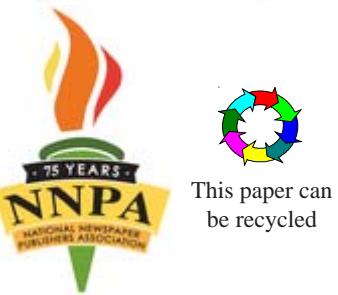




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Did the NFL Just Buy Off Protestors?

by: **Perry Green** | AFRO Sports Editor



The Dallas Cowboys, including the team's coaching staff and owner Jerry Jones (center), decided to collectively kneel before a Monday Night Football game against the Arizona Cardinals – but before the national anthem performance, while nothing was happening, in a flimsy attempt to please everyone by taking the imagery of protest but stripping it of any context or meaning. While the anthem was playing, they stood with arms locked. Congratulations to Jerry Jones and the Cowboys for finding the unity to pull off this craven move to diminish the meaning of this protest as a whole.

- Emma Baccellieri/Deadspin columnist (Screengrab from ESPN telecast)

(From the AFRO) - The NFL has agreed to donate \$89 million over seven years to social reform projects, including criminal justice reform, law enforcement reform and education reform, according to ESPN.

The deal was announced to the media by Philadelphia Eagles safety Malcolm Jenkins, who

also serves as co-founder of The Players Coalition, a group of active NFL players who have joined together to protest for civil and social reform. Jenkins described the NFL's pledge as a "platform and a campaign similar to what they've done with breast cancer awareness, My Cause, My Cleats, Salute to Service, but hopefully in

an even bigger manner." Jenkins told reporters he will no longer protest during the National Anthem now that the NFL has agreed to its pledge.

"All of this really is in good faith," Jenkins said, according to ESPN, "and I think if the league continues to come through or deliver on their word, then I see no need to go back

to what I was doing."

But others would argue otherwise, calling this move by the league nothing more than a cheap negotiating tactic to get players to sell out on what they've been protesting for. Nearly 40 players among the Coalition disapprove of the deal, according to The Chicago Tribune.

Conyers Resigns from Congress Amid Harassment Allegations

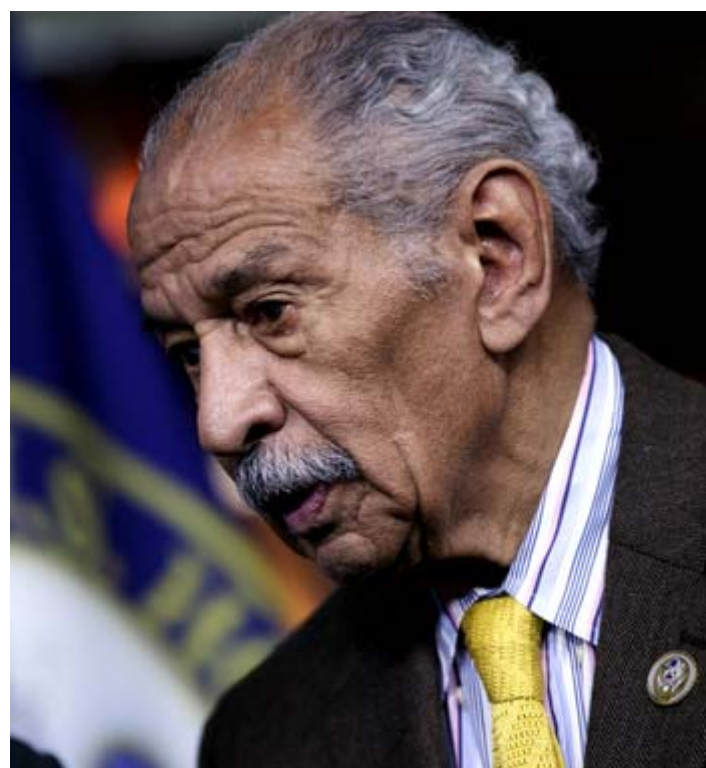
by: **Corey Williams** and **Richard Lardner** | Associated Press

DETROIT, MI (AP) — Democratic Rep. John Conyers resigned from Congress on Tuesday after a nearly 53-year career, becoming the first Capitol Hill politician to lose his job in the torrent of sexual misconduct allegations sweeping through the nation's workplaces.

The 88-year-old civil rights leader and longest-serving member of the House announced what he referred to as his "retirement" on Detroit talk radio, while continuing to deny he groped or sexually harassed women who worked for him.

"My legacy can't be compromised or diminished in any way by what we're going through now," said the congressman, who called into the radio show from the hospital where he was taken last week after complaining of lightheadedness. "This, too, shall pass. My legacy will continue through my children."

He endorsed his son John Conyers III to suc-



FILE — In this file photo from Feb. 14, 2017, Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., attends a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington. Besieged by allegations of sexual harassment, Conyers resigned from Congress on Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017, bringing an abrupt end to the civil rights leader's nearly 53-year career on Capitol Hill. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite, file)

ceed him. Conyers, who was first elected in 1964 and went on to become a founding member in 1971 of the Congressional Black Caucus, easily won re-

election last year to his 27th term in his heavily Democratic district in and around Detroit.

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San Francisco safety Eric Reid recently told the media he and a few colleagues broke away from the Coalition because they felt Jenkins was negotiating bad deals on behalf of

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SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO FROST FOR VISITS WITH KIDS



WHAT: Frost invites families to come into five Austin-area Frost financial centers for a little holiday cheer and photos with a special guest: Santa Claus. Guests can enjoy holiday cookies in a festive holiday setting while kids get a chance to visit with Santa. Kids will also get a candy cane, and parents should bring a camera so their kids can pose for pictures with St. Nick.

The visits from Santa are an annual holiday tradition at Frost, where dedication to the community has been part of the culture since the company began in 1868.

WHEN: 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 9

WHERE: 26 Doors Financial Center
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Austin, Texas 78705

Tech Ridge Financial Center
605 W. Canyon Ridge Drive
Austin, Texas 78753

Cedar Park Financial Center
1450 E. Whitestone Blvd.
Cedar Park, Texas 78613

WHEN: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sat., Dec. 9

WHERE: Lake Travis Financial Center
12532 FM 2244
Austin, Texas 78738

WHEN: 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 9

WHERE: East 7th Financial Center
2421 East 7th St.
Austin, Texas 78702

All events are free and open to the public.