

Congressman Rothman Takes Part in Honoring Congressman Payne

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On January 10, 2011, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ) congratulated his dear friend and colleague Congressman Donald Payne (D-NJ) at the United States Post Office and Court House in Newark during Congressman Payne's ceremonial swearing-in. Congressman Rothman spoke about their close relationship and Congressman Payne's remarkable leadership over his 22 years in the U.S. House of Representatives. "Congressman Payne has far too many accomplishments to talk about in any short period of time. I highly recommend that you review the abbreviated biography in the program tonight to get a sense of the enormous accomplishments of this great and good man. He is a committed public servant to his the people he represents, one of Congress's greatest leaders, and has been at the forefront of innumerable issues facing our country — here at home and on virtually every continent around the world, and most especially Africa," said Congressman Rothman. "During the course of his life, he overcame personal hardships when a lesser human being could have given up. Congressman Payne is not only a great representative for his constituents, he is a great man." "I am proud to call Donald my dear friend and mentor, and congratulate him for his more than two decades of public service. Congressman Donald Payne has many other important titles — from former Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health to former Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation to former President of the national YMCA — but the most cherished titles to Donald are father, grandfather and great-grandfather. There is nothing more important or meaningful to Donald than his family. And Donald's greatest achievement is in the success of his three children, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild," said Congressman Rothman. ###