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## *House of Representatives*

### **Tribute to the Oberlin College Alumni Association of African Ancestry**

**Speech of the Hon. Stephanie Tubbs Jones of Ohio in the  
House of Representatives  
Monday, September 25th, 2006**

MRS. JONES OF OHIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Oberlin College and its distinguished African American alumni during the October 6-8, 2006 reunion of the Oberlin College Alumni Association's affiliate group, the Oberlin Alumni Association of African Ancestry. The Reunion entitled, "And We Rise! ... Celebrating over 170 years of the Black Presence at Oberlin College," acknowledges the historic and present contributions of Oberlin College and its illustrious African American alumni toward the establishment of a world and a nation based upon the principles of social and economic justice.

We commend Oberlin College for its remarkable role in fostering higher education among African Americans and we encourage Oberlin's African American alumni to keep engaged with their alma mater to ensure that future generations will have educational access to develop the skills needed to address the complex challenges that face our people and our Nation in the days ahead.

Mr. Speaker, the Oberlin College Alumni Association and its affiliate group, the Oberlin College Association of African Ancestry, are certainly worthy of this recognition.