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STATEMENTS ON SUPREME COURT RULINGS

Shelby v. Holder: Majority opinion struck down Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which established a formula for which states required preclearance of their election laws.

“The Supreme Court has struck down the provision in the Voting Rights Act of 1965 key to preserving and achieving more positive progress in extending equal voting rights to all citizens, imperiling the progress that it praises so highly.”

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Fisher v. Stevens: Majority opinion sent the case back to an appeals court for further review.

“It is my hope that the lower courts that will look at this issue respect the role of affirmative action in our society. Affirmative action is important to the preservation as well as expansion of diversity in our institutions.”

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U.S. v. Windsor: Majority opinion struck down a portion of the Defense of Marriage Act.

“With this decision we have witnessed a significant step forward not the final step in the struggle for equal rights for all.

LEGISLATIVE OPEN HOUSE

(Houston, TX)—On June 8, 2013, Congressman Al Green co-hosted a legislative open house with State Senator Rodney Ellis and State Representative Ron Reynolds.

Congressman Al Green gave an update on legislation under consideration in the first session of the 113th Congress and visited with constituents.

“I always appreciate the opportunity to inform constituents about

what I am doing in Congress to serve their interests and defend the



Congressman Al Green with (from left to right) Phyllis Bailey, Missouri City Councilmember Danny Nguyen, and Missouri City Mayor Allen Owen.

the issues impacting their lives,” Congressman Al Green said.

TEXAS BLACK EXPO JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

(Houston, TX)—On June 22, 2013, Congressman Al Green addressed those in attendance at the Texas Black Expo 10th Anniversary Juneteenth Celebration Opening Ceremony. This year the expo celebrated Juneteenth with the

theme, “Diversity through Technology.” The mission of the Texas Black Expo is to improve the quality of life within urban communities by strengthening businesses, inspiring

youth and building better lives. This year, the public was able to enjoy small business exhibitions, youth programs,



Congressman Al Green speaking at the Texas Black Expo 10th Anniversary Juneteenth Celebration Opening Ceremony.

scholarships, health information, music festivals, and trade shows.

“Events like these are important for the commemoration of the legacy of those African Americans who built this country without any compensation,” Congressman Al Green said.

COSPONSORED BILLS

•**H.RES.268** : Observing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day. (06/17/13)

•**H.R.2384** : Food Security Improvement Act of 2013 (06/14/13)

•**H.RES.246** : Expressing condolences to the families and loved ones of firefighters Matthew Renaud, Robert Bebee, Robert Garner, and Anne Sullivan and standing in solidarity with their families, members of the Houston Fire Department, and entire Houston community. (06/4/13)

•**H.R.2195** : Promise Neighborhoods Act of 2013 (05/23/13)

•**H.J.RES.44** : Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States regarding the right to vote. (05/14/2013)

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