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Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee Dead at 74. Hard-left Democrat Sponsored Juneteenth Bill.

Representative Sheila Jackson Lee, a hard-left Democrat forced to relinquish a top foundation job because of a discrimination lawsuit, has died.

Two months ago, the late congresswoman announced that she had pancreatic cancer.

Described as an “irrepressible presence” by the leftist *New York Times*, her most recent accomplishment was sponsoring the divisive “Juneteenth” holiday legislation and helping June 19 become a federal holiday called “Juneteenth National Independence Day.”



AP Images
Sheila Jackson Lee

Sheila Jackson Lee, a Democrat from Texas who was a leading voice for racial justice and progressive causes during the three decades she served in the House, died on Friday. She was 74. <https://t.co/BcVRKSLn5r>
pic.twitter.com/fCtzmyvgs0

— The New York Times
(@nytimes) [July 20, 2024](#)

Media Praise

Not surprisingly, the leftist media unbosomed themselves of a panegyric that was long on praise and short on facts.

The [Times recorded](#) just one legislative accomplishment — again, the Juneteenth holiday. Other than reprising her resumé in politics, it reported little else about her.

CNN did likewise, although it added [this bit of color](#) to the story:

In Congress, she developed a reputation for grabbing a seat close to the entranceway in the House chamber for the president’s annual State of the Union address so she could engage with the commander in chief. It wasn’t for the photo opportunities, she insisted to The Huffington Post in 2016, it was also an opportunity to quickly conduct business with presidents.

As to why she was able to gain regular access to such a prized perch, she said, “Because of so many good friends, I am welcomed in that seat.”



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[Politico, too](#), offered little in the way of Jackson's accomplishments.

Rather than call Jackson Lee what she was, a far-left Democrat, obituaries labeled her a "progressive." A native New Yorker who carpetbagged to Texas in 1994, Jackson Lee landed in Congress in 1994 and never left.

How the nation progressed during the "progressive" Jackson Lee's long career on Capitol Hill was left unsaid.

Rape Lawsuit

To their credit, the obituaries did note that Jackson [Lee was forced out](#) of her job as head of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation after an employee sued the outfit. The employee alleged that Jackson Lee fired her because the employee accused another official of rape.

Though a federal judge dismissed the lawsuit, its details strongly suggest that the accused official did, indeed, have his way with the woman. Those details included margaritas, a stop at a liquor store, a pot pipe and Giggie Weed, and a desperate phone call to a friend for help.

Lee's latest cause was reparations for slavery. She encouraged President Joe Biden to back reparations to blacks as a means of buying the black vote.

"Simply put," [she said](#), "reparations can drive black voter turnout to transformative levels."

Give Jackson Lee credit for honesty.

[Jackson Lee recently became](#) the target of ridicule for peddling some fake science at a high-school back in her district in Houston.

"You have the energy of the Moon at night. And sometimes you've heard the word 'full moon,'" she told the scholars at Booker T. Washington High School. "Sometimes you need to take the opportunity just to come out and see a full moon is that complete rounded circle, which is made up mostly of gases."

Lee also discussed living on the Moon. Because the Moon is a gas ball, "that's why the question is why or how could we as humans live on the moon?" she said:

Are the gases such that we could do that?

The sun is a mighty powerful heat, but it's almost impossible to go near the sun. The moon is more manageable. And you will see in a moment ... in a couple of years ... that NASA is going back to the Moon.

Jackson Lee claimed to have misspoken.

Obviously I misspoke and meant to say the sun, but as usual, Republicans are focused on stupid things instead of stuff that really matters.

What can I say though, foolish thinkers lust for stupidity! <https://t.co/ABGxUdRqF6>

— Sheila Jackson Lee (@JacksonLeeTX18) [April 9, 2024](#)



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Record in Congress

Though Jackson Lee accomplished little in her 30-year career, she consistently voted the wrong way. Her career rating on *The New American's* Freedom Index [is 21 percent](#). But she shuffled off this mortal coil with a perfect 0 percent in the 118th Congress.

As for Juneteenth, the day that slaves in Texas were liberated by a Union Army general, one of just 14 U.S. House members brave enough to vote against it, Kentucky Republican [Thomas Massie, explained](#) the problem with it.

“Naming this day ‘National Independence Day’ will create confusion and push Americans to pick one of those two days as their independence day based on their racial identity,” Massie said:

Why can't we name this Emancipation Day, and come together as Americans, and celebrate that day together as Americans: Black and white, all colors, all races, all ethnicities, and then come together on Independence Day, which celebrates the creation of our country throwing off an oppressive government.



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