



## Horhn rallies supporters by promising results



Horhn

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State Senator John Horhn has represented portions of Jackson in the halls of the state Capitol since 1993 and now wants to take that experience and use it to lead all of Jackson by becoming the city's next mayor.

In a public announcement Tuesday, Horhn joined by

his wife Gail, mother-in-law Charlene, brother-in-law David and a host of other family members, friends and supporters, said, 'Jackson is ready for 'results.'

"I'm happy today because we can give Jacksonians what they want. We can give Jack-

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## Here we grow again



Capitol Art Lofts

**Work underway for Capitol Art Lofts**

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For those of you wondering when more living spaces would open in downtown Jackson, well, wonder no more. Monday, officials celebrated the start of the restoration on the historic buildings that will be transformed into the Capitol Arts Lofts, an affordable residential project with a focus on the creative economy.

This project, originally announced in 2012, was stalled for several years and reasons, including the unavailability of Mississippi Historic Tax Credits and because of budget issues with the city, it [Jackson] did not offer a \$1 million low-interest loan as previously announced.

Fast-forward to September 2014, officials with New Orleans based HRI Properties Inc., who also redeveloped the King Edward Hotel that stands beautifully across the street and the nearby Standard Life Building, announced that the last part of funding for the \$10.4 million project had been

secured.

Still more delays and more push backs because of government budget woes, however that didn't rain on nor stop the vision for the project. Late last year, the Legislature restored tax credits and raised the cap on the credits by \$60 million, providing HRI with \$2 million it was short of having for the project and the Mississippi Home Corporation increased its Low Income Housing Tax Credit.

Monday, officials participated in a ceremonial brick-laying event to announce the advancement of this project, which ensures the adaptive reuse of historic buildings in downtown Jackson, a trend important to the current revitalization efforts in the area, much like the King Edward Hotel and the Standard Life Building, which have brought residents, visitors, amenities and economic resurgence to the once-abandoned downtown district.

Dignitaries including Governor Phil Bryant, Senator David Blount, Mayor Tony Yarber, Jackson City Councilwoman Margaret Barrett-Simon, Mississippi Housing Corporation

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## Women's March inspire millions to demand justice in the Trump Era



Throng of women lined D.C. streets for the Jan. 20 women's march. Estimated at close to a million, there were so many that they could not actually march to the White House as planned. Still, President Trump got the message for justice. This photo shows activists wrapped around the new National Museum for African-American History and Culture. PHOTO BY JAMES ZIMMERMAN/TRICE EDNEY NEWS WIRE

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A sea of pink hats, signs proclaiming "Black Lives Matter," gay-rights flags and posters with all sorts of demands of justice filled the crowd at the Women's March on Washington Jan. 20.

Millions of women of all races and nationalities were joined by men in the nation's capital and around the world to defend the human and civil rights, honor and dignity of people – and some to protest the presidential inauguration of Donald Trump, which many view as a threat to human rights progress.

"We march to declare we are ready for the fight. We are here to declare that we are America. We will stay awake and we will not be moved," said Black Women's Roundtable Convener Melanie Campbell in her speech to the D.C. crowd, which was so packed that they could not march to the White House as planned. "We march for black women who voted 94 percent for Hillary Clinton, who, by the way, won three million votes over her opponent... We march, even for the 53 percent of white women who voted for that other guy, to reflect and join us, all of us, moving forward to break that glass ceiling to elect the first woman president of America and to select a black woman to the Supreme Court in our lifetime."

Celebrities like Madonna, Alicia Keys, Maxwell, Janelle Monae and Jidenna joined political

figures, commentators and activists like Campbell, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser, CNN's Van Jones, NAACP Chair Roslyn Brock and activist Angela Davis to support and energize women who are determined to fight for equality.

The D.C. crowd was vastly white. But a strong contingency of black women participated and spoke during the rally. "We stand in solidarity," said Brock of the NAACP. "To declare that women's rights are human rights. We send a message to our new government that we will not stop until women enjoy equal status. Throughout the history of this nation, women have worked to enjoy full civil rights. In 2008, 2012 and 2016 black women exercised the right to vote larger than any other group in this nation," she said as the crowd cheered.

Because the marches, which also took place in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Boston and other cities in the U. S. around the world the day after the Trump inauguration, activist Angela Davis declared the demonstration to be a part of American history.

"At this very challenging moment in our history, let us remind ourselves that we, the hundreds of thousands, the millions of women, trans people, men and youth who are here at the women's march, we represent the powerful forces of change that are determined to prevent the dying cultures of racism, heter-

opatriarchy from rising again," Davis said.

Despite the march being geared towards the rights of woman, Davis left the mark of black people on the hearts of the crowd when she addressed the roots of the nation.

"The freedom struggles of black people that have shaped the very nature of this country's history cannot be deleted with a sweep of a hand," Davis said. "We cannot be made to forget that black lives do matter."

Amongst the sisters were men who were present in the name of their sisters, mothers, wives, girlfriends and women alike. One of those men was CNN commentator Van Jones.

"With every breakdown, a breakthrough is possible, and today, because of you, something beautiful is being reborn in America," Jones said. "Something beautiful is being reborn right here, and right now."

For some women, it was refreshing to see men standing in solidarity with the people who society deems to be less than compared to them.

"To see men fighting the good fight alongside us is humbling," Alyssa B. of Philadelphia said. "It gives us hope and a sense of us not having to do it alone. It's the definition of humanity."

Though the D.C. women could not march to the White House as planned, President Trump still got the message. He tweeted the next day, "Watched protests yesterday but was under

the impression that we just had an election! Why didn't these people vote? Celebs hurt cause badly."

Actually, there were few celebrities spotted in the crowd of marchers, except entertainers on the stage. As protesters gathered from cities across the nation, one D.C. native took to the stage to demand one thing from government on behalf of women.

"The best thing the federal government can do for us is to leave us alone," Mayor Muriel Bowser said in the closing remarks of her speech.

R&B singer Maxwell serenaded the crowd with his hit single "This Woman's Work," dedicating it to the late Sandra Bland, who was found hanging in July 2015 in a Waller County, Texas jail cell three days after a contentious arrest that started with a stop for an alleged traffic signal violation. Authorities ruled her death a suicide, but the family disputed that claim. Her family was awarded a settlement of \$1.9 million in the case.

Black women who joined in the march said the need for solidarity between women activities at the point in history is clear.

"Black women benefit when a women's rights agenda – equal pay, affordable child care and health care, and access to education, among other things – is embraced," said columnist and economist Dr. Julianne Malveaux, former president of

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## Dr. Dorothy Height to be honored on U.S. Postage Stamp

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On Feb. 1, the U. S. Postal Service will kick off 2017 Black History Month with the issuance of the Dorothy Height Forever stamp to honor the civil rights legend.

The Dorothy Height Forever stamp will be the 40th stamp in the Black Heritage series. The late Height is considered to be civil rights royalty. Having led the National Council of Negro Women for four decades, Height was a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, awarded by President Bill Clinton in 1994 and the Congressional Gold Medal, awarded by President George W. Bush in 2004 for her pioneering work for the civil rights of

African Americans and women. President Barack Obama gave her eulogy upon her death on April 12, 2010.

Participants in the Feb. 1 event will be Ronald A. Stroman, deputy postmaster general and chief government relations officer, United States Postal Service; Congressman John Lewis (D-Ga.); Alexis Herman, president, Dorothy I. Height Education Foundation; Ingrid Saunders Jones, chair, National Council of Negro Women; Naima Randolph, Dorothy Height's great niece; Derry Noyes, art direc-

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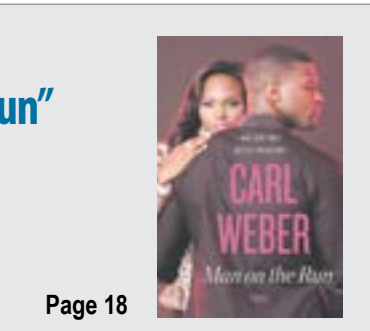
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