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people on the firing line, operating the Centers. In this regard, I would like to single out two individuals who, in my mind, typify this dedication. One is Dr. Bennetta Washington of OEO. The other is our own George Mayer until very recently director of the Huntington Job Corps Center.

It was with regret that I learned of Dr. Washington's planned resignation from OEO. It was she who nurtured and brought to maturity the Women's Job Corps. She pioneered a new, obstacle-laden frontier. Her efforts and her guidance were crucial to our success.

George Mayer has brought imaginative and highly-effective leadership to his assignment as director of the Huntington Center, what must be one of the most difficult—and frequently exasperating—job extant. For nearly a year now, he has been responsible for the day-to-day remolding of the lives of 250 to 300 young women, many of whom came to the Center with problems that would seem unthinkable in this country today. Mr. Mayer is being replaced by Mr. Willard Duetting, one of our most able executives, and I am sure he will be a worthy successor at Huntington to Mr. Mayer.

The Bennetta Washingtons and the George Mayers of Job Corps have caused this program to come of age. They have developed a viable organization, a well-functioning team, with centralized responsibility and a developing set of standards and goals against which to measure the program.

These are some of the observations we can now make from first-hand operation of the Huntington Job Corps Center for the past 18 months, and they are respectfully submitted to your Committee.

Cordially,

C. P. McColough, *President.*

Chairman PERKINS. We will recess at this time until 2 p.m.

(Whereupon, at 12:40 p.m. the committee recessed, to reconvene at 2 p.m. on the same day.)

AFTERNOON SESSION

Chairman PERKINS. The committee will come to order.

A quorum is present.

I certainly want to take this opportunity to welcome you here today, Mrs. Benson, and the other women from the League of Women Voters. I personally appreciate the support you are giving this legislation.

You are serving a very worthy purpose and performing one of the functions that the League of Women Voters so ably performs and has performed throughout the years working for the general welfare of the public.

I am sure you know Congressman Meeds and he will introduce you.

Mr. MEEDS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is a real pleasure and honor to present to the committee Mrs. Bruce B. Benson, representing the League of Women Voters.

Mrs. Benson is the second vice president of the national board of the National League of Women Voters and chairman of the development of human resources on the national board.

She is the former president of the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts and the vice chairman of the Massachusetts Advisory Council on Education.

She fills a number of other positions quite well and I have a personal friendship and knowledge of her activities and her competence.

It is a pleasure to introduce her to speak in behalf of what I consider to be one of the best associations or organizations in the United States, the League of Women Voters, which has a long and as far as I am concerned spotless history of nonpartisan objective ability to research problems of national, local, and State problems and to come forward with some pretty objective conclusions.