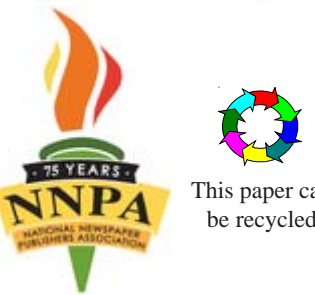




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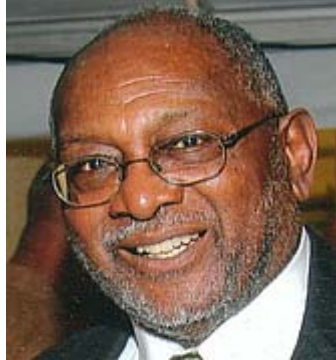


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Dennis Edwards, Temptations Singer for 2 Decades, Dies at 74

by: Jeff Karoub | Associated Press



In a March 25, 2011 file photo, Aretha Franklin sings with Dennis Edwards of The Temptations at her 69th birthday party, in New York. Edwards, former member of the famed Motown group The Temptations, has died. He was 74. His longtime booking agent says Edwards died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018 in Chicago after a long illness. (AP Photo/Charles Sykes_File)

DETROIT (AP) — rest of The Temptations in 1989. Dennis Edwards, a Grammy-winning former member of the famed Motown group The Temptations, has died. He was 74.

Edwards died Thursday in Chicago after a long illness, said Rosiland Triche Roberts, his longtime booking agent.

Edwards replaced founding member David Ruffin in 1968, and his soulful, passionate voice defined the group for years. A member on and off for about two decades, he was part of the lineup that released hits "Ball of Confusion (That's What The World Is Today)," "Cloud Nine" and the chart-topping "Papa Was A Rollin' Stone."

He possessed a "voice for the ages," with great range, energy and artistry, Paul Riser, a Motown arranger and musician who worked with Edwards during the label's Detroit heyday and on subsequent projects, told The Associated Press. "That voice was just flat-out outstanding — very well-defined."

Edwards was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame with the

rest of The Temptations in 1989.

In the 1990s, a federal judge barred him from performing under his former band's name. Otis Williams, the band's lone original member, sued Edwards for trademark infringement after he had used variations that included "The New Temptations." He was allowed to use "The Temptations Review featuring Dennis Edwards," and performed under that name for nearly two decades, according to Roberts.

"He is now at peace, and our love and prayers go out to his family," Williams said in a statement Friday. "At this moment and always, we acknowledge his extraordinary contribution to The Temptations legacy, which lives on in the music."

Motown star Smokey Robinson said in a statement that he was saddened "that another Motown soldier is gone."

"Rest in Peace my brother," he said. "You were a great talent."

Born in Birmingham, Alabama, Edwards lived near St. Louis with his wife, Brenda. He would have turned 75 on Saturday.

BHM Spotlight: Congressman Mickey Leland

George Thomas "Mickey" Leland was America's most effective spokesman for hungry people in the United States and throughout the world. During six terms in the Congress, six years as a Texas state legislator and, Democratic National Committee official, he focused much needed attention on issues of health and hunger and rallied support that resulted in both public and private action. Leland combined the skills of the charismatic leader with the power of a sophisticated behind-the-scenes congressman. He matured during his years in Congress into a brilliantly effective and influential advocate for food security and health care rights for every human being. When



Congressman Mickey Leland 11/27/1944 - 8/7/1989

Mickey Leland died in 1989, he was Chairman of the House Select Committee on Hunger. His committee studied the problems associated with domestic and international hunger and then delivered the practical solution of food.

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Two Austinites named as Influential Black Women in Business

by Gerry Tucker | VILLAGER Contributor

The Network Journal will honor Influential Black Women in Business at a luncheon in New York City on March 16, 2018. Two Austinites who have attained significant levels of business success will be honored. Roxann Thomas Chargois, owner and principal of JMC Auto Group, and Yolanda Conyers, Vice President Global HR and Chief Diversity Officer of Lenovo, will be honored at the event.



Roxann Thomas Chargois

Roxann Thomas Chargois is an owner and principal of several dealerships in San Marcos

and Houston. She serves as the Western Area Director of The Links, Incorporated

rated and is involved in many community organizations. Yolanda Conyers serves as the Global HR and Chief Diversity Officer heading up Lenovo's diversity and equity initiatives while supporting their community involvement.

The Network Journal is a quarterly print and online business magazine for Black professionals and small business owners. It will be celebrating its 20th Anniversary of Women Going the Distance.

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DNC Chair Tom Perez on January Jobs Report

Statement on the U.S. Department of Labor's latest jobs numbers

DNC Press - "Donald Trump continues to take credit for the strong economy he inherited from President Obama. But instead of rewarding American workers for fueling our nation's prosperity, Trump and Republicans in Congress have given massive tax cuts to big corporations and the top 1% at the expense of the middle class - all while workers at companies like Carrier and Harley-Davidson continue to lose their jobs. Meanwhile, African-American unemployment saw the largest increase in years, despite Trump's claims during the State of the Union that his policies were helping African-American families. We should be building an economy that works for all, not rigging it to serve the rich. The Trump administration's policies are putting at risk all of the progress we made under Barack Obama."



DNC Chair Tom Perez