

ANNUAL PHOENIX *Awards* DINNER

WALTER E. WASHINGTON
CONVENTION CENTER - HALL D
7:00 pm - 10:30 pm
(Doors open at 6:00 pm)

HONOREES

Each year, the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. (CBCF) recognizes extraordinary individuals who through their efforts and accomplishments have made significant contributions to society. These individuals receive the prestigious, CBCF-commissioned Phoenix Award.

Like its namesake, the Phoenix Award symbolizes the immortality of the human spirit and an eternal desire to reach its full potential. As we honor this year's awardees, we recall North Carolina Representative George Henry White's 1901 farewell address to Congress. Born a slave in Rosindale, North Carolina, Congressman White was elected to the House of Representatives in 1896. He campaigned for increased spending on African-American education and proposed a bill that would make the lynching of American citizens a federal crime. Rep. White was aware that his outspoken comments on civil rights would result in the loss of his next election. In his last speech to Congress, Rep. White issued a declaration to his colleagues about the future of the Negro in the American Congress. "...This, Mr. Chairman, is perhaps the Negroes' temporary farewell to the American Congress; but let me say Phoenix-like he will rise up some day and come again. These parting words are in behalf of an outraged, heartbroken, bruised, and bleeding, but God-fearing people, faithful, industrious, loyal people-rising people, full of potential force..."

*CBCF salutes the 2009
Phoenix Award honorees
for their outstanding
contributions.*



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Ambassador
Susan E. Rice



Mr. Danny Glover



The Honorable
Calvin Smyre



Mr. Wyclef Jean