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Clerk Dorothy Brown Praises Obama Victory

During her election night celebration, Clerk Brown leads applause for Obama win

(Chicago) — The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, hosted a victory party last night, as election returns indicated her solid re-election to a third term, and she shared her elation about the prospect of Illinois Senator Barack Obama becoming the 44th President of the United States.

“This is his day,” Clerk Brown said to her cheering supporters, regarding Obama. “But it is our time!”

Clerk Brown spoke emotionally about the fact that President Elect Obama carries the hopes, dreams and aspirations of all the individuals who have come before—especially the descendents of African slaves and poor black, Southern sharecroppers, the murdered civil rights workers and hoards of tireless marchers and demonstrators—who valiantly struggled for equal opportunity in America over the course of hundreds of years. She also spoke of her deceased mother and father, both of whom she said, “faced discrimination courageously and literally worked themselves to death, so that their eight children could have a better life.”

“I am so proud of the election of Obama,” said Clerk Brown, who made history when she became the first African American elected to the Cook County Circuit Court Clerk’s Office. “His election, like mine, further fulfills the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, who fervently hoped for a time when people would ‘not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.’”

Part of Clerk Brown’s 2008 campaign slogan was “Promises made . . . promises kept,” a reference to her achievement of many objectives that are bringing the Clerk’s Office up to 21st Century standards of efficiency.

The election of Barack Obama achieves, in part, said Clerk Brown, “The promise of our nation that all men are created equal, and that we all, regardless of race, creed or color, have certain unalienable rights, including life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

A staunch proponent of diversity, and professionalism over politics, Clerk Brown said she believes that President Elect Obama will bring similar ideals to the Oval Office. “He will pick experienced, level-headed and qualified top advisors, carefully choosing individuals of both genders and varied ethnic, ideological and political backgrounds,” she stated.

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