

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROWLAND HILL GEDDIE, JR.

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Rowland Hill Geddie, Jr. Rowland attended the University of Alabama, graduating with a degree in business in 1954. While there, he met and married Mary Martha McGaughy in 1953. Together they had four children; Rowland Hill Geddie, III (Peggy), Ginger Geddie Roark (Steve), Martha Leanne Geddie Ward (Darrell), and Norton Brown McGaughy Geddie (Tammy).

From 1954 to 1956, he served in the U.S. Army at Fort Lee in Virginia and Fort McPherson in Atlanta as a Lieutenant. After his military service, he began a civilian career. He moved back to Martha's hometown of Tupelo, Mississippi, in 1957 after a stint of working at Rich's Department Store in Atlanta. While in Tupelo, Rowland ran her family's store, McGaughy's, until 1976, when he closed the store as well as its affiliated businesses and then began attending the University of Mississippi School of Law. In 1978, he graduated with a Juris Doctorate in the same class as his son, Rowland H. Geddie, III. Rowland began his law career as a solo practitioner, working cases of various types and developing a focus in criminal defense.

In 1981, he found his true calling when he began working with the Office of the District Attorney for the First District of Mississippi, serving under District Attorney Johnny Young. He prosecuted thousands of criminal cases over the course of his twenty-five years in the office until his retirement in 2006. He reveled in being in front of a jury and the opportunity to allow what he referred to as "Truth, Justice, and the American Way to once again triumph over the forces of Darkness and Evil." He believed that the courtroom was the last best opportunity for a victim's voice to be heard and for justice to be done and that such justice became the voice for a victim.

After the untimely death of Martha, his first wife, in 1982, Rowland met June Sawyer Hamilton, and, after a long-distance courtship between Tupelo, Mississippi, and Tucson, Arizona, Rowland and June married on December 12, 1987. June brought to the family three daughters; Jennifer Hamilton Lee (Derek), Molly Allison Hamilton, and April Zilpha Hamilton. Rowland loved his family dearly and was an involved stepfather to the new family members.

Rowland was an avid photographer, a pilot, a scuba diver, a lifelong CB and ham radio enthusiast, and actor in community theater, a motorcyclist, a gun enthusiast, a hunter, a fisherman, a canoeist, a camper, and a water skier.

In addition to his time in the District Attorney's Office, Rowland served his community through numerous volunteer roles, including

Cub Scout Pack Master; Rotarian, serving as president of the Rotary Club of Tupelo; Mock Trial Judge for Tupelo High School; a founding member of Tupelo Community Theater; and president of the Mississippi Merchants' Association.

Rowland is survived by his loving wife, June; his children, Rowland, Ginger, Leanne, Norton, Jenny, Molly, and April; 16 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JOHN PARVENSKY

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John Parvensky.

John has dedicated his life to helping others and, after 37 years as the head of the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, there is no doubt that John has done exactly that.

John first moved to Denver in 1984 after graduating law school to begin a career helping nonprofit organizations. It didn't take long, though, for John to realize he had another calling in life. And just 1 year after his arrival in the Mile High City, John set out on a mission to provide real help to those experiencing homelessness throughout the city.

He arrived at the perfect time. It was at just that moment that then-Denver Mayor Federico Peña was putting together a task force to tackle homelessness. Out of that task force came the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless.

What John thought would be a temporary assignment has turned into a lifelong passion, and the coalition he started has become a permanent fixture in the state.

Thanks to John's tireless work, Colorado's Coalition for the Homeless has grown from a group of 6 people to an organization that now employs more than 750 people across the state. Its budget has grown from \$100,000 to more than \$10 million a year. And, with John at the helm, the organization that started as a single health care center now serves over 22,000 people every year.

John's leadership and advocacy on behalf of those experiencing homelessness, both in Denver and across the U.S., has led to the development of countless new ideas and innovative strategies that are now being used in cities and towns across the country to help those in need.

John was instrumental in creating the Denver Housing First Collaborative that provides housing and supportive services to more than 200 people with disabilities experiencing homelessness. And he was the driving force behind the development of Denver's new state-of-the-art Stout Street Recuperative Care Center—a first-of-its kind mixed-use development intended to provide medical respite and recuperative care to hundreds of people experiencing homelessness every year after they are released from the hospital.

John's efforts have been widely recognized throughout his career. He currently serves as the President of the Board of Directors for the National Coalition for the Homeless; and he has been the recipient of numerous awards to highlight his many achievements in his quest to help others—including the 2018 Philip W. Brickner National Leadership Award from the National Healthcare for the Homeless; the 2016 Carle Whitehead Memorial Award from ACLU of Colorado; and the 2012 Be More Award from Rocky Mountain PBS.

After more than 35 years as the head of Colorado's Coalition for the Homeless, John announced that this summer will be his last running the organization. As he prepares to begin the next chapter of his life, I want to express my profound thanks to him for his tireless advocacy on behalf of those experiencing homelessness and the outstanding work he's done over the years to improve the lives of so many people who call our city home.

I offer my best wishes on his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ARTHUR A. MURPHY

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a community leader and political activist. Arthur A. Murphy transitioned from this life on January 2, 2023, in Hardeeville, South Carolina. His work to better the lives of those in Jasper County, as well as his commitment to increase diverse representation were honorable and deserve recognition.

Arthur Murphy was born in Robertville, South Carolina on December 11, 1943, to the late Mr. Clarence and Mrs. Beatrice Brown Murphy. He attended public schools in Jasper County, South Carolina. Upon graduation, he moved to Brooklyn, New York to pursue further education at the School of Printing. He remained in New York for more than 30 years working in the printing profession. In 1993, he returned to South Carolina, where he founded his own printing company, Repro Graphics.

In addition to his company, Arthur was an active member of the community. In 1994, just 1 year after moving back to South Carolina, he became Chairman of the Jasper County Democratic Party. He continued to serve in this role on and off throughout the rest of his life. It was in this capacity that I was fortunate to get to know Arthur. He was committed to getting the best candidates possible into public office in his county, especially those who would represent the diverse voices of the community. Arthur was also an active member of the NAACP. Through his various community leadership roles, Arthur received several awards and honors.

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Arthur was guided by his faith from a young age at Bethel Baptist Church, where he was a member throughout the entirety of his life. He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Louise J. Murphy, with whom he had 2 sons, Kenneth Murphy and F. Michael (Tanya) Murphy, Sr., 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in honoring the full life of Arthur A. Murphy. His commitment to public service and his community touched the lives of all who knew him. He will be dearly missed.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PETTY
OFFICER THIRD CLASS WILL
MARTIN, JR.

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, Petty Officer Third Class Will Martin, Jr. passed away on January 6, 2023, at the age of 74.

A veteran of the Vietnam War, Petty Officer Third Class Will Martin Jr. served his country with dignity as a Seabee in the United States Navy from 1965 to 1969. Will exemplified the Seabee motto of "Can Do," and following his service, he integrated this into his daily life as he worked tirelessly for decades to build "Communities of Honor and Excellence," not only in Victoria County but across the state of Texas.

Along the way, Will's journey saw him serve as the American Legion Commander, the American Legion Legislative Representative for the Department of Texas, an officer with both the Vietnam Veterans of America and the Disabled American Veterans, and as the founder and Commander of the U.S. Navy Seabees Association, Victoria Chapter. He dedicated his spare time to the Warrior's Weekend Field of Honor and was a great friend and supporter of the wounded servicemen and women who came in from all over the nation.

For nearly a decade, Will was the President of the Conservative Texans for Charitable Bingo that helped hundreds of charities all over the state of Texas receive tens of millions of dollars for their activities. As a legislative liaison, he worked with State Senators and Representatives to ensure ongoing access to funding that allowed service organizations to focus on their missions of helping thousands of Texans.

Furthermore, Will was a friend to first responders, in particular law enforcement. He led the effort to craft a county ordinance banning illegal game rooms and the drug and human trafficking crime that accompanied them. This ordinance, which gave Law Enforcement greater opportunity to stop this illegal activity, was adopted first in Victoria County and soon spread throughout the Golden Crescent and Coastal Bend. This initiative likely prevented the trafficking of hundreds of at-risk youth and kept millions of dollars out of the hands of organized crime.

Most importantly, Will was a faithful Christian man who lived his life as a disciple of God's word and as a passionate servant. Throughout his commendable life—up until the very end—Will Martin's love of God and Country and service to others never faded.

BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. MENENDEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today because 2 months ago, Americans sent a clear message to Congress, rejecting the extremist anti-abortion, anti-reproductive health policies of the GOP.

Yet, here we are today, on our first week in Congress, voting on legislation that puts women at risk by jeopardizing the ability of medical professionals to perform lifesaving care. Under the Republican agenda, women do not have the right to make decisions about their own bodies and about their own healthcare.

Make no mistake, this is yet another step toward the GOP's ultimate goal of criminalizing abortion nationwide and banning contraception while doing absolutely nothing to address the real issues impacting parents, children, and families across our country.

House Democrats will fight to protect abortion rights, to maintain access to contraception, and to not put the government between women and their doctors.

The GOP's decades-long demonization of reproductive healthcare providers has resulted in targeted violence, as well as continual harassment of those seeking abortion care. Yet, instead of speaking out against these heinous crimes, the GOP is focusing on a resolution that picks what type of violence is unacceptable to them, when in reality violence should be condemned in all forms no matter what groups are being targeted.

For this reason, I am co-sponsoring a House Resolution that condemns attacks on healthcare facilities, healthcare personnel, and patients. This Resolution condemns the hatred, violence, and harassment that abortion providers, reproductive health advocates, and other healthcare providers have faced for providing essential healthcare services to women across our country.

I call upon our colleagues across the aisle to condemn violence regardless of whom it is being directed at, and I invite them to do so by adopting this language into their resolution.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SHERRI JACKSON AS
CBS 42 NEWS ANCHOR IN BIRMINGHAM, AL

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary career of Sherri Jackson, who is celebrating her 25th Anniversary at CBS 42 on January 12, 2023.

Sherri is a 2-time Emmy Award-winning journalist who currently serves as the PM Managing Editor and Member of the CBS 42, "Your Voice, Your Station" Investigative Team. A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Sherri is a graduate of Morehead State University in Morehead, Kentucky, where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Communications.

Prior to making her home in Birmingham in 1998, Sherri worked for WGXA-TV in Macon, GA, WSAV-TV in Savannah, Georgia, and WSAZ-TV in Charleston and Huntington, West Virginia. Since moving to Birmingham, she has blazed trails reporting on the critical conditions affecting the residents of Central Alabama.

Upholding her motto: "we are all connected," Sherri tailors her journalism to focus on healthcare and issues affecting families to ensure that her audience is abreast with news most pertinent to their community. Her exemplary journalism includes the "Local War on Breast Cancer," which highlights research at the University of Alabama-Birmingham's O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. Her Emmy-winning "Dangerous Connections" provided resources informing parents on how to protect their children in this digital age from both predators and bullying.

Gaining a reputation as a truth-seeker, Sherri spearheaded the CBS 42 award-winning coverage of North Birmingham's environmental crisis. Her expert reporting in CBS 42's "Deadly Deception" exposed the pollution and provided a voice for generations of families who have suffered this injustice for far too long. As a result of her tenacity, the EPA declared the area a SuperFund Site shortly after.

Sherri's unwavering commitment to telling our stories has made her an invaluable resource for Birmingham and the surrounding area. Her second Emmy Award-winning project, "Hope and Honor," followed Elizabeth MacQueen, a local artist, and sculptress, as she made the Four Spirits Statue in Birmingham's Historic Kelly Ingram Park. She boldly tells the story of Birmingham's efforts to establish a fitting memorial for the Four Little Girls: Addie Mae Collins, Cynthia Wesley, Carole Robertson, and Denise McNair, to ensure that we never forget the tragedy of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing. That same year, Sherri traveled to Washington D.C. to cover one of my proudest moments in Congress the posthumously awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal to the Four Little Girls killed in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church. As the only local journalist there, the impact of Sherri's journalistic talent brought my constituents from Birmingham to the Capitol, ensuring that they felt represented during the monumental occasion.

For over 2 decades, Sherri has established herself as 1 of the most trusted voices in the world of journalism. Outside of her home at CBS 42, Sherri has also worked with BBC News, hosting their BBC World Service "Heart and Soul" broadcast from inside the 16th Street Baptist Church and presenting "The Cultural Frontline."

Sherri has received various well-deserved awards and recognition for her work, including being named Best News Anchor by Alabama Broadcasters Association and Associated Press, the 2015 National Headliner Award, and in 2018 received the National Association of Black Journalists Salute to Excellence. Sherri also serves on various boards, including the Foundry Ministries and previously the boards of the Children's Aid Society, UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center, Childcare Resources, and American Red Cross Blood Services Alabama. Sherri's civic affiliations include being a member of the National Association of Black Journalists, Radio Television Digital News Association, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

On a personal note, I was honored that Sherri covered my first bill passage that paid tribute to the Four Little Girls who lost their lives in the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham, Alabama. Like them, Sherri's career and extensive body of work serve as an inspiration to all little girls, especially little black girls who watch her on television and become inspired to follow in her footsteps. Congratulations on your 25th Anniversary at CBS 42. May you continue to anchor for many years to come.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary career of Sherri Jackson and congratulate her on 25 years of exceptional work at CBS 42.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN
ELLIOTT OF WARSAW

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Mr. BANKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of John Elliott of Warsaw, Indiana, who passed away this month.

John was a cherished member of the Warsaw community who devoted decades of his life to civic and community service. John was a longtime, successful banker who retired from 1st Source Bank in Warsaw but is mostly remembered for his numerous roles in the community outside of work. John's contributions range from involvement with the Baker Youth Club, Indiana Right to Life, and the Warsaw Breakfast Optimist Club, in which he attended over 2,392 meetings with perfect attendance. He played an instrumental role in bringing bands such as the Marine, Penn State, Oklahoma State, and his alma mater, Ohio State University bands to Warsaw, Indiana. John was a key supporter of athletics at Warsaw Community High School and Grace College, where he sponsored and hosted many of the teams that came for the Grace College basketball tournaments. As a respected and accomplished soccer referee, he was at one point responsible for placing all soccer referees in the state of Indiana.

John is remembered as a selfless individual who was always ready to get involved to help others and his community, which he loved dearly. In the wake of his passing, I wish his wife Elaine, their children and grandchildren, peace, and comfort. Though he is no longer with us, his spirit and example live on for us to strive to emulate every day.

CELEBRATING UCLA WOMEN'S
SOCCER 2022 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the women's soccer team from the University of California, Los Angeles. They took home the 2022 NCAA Division One National Championship on the 5th of December. UCLA defeated the women's soccer team from the Uni-

versity of North Carolina, Chapel Hill at WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary, North Carolina.

This year's championship is the program's 2nd national championship and 120th overall NCAA championship earned by a UCLA Bruins team in any sport.

The team should be proud of their accomplishments, becoming the first team ever to win the national championship after being two goals down. The team's perseverance allowed them to bring the game to overtime in the final seconds of regulation. While just over three minutes into the second overtime period, UCLA scored the winning goal taking the lead in dramatic fashion. With Coach Marguerite Aozasa, the Bruins have become the first women's soccer program to win the championship with a rookie coach in NCAA history.

I would like to sincerely congratulate the UCLA women's soccer team once again on winning the national championship and wish them the best of luck next season. Their performance and perseverance were a sight to behold and a tribute to the achievements of student athletes throughout the Nation. Go Bruins.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR.
JAMES MADISON "JIM" THOMAS

HON. AARON BEAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Marine TSgt (retired) James Madison "Jim" Thomas, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great grandfather, veteran, first responder, and dedicated public servant. At 101 years young, Jim was a pillar of the community. He served as Chairman of the Nassau County Commission, Chairman of the School Board, a Nassau County Sheriff's Deputy, and a Marine Tech Sergeant.

He was born in Yulee, Florida and was the son of the late David M. and Chal Treatie May Thomas. He attended school in Yulee and would eventually earn his GED after joining the U.S. Marine Corps.

Jim's love for his country was unparalleled. At the age of 17, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps before the beginning of World War II. Jim was a highly decorated combat veteran of World War II and the Battle of Guadalcanal serving with the 1st Marine Division, 1st Expeditionary Force, 1st Combat Engineer Pioneer Battalion—nicknamed "The Super Breed." His battalion was awarded The Presidential Unit Citation for their extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy under extremely difficult and hazardous conditions. Jim was honorably discharged at the rank of Technical Sergeant with over 14 years of service to the nation. Never someone who would accept accolades for his military service—he would quickly reply, "I was just doing my duty."

Jim returned home to Nassau County and quickly became an integral part of the community. Through the years he served Nassau County in a variety of ways. He worked for the School Board as Maintenance Supervisor, and the Nassau County Sheriff's Office as a Juvenile Officer. Along with being a Sheriff's Deputy, he was elected to the School Board. Dur-

ing his tenure, he was instrumental in constructing 2 new schools in his first 4 years—Emma Love Hardee Elementary and Callahan Elementary.

He went on to serve the community as the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. When asked to describe his most rewarding act as a commissioner, it was a quick and easy response. He was responsible for the monument that is standing today at the base of Center Street to publicly display the names of residents who gave their life in the service to our country.

Jim was also an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Fernandina Beach where he taught Sunday School and was an Elder and Deacon.

Jim served his God, his family, his community, and his country with honor and devotion.

In addition to his parents and his siblings, Jim was predeceased by his wife of 65 years, Ann Thomas, a son, Phillip Terry Thomas and a son-in-law, Fred Armstrong. He leaves behind his 3 daughters, Linda Armstrong, Brenda Wall and her husband, James, and Beth McDonald and her husband, Larry, all of Fernandina Beach as well as a daughter-in-law, Alicia Thomas of Glen St. Mary; 17 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; 18 great-great-grandchildren and a large extended family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in Congress join me in celebrating and honoring the life of James Madison "Jim" Thomas, a leader, a believer, a patriot, and a friend to so many. Jim will be greatly missed, but fondly remembered by all who knew him.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF THE
HONORABLE MEL HANNAH

HON. RUBEN GALLEGO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Mr. GALLEGO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of the Honorable Mel Hannah, who passed away this week. Mel was a lifelong Arizonan, civic leader, and friend and mentor to many. He will be greatly missed.

Mel was born and raised in the small town of Winslow, Arizona. After high school, he earned a scholarship to play football at what would become Northern Arizona University. While traveling through the South for football games, Mel experienced the realities of segregation—being denied a room at the hotel where his white teammates were staying.

Mel's experience with segregation, as well as President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty campaign, inspired him to get involved in politics and activism. He went on to become the first African American member of the Flagstaff City Council and to serve on the Coconino County Board of Supervisors. He later moved to Phoenix where he worked in the administration of Governor Fife Symington and was Director of Community Outreach and Job Development at the Greater Phoenix Urban League. More recently, he served as Chair of the Arizona Secretary of State's Advisory Council and was a charter member of the Arizona Commission of African American Affairs.

Mel's life and career embodied his commitment to civic engagement which he defined

as, “what we do to make lives better.” For him, that meant serving and empowering low-income, rural, and minority communities. I trust that current and future generations will continue to be inspired by Mr. Hannah’s life to get involved in the betterment of their communities.

I offer my deepest condolences to Mel’s family and friends.

HONORING KATHLEEN KLINE-HUDSON

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Kathleen Kline-Hudson, an extraordinary public servant upon her retirement, and to pay tribute to her dedication and devotion to community planning over the past 3 decades that have helped shape and mold Livingston County, Michigan into the thriving, vibrant place it is today.

Nearly 32 years ago, with the ink barely dry on her Master’s degree in urban planning from the University of Michigan, Kathleen Kline-Hudson was hired as a “principal planner” with the Livingston County Planning Department. By 2009 she had risen through the ranks to become its director, a position she has held for the past 13 years. All this at a time when the county was experiencing unprecedented growth and transforming from a collection of predominantly rural areas to a bustling bedroom community at the crossroads of the region’s major expressways.

A self-proclaimed data nerd, Kathleen thrived on organizing critical information about that growth into tables and graphs and analyzing what the changes meant for Livingston County. She created data books and detailed community profiles that now serve as historical documentation of the county’s trajectory. Three times—in 2000, 2010, and 2020—she helped lead the effort to ensure every resident was counted in the decennial census, serving on the Complete Count Committees, revising census tracts based on population and housing units, and ultimately crunching the numbers that came in to plan for the county’s future. She helped draft Livingston County’s first master plan in 2002, and its second in 2018, which won statewide and national awards.

But Kathleen Kline-Hudson has not been a simple observer of Livingston County’s trends, or a mere chronicler of its past. A county resident, her devotion to her work as a land use planner has always been rooted in her abiding love for the place she calls home and her passionate advocacy for creating more diverse, equitable, and accessible communities. She served as a founding director of the Livingston County chapter of Habitat for Humanity, helping the organization obtain nonprofit status and break ground on its first local home. She facilitated a grassroots committee focused on affordable housing, reviewed all proposed developments along the M-59 corridor, and coordinated the opening of Fillmore and Lutz County Parks, to name just a few of her many accomplishments and contributions to the betterment county.

As she now closes this chapter as a county planner, my wish is that her personal planner

will be filled with quality time with her cherished family and friends, the traveling adventures she so loves, kayaking, hiking, biking, and Michigan-themed crafting. Kathleen Kline-Hudson charted a course of excellence for Livingston County that will not be forgotten.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HARRY AUBREY MARTIN

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Harry Aubrey Martin. Harry, a legendary economic development leader and local philanthropist, died peacefully in his sleep on Friday, December 30, 2022, at North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo. He was ninety-seven and a half years old. A native of Quitman County, Mississippi, Harry was born on a farm on July 20, 1925, the sixth of 9 children of the late Ed Martin and Bessie R. Flemings Martin. Harry graduated from Quitman High School in 1942. He attended Mississippi State University from 1942–1943, at which time he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, serving his country during WWII. He returned to MSU, graduating in 1948 with a bachelor of science degree in Agricultural Administration. Always industrious, Harry worked his way through MSU in Dean E. B. Colmer’s office. He married Clarke County native Agnes Louisa Norris on July 30, 1948. They were married for over 65 years, until she passed away on May 11, 2015.

Harry was a natural leader, a visionary, and seemed to understand the rhythm of life from an early age. On Oct. 1, 1948, he and Agnes moved to Tupelo so that he could be an assistant county agent, specializing in 4-H Club work. Harry excelled in organizing and promoting leadership among 4-H’ers, winning state and national awards. In May of 1956, Harry was chosen as secretary-manager of the Community Development Foundation, where he served for 44 years. His record of success as an economic developer is not only evident in present-day Tupelo: he also received numerous accolades, recognitions, and meritorious awards—regionally, statewide, and nationally. He was instrumental in locating more than 100 plants and expansions as well as the development of 5 industrial parks in Lee County, 1 of which bears his name. The National Business Alliance and the U.S. Housing and Urban Development selected CDF’s Lee County service area as being 1 of the 10 best examples of public/private partnership in the USA. The Ford Foundation equally recognized CDF. Harry had the ability to focus on “hands-on” projects, using diverse skill sets and talents and always coated them with “community ownership.”

Harry was instrumental in starting the RCDC movement in the 1950s, which bridged the gaps between rural and urban people and became a national model. His other selfless services to the Tupelo-Lee County area, the State of Mississippi, and the rest of the country will be his legacies of leadership, stamina, and accomplishments. Harry was a Civitan, Tupelo’s Outstanding Man in 1959, a leader in the 1987 AHEAD program that brought four-lane highways to Mississippi, especially the

northeast portion of the state. He was a charter member and secretary/treasurer of the Tupelo Furniture Marketing Association. Harry was a faithful and beloved member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Tupelo, where he held many offices. He was a Master Mason. After retirement, Harry joined his daughter, Janet, in establishing Martin Realty Company. In 2018, he finished writing and published his autobiography, *Harry Martin and the Community Development Foundation*, a definitive work on local history and economic development. Harry enjoyed reading, hiking in the woods, gardening, collecting antiques, and traveling.

Harry is survived by his daughter, Janet Martin of Tupelo, as well as by his nieces and nephews and their families and a host of friends, respecters of his purpose-filled life and his economic development family all about the State of Mississippi and nationwide.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BRIAN DEQUINCY NEWMAN

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated community servant. Brian DeQuincy Newman was called too soon to his heavenly home on January 3, 2023, in Atlanta, Georgia. Throughout his life, his bright spirit and brilliant mind was beloved and will be sorely missed.

Brian Newman was born on December 22, 1982 in Columbia, South Carolina. He attended Spring Valley High School, where he excelled in basketball and found an early passion for public service with his role on the student council. He graduated from Spring Valley in 2001, and went on to pursue further education at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia on a full academic scholarship. He graduated Cum Laude in 2005 after completing a course of study in Business Administration.

The same year, Brian enrolled in the University of South Carolina School of Law. In 2008, he graduated with his Juris Doctorate and passed the bar exam. At the beginning of his legal career, Brian worked for the Fifth Circuit Solicitors Office in Columbia, South Carolina as assistant Solicitor. He then worked for Rikard and Protopapas, LLC before going into private practice.

In 2010, Brian was elected to the Columbia City Council, where he became the youngest person ever elected to serve in the role at 26 years old. He quickly found his stride and immersed himself in service to the city of Columbia, making essential contributions to the life of city residents by championing projects like the COMET bus system and the Edgewood and Bull Street Developments. He served as the Chair of the City’s Committees on Public Safety and Budget and Finances, and as a representative on the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority Board of Directors. Brian also occasionally served as Mayor Pro Tempore. He remained on the council until 2015.

Brian was a man of God and was a charter member of I. DeQuincey Newman United Methodist Church. He was inspired to lead a life that would make his Great Uncle, civil rights leader I. DeQuincey Newman, proud.

He is remembered by his parents, Clifton and Patricia Newman, his brother, Corwyn and sisters, Jocelyn and Kellee.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in celebrating the impactful life of Brian DeQuincy Newman. In his short

time with us, he brought light into the lives of all who knew him. We will miss him and remember him fondly.