

PERSONAL EXPLANATION ON
TODAY'S JOURNAL VOTE**HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2008

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, I rise to explain my opposition to the Journal vote, roll-call vote 585, earlier today.

In my time in politics, I never thought that I would hear any candidate for political office compared to Jesus Christ. Yet yesterday, on the floor of this House, one of my colleagues did just that when he painted the work of BARACK OBAMA equal to the life of my Savior.

Madam Speaker, I know Jesus Christ; Jesus Christ is a personal friend of mine. Senator OBAMA is no Jesus Christ.

But it's not just Senator OBAMA; such a comparison is ill suited for any man, for all of us have fallen short of the standard that Christ set for us. Jesus' example was a life lived humbly and with love for all his fellow men, regardless of their background. As this campaign season sprints to the finish, I implore my colleagues and the candidates in both parties to strive for a higher, more purposeful campaign and rhetoric and to treat opponents in a manner that we ourselves would like to be treated.

HONORING MARGIE LEE

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

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Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, as William Wordsworth once wrote, "the Child is Father to the Man."

Like all of us, from time-to-time I fondly recall those who have made a significant impact upon my life. For where would we be if not for those who made the special effort to guide the next generation, and befriend us but demand much from us, so that we may learn to demand much from ourselves?

It is because of those who touch our lives and instill the values we all hold dear as a society, those who provide guidance to our young people every day, that make us successful and our nation stronger. Some are there to deal directly with us from day-to-day. Others help set up and run the institutions that provide the networks for others to have a profound impact upon our young.

In my life, Margie Lee was one such person. Known affectionately as "Marge" and across America as the "Delta Chi Mom," Marge inspired several generations of Delta Chis while working in the Fraternity's International Headquarters since 1964. She was devoted to Delta Chi and to us all, helping to provide guidance to thousands of young men in those potentially very difficult years at college and first time away from home.

I had both the honor and the pleasure of working directly with Marge. It was while I worked as assistant to the executive director of the Delta Chi Fraternity in my first job after graduating from the University of Florida. I saw how Marge worked every day on behalf of my Delta Chi Brothers. Over the years, I witnessed first hand how she devoted her life

to bestowing the advantages of a brotherhood of college and university men to use their education "to promote friendship, develop character and advance justice." In doing so, Marge helped generations of young boys grow into successful, value-driven men.

Marge passed away yesterday morning in Iowa City at age 79. She is survived by four children and thousands of her adopted Delta Chi sons around the world.

When we are young we don't fully appreciate the time and sacrifice our elders take to shape us into successful adults. Sometimes our separate paths take us away from our mentors before we fully appreciate what they did for us. All too often they pass on before we get the chance to thank them properly.

Not many of us have the opportunity to recognize and publically say thanks. Today, to her family, to my colleagues in Congress and Delta Chi Brothers, I am honored and pleased to say—thank you Margie Lee.

HONORING STANLEY AND JOANNE
TATE**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

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Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I wish to honor Stanley Tate and his lovely bride Joanne as they begin their 60th year of marriage.

Few people have had as major and as positive of an impact on our country and particularly on Florida education as Mr. Tate.

In 1987, the Florida Legislature created the Florida Prepaid College Program to provide Florida families an affordable way to save for their children's college education. Mr. Tate, as chairman of the board for 18 years, was instrumental in developing this landmark and innovative program and making it the success it is today.

Under Mr. Tate's leadership, more than 142,000 children used their plan benefits to attend a college or university. Today, the Prepaid College Trust Fund remains financially strong and actuarially sound.

In recognition of Mr. Tate's service, the program he put so much time and effort into shaping, was officially renamed the Stanley G. Tate Florida Prepaid College Program by law on June 26, 2006. Florida families are grateful for Mr. Tate's tireless leadership throughout his years of service.

He has always put the needs and interests of our families and students above any self-interest. I am honored to draw attention to such an admirable and decent public servant who has never sought personal accolades. On behalf of grateful Florida families across the State, I thank Mr. Tate for his dedication to our children's education and congratulate him and his wife on nearly 60 years of marriage. May they enjoy many more years together.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
WILLIAM BREVARD HAND**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

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Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the city of Mobile and the state of Alabama lost a dear friend last week, and I rise today to honor Senior U.S. District Judge William Brevard Hand and pay tribute to his memory.

Mobile's Press-Register remembered Judge Hand as "a fair, thoughtful and tough jurist who did not shy away from high profile cases that might upset the powers-that-be." Certainly, one of the high profile cases for which history will most remember him was his courageous ruling in favor of classroom prayer.

A native and life-long resident of Mobile, Judge Hand attended Murphy High School and completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Alabama. His education was interrupted by the call to defend his country during World War II. He served in Europe as a combat infantry rifleman from the Battle of the Bulge through VE Day and also served with the occupation army in Czechoslovakia. When he returned to the United States following the war, he completed his education by earning his law degree from the University of Alabama.

After graduation, Judge Hand returned to Mobile and began his illustrious law career by working for the firm his father, Charles, helped found, now known as Hand Arendall. He continued with the firm until President Richard Nixon appointed him to the Federal bench in 1971, and incredibly, he was active in cases as recently as last month.

A lifelong member of Dauphin Way Methodist Church, Judge Hand served in all lay capacities of the church. He was named honorary member of the administrative board as well as lifetime steward of the church, the highest honor the church can bestow.

I had the privilege of visiting with Judge Hand just last month at the courthouse, and there is no other judge who has served with greater dignity and compassion.

Earlier this week, over 1,000 people filled Dauphin Way Methodist Church to honor the life of Judge Hand. Rev. Stephen F. Dill, pastor emeritus of the church said, "His friendship reached across the boundaries of wealth and status." The Rev. Gorman Houston III, senior pastor at Dauphin Way, provided a poignant tribute, noting "How grateful we are for the life of William Brevard Hand."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader, a friend to many throughout south Alabama, as well as a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. Judge Brevard Hand will be dearly missed by his family—his daughters, Jane Hand Dukes, Virginia Hand Hollis and Allison Hand Peebles; his grandchildren, Brevard Dukes Hinton, Ann Chandler Dukes Shuleva, David Dewitt Dukes, Jr., Elizabeth Alan Hollis, Katherine Hollis Taylor, John Connor H. Peebles, and William Battle Peebles; his great-grandchildren, Tom, William and Jane Hinton; and his brother Dr. James Albert Hand—as well as the countless friends he leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all during this difficult time.