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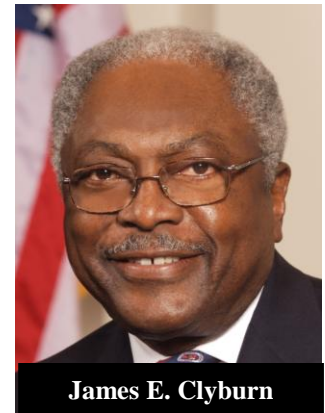
Congressman James E. Clyburn to Speak at National Black Golf Hall of Fame 2012 Induction

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The National Black Golf Hall of Fame announced that South Carolina Congressman James E. Clyburn will deliver the keynote address at its 2012 Induction Gala on Saturday, March 10, 2012, in Tampa, FL.

Clyburn, an avid golfer, was praised by President Barack Obama for being: "One of a handful of people who, when they speak, the entire Congress listens." As Assistant Democratic Leader in the 112th Congress, the number three Democrat in the House, James E. Clyburn is the leadership liaison to the Appropriations Committee and one of the Democratic Caucus' primary liaisons to the White House. Working with the internal caucuses, he plays a prominent role in messaging and outreach.



James E. Clyburn

He has supported higher education by leading the charge for increased Pell grants; investing millions in science and math programs and historic preservation at Historically Black Colleges and Universities. In addition, he has encouraged economic development for Empowerment Zones, and invested in green technology development such as nuclear, wind, hydrogen and bio-fuels.

Jeff Dunovant, Board Chairman and Executive Director, said: "We are extremely pleased to have someone of Congressman Clyburn's stature to deliver our keynote address. With 2012 being an election year, we are grateful he found the time to join us in Tampa."

Celebrating its 26th year, the NBGHF will honor Ann Gregory posthumously, Adrian Stills and Tom Woodard with a dinner and induction ceremony on March 10, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza East in Tampa, FL.

There are four significant activities under the umbrella of the Mid Winter Golf Classic weekend; highlighted by the NBGHF dinner and induction ceremony on Saturday, March 10, 2012. Other



events in the celebratory weekend will include the *Diversity in Golf* Forum, the Advocates Invitational Pro Tour, and the Mid Winter Amateur Golf Classic, at historic Rogers Park Golf Course. Proceeds from the weekend benefit NBGHF initiatives, youth golf and academic programs at Rogers Park GC.

The mission of the National Black Golf Hall of Fame is “*to recognize and honor the contributions of Black golfers for their skills and, to honor persons, regardless of race or ethnicity, who have done the most to promote golf in the Black communities.*” The organization was founded in 1986 by the late Harold Dunovant, the first African American to complete the PGA business school.

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