

Letters Of Endorsement

Post Reader Recommends D.G. Martin For Congress

Dear Sir:

On Tuesday, May 8, voters will clamor to the polls to elect Party candidates for the various county, state and U.S. congressional offices. Tuesday will be the North Carolina primaries.

Primaries as you probably know, are the political playoffs where candidates belonging to the same conference (political party) must face each other to determine who will make it to the finals (November elections). The finals will pit the best from the Republican Party against the best from the Democratic Party. The winners will not receive championship rings nor will they legally make the mega-bucks that other playoffs offer. To the winner goes the right to help mold our future.

Because of the spoils at stake, these playoffs are by far the most important for us, the citizens of this country. It is one playoff that we cannot afford to be just spectators. It is a must that we participate.

Some of the key players in this playoff are those individuals seeking the starting position for the 9th District in the U.S. Congress. The Democratic team will field three superstars for the position. They are Susan Green, D.

Knox's Commitment To Equality Of Opportunity

Dear Friend:

Recently I received in the mail an anonymous packet of information designed to call into question the integrity and commitment to equality of opportunity of Eddie Knox.

This a blatant attempt to undermine support for Eddie within the black community. Eddie Knox has been in politics for a good part of his adult life. Like most of America, over the years, his views on civil rights issues have matured and become more liberal. Today, Eddie Knox is a subscribing Life Member of the NAACP. While Mayor of Charlotte, Eddie appointed men and women with outstanding civil rights records, to boards and commissions; he worked hard to improve job opportunities for disadvantaged youth; helped black colleges; has been out front on affirmative action; supported Fair Housing and minority business enterprise programs. Eddie is the only candidate who, when in a position to appoint people,

G. Martin, and Ben Tison. The Republicans will counter with two superstars of their own in Carl Horn and Alex McMillan.

For you and me this position is quite critical.

The final MVP for this position will be our link to what goes on in Washington. The chosen one will represent us to the rest of the nation and the rest of the world. With the possibility of world destruction only a fingertip away, it becomes imperative that our MVP be a person who will listen to what we have to say. More importantly, this person must transform our input into solutions to the issues facing us as a nation. The position requires an individual with integrity, intelligence, commitment and sensitivity. The position requires D.G. Martin.

D.G.'s track record as a person, not a politician, clearly makes his qualifications for the Congress obvious. His leadership ability has been demonstrated in the black community since the early 1970's. D.G. was instrumental with getting the Clawson Village housing

project implemented. Moreover, D.G. was one of the first attorneys to help

organize legal help for the poor when federal funds were cutback. It was D.G. and his lovely wife Harriet who open their doors and their hearts to Thomas Moore when he moved back to Charlotte and had no where to live. It was D.G. who remained a member at Seigle Ave. Presbyterian Church even after the church went through a transformation from being an all-white church to a predominantly black

church:

It was D.G. who serves on the Board of Visitors, N.C. Central Law School. It was D.G. who served on the Board of Managers of McCrorey Branch YMCA.

This list of service, commitment and leadership occurred during a time when it was not popular to help black people or poor people. It was not done for political expediency or favors. This service spans over 15

years. D.G. was there when the black community needed him. Where will we be now that he needs us?

I happen to consider myself lucky because I know D.G. and Harriet. They do what they do because they believe in what they do. It is a family commitment to do what they feel is right.

There is no doubt in my mind that the MVP for U.S. Congress should be D.G. But I can only cast one vote. Before you cast your

vote, you deserve to do yourself a favor by reviewing the records of the candidates. Keep in mind while you are reviewing each candidate why they do what they do. Is it self-esteem? Is it political aspirations? Is it political favors? After doing this, then vote your conscious. You deserve to do yourself this favor. The 9th District deserves it. Most importantly, D.G. deserves it.

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gave nearly 40 percent of his appointments to minorities.

The Knox record speaks for itself.

To know a politician you have to look at all of his record, not just selective pieces of it. The authors of the anonymous information kits are being selective to the point of distorting reality.

Yes, it is true that in the wake of the attempted assassination of Governor George Wallace, Senator Knox co-sponsored, along with 30 others, a resolution on Governor Wallace that had the substance of a get well card. So what? It is also true that during the heat of the 1979 primary for the Democratic nominee for mayor, Eddie and Harvey Gantt did exchange words over the meaning of some of both sides' advertising. However, in 1983, Eddie actively supported Harvey's bid to become Charlotte's first black mayor. Today, Mayor Gantt is strong and vocal supporter of the Knox candidacy for Governor.

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