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## *House of Representatives*

Congressman Donald M. Payne  
10<sup>th</sup> District, New Jersey

### **CONGRATULATING MR. THOMAS R. ASHLEY, ESQ. FOR RECEIVING THE DANIEL L. GOLDEN LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Mr. Thomas Ashley, Esq. who is a recipient of the Daniel L. Golden Lifetime Achievement Award. Mr. Ashley is one of New Jersey's and the nation's leading trial lawyers. It is with great pleasure and honor that I recognize the legacy of this accomplished attorney.

Mr. Thomas R. Ashley, Esq. is a native of Camden, New Jersey. As a star basketball player at Camden High School, Mr. Ashley received a scholarship to attend Rutgers University. He went on to accept an academic scholarship to Rutgers Law School, later becoming a recipient of Rutgers Law School's Civil Rights Award. With many opportunities and offers at major law firms, it was his law school professor, Mr. Arthur Kinoy, who urged Mr. Ashley to join the national legal staff of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

In 1968, Mr. Ashley prepared his first case with the NAACP lead team for the dismissal of an African-American man charged with the arson of a building in Enid, Oklahoma. Within four years, he teamed up with the well-known criminal and civil rights attorney, Mr. Raymond A. Brown, and started building a Newark based law practice that continues to this day.

Mr. Ashley's other accomplishments and affiliations include membership in the New Jersey State Bar Association, Essex County Bar Association and the National Directory of Criminal Lawyers as one of the top 500 criminal trial lawyers in the United States. He was also named the "Ten Leaders of Criminal Defense Law for Northern New Jersey" by Digital Press International in April 2004.

Mr. Thomas R. Ashley, Esq. is an extraordinary attorney, who continues to advocate for civil rights and justice in the Newark community and throughout the United States. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate a noble and well-deserved recipient of The Daniel L. Golden Lifetime Achievement Award.