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### **FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN APPOINTED CLERK OF U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES** ***NAACP's Lorraine Miller to hold Congressional post***

Lorraine C. Miller, president of the NAACP Washington, D.C. branch and senior advisor to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, will be appointed Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, Speaker Pelosi announced today. As Clerk of the House, Miller will become the first African American to serve as an official of the House of Representatives. She will take the position in February.

"Congratulations to Lorraine Miller for this high and historical mark of distinction," said NAACP Board of Directors Chairman Julian Bond. "Her longtime commitment to civil service is justly and rightly recognized by this prestigious appointment. We are proud that she is one of our own."

"This is a tremendous honor for the NAACP to have one of its leaders be appointed to such an historic and important position in the House of Representatives," said NAACP Board of Directors Vice Chair Roslyn M. Brock.

"The entire NAACP family is proud of Lorraine's achievement," said NAACP President & CEO Bruce S. Gordon. "We are excited that her competence and commitment to public service is being rewarded."

Miller has nearly two decades of experience working for the House. In addition to her current role with Pelosi, she has worked for former Speakers Jim Wright and Tom Foley as well as Congressman John Lewis of Georgia.

A life-long supporter and member of the NAACP, Miller was elected president of the Washington, D.C. Branch NAACP in 2004. She served as official host of the Association's annual convention last July when it was held in the nation's capitol.

"After more than a decade of serving individual members of the House, I look forward to the opportunity to work on the behalf of the entire body," Miller said. "Having proudly served the leaders of this nation, alongside some of the brightest and hard-working staff, I am proud to undertake this new challenge to serve Congress and the American people."

Miller's government service includes work in the Clinton Administration, where she served as Deputy Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs for the House. In the late 1990s, she served as Bureau Chief for Consumer Information at the Federal Communications Commission and director of Government Relations for the Federal Trade Commission.

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"With the management and leadership skills she has gained at the highest levels of government, Miller will ensure, that the House has the support necessary to effectively carry out our legislative responsibilities," Pelosi said. "Diversity has long been one of the greatest strengths of our nation, and as the first African American official of the House, Lorraine will bring that strength to the Office of the Clerk."

A native of Fort Worth, Texas, Miller holds an executive master's degree from the Georgetown School of Business. She is a member of the historic Shiloh Baptist Church of Washington, D.C. where she sings in the Senior Choir and serves on the Henry C. Gregory Family Life Center Foundation Board of Directors.

Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. Its members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities, conducting voter mobilization and monitoring equal opportunity in the public and private sectors.

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