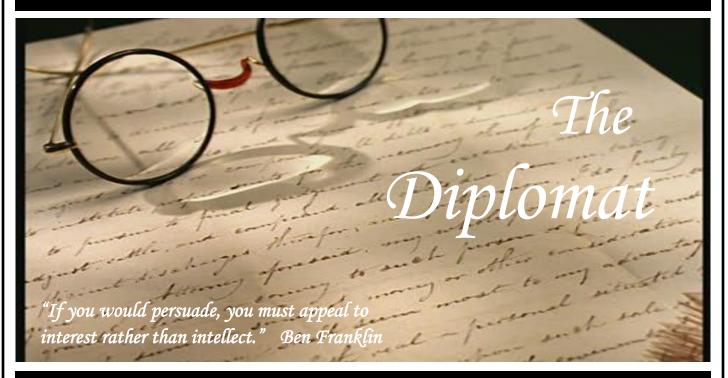
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STEVEN REED Elected Mayor of Montgomery

Steven Reed overwhelmingly won the runoff to become the first black mayor of Montgomery. Mayor-Elect Reed defeated businessman David Woods to replace 10-year incumbent Todd Strange who opted not to run for another term. Reed will be sworn into office Tuesday, November 12.

2nd CONGRESSIONAL In & Out

As predicted last month, Prattville attorney Jessica Taylor entered the race to replace Congresswoman Martha Roby for Alabama's 2nd Congressional seat. She is the wife of former State Senator Bryan Taylor. Taylor resigned as General Counsel for the Governor to support his wife's Congressional bid. Also in the race is former Attorney General Troy King, Dothan businessman Jeff Coleman and former State Rep. Barry Moore of Enterprise. State Rep. Will Dismukes (R-Prattville) announced Wednesday he was withdrawing from the race.

Dismukes, the 29-year old freshman legislator had difficulties raising money reporting less than \$15,000 last quarter. By comparison, Coleman led fundraising in the third quarter with almost \$500,000 raised and loaned his campaign another half million. King reported raising \$102,742; Moore reported raising \$70,822 and lending himself \$70,000.

U.S. SENATE RACE Sessions???

Former U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions is interested in getting his old job back in the U.S. Senate. Multiple reports claim Sessions has been reaching out to supporters and donors exploring the possibilities. The deadline for qualifying is next Friday, November 8.

ALABAMA DEMOCRATIC PARTY A Hot Mess

The chaos continues at the Alabama Democratic Party with two separate elections being held this month. Rep. Chris England (D-Tuscaloosa) announced last week he is running for chairman of the ADP. Other previously announced candidates include Will Boyd and Tabitha Isner. England's late entry into the race came as a surprise, but likely catapults him to frontrunner status, at least with the newly formed ADP organization that is considered the legitimate Party by the Democratic National Committee and will hold elections this Saturday. Another late entry in the fray is former Rep. Patricia Todd (D-Birmingham) who announced she will run for vice chairperson.

Then you have current Chairperson Nancy Worley who is running, but in an election to be held November 16, a date set by the old leadership who are no longer recognized by the DNC. Wednesday, the first of what likely will be several lawsuits was filed, this one on behalf of Worley who is asking a Montgomery County Circuit Court Judge to block Saturday's scheduled meeting.



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