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**The Legislative Black Caucus Grieves Over the Loss of U.S. Representative
Stephanie Tubbs Jones**

Baton Rouge, Louisiana — Wednesday, August 20, 2008— The United States House of Representatives has lost one of its vital members, Representative Stephanie Tubbs Jones. She represented the 11th District of Ohio. Representative Jones played an integral part in the passage of legislation to help in the recovery of Louisiana in the aftermath of Katrina and Rita.

The members of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus are deeply saddened by the loss of Representative Tubbs. Regina Barrow, chairwoman of the LLBC, stated, "When we as members of the Caucus were informed her death, our hearts were deeply saddened. Representative Stephanie Tubbs Jones was a champion of the Democratic Party and the democratic process. We will keep her family, friends, and constituents in our prayers."

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