

Founding Families - Conyers & Grovers Are Determined To Turn Our World Around

JOHN CONYERS, JR, born in 1929 and raised in Detroit, was educated in city's public school system. After serving in the National Guard and the United States Army Corps of Engineers in the Korean War, he returned to Michigan where he earned both his Bachelor of Arts (1957) and Juris Doctor (1958) degrees at Wayne State University. (Pictured: John Conyers III, William Jefferson Clinton, Carl Edward Conyers)

He is the recipient of many awards for leadership, including a Southern Christian Leadership Conference Award, which was presented to him by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He has also been awarded a number of honorary degrees from colleges and universities throughout the nation. He is married to the former Monica Esters. Mr. and Mrs. Conyers have two sons, John III and Carl Edward. Representative John Conyers, Jr., a Detroit Democrat, was re-elected to the 14th Congressional District in November 2006, to his 21 term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Having entered the House of Representatives in 1964, Mr. Conyers is the second most senior member in the House of Representatives. After serving as Chairman of the House Committee on Government Operations (now renamed Government Reform) from 1989 until 1994, Congressman Conyers was elected by his congressional colleagues to lead, as Chairman, the pivotal House Committee on the Judiciary.

In addition to its oversight of the Department of Justice (including the FBI) and the Federal Courts, the Judiciary Committee has jurisdiction over copyright, constitutional, consumer protection, and civil rights issues. Congressman Conyers was also a member of the Judiciary Committee in its 1974 hearings on the Watergate impeachment scandal and played a prominent role in the recent impeachment process, giving him the distinction as the only Judiciary Committee Member to have served on both panels.

Congressman Conyers is also one of the 13 founding members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) and is considered the Dean of that group. Formed in 1969, the CBC was founded to strengthen African-American law makers ability to address the legislative concerns of Black and minority citizens.

In Mr. Conyers' 40 plus years in Congress, some of his major accomplishments include: the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, the Motor Voter Bill of 1993, the Martin Luther King Holiday Act of 1983, the Alcohol Warning Label Act of 1988, the Jazz Preservation Act of 1987, and was the driving force behind the Help America Vote Act of 2002.



LINDA GROVER has devoted many years of her life to making real her children's idea of creating a universal holiday for all faiths and cultures. Born in New England and raised in a military family during WW2, she developed an early interest in politics and human rights. Completing high school at 15 in Las Vegas, she worked as a secretary, migrating to Washington, DC at age 18, where she became a California congressman's legislative aide, and subsequently Clerk of the House Indian Affairs Subcommittee. Grover also worked for the National Committee for an Effective Congress and as a caseworker for the International Rescue Committee following the Hungarian revolution. (Pictured: Cindy, Shania, Ian, Amber, Bronze, Linda, Alia, Kanoa and Makana)



Married to Broadway singer-actor Stanley Grover, and a mother of three, Linda successfully fought New York's City Hall to save, integrate and renovate the 20-family Manhattan apartment building where the Grovers lived. Her first book, *The House Keepers*, (Harper & Row) a humorous account of her seven year struggle, was serialized in the *New York Post*. Grover is also co-author of the #4 *New York Times* bestseller, *Looking Terrific*, (Putnams and Ballantine) on women's evolving image; *August Celebration*, a widely distributed book on blue green algae as a nutrient for humanity (500,000 copies sold) and *Tree Island*, an award-winning (eco-romance by *Romantic Times*) novel about the global holiday she envisions. As a television scriptwriter and later head writer for *The Doctors*, NBC, *Search for Tomorrow*, CBS, and *General Hospital*, ABC, Grover was an early pioneer for more truth and less violence on daytime TV.

In 1998 Linda Grover left her writing career to return to Washington and work with schoolchildren and members of Congress to create the unifying holiday of peace and sharing every January 1st that her children had envisioned thirty years before. For her work with schoolchildren to promote what is now called GLOBAL FAMILY Day, Grover was named DC Mother of the Year in 2002 by American Mothers, Inc., the official Mothers Day organization. The US Congress adopted the Kucinich/Wellstone initiative in 2000, and shortly after 9/11, the United Nations General Assembly also called for the holiday's observance. The latest Conyers/Inouye initiative passed Congress in 2006; a Congressional Global Family Day Caucus is now being formed.

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