

**Rep. Jim McDermott (D-WA)**

**Statement**

**Passing of Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones**

**August 21, 2008**

"I was shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones, a distinguished House colleague and fellow Member of the Ways and Means Committee.

"Stephanie was a good friend and colleague of mine for many years. I admired her, respected her, and will sorely miss her grace, great sense of humor and leadership."