

Congressman Bennie Thompson hosted by Miss Bernice's House



U.S. Congressman Bennie Thompson was hosted as guest during Miss Bernice's House Personal Care/Assisted Living Facility 12th Annual Client's Recognition Luncheon. The event was held at the facility, celebrating improvement of clients and their ability "to live in community" with others. Awards were presented in the following areas: The Most Helpful, The Most Improved Attitude, The Most Courteous, The Best Room, The Most Gentle Personality, The Most Active, and more. Miss Bernice's House also presents "The Helping-Hands Award" to those who promote the agency's theme, "Our Business Is Helping People." Recipients of "The Helping Hands Awards" were: clients, Rosie and Alvin. Also receiving "The Helping-Hand Award" was Thompson and Attorney John Moore. Pictured above, front row (from left): seated, Mattie H., Kenneth C., Don C., Rosie W., Cleveland P., Eddie Lee, Zellie W.; Back row (from left): Edward B., Moses W., Sheriff Willie March, Congressman Bennie Thompson, Attorney John Moore, Alvin K., Patrick T. and Charles K. (Photo submitted)



Pictured at left, Zelpha Montgomery-Whatley, (standing left) presented Thompson with Miss Bernice's House "Helping-Hands" Award for "un-usual helpfulness," during the event that was held on Saturday, September 8. (Photo submitted)

THE WICKER REPORT

By: United States Senator Roger Wicker



Wicker Defends Judge Kavanaugh's Qualifications Against Democratic Obstruction

Disruptions at Senate Hearing Distract From Judge's Exceptional Credentials

Over the past week, the Senate Judiciary Committee held its confirmation hearing for Judge Brett Kavanaugh, President Trump's nominee for the Supreme Court. The hearing allowed the American public to hear from Judge Kavanaugh directly. Like past Supreme Court nominees, he spent hours answering questions from lawmakers, and the Judiciary Committee will soon decide whether or not to report his nomination to the full Senate for a final vote.

It was offensive and deeply disappointing that this opportunity for Americans to get to know Judge Kavanaugh was repeatedly interrupted, both by Democratic lawmakers calling for the committee to adjourn and protesters shouting as Capitol Police escorted them from the room. According to news reports, there were 44 interruptions from Democrats in just the first hour.

Nominee's Records Reveal Mainstream Jurist

Despite many Democrats announcing their opposition immediately after Judge Kavanaugh's nomination, some continue to insist that they

lack ample access to documents from his career. Judge Kavanaugh's judicial record is well-documented in the more than 300 opinions he wrote during his 12 years as a judge on the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals. Approximately half a million pages of documents have been reviewed by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Moreover, the substance of Judge Kavanaugh's written opinions is just as sound as their scope, revealing a jurist decidedly in the judicial mainstream. Judge Kavanaugh has been in the majority in all but a fraction of the cases he has decided, and the Supreme Court has adopted his position more than a dozen times – a testament to his respected legal judgment.

Democrats would do well to heed the advice of Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) in 2009, who warned against "fishing expeditions" for then-Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor. The chief difference between 2009 and 2018 is the president making the nomination. Americans have entrusted President Trump with this responsibility, and

he has followed through with two outstanding nominees, Justice Neil Gorsuch and Judge Kavanaugh.

In the face of the hearing's many disruptions, Judge Kavanaugh deftly demonstrated his legal knowledge and his faithfulness to the independence of the judiciary, as our Constitution sets forth in its separation of government powers. His preparation is not surprising, given his service on the same federal bench as three of the Supreme Court's current justices.

Nominee Earns Highest Rating From American Bar Association

President Trump is not the only person who has given Judge Kavanaugh a strong endorsement. The judge has earned praise from his professors, peers, and law clerks, as well as the highest rating from the American Bar Association. This rating is given only to those who "meet the very highest standards of integrity, professional competence and judicial temperament." Even Democrats opposing his nomination consider it to be "the gold standard" for judicial nominees.

It is disheartening to see delay tactics mar what is traditionally a bipartisan and respectful process. For example, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg received a vote of 96 to 3 in the Senate when she was nominated by President Clinton in 1993. Justice Anthony Kennedy, whom Judge Kavanaugh would replace, was confirmed by a vote of 97 to 0 after he was selected by President Reagan. Judge Kavanaugh's hearing suggests a much more divided confirmation process, but the constitutional duty of the Senate to provide "advice and consent" has not changed. Political theater and grandstanding should not distract from this solemn responsibility.

Obituary

SAM ELLA KEYS
Sam Ella Keys, 78, of Lexington, MS passed away Thursday, September 6, 2018 in Decatur, GA. A funeral service will be

held on Saturday, September 15 at 12 noon at Union Grove Baptist Church in Lexington. Visitation will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, September 14 at Century Hairston Funeral Home in Lexington. Interment will be at Pine Grove Cemetery in Lexington.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, 4:00 P.M.

ST. JAMES CHURCH
St. James Church in Durant will host its Musician's Appreciation service on Saturday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m. All performance groups are invited. 9-6,13

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Delta Workforce Development Area of South Delta Planning and Development District:
For youth 17 to 24 years old who are no longer attending high school; Live in Holmes County; Want paid job training? Want to learn work ethics? Call 662-834-1552, if no answer leave a message; or contact Jasmine Greer at jgreer@ncpdd.org. 9-6,13

LEBANON M.B.C.
Lebanon M.B. Church in

Lexington will host its Family and Friends Say on Sunday, September 16 at 11 a.m. 9-13

WEST GROVE M.B.C.
West Grove M.B. Church in Lexington will host is 133th Church Anniversary on Sunday, September 23 at 11 a.m. 9-13,20

OREGON MEMORIAL
Oregon Memorial Church will hold its 79th Annual Homecoming celebration on Sunday, September 16 at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will follow morning service. 9-13


LEXINGTON LIBRARY
Lexington Public Library will hold its monthly Third Thursday movie event for children on September 20

at 3:15 p.m. Third Thursday is co-sponsored by Friends of the Lexington Public Library. A parent or responsible caregiver must accompany any child under 9 years of age. For movie title and further information, please call 834-2571. 9-13,20

NEW BEGINNING
The youth department of New Beginning Church in Durant will host a one-night revival on Friday, September 14 at 7:15 a.m. 9-13

DURANT M.B.C.
Durant M.B. Church in Durant will host its Fall Fellowship Revival from Monday, September 17 through Wednesday, September 19 at 7 p.m. 9-13

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