

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee to Address Shaw University Commencement Ceremony, Saturday, May 9, 2009

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX) will be the speaker for the Shaw University Commencement, which will be held May 9, 2009 at 11 a.m., at the Raleigh Convention Center.

Congresswoman Jackson Lee is serving her seventh term as a member of the U. S. House of Representatives. She represents the 18th Congressional District of Texas, centered in Houston – energy capital of the world. She visited Shaw University in October, showing particular interest in the bio-fuels project being conducted by Shaw University.



Dr. Clarence G. Newsome, President of Shaw University, looks on as Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX) addresses a gathering in Estey Hall during her campus visit in October.

In January, when the 110th Congress was seated, she was named the Chairwoman of the Homeland Security Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection. She also sits on three House Committees: Judiciary, Homeland Security, and Foreign Affairs.

Congresswoman Jackson Lee has been hailed by *Ebony* magazine as one of the "100 Most Fascinating Black Women of the 20th Century, and by *U.S. News and World Report* one of the ten most influential legislators in the House of Representatives.

The Commencement Ceremony will celebrate the achievements and graduation of the Shaw University Class of 2009. The Raleigh Convention Center is located at 500 South Salisbury Street in the heart of downtown Raleigh, NC.

This will be the University's first graduation ceremony at the new Convention Center, and families, friends, and well wishers are all welcome to attend the event.

Shaw University was the first Historically Black College/University founded in the south (1865). Its campus is located in downtown Raleigh.