

BAPTIST BULLETIN

PRESIDENT OBAMA NOMINATES LORETTA LYNCH AS NEXT US ATTORNEY GENERAL

President Barack Obama has nominated a distinguished United States Attorney — with strong North Carolina connections — to become the next Attorney General of the United States. On Saturday, November 8, President Obama nominated Loretta E. Lynch (currently serving as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York) to succeed Attorney General Eric Holder. If confirmed by the Senate, Ms. Lynch would become the first African-American woman to hold the office of United States Attorney General.

According to the U. S. Department of Justice website, “The Judiciary Act of 1789 created the Office of the Attorney General which evolved over the years into the head of the Department of Justice and chief law enforcement officer of the Federal Government. The Attorney General represents the United States in legal matters generally and gives advice and opinions to the President and to the heads of the executive departments of the Government when so requested. In matters of

exceptional gravity or importance the Attorney General appears in person before the Supreme Court. Since the 1870 Act that established the Department of Justice as an executive department of the government of the United States, the Attorney General has guided the world’s largest law office and the central agency for enforcement of federal laws.”

Ms. Lynch currently serves as U. S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York. She was first nominated for this post by President William J. Clinton. After working as a partner in an international law firm, she returned to the same post in 2010 upon the nomination of President Barack Obama.

In nominating her on Saturday, the President Obama said, “Loretta has spent her life fighting for fair and equal justice that is the foundation of our democracy, I can think of no better public servant to be our next attorney general.”

Dr. Nilous M. Avery, II, President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. reacted to the news of Ms.



Loretta E. Lynch, daughter of longtime Baptist pastor Dr. Lorenzo A. Lynch of Durham and sister of GBSC Vice President At-Large Dr. Leonzo D. Lynch, has been nominated by President Obama to become the next Attorney General of the United States of America.

Lynch’s nomination by saying “Our Convention, our state, and our cultural heritage are excited, delighted, humbled and grateful to experience this historic and God-driven moment. We congratulate Ms. Lynch and we celebrate with her family. We have no doubt that she will be a stellar role model and shining example for such a time as this.” In anticipation of her possible nomination, the Convention passed a reso-

lution supporting her nomination at the 147th Annual Session.

Ms. Lynch is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Lorenzo A. Lynch of Durham. Dr. Lynch had a long and distinguished career as a pastor and civil rights leader in North Carolina. Her brother is Dr. Leonzo D. Lynch, Pastor of Charlotte’s Ebenezer Baptist Church and GBSC Vice President At-Large.



RESOLUTION

of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated
Supporting the Nomination of Loretta E. Lynch to be United States Attorney General

Whereas,

Loretta Elizabeth Lynch has had a distinguished career as an attorney, a partner in a distinguished international law firm and as a United States Attorney;

And whereas,

Ms. Lynch graduated from Harvard College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and American literature in 1981 as well as having earned the *Juris Doctor* degree from Harvard Law School in 1984;

And whereas,

Ms. Lynch joined the staff of the Office of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York in 1990 and served with distinction becoming Chief of the Long Island office in 1994 and, later, Chief of the Brooklyn office in 1998;

And whereas,

Ms. Lynch was nominated by President William J. Clinton in 2001 to serve as the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York and Ms. Lynch was nominated to that post for the second time by President Barack Obama in 2010;

And whereas,

President Barack Obama has nominated Loretta Elizabeth Lynch to serve as the 83rd United States Attorney General;

And whereas,

the roots of the Lynch family tree reach deep into the soil of Eastern North Carolina; and that Ms. Lynch's connection to our Baptist family in North Carolina is evidenced by the long and distinguished pastoral career of her father, Dr. Lorenzo A. Lynch; and that her brother, Dr. Leonzo D. Lynch, who now serves as the pastor of one of North Carolina's premier Missionary Baptist churches and as Vice President-at-Large of this Convention;

Be it therefore resolved

that the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated strongly supports the nomination of Loretta Elizabeth Lynch as the next Attorney General of the United States, and urges the members of the United States Senate to seriously weigh her professionalism, career accomplishments and legal expertise and confirm her appointment in an expeditious manner;

And be it finally resolved

that our Baptist family from all across North Carolina support Ms. Lynch with their good will, good wishes, and fervent prayers as she seeks to become the chief law enforcement officer of the United States of America.

Nilous M. Avery, Jr.
President

Haywood T. Gray
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Unanimously passed by the messengers to the 147th Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.
on October 30, 2014 in Greenville, North Carolina.