

## IN TRIBUTE TO BILL NIX

**HON. MARION BERRY**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to my dear friend, and great Arkansan, Bill Nix. Bill spent his whole life in Arkansas as a cattleman, and was a friend to everyone he met. Regretfully, he passed away earlier this year and leaves behind a wonderful family, great memories, and a great many friends who will miss him forever. I ask my colleagues to stand with me and honor a man whom everyone was lucky to have known.

From the start, Bill was committed to Arkansas. He grew up in Ash Flat in Sharp County, Arkansas, which he would continue to call home for the rest of his life. After graduating from Ash Flat public school, Bill bought the Ash Flat Livestock Auction in 1958. To this day, the business continues to flourish.

Bill was always very involved in county and district fair boards, as well as the Cattlemen's Association. He always participated in Future Farmers of America livestock sales, where children would play the part of the cattle and hog sellers. Bill had a loving habit of always over-compensating the children for their cattle and hogs—he loved the livestock business and was always trying to encourage others to come into the business.

Above all else, family was the most important thing in the world to Bill. They stood by each other even in business. He and his wife, Alice, and their children worked side by side in the Sale Barn, which Alice continues to own and operate today. Through this labor of love, it is no wonder that this is the most successful business in the history of the city of Ash Flat.

## IN HONOR OF JOSEPH C. "PAPA JOE" SMIDDY

**HON. RICK BOUCHER**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOUCHER. Madam Speaker, Joseph C. "Papa Joe" Smiddy is truly a legend in southwest Virginia and beyond. Known for his folksy humor, Dr. Smiddy is widely revered for his endeavors on behalf of the University of Virginia's College at Wise (formerly known as Clinch Valley College), the college that he guided through its infancy and through years of growth as it became the outstanding institution of higher learning that it is today.

Before Clinch Valley College was established in 1954, there were no public colleges in Virginia west of Radford, which made higher education out of reach for most residents of southwest Virginia. The only 4-year, state-supported college in far southwest Virginia, the University of Virginia's College at Wise is also the only branch of the University of Virginia in southwest Virginia. Under Dr. Smiddy's tutelage, the college became a 4-year institution in 1970 with the awarding of Bachelor of Arts degrees. Bachelor of Science degrees were awarded in 1973, and Bachelor of Science degrees in Nursing were first awarded in 1996. U.S. News & World Report ranks the college

as one of the south's top public liberal arts colleges. Dr. Smiddy's name and efforts will forever be linked to the success of the University of Virginia's College at Wise.

A native of Jellico, Tennessee, Dr. Joseph C. Smiddy began his career as an educator as a biology and chemistry teacher and band director. Later, he became a high school principal in Lee County, Virginia, after honorably serving his country as a member of the United States Army during World War II in New Caledonia and the Philippines. Dr. Smiddy was the first biology instructor at Clinch Valley College in 1954, continuing to teach there until 1984. He served as dean and director of the college before being named chancellor in 1968. Dr. Smiddy was forward-thinking in admitting African-American students to the college at a time when not many others were, and Clinch Valley College was co-educational a decade before the University of Virginia admitted women.

Since his retirement in 1985, Dr. Smiddy has continued to serve as ambassador for the University of Virginia's College at Wise and to work tirelessly on its behalf. Because of his efforts, innumerable students who would otherwise not have been able to do so have acquired a college education.

The numerous awards which Dr. Smiddy has received include the University of Virginia's College at Wise Alumni Association's Meritorious Achievement Award, the Wise County Outstanding Citizen Award, the Wise County Outstanding Educator Award, and the Kanto Award. He has been included in the Virginia Hall of Fame, and in 1981, he was named a laureate of the Virginia Cultural Laureate Center. Dr. Smiddy has received honorary doctorates from Lincoln Memorial University, his alma mater (1970); the University of Richmond (1975); and The College of William and Mary (1985).

Dr. Smiddy recently achieved an important milestone by celebrating his ninetieth birthday. He remains a vibrant member of the community of Wise where he lives with his wife, Reba. His daughter, the Honorable Elizabeth Smiddy Wills, is a juvenile and domestic relations court judge for the 30th judicial district of Virginia. His son, Dr. Joe Frank Smiddy, M.D., is a pulmonologist in Kingsport, Tennessee. An active Kiwanian for decades, Dr. Smiddy is also a lifetime deacon of Wise Baptist Church. He uses his gifts as musician and storyteller to share the music and history of the Appalachian Mountains with others not only in Virginia but across the United States and in several foreign countries. His renown as an educator will forever endure Joseph C. Smiddy to the citizens of far southwest Virginia and to all those whose lives have been touched by the institution to which he has dedicated himself, the University of Virginia's College at Wise.

## HONORING MR. JOHN WERNER KLUGE

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Mr. John Werner Kluge, who recently passed away on September 7, 2010, in Charlottesville,

Virginia. Mr. Kluge's lifetime of achievements included being a world-renowned businessman and philanthropist, as well as a key contributor to our national security during the Second World War.

Mr. Kluge created Metromedia in 1960, which was the Nation's first major independent broadcasting entity, a conglomerate that grew to include seven television stations, 14 radio stations, the Harlem Globetrotters, the Ice Capades, radio paging and mobile telephones. Although his success as a businessman supplied him with vast wealth, acknowledged as the wealthiest man in America in 1989 by Forbes Magazine, he believed some of his greatest achievements came from the benefits society gained from his wide-ranging donations.

Mr. Kluge gave a total of more than \$63 million to the University of Virginia throughout his lifetime, which has allowed one of our Nation's most prestigious Universities to maintain itself in the top-tier of colleges nationwide. His donations to medical programs provided crucial aid to disabled and chronically ill children, while his involvement in prostate cancer research has led to groundbreaking advancements towards containing the disease once being detected. He also believed in the need for better end-of-life care, which led him and his wife, Tussi, to provide funding to establish professorships in the field at the University of Virginia. In 2000, his generosity even reached the Capitol through his \$73 million donation to the Library of Congress, of which he will always be remembered by the Kluge Prize for the Study of Humanities.

But perhaps his most important contribution was one that he is least known for. Mr. Kluge enlisted in the United States Army in 1940. In 1942, during World War II, he was promoted to Captain and appointed as the senior officer at the top secret military intelligence post located in Fort Hunt Park, along the George Washington Memorial Parkway. The top secret post was known only by its mailing address, P.O. Box 1142. While there, Captain Kluge led the men and women at the post in reviewing top secret documents and performing interrogations of more than 4,000 important German prisoners of war. Through the efforts of his unit, our military was provided with crucial information that helped end World War II and give the United States an early advantage in the Cold War. Even more impressive were the tactics he used to obtain such information. Rather than physical torture, Captain Kluge honored the Geneva Convention by obtaining information from prisoners through earning their trust. It was a clear contrast from the approach we initially pursued with captured terrorists and suspected terrorists at Guantanamo and Abu Ghraib prisons. Through casual conversation, card games, and taking walks, he and his unit were able to extract vital information that led to the discovery of most of Germany's secret weapons programs that included research to develop the atomic bomb, the jet engine, and the V-2 rocket.

Madam Speaker, I wish to commend Mr. John W. Kluge on his lifelong accomplishments and contributions to society, as well as for the crucial service he provided our country with at a time of war. While he was a man of numerous successes, he was also a man of endless generosity. He refused to ask for recognition or acknowledgement for his numerous charitable donations, but instead preferred the

grins and smiles from those who knew him well. Mr. Kluge was not only an outstanding soldier and American, but most importantly an outstanding human being.

#### HONORING CAPTAIN RON SMITH

#### HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Ron Smith, United States Navy, upon his retirement. His remarkable Navy medical career will end on October 8, 2010 but the fine innovations and the legacy of his work in the areas of psychiatry and addiction treatment will continue.

In short, his contributions to the field of political psychology, specifically Psychoanalysis and Alcoholism, are unmatched.

Upon graduation from Amarillo High School, Dr. Smith enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He was soon after appointed to the United States Naval Academy, graduating with the class of 1966. He attended the University of Texas Medical School and completed an Internal Medicine residency at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine and Naval Hospital San Diego. Dr. Smith was the first physician trained in critical care medicine by the U.S. Navy, completing his fellowship at the University of Southern California Center for the Critically Ill in Los Angeles in 1976. He soon became one of the first physicians involved in Navy Alcohol treatment and with Captain Joe Pursch was instrumental in the founding of the Betty Ford Center.

He left the Navy in 1978 and as a civilian Dr. Smith founded the emergency medicine residency program at Loma Linda University Medical School. During this time, he and his brother Richard Smith worked together to start the Winners Foundation which offered free substance abuse treatment at Santa Anita and other race tracks in the Thoroughbred Racing industry throughout the world. His interest in addiction and recovery led to an interest in the psychological growth during the middle and mature years of life, which led him to complete his psychiatry training at Loma Linda, where he also taught emergency and critical care medicine.

He returned to active duty in 1992 as a psychoanalyst and contributed as medical consultant for the Honorable Jim Ramstad for the Ramstad-Wellstone bill which was eventually passed in 2008 as the Parity Act. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to accompany Dr. Smith in his capacity as an Emergency Physician on one of Senator ARLEN SPECTER's world-wide congressional delegations. Senator SPECTER enabled Dr. Smith to meet many world leaders and contribute significantly as a political psychologist.

Dr. Ronald Smith is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Psychiatry, and Addiction Medicine. He completed his psychoanalytic training at the Southern California Psychoanalytic Institute in Beverly Hills, California and has a Doctorate in Philosophy of Psychoanalysis. Since 2002, he has been annually recognized by the Consumer's Research Council as one of America's Top Psychiatrists in Psychoanalysis and Alcoholism.

Ron is married to Dr. Anita Alexandra Gadhia Smith, an accomplished author and practicing psychologist in Washington, D.C. They have three children and six grandchildren.

I wish Dr. Smith all the best as he continues his work in private practice and in his lobbying efforts for the treatment of our homeless and mentally ill in hospitals instead of jails, and for the decriminalization of addiction. He will continue to carry my own admiration, and that of all who have had the privilege to serve with him.

HONORING CHRISTINE M. WISEMAN AND HER APPOINTMENT AS THE 19TH PRESIDENT OF SAINT XAVIER UNIVERSITY IN CHICAGO

#### HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Christine M. Wiseman, who began serving as the 19th president of Saint Xavier University in Chicago on June 1, 2010. Her commitment to Catholic education and her strong credentials ensure that she will lead Saint Xavier University to new heights during her tenure.

President Wiseman has a long record of excellence in academia. Prior to her appointment at Saint Xavier, she was Provost and Professor of Law at Loyola University of Chicago. She directed the academic division at Loyola, which is the largest Catholic research institution in the United States. Before leaving for Loyola University in 2007, she served as the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Creighton University, where she led strategic planning and reaccreditation efforts. She was also Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the Marquette University Law School and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University, making her the first woman to reach senior administration at Marquette. Her experience as a high-level administrator at Creighton University, Loyola University in Chicago and Marquette University will certainly benefit her as the leader of Saint Xavier.

The basis for a good education is quality instruction, and President Wiseman has a strong record in teaching as well. In 1991, she received the Marquette University Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence. Her decades of teaching experience at Loyola, Marquette, and Creighton will help her make instruction a top priority at Saint Xavier University.

President Wiseman has also been honored multiple times for her public service. She was named the Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union Volunteer Attorney of the Year in 1989 and the Spirit of the Law School recipient in 2003 at Marquette for being a role model to the school's students. Her commitment to public service and the disadvantaged will have a strong impact on the students of Saint Xavier University.

Saint Xavier University is a Catholic university with over 5,000 students and was founded in 1846 by the Sisters of Mercy. Its main campus is located in the Mt. Greenwood neighborhood of Chicago. The school was rated as one of the top 40 comprehensive master's uni-

versities in the Midwest by U.S. News and World Report in 2009 and will only improve its academic and service standards under the guidance of their new President Christine Wiseman.

I ask you to join me in honoring President Christine Wiseman on her appointment as president of Saint Xavier University, and may she and the university enjoy many continuing years of prosperity and academic excellence.

CONGRATULATING TAIWAN ON THEIR 99TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, congratulations to Taiwan as they celebrate their 99th anniversary on October 10, 2010. We are happy to see such a vibrant democracy blossoming in East Asia.

Due to the ubiquitous tension between Taiwan and China (neighbors across the Taiwan Straits) Taiwan's President Ma is in a very difficult position. Every day he must walk the tightrope between improving the relationship with mainland China and making sure that Taiwan does not lose its unique identity that makes their country so special.

To this end, President Ma is handling the challenge masterfully. Many areas of the relationship between the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the People's Republic of China (mainland China) have improved dramatically since President Ma took office.

Without question, the most significant evidence of the improved relations between China and Taiwan is The Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA). This is a formal agreement between the two sides that aims to reduce commercial barriers and increase trade between the two countries. Three years ago this would not have been even thought of as possible, yet today this agreement is in effect as of September of this year.

Additionally, the following are further evidences the improving relationship between Taiwan and China:

Daily flights between the two countries are not only now occurring, but due to high demand, the number of flights and destinations have had to be increased.

China, who blocked Taiwan's access to participate in any part of the World Health Organization (WHO) for the last 38 years, has granted Taiwan the honor of observer status at the World Health Assembly (WHA) arm of the WHO.

Both China and Taiwan have agreed to share crime data and law enforcement services with one another to help reduce illegal activity in the area.

All of this has been done while still allowing Taiwan to operate as an independent nation with its own government, military and currency.

I ask my friends in Congress to congratulate Taiwan on their 99th anniversary as we hope to continue our friendship with them for their next 99 years.