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KANSAS



Lester Johnson

Douglass Bank President Named Advocate of the Year

Kansas City, Kan.—Lester W. Johnson, president/CEO of Douglass National Bank, was named CEO Advocate of the Year by the Minority Supplier Council (MSC) at its 19th Annual Awards Luncheon on Jan. 26. The event honored several minority business owners and corporate representatives for their contributions to supplier diversity.

Johnson was recognized for his outstanding contributions to encouraging economic development in the urban core through Douglass' role as a certified community development financial institution. The award credited Johnson's dynamic leadership with the expansion of the bank's products; further diversification of its Board of Directors; heightened visibility of the bank; increased small business loans to minorities to the amount of \$3 million; and continued support of economic and community development in the urban core.

These efforts have advanced the bank's capacity to excel in financial services that encompass affordable housing, small businesses and retail lending (home and auto loans). The bank has continued its strong relationship with the African American church community. At the same time, it has reached out to the corporate and foundation community with its attractive and innovative CDARSSM program.

Johnson has also facilitated aggressive outreach to

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Voters Say 'No' to Recall

McFadden-Weaver Vows to Finish Work She's Started



KCMO 3rd District Councilwoman Sandra McFadden-Weaver emerged victorious on Tuesday as voters in the city's 3rd District went to the polls to defeat an attempt to oust her. The vote totals were overwhelmingly against the recall—2,291, compared to 946, who voted for it. After hearing the results, McFadden-Weaver (seated, second from right) was all smiles as she was surrounded by supporters who had gathered at the Peach Tree Restaurant, in the city's historic 18th & Vine District. SEE STORY ON PAGE 17. K.C.GLOBE PHOTO/JERRY LOCKETT

NATION

CLEVER: BUSH BUDGET IGNORES AMERICAN PRIORITIES



Rep. Emanuel Cleaver

Domestic Spending Cuts Harm American Cities

Washington, D.C.—Tuesday, Congressman Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO) criticized the budget proposal released by President Bush that shortchanges a number of domestic priorities. Under the President's budget, funding for community development, housing, healthcare, education and local law enforcement grant programs are sharply reduced, including money for Community Development Block Grants that have played a vital role in cultivating areas of the Fifth Congressional District.

"This budget simply does not reflect the priorities or values of the American people," said Congressman Cleaver. "Communities across the country will feel the pinch of an irresponsible budget that cuts funding for some of the most effective governmental programs. Our cities are going to find it more and more difficult to meet housing needs, educate our children and fully equip our police officers and firefighters."

The President's budget initiative combines 18 economic and community development grant programs into only two and transfers them to the U.S. Commerce Department at a total funding level of only \$3.71 billion, with the goal of abolishing most of the programs or drastically slashing funds for the ones that do survive.

Community Development Block Grants alone are currently funded at a level of \$4.71 billion and could see up to a 40

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OSCO, COCA-COLA HONOR LOCAL AFRICAN-AMERICAN ENTREPRENEURS

Bottom photo: Kansas City, Missouri Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Brooks (fifth from right) on Tuesday, congratulated **Osco** and **Coca-Cola** on their efforts to highlight African-American manufacturers and distributors of products that can be purchased locally at Osco Drug Stores. The event was a reception held at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City. During the month of February, Osco and Coca-Cola will donate proceeds from February sales of the products produced by these African-American vendors to the Boys & Girls Clubs. The vendors include: **Jordon Foods, Sylvia's Foods, Gates Barbeque, James Lemonade, Ramsey & Associates Design** and **Omega 7**. Other dignitaries participating on the program Tuesday at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Kansas City, were: **David Smith** (second from left) president of the Boys & Girls Clubs; **J.P. Larson**, district sales manager, Osco; **Kathy Williams**, Coca-Cola; (fifth from right); **Karen Ramos**, director, public affairs, Osco (third from right) and **Richard Hayes**, district sales manager, Osco (far right).



Top photo: Among the proud Osco vendors displaying their products along with Osco officials were **Jordon Foods Company** owners and *The Kansas City Globe* publishers, **Marion Jordan** (third from left) and wife, **Denise** (second from right). Jordon Foods Company's products, **George Washington's All-American Favorite Popcorn and Gourmet Coffees** are available now in Osco Stores. For information on the complete line of Jordon Foods Company products go to the website at: www.jordonfoods.com; or call 1-800-559-4479.

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