President Barack Obama has said James E. Clyburn is “one of a handful of people who, when they speak, the entire Congress listens.” As Assistant Democratic Leader in the 114th Congress, the No. 3 Democrat in the House, Clyburn is the leadership liaison to the Appropriations Committee, one of the Democratic Caucus’ primary liaisons to the White House, and chair of the recently formed House Democrats’ Democratic Outreach and Engagement Task Force. As a national leader, he has worked to respond to the needs of America’s diverse communities. He championed rural communities by supporting the development of regional water projects, community health centers and broadband connections. He has supported higher education by leading the charge for increased Pell grants, by investing millions in science and math programs, and by historic preservation at historically black colleges and universities.