLACK LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS AND THE BOSTON DELEGATION, REP. FOX WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND WORK TO ENSURE THE DEVELOPMENT OF PARCEL 18 AND BOSTON STATE HOSPITAL.

AS AN AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY, WE STILL HAVE TO CONTINUE TO FIGHT AND STRUGGLE TO BE SELF SUFFICIENT AND IT IS UP TO US AS COMMUNITY LEADERS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS TO COME TOGETHER AND ASSURE THAT OUR COMMUNITY IS READY TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF THE FUTURE.



AUGUSTO F. GRACE REPRESENTATIVE 23RD MIDDLESEX DISTRICT BEDFORD, BURLINGTON AND PRECINCT 3 OF WILMINGTON ROOM 443, STATE HOUSE TEL. 722-2460

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State Representative Augie Grace represents the 23rd Middlesex District which is comprised of the towns of Bedford, Burlington and precinct three of Wilmington.

Augie is a graduate of the Burlington public schools, a 1976 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, and he received his law degree from Boston College Law School in 1984.

Augie served on the Burlington School Committee from 1977-83, twice serving as Chairman. Previous to his election, he held the position of Assistant Legal Counsel with the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council. His interest and participation in various community groups and his leadership on the Governor's Alliance Against Drugs earned him recognition as an "Outstanding Young Man in America" in 1985.

Currently, Representative Grace serves as House Chairman of the Special Legislative Commission on Affordable Housing. He is also a member of the Judiciary Committee, the Transportation Committee, and the Special Commission on Tax Reform. He has also been appointed by Governor Dukakis to serve on the Metropolitan Area Planning Council Board of Directors.

#### Recent Accomplishments and Concerns

- o Vice-Chairman, Massachusetts Black Legislative Caucus.
- Initiated negotiations with the building trade unions culminating in their support of affirmative-action and minority set-aside programs.
- Represented the Black Caucus in negotiations for increased minority participation in apprenticeship programs and job placement for the Central Artery, Third Harbor Tunnel, and Boston Harbor Clean-up projects.
- Created the MBLC Annual Issues Symposium and has served as Planning Chairman, 1989 and 1990.
- Developing a state and municipal response to the <u>Richmond</u> v. <u>Croson</u> decision to ensure the viability of minority business set-aside requirements.
- Fought for Black economic development including Ruggles Station/Parcel 18.

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> Committees on Energy Housing and Urban Development



REP. NELSON MERCED 5TH SUFFOLK DISTRICT ROOM 473-G. STATE HOUSE TEL. (617) 722-2070

> DALIAH LUGO LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT

> > Representative Nelson Merced made history in November of 1988 when he became the first Latino ever elected to the Massachusetts Legislature. The Fifth Suffolk District which he represents is one of the most ethnically diverse in Boston, with large African-American, white and Latino populations, as well as growing Cape Verdean, Haitian and South East Asian communities.

> > Nelson Merced comes to the Legislature with a background in community activism in Puerto Rico and Boston. In Boston, he served as Executive Director of La Alianza Hispana from 1981-1986 and spearheaded the creation of Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation, the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative and Casa Esperanza, a residential alcoholism treatment center.

> > An Urban Planner by profession, Representative Merced is dedicated to issues of urban redevelopment, and in particular to the development of affordable housing for low and moderate income residents in his district and throughout Boston. He currently serves on the Housing and Urban Development Committee of the Legislature, as well as on the Energy Committee.

> > Rep. Merced's top legislative priority this year is the creation of a Youth Development Commission that would promote the development of community-based programs designed to provide recreational, athletic, social and intellectual opportunities for young people. Other priorities include increasing housing opportunities in the district; developing and maintaining services to low and moderate income families; protecting the rights of immigrant and refugee residents; working with the budget process to insure the adequate funding of vital human services, housing and education programs; developing a political voice for Latinos in Massachusetts; building and strengthening a diverse multi-ethnic and multi-racial coalition to foster the economic and political empowerment of all people.

> > Through his work as a community activist, Rep. Merced has developed a firm commitment to inclusionary politics; he believes that "people can work collaboratively to accomplish some striking goals." To that end, his work as a legislator is greatly informed by the input and involvement of diverse communities -- people of color, low-income people, women, gays and lesbians, newcomers -- in what he hopes will ultimately be an empowering process for the people he represents.



ALVIN E. THOMPSON REPRESENTATIVE 28TH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT CAMBRIDGE

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Committees on Housing and Urban Development Public Service Election Laws

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#### **REPRESENTATIVE ALVIN E. THOMPSON**

#### BACKGROUND

Representative Alvin E. Thompson is currently serving his first term as State Representative from the 28th Middlesex District in Cambridge. His district encompasses the Cambridge neighborhoods of Cambridgeport, Riverside, Central Square, Kendall Square, Harvard, Mid-Cambridge and Agassiz.

Representative Thompson up in Cambridge, grew the son of immigrants. Carribean For twenty years, he worked as an administrator for the both the City of Cambridge and the Cambridge School Department. He has a long record of community service in Cambridge as a civil rights activist. Representative Thompson is the current vice president and past president of the Cambridge Chapter of the N.A.A.C.P; he presently holds a seat on N.A.A.C.P's New the England Conference. In addition, Representative Thompson was instrumental in the creation of several Cambridge civil rights groups in the 1960's. Representative Thompson has a wife, Gloria, and three children--Alvin Jr., Hilton, and Hillary.

#### LEGISLATIVE RECORD

Representative Thompson is a member of the Committees on Election Laws, Housing and Urban Development, and Public Service in the House of Representatives. His legislative agenda reflects the issues he cares most deeply about: civil rights, crime and drugs, labor issues, and State budgetary matters. This year, he introduced sixty-three bills, including legislation to strengthen civil rights enforcement, to address the needs of the gay community, to improve gun control and police protection, to protect a woman's right to abortion, to reform civil service laws, and to improve the State's fiscal situation.



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BENEDICTION

Dr. Barbara A. Sizemore is a woman of action who challenges African Americans to take the leadership role in perpetuating its own course. Dr. Sizemore, Author, Educator, and Community Activist began her call to action as a teacher in the Chicago Public School system. Pursuing a career in Education, she served as instructor of Northeastern Illinois State University, Coordinator Proposal Development Department of Government Funded Program, Chicago, Illinois from 1971 to 1972. She was appointed Associate Secretary at the American Association of School Administrators in Arlington, Virginia in 1972 and subsequently became Superintendent of Schools from the District of Columbia Public Schools. Presently, Dr. Sizemore serves as Professor of the Department of Black Community Education, Research and Development at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Dr. Sizemore has been an innovator in many areas. The veteran journalist various publications have been employed as a effective tool for many educators across the country. "Separatism: A Realty Approach to Inclusion?" in Racial Crisis In America Education; Reprinted in Edgar G. Epps. Race Relations; and "The Algebra of African American Academic Achievement in Proceedings From The Conference On Effective Schools are just a few publications on the Prestigious list.

Among her numerous civic activities, Dr. Sizemore serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the African Heritage Studies Association Conference. She is a member of the Black Women's Political Justice. Concerned with the shortage of young African Americans Drop-Out-Rate in High School and their active productive participation in the early years, Dr. Sizemore is a member of the Early Childhood Development Centers, Pittsburgh Public Schools. She was Coordinator of the National Conference on Educating the Black Child from 1987 to 1988 and serves as a member of the Pittsburgh Public Schools Narrowing the Achievement Gap.

In 1947, Dr. Sizemore received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Northeastern University. She received her Masters Degree in Elementary Education from Northeastern University and she proudly received her Ph.D. in Educational Administration from the University of Chicago.

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| DESCRIPTION | THIS BILL WILL CREATE A LOCAL<br>OPTION ALLOWING MUNICIPALITIES<br>TO USE THE ANNUAL STREET CENSUS<br>TO FACILITATE VOTER REGISTRATION. | THIS BILL WILL ENSURE THAT ALL<br>PERSONS SEEKING DRUG TREATMENT<br>RECEIVE IT. | THIS BILL WILL ENSURE THAT RESID-<br>ENTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH ARE NOT<br>DENIED STATE BENEFITS ON THE BASIS<br>OF THEIR ALIENAGE OR IMMIGRATION<br>STATUS. | THIS BILL WILL CATEGORICALLY ALLOW<br>HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WHO MEET THE<br>FINANCIAL TEST FOR GENERAL RELIEF<br>TO RECEIVE THE PROGRAM BENEFITS AND<br>REQUIRE THAT THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC<br>WELFARE ACCEPT MEDICAL DIAGNOSES OF<br>MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS. | THIS BILL WILL CREATE A PURCHASING<br>PREFERENCE TO STEER STATE CONTR-<br>ACTS AWAY FROM COMPANIES WHO CONT-<br>INUE TO DO BUSINESS IN SOUTH AF-<br>RICA OR WHO DO NOT SUPPORT FAIR<br>EMPLOYMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND. | THIS BILL WOULD PREVENT THE STATE<br>FROM DISPOSING OF PROPERTY TO<br>COMPANIES WHO DO BUSINESS IN SOUTH<br>AFRICA. | THIS BILL WILL HELP EASE THE FIN-<br>ANCIAL BURDEN OF ADMINISTERING<br>THE COMMISSION BY ENABLING IT TO<br>ASSESS THE COSTS OF A CASE TO A<br>PERSON FOUND TO DISCRIMINATE. |
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| TITLE       | "AN ACT ALLOWING CITIES AND TOWNS<br>TO PROVIDE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION<br>IN THE COURSE OF THE ANNUAL STREET<br>LISTING".               | "AN ACT ENSURING ACCESS TO DRUG<br>TREATMENT PROGRAMS".                         | "AN ACT RELATIVE TO EQUAL ACCESS<br>TO SERVICES FOR ALL PERSONS RESI-<br>DING IN THE COMMONWEALTH".  | "AN ACT PROVIDING SPECIAL ASSIST-<br>ANCE TO THE HOMELESS".  | "AN ACT REGULATING STATE CONTRACTS<br>WITH COMPANIES DOING BUSINESS WITH<br>OR IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA<br>OR NORTHERN IRELAND".  | "AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SALE, RENT-<br>AL OR DISPOSITION OR REAL PROPERTY<br>OF THE COMMONWEALTH".                  | "AN ACT TO ALLOW THE MASSACHUSETTS<br>COMMISSION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION<br>TO ASSESS COSTS AFTER A FINDING<br>OF DISCRIMINATION".   |
| BILL NO.    | Н. 1685   | Н. 1695   | Н. 1711  | Н. 1712  | Н. 1817  | Н. 1818   | Н. 2237   |
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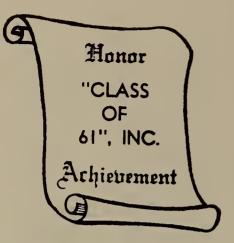
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| TITLE DESCRIPTION | "AN ACT TO FURTHER FAIR HOUSING". THIS BILL WILL PROVIDE INCREASED<br>RESOURCES TO COMBAT RESIDENTIAL<br>SEGREGATION AND HOUSING DISCRIMI-<br>NATION AND FUND THEM BY A \$10<br>INCREASE IN REAL ESTATE BROKERS<br>LICENSING FEES. | "AN ACT TO IMPOSE A PENALTY ON THIS BILL WILL OFFER A LOSS OF<br>PROPERTY OWNERS WHO ALLOW ILLEGAL RECEIPT OF RENTAL ASSISTANCE FROM<br>ACTIVITIES TO BE CONDUCIED IN THE COMMONWEALTH FOR A PERIOD OF<br>TENEMENTS OR APARTMENTS THEY LEASE TIME. | "AN ACT TO IMPOSE A PENALTY ON THIS BILL WILL OFFER A LOSS OF<br>TENANTS WHO CONDUCT ILLEGAL ACTIV- RECEIPT OF RENTAL ASSISTANCE FROM<br>ITIES IN LEASED OR RENTED TENEMENTS THE COMMONWEALTH FOR A PERIOD OF<br>OR APARTMENTS". TIME. | "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A CODE OF THIS BILL WILL COORDINATE THE FAIR PRACTICE IN STATE GOVERNMENT". AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AGENCIES OF THE MCAD AND PROCURE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION MEASURES BY STATE STATURE. | "AN ACT TO DEVELOP A DRIVER'S NO LICENSE WOULD BE ISSUED BY THE<br>EDUCATION COURSE WITHIN REGISTRY DEPARTMENT TO ANY FIRST TIME APP-<br>OF MOTOR VEHICLES". AN APPROVED CLASS. AN APPROVED CLASS. | "AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REPORTING THIS BILL WILL ESTABLISH A SYSTEM-<br>OF HATE CRIMES". ATIC MEANS FOR COLLECTION OF HATE<br>CRIME DATA. | "AN ACT FACILITATING THE PARTICI-<br>PATION OF MINORITY BUSINESSES AND<br>WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS IN PUBLIC<br>WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS IN PUBLIC<br>WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS IN PUBLIC<br>CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS".<br>THIS BILL SEEKS TO ALLOW COMMUNITY<br>DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AGENCY TO PRO-<br>VIDE BONDING FOR MINORITY BUSINESS<br>AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES. | "AN ACT RELATIVE TO MONIES OR THIS BILL SEEKS TO MANDATE THAT<br>OTHER PROPERTY CONFISCATED DURING MONIES AND OTHER PROPERTY CONFIS-<br>A DRIFC RIST" CATED DURING A DRIFC RAID TO RE |
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| BILL NO.          | Н. 2667  | Н. 4732  | Н. 4767  | Н. 4875  | H. 4850  | S. 1467   | Н. 1628  | Н. 1568   |
|                   | REP. BYRON RUSHING   | RAYMOND JORDAN   |  |  |  | AUGUSTO GRACE   | SHIRLEY OWENS-HICKS  |   |

| DESCRIPTION | THIS BILL DIRECTS MASSACHUSEITS<br>HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY TO REHABIL-<br>ITATE VACANT AND ABANDONED FOR THE<br>HOMELESS, LOW AND MODERATE INCOME<br>PEOPLE. | THIS BILL GIVES PRIORITY TO NON-<br>PROFIT SOCIAL AGENCIES APPLYING<br>FOR ABANDONED BUILDINGS. | THIS BILL PROVIDES FOR A STUDY RE-<br>LATED TO THE FEASIBILITY OF REDEV-<br>ELOPING LAND LOCATED AT BOSTON<br>STATE HOSPITAL GROUNDS TO PROVIDE<br>AFFORDABLE AND MIXED-INCOME HOUSING. | THIS BILL WOULD OFFER FULL FINANCIAL<br>ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN LOW INCOME<br>STUDENTS ENROLLED IN INSTITUTIONS<br>OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE COMMON-<br>WEALTH. | THIS BILL WOULD ALLOW THE ATTORNEY<br>GENERAL TO PURSUE PUNITIVE AND<br>COMPENSATORY DAMAGES IN CIVIL<br>RIGHTS CASES. | THIS BILL ALLOWS INDIVIDUALS TO<br>VOLUNTARILY CONTRIBUTE PART OF<br>THEIR TAX REFUND TO BE CREDITED TO<br>A DRUG PREVENTION GRAND FUND. | THIS BILL WILL ALLOW THE COMMISSION<br>TO ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST LOCAL IN-<br>ITIATIVES BY NEIGHBORHOOD BASED,<br>NON-PROFIT YOUTH CENTERS AND PROG-<br>RAMS. |
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| TITLE       | "AN ACT RELATIVE TO PROVIDING<br>HOMES FOR THE HOMELESS, LOW AND<br>MODERATE INCOME PEOPLE".  | "AN ACT RELATIVE TO ABANDONED<br>PROPERTIES".   | "AN ACT AUTHORIZING A STUDY OF<br>THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN STATE<br>OWNED PROPERTY AT BOSTON STATE<br>HOSPITAL".  | "AN ACT TO ASSIST LOW INCOME<br>STUDENTS".  | "AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PROTECTION<br>OF CIVIL RIGHTS OF CITIZENS OF THE<br>COMMONWEALTH".                             | "AN ACT RELATIVE TO VOLUNTARY CON-<br>TRIBUTIONS TO PROVIDE DRUG PREVEN-<br>TION GRAND FUND".  | "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MASSACHU-<br>SEITS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION".  |
| BILL NO.    | Н. 1536   | Н. 1534   | Н. 1630   | Н. 1498   | Н. 2316  | Н. 2405  | Н. 1681   |
| SPONSOR     | REP. SHIRLEY OWENS-HICKS  |   |   |   | REP. ALVIN THOMPSON  |  | REP. NELSON MERCED  |

| DESCRIPTION | A RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE,<br>WELCOME AND PROTECT THE PRESENCE<br>OF DIVERSE LANGUAGE AND CULTURES<br>IN MASSACHUSETTS. | PROVIDES PROTECTION TO ALL RESIDENTS<br>OF THE COMMONWEALTH REGARDLESS OF<br>CITIZENSHIP OR ALIEN STATUS AND<br>PREVENTS STATE EMPLOYEES FROM IN-<br>QUIRING INTO AN INDIVIDUAL IMMIGRA-<br>TION STATUS. | THIS PROGRAM WOULD OFFER A RANGE<br>OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL COURSES<br>TO UNDER-FMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED<br>LOCAL RESIDENTS. | WOULD PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF<br>MINORITY BUSINESSES IN THE COMMON-<br>WEALTH OF MA. | THIS PROGRAM WOULD ASSIST PREGNANT<br>WOMEN AND MINORS WHO DO NOT RECEIVE<br>MEDICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER CHAPTER<br>118E. | LEGISLATION WILL IDENTIFY NEEDS<br>AND DECREASE SHARP DISPARITIES<br>WHICH EXIST BETWEEN PEOPLE OF<br>COLOR AND NON-MINORITIES.  | TO PROVIDE THE MEANS BY WHICH<br>CITIZENS MAY CONTRIBUTE TO THE<br>SOLUTION OF THE HOUSING PROBLEM. | WILL ASSIST LOW AND MODERATE IN-<br>COME FAMILIES TO SAVE SUFFICIENT<br>FUNDS FOR A DOWNPAYMENT. |
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| TITLE       | "RESOLVE DECLARING MASSACHUSETTS<br>A MULTILINGUAL, MULTICUTURAL<br>STATE".   | "AN ACT ENSURING ACCESS TO SERVICES<br>FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF THE COMMON-<br>WEALTH".  | "AN ACT ESTABLISHING EMPLOYMENT<br>AND TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE<br>COMMONWEALTH".   | "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MINORITY<br>BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FUND".                          | "AN ACT ESTABLISHING UNIVERSAL<br>MATERNITY CARE".   | "RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVEST-<br>IGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL<br>COMMISSION RELATIVE TO HEALTH<br>SERVICES TO MINORITIES". | "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CITIZENS<br>HOUSING FUND".   | "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SAVINGS<br>PROGRAM FOR LOW AND MODERATE<br>FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS".       |
| BILL NO.    | Н. 1626   | Н. 1711  | H. 4711   | Н. 4712   | Н. 4761  | S. 495   | S. 545  | S. 546   |
| SPONSOR     | REP. NELSON MERCED  |  | REP. GLORIA FOX   |   |  | SEN. BILL OWENS  |   |  |

| DESCRIPTION    | "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE GANG THE COMMISSION WILL DEVELOP SOL-<br>PREVENTION COMMISSION". UTIONS, STUDY MODEL PROGRAMS FROM<br>OTHER CITIES, AND ESTABLISH A JOB<br>BANK. | "AN ACT RELATIVE TO LOW INCOME THIS BILL WOULD PROVIDE FINANCIAL<br>HOUSING AND REHABILITATION TAX<br>CREDITS".<br>CREDITS". | "RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVEST-<br>MENT AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO CONSIST OF<br>NINE MEMBERS IN HEREBY ESTABLISHED<br>ISSION RELATIVE TO CERTAIN EVENTS<br>FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION THE EVENTS<br>FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION OF CAROL DIMAITI |  |  |
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# "CLASS OF 61" Inc.

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#### EDUCATION AWARD

THE "CLASS OF 61", INC. IS AN ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED BY A GROUP OF BLACK CLASSMATES WHO ATTENDED BOSTON HIGH SCHOOLS. OUR MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND INCENTIVE TO YOUNG PEOPLE WHICH WILL ASSIST THEM IN EXERCISING THEIR GROWTH POTENTIAL AS ADULTS AND ALSO IN AN ACADEMIC ARENA.

WE HAVE PROMOTED FUND RAISING SOCIAL EVENTS, CONTRIBUTED TO ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS AND PRESENTED OVER TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) DOLLARS IN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS IN THE PAST NINE YEARS. WE FEEL THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO DEVOTE PLANNING TIME AND ENERGY TO PROMOTING A POSITIVE COMMUNICATION NETWORK.

OUR BY-LAWS CHARGE THAT WE OPERATE FOR PURPOSES THAT ARE BENEFICIAL TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST OF THE FAMILIES AND STUDENTS OF THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY CONTRIBUTING FUNDS TO THE STUDENTS OF THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THEIR ADVANCEMENT AND BETTERMENT.



HEALTH AWARD

The 1990 Health Award is presented to Jackie Jenkins-Scott.

Since 1983, Jackie Jenkins-Scott has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the New England Hospital d/b/a Dimock Community Health Center. In this capacity, Ms. Jenkins-Scott oversees a staff of 280 people and a budget of over \$7.5 million operating in five major program areas: comprehensive primary care to children and adults; child development services for children under five years of age; HIV/AID services for individuals with HIV disease and at risk for contracting the disease; comprehensive substance treatment services; and health vocational training programs for unemployed and underemployed residents of Roxbury and Dorchester. As a result of her strong and visionary leadership in community health care, the Dimock Community Health Center is considered a national model of integrated comprehensive health and human services.

In 1983, Dimock stood on the verge of bankruptcy. Its nine acre campus including eight historic buildings suffered from years of "deferred maintenance" and neglect. Under Jenkins-Scott leadership, the Center has completed a full evaluation of its real estate resources and begun an ambitious renovation program. In the past, three years, two major renovation projects in excess of \$3.0 million have been completed, and a major \$2.5 million dollar capital campaign launched. Construction of a new Child and Youth Services Building is slated to begin in late April 1990. All of these important projects contribute to the revitalization of Roxbury's Egleston Square Area. As a leading community health care professional, Jenkins-Scott is called upon to participate in many professional organizations and has written, published and given speeches on a range of subjects in the areas of health care among African Americans, community health, public health administration and AIDS. In addition, to her professional affiliations, Jenkins-Scott is active in civic, political and community affairs. She is married to James M. Scott and has two children, Amal and Amber.



#### YOUTH AWARD

YOUNG NATION is a Dorchester-based rap/dance act. The group is composed of five teenagers: Bobby Bostic aka "Doc Case" (age 17), Tramayne Brown aka "Mayne One" (age 16), Michael Sadler aka "Lil' Bit" (age 18), Todd Maxwell aka "T Maxx" (age 17), and Tshombe Core aka "Shom Rock" (age 17). YOUNG NATION members draw upon life experiences to write the lyrics of their songs, create their coreography and develop their style of clothing. Their songs address many of the problems facing urban youth today -- gangs, crack, homicides, racism -- with a positive message. Currently, YOUNG NATION is a regional sensation. In the past three months YOUNG NATION has appeared at the Apollo in Harlem, the Boston Music Awards and seven different television stations. YOUNG NATION benefits from being a member group of the incredible "Northside Posse." They grew up professionally under the care of the "Northside Boys", the "New Kids on the Block", "The McClain 2WENZ" (dancers for Bobby Brown), and "Robby." The "Northside Posse" is headquarted at the Dorchester Youth Collaborative, an award-winning United Way funded youth center.

#### HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Claradine Moore-James and Christine M. Bond are the co-Executive Directors of the community-based youth development program WEATOC. The organization, We're Educators - A Touch Of Class, is an eleven-year old pregnancy prevention and youth development program which utilizes the dramatic arts to train youth to be educators of their peers.

WEATOC's goals include empowering young people to gain confidence in and feel good about themselves; helping young people understand and cope with peer and societal pressures; helping youngsters with decision-making by encouraging them to envision a future in which there are viable options; and involving parents and significant others, as well as institutions, in lending young people the support, guidance and structure they need to flourish and grow.

Under the direction of Claradine Moore-James and Christine M. Bond, WEATOC's model for pregnancy prevention and youth development is being replicated in three community-based sites.

#### MBLC CORPORATE AWARD



Mr. Warner joined the Raytheon Company in 1972 as Affirmative Action Program Manager for the West Andover Plant of the Missile Systems Division. He later became Employment Recruiter for that facility. In 1974, he became Manager of Small and Minority Business Programs in the Corporate Office of Procurement. Mr. Warner is currently serving his Third Term as President of the New England Minority Purchasing Council. He is a Director of AB&W, a minority owned company located in Boston, Massachusetts and is a Trustee for the Greater Lawrence Community Foundation Inc. He is also a member of the Greater Lawrence Community Advisory Committee for Emerson College. Mr. Warner served as Second Vice President of the Merrimack Valley Chapter of the NAACP and was Chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Committee for the City of Lawrence. Mr. Warner was named a Black Achiever in 1981, and served as Trustee for the University of Lowell. He is a graduate of the Raytheon Advanced Management Program.

#### MBLC SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Reverend Sarah E. Small, Department Head, Campus Ministries at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA. Mrs. Small ministerial duties began in Eastern North Carolina as Choir Director. She served as the Community Analyst for the Coastal Progress Proverty Program in New Ber, North Carolina and later became the Assistant Field Secretary for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Presently, in addition to her responsibilities as Chaplin, Mrs. Small is the Director of the Roxbury Packard Manse, Roxbury, MA. Her duties include administration, organization and implementation of ecumenical programs in the Roxbury section of Boston. The position requires fund raising and delivery of service to residents of a major urban area. Mrs. Small is a member of the Twelfth Baptist Church, Roxbury, MA. President of Black Campus Ministries, Bosotn, MA, and Board member of the Boston Food Bank, Boston, MA.



#### MEDIA AWARD

Born in Roxbury, George Forsyth, was graduated from Boston University with a degree in journalism after returning from Army service in Europe and the Pacific during World War II. His first job in journalism was with the Norfolk (Va.) Journal and Guide, a national Afro-American weekly. He returned to Boston in the early 50's and patiently and persistently applied to newsrooms in the area. In 1954 he was hired by the Boston Traveler (the afternoon paper owned by the Boston Herald)--its first black reporter. He began as a "street" reporter, and became a feature writer and drama and entertainment critic. In 1968 he joined the staff of WHDH-TV--its second black on-air reporter. When WHDH-TV lost its license renewal in 1972, he stayed on with WHDH-Radio. In 1975 he joined the public affairs staff of the federal Department of Health and Human Services; he is now an investigator for the Department's Civil Rights Division. He is married to Carolyn Louise and they have three daughters. George Forsyth's philosophy of reporting: "You meet people at their high points or their low points; you leave a little of you with them, you take a little of them away with you."

#### CHURCH AWARD

Reverend Edward P. Harding Jr. is the recipient of the MBLC 1990 Church Award. Reverend Edward P. Harding Jr. is the Pastor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Presbyterian Church Springfield, Massachusetts. One of the basic ingreditents of his ministry is outreach work to the sick troubled and otherwise disconsolate persons in our community. Reverend Harding received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from A&T State University, Greensboro, North Carolina. Shortly thereafter, he was awarded a Master of Divinity Degree from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. He received his Masters of Education Degree from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Among many of his affiliations Reverend Harding is a member of the Urban League of Springfield, African American Religious Ecumenical Council, Co-Chairperson, Black Jewish Dialogue of Greater Springfield and a member of the Pastor's Council. A native of North Carolina, Reverend Harding is married to the former Karen Brown of Springfield, Massachusetts.

#### ORGANIZATION AWARD

The 1990 MBLC Organization Award is being presented to the Concerned Black Citizens of Bedford. CBCB has been in existence for 17 years. The objectives of the organization are: 1) support and promote respect for the civil rights and human dignity of all citizens, 2) conduct activities which provide cultural enrichment and fellowship for our families and for our community, 3) forward the educational aspirations of our young people, 4) support our community Metco program, 5) provide scholarships for black seniors in the Bedford School System who are going on to higher education. CBCB annually supports a Black History month program, a Memorial Day ceremony honoring black soldiers from Bedford who fought in the Revoluntionary War, scholarship events, and community activities in Bedford and Hanscom Air Force Base. The current President is Leroy Wingood.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



Mr. Chester Maxwell is the 1990 recipient of the Massachusetts Black Legislative Caucus Community Service Award. As a life long resident of Cambridge, Chester has been a powerful voice for both the elderly and minority communities in Cambridge. He helped develop the Cambridge Committee of Elders, a nonprofit organization and community center which serves needs of senior citizens. He currently serves on the executive board of the Cambridge Committee of Elders. Chester has been the most active members of the Cambridge Chapter of the N.A.A.C.P. over the last twenty years. As a civil rights activist, he advocated for stronger affirmative action policies in Cambridge city government. In the early 1970's, he was a member of the committee that developed the 20% minority hiring policy for the Cambridge School Department. For fifty years, he has been an influential member of St. Paul's A.M.E. Church. Chester is a twenty-year employee of the U.S. Postal Service. He has a wife, Esther, and two sons.



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