

REMEMBERING JUDGE BRATTON
DAVIS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, South Carolina recently recognized the extraordinary life of the late Judge J. Bratton Davis. Judge Davis will always be remembered as the embodiment of a Southern Gentleman.

Multiple generations of my family knew and respected Judge Davis. My grandparents Bill and Joe Graves were close friends and my parents Wray and Hugh Wilson became admiring friends as fellow students at the University of South Carolina. I will always cherish working with him in 1962 as he managed the successful campaign of Donald S. Russell for Governor of South Carolina. He honored me to be a Youth Manager in the June 1962 primary for the Lowcountry which inspired me to seek a similar career in public service.

I would like to insert in the RECORD the following obituary from the State newspaper:

[From the State, Oct. 31, 2004]

JUDGE BRATTON DAVIS

COLUMBIA.—Funeral service for The Honorable J. Bratton Davis will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral with burial in Elmwood Memorial Gardens. Serving as pallbearers will be Michael M. Beal, John B. Butler III, George B. Cauthen, Todd R. Ellis, Robert C. Kelly, R. Geoffrey Levy, William Bratton Riley, and W. Keenan Stephenson. Dunbar Funeral Home, Devine Street Chapel, is in charge.

Judge Davis died Friday, October 29, 2004. Born in Hartsville on October 27, 1917, he was the elder son of the late John Bratton Davis and Sarah Causey "Dee" Davis. A 1938 graduate of the University of South Carolina and 1940 graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law, he continued graduate study at Harvard Law School in 1941. He was commissioned as a line officer in the United States Navy serving during WW II principally in the South Pacific Theater of Operations.

From WW II until 1969, Judge Davis practiced law with the firm of Graydon, Davis and Suber. He was admitted to practice in all of the South Carolina courts, all of the federal courts and the High Court of American Samoa.

In 1948, the Junior Chamber of Commerce named Judge Davis "Columbia's Young Man of the Year." He has served as: U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of South Carolina (1969-2000); Chief Judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of S.C. (1986-2000); Chairman, State of South Carolina Development Board; Columbia Board of Directors of the South Carolina National Bank; Board of Directors of Security Federal Savings and Loan Association; President of the Columbia Museum of Art; Vestryman, Trinity Cathedral; member of the Judicial Conference of the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit; member of the Security and Facilities Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States; member of the Board of Directors of the University of South Carolina Educational Foundation; member of the Board of Directors of the University of South Carolina Law School Partnership Board; member of the Board of Directors of the Virginia and Donald S. Russell Symposium Committee; member of the Board of Governors of the National Con-

ference of Bankruptcy Judges; President of the Columbia Kiwanis Club; member of the Board of Directors of the Columbia Chapter of the American Red Cross; member of the Board of Directors of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis; Chairman of the Donald Russell Gubernatorial Inauguration Committee; member of the Board of Directors of the Byrnes Foundation; and member of the Board of Directors of the James F. Byrnes Centennial Committee.

In 2000, Judge Davis was awarded the Order of the Palmetto, the highest honor conferred by the State of South Carolina.

The J. Bratton Davis U.S. Bankruptcy Courthouse was so named in his honor upon his retirement from the bench in 2000.

He held memberships in: Forest Lake Club; Palmetto Club; Centurion Society; South Caroliniana Society; Kappa Alpha Order; Omicron Delta Phi; The Columbia Ball; and South Carolina Historical Society.

Judge Davis is survived by his wife, Margaret Smyth McKissick Davis; sons, Sherwood McKissick Cleveland and his wife, Kathleen of Camden, and William Choice Cleveland and his wife, Anne of Charleston; daughter, Jean Davis Bruton and her husband, John C. Bruton, Jr. of Columbia; brother, John Thorne Davis of Charleston; and grandchildren, Sherwood McKissick Cleveland Jr., Samuel Henry Edmunds Cleveland, John Connor Cleveland, Braden Cleveland Bergan, Margaret Cleveland Pitts, William Choice Cleveland IV, Margaret McKissick Bruton and John Calvin Bruton III.

IN HONOR OF DR. SCOTT
HUDELSON

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, my remarks today are to honor my friend, Scott Hudelson of Flower Mound, Texas, a devoted philanthropist and local dentist who died Friday, November 12, when the Cessna plane he was piloting crashed near Lexington, Kentucky. Scott was en route to Chicago to meet his wife, Lewisville physician Mary Brandt Hudelson, who was attending an allergy conference.

Scott Hudelson, a Minnesota native, opened his Flower Mound practice after serving in the Army Reserve's dental corps during Operation Desert Storm.

He earned degrees in engineering and dental surgery from the University of Minnesota and is listed as a member of the American Dental Association, Texas Dental Association, Denton County Dental Society and Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry.

In addition to running a successful practice, Family DentalCARE, Scott made monthly trips in his small plane, on his own time and with his own finances, to clean and fill the teeth of young patients at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf. The school has about 150 students—from toddlers to teen-agers—and most live on campus. He talked with the patients in sign language and put them at ease.

Scott Hudelson married Mary Brandt on the Fourth of July in 1992. Together, Scott and Mary have three young children, as well as three older children from a previous marriage—including a grown daughter who is working as an accountant in Tikrit, Iraq.

Tomorrow, I will give the eulogy for my dear friend Scott. I cannot adequately express my

sorrow to the Hudelson family, but I can say I was blessed to have him in my life. My prayers are with the family and Scott, and I honor his life here today.

HONORING BUSINESS WOMEN OF
THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sylvia Disney, M. Margaret Hadcock MD, Teena N. Hagerman, Heidi Horton, Linda Penner, Ruth F. Quinto, Minne Santillan, Patty Scroggins, Cynthia A. Sterling, and Carmen Villegas on the occasion of their being awarded the 2004 Business Women of the Year Award. The award is given to women, who in their professional fields, have become leaders and have invested in their communities through community service and philanthropy. The Marjaree Mason Center, a 24-hour domestic-violence center that offers shelter and supportive services for women and children victimized by abuse and homelessness, is the main sponsor of the awards program.

Sylvia Disney. Sylvia is the CEO of Valley Healthy Team, a non-profit organization that offers outpatient services to the rural communities of Fresno County, California. As the owner of Thyme for Tea, Sylvia enchants her patrons with exceptional service and delicacies. Sylvia volunteers her time to rehabilitate animals for the Chaffee Zoo and offers her expertise as a Master Gardner to conduct horticultural programs for youths and adults.

M. Margaret Hadcock MD. As a physician with Fresno Breast Surgeons, Dr. Hadcock dedicates her practice to the treatment and research of all medical facets of breast cancer. Dr. Hadcock established and heads the St. Agnes Weekly Breast Cancer Conference and contributes time as a mentoring physician in Girl Scout projects, which illuminates various career opportunities to young women.

Teena N. Hagerman. Owner and Director of Coarsegold Performing Arts Center, Teena brings over 20 years of experience as a dance instructor and musical and drama actor/director. Teena is committed to the preservation of our surrounding communities and has collaborated with PG&E to develop and perform educational plays aimed to promote energy conservation. Teena plans to build an outdoor theater that will support children's and adult production for the community of Coarsegold.

Heidi Horton. Heidi is an Executive Recruiter at BennettFrost Personnel Services whose diligent marketing and networking skills rebuilt the DirectHire department. Heidi is a compassionate professional and athlete. She voluntarily helps nonprofit organizations with their recruiting and staff sharing and raises funds as a triathlete for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Heidi is an active supporter of local community organizations such as: United Way, Fig Garden Rotary, Leadership Fresno, Fresno Women's Network and many others.

Linda Penner. Protecting the citizens of Fresno County, Linda is the current Director of Juvenile Probation and Adult Field Services for the Fresno County Probation Department. During her 27 year career she has worked to assist victims of crime in our community as a Victims' Advocate and Deputy Probation Officer. She has been recognized for her work with child sexual assault victims by the Sexual Assault Investigators Association and Fresno County District Attorney's Office. Linda's unprecedented commitment to the children of Fresno County is further demonstrated by her service to our schools as she serves on boards, commissions and committees serving both Clovis Unified and Fresno Unified School Districts.

Ruth F. Quinto. Ruth is the City of Fresno's Finance Director and City Controller. Some of Ruth's many accomplishments include decreasing citywide debt by \$23 million and laboring alongside Mayor Alan Autry in an effort to have the Governor's Office recognize the revenue needs of California's cities and counties. In 2001, Ruth achieved the status of "highest ranking Latina administrator" as Controller for the City of Fresno and received the "Latina's Achiever for Government" award in 2002.

Minnie Santillan. As the District Director for Assemblymember Sarah Reyes' 31st Assembly District Office, Minnie champions her work in the political sphere by proposing legislative ideas on issues such as Health Care, Education, Public Safety and many others. Minnie is dedicated to her community by serving as Board President of the Downtown Association of Fresno and spends her free time teaching tennis to underprivileged youths.

Patty Scroggins. Patty's efforts to establish Early Childhood Education Centers in the West Hills Community College District has created dependable childcare for children from birth to 5 years of age in the cities of Firebaugh, San Joaquin, Lemoore and several others. Her strong relationship with the State Department of Education has allowed her to offer free childcare to low-income families and she works relentlessly to provide ongoing parent education.

Cynthia A. Sterling. Fresno City Councilmember Cynthia A. Sterling made history in 2002 by becoming the first elected African-American woman to serve on that City Council. Since her inauguration, she has raised \$20,000 with her Hope for the Holidays turkey distribution and serves on Fresno's Interagency Housing Taskforce, which focuses on creating quality housing for all income levels and homeownership opportunities.

Carmen Villegas. Carmen is Director of Administrative Service for the Central Valley Regional Center and serves on numerous committees with the Department of Developmental Services. As a breast cancer survivor, Carmen annually travels to Washington, D.C. to review breast cancer research proposals and mentors newly diagnosed minority women who lack a much needed support system.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sylvia Disney, M. Margaret Hadcock MD, Teena N. Hagerman, Heidi Horton, Linda Penner, Ruth F. Quinto, Minnie Santillan, Patty Scroggins, Cynthia A. Sterling, and Carmen Villegas for receiving the 2004 Business Women of the Year Award. I invite my colleagues to join me in commending these outstanding women for their desire to improve the community around

them and in wishing them many years of continued success.

IN MEMORY OF MARGARET S. BROTHERS

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember my dear friend, Margaret Brothers.

Margaret was a loving wife to David, mother to Jessica and Gray, and servant of God, but to me she was first and foremost a trusted and loving friend. If I can convey but one overriding memory of Margaret, it is that she was always there for my wife Shirley and myself and for our family from the earliest days onward. As I embarked on my career in law, she was by my side. As I began my career in public service, she continued to serve in my law office and made the transition to my congressional office after my special election in 2001. During my legal career and in each of my campaigns, Margaret was always near, encouraging me and strengthening me with her God given abilities to comfort and guide.

Although her time with us was all too brief, I have a great sense of comfort knowing that she directly changed the lives of all she touched for the better both in and out of the office. Always the servant, Margaret worked tirelessly for the citizens of the 4th Congressional District of Virginia. Even when her own strength was diminishing and her own personal needs were increasing, Margaret fought to overcome her physical obstacles to be with her coworkers and to concentrate on serving others in need.

I will always remember her graceful presence, calm manner, warm smile, and joyful laugh, the qualities that enabled her to touch so many. Her witness to others has unquestionably impacted countless people who were fortunate enough to know her. Margaret's faith was a beacon of light shining out of the darkness to those in need searching to find their way. Her ability to touch the souls of others and show them the light was her calling and I thank God that she was a part of my life. While Margaret's loss to our office family and to me personally will be considerable, her never faltering faith and commitment to her Lord and Savior will continue to inspire all who knew her and serve as an inspiration and example to the next generation who must pick up her mission and carry it forward.

DANIEL CIRCELLI: SCHOLAR, ATHLETE, MERCHANT MARINE

HON. SHERWOOD BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate one of my constituents from Oneida County, Daniel J. Circelli, on his graduation from the United States Merchant Marine Academy, in Kings Point, NY. Mr. Circelli is the epitome of the Merchant Marine Academy's motto "Acta Non Verba"—"Deeds Not Words". He has excelled

in both academics and athletics, and has left a legacy at the Academy that will not soon be forgotten.

Mr. Circelli earned a bachelor of science degree with a major in Logistics & Intermodal Transportation. He is USCG licensed as a Third Mate, Unlimited Horsepower, and holds additional certifications in Advanced Firefighting, Dangerous Liquids, Marine Electronics/Communications/Radar, Chemical Biological Radiological Defense, CPR and First Aid. Mr. Circelli was awarded the Michael Ricciardi Memorial Scholarship in 2004. He also received a Class of 2004 recognition for exhibiting exceptional leadership and outstanding character as a member of the Regiment.

Mr. Circelli's collegiate achievements extend beyond the classroom and onto the football field where he led the Mariners as a 4-year starting quarterback and 2-year Varsity team captain. He holds three school records, and was named First Team All Conference in 2002 and ECAC and FCC Rookie of the Year in 2000. Mr. Circelli was lauded by head football coach, Tim McNulty, as "the type of competitor that raises the level of play of those around him by his mere presence."

The Superintendent of the Academy, Vice Admiral Joseph Stewart, said that Mr. Circelli "represents all that is good about the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and he is an outstanding example for our regimental values of integrity, service, courage and respect." As a student at the Academy, Mr. Circelli served aboard bulk carriers, naval auxiliaries, and containerships. He was involved in delivering humanitarian aid to Pakistan and China and in supporting the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean theater of operations. He also made numerous North Atlantic crossings to Europe and voyages to the Far East from California. Throughout his time at the Academy, Mr. Circelli proved that he is industrious, conscientious, highly motivated, and interested only in exemplifying the highest standards of moral integrity and leadership. Academy Training Representative, Commander J.C. Flumignan, described Mr. Circelli as "the best this Nation has to offer."

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD A. KELLY, JR.

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my long-time friend, Edward A. "Ed" Kelly as he is honored as the recipient of this year's Lloyd Ritter Community Service Award by the Volunteer Center of Burlington County.

Involved in more than 70 different service clubs, professional organizations and fraternal and charitable nonprofits through the years, Ed Kelly is a man of accomplishment, one who "gets things done."

During the past decade much of his effort has been in the area of veterans service and assistance to active-duty military at nearby McGuire Air Force Base and Fort Dix. Spending much time as a volunteer in Burlington County's Veterans Service Office, Ed continues to serve on Save McGuire and Fort Dix