

Reed had been a close friend, confidant and community builder with the late George McLean, the Daily Journal's executive editor, publisher and the founder of CREATE, the not-for-profit foundation which owns all stock in Journal Inc.

"Jack Reed lived a remarkable life, a life marked by love for his family, love for his community and really a love for all mankind," said former Daily Journal publisher Billy Crews, now a development officer at the University of Mississippi. "He is among the best businessmen I have ever known, in part because his trade was only a portion of his total business interest. His combination of intellect, humor and optimism influenced thousands of others and the very culture of Tupelo and Northeast Mississippi. He was a pioneering leader in education and race relations."

Reed was no stranger to community involvement. He was active in his whole career in the Mississippi Economic Council, of which he served as president in 1964; president of the Mississippi Retail Merchants in 1967; chair of the Tupelo Community Development Foundation in 1968; president of the Yocona Council of the Boy Scouts of America; national president of the Vanderbilt Alumni Association in 1972 and 1973; chair of the administrative board of the First United Methodist Church; chair of the Governor's Special Committee of Public Education in 1980 and 1981; chair of the State Board of Education; a member of the board of trustees of Millsaps College; a founding member of the executive committee of Lee United Neighbors; chair of the board of CREATE; founding director of LIFT Inc. and chair of the National Advisory Council on Education Research and Improvement from 1991 through 1994. In addition, he received Tupelo's Outstanding Citizen Award in 1971 and Lifetime Achievement Award in 2000.

"He was a very compassionate man, always willing to help those in troubling situations and people in every kind of life situation," said Guy Mitchell III, an attorney and confidant of Reed's. "He was a giant as far as our city is concerned."

He was married to Frances Purvis Reed, and they were the parents of four children, all of whom returned to Tupelo after college, three of them working for R.W. Reed Co. The fourth owns an investment firm in Tupelo. Jack Reed Jr. served as Tupelo mayor for one term, from 2009-13.

Reed was well known statewide and worked with other leaders of many political persuasions for causes held in common.

"He was a strong leader, not only on the local level but on the state level. A very open minded and fair thinking person," said Tupelo City Council member Nettie Davis, the longest serving council member and lifelong Tupelo resident. "He's one that stood out as far as providing unity and good leadership. I think it's going to be a great loss to our city, our area and the state of Mississippi."

Reed chaired Mississippi's first lay State Board of Education from 1982-87, and later was tapped by President George H.W. Bush to head up the National Advisory Committee on Education Research and Improvement.

Reed's stance on public education was a dominating portion of his campaign as the Republican nominee for governor in 1987. Reed eventually lost that race to Democrat Ray Mabus.

Reed, in a 1999 archived interview for the University of Southern Mississippi, described his early years in Tupelo.

"Well, it was different. It was a good time for me," Reed said in the interview. "My father was a merchant here, and my mother was also a native of this area. I had two brothers; we had a nice home. And of course,

in this area, if you had anything at all, servants were plentiful in those days. So, we always had a cook, and it was in the Depression. We were aware of the Depression, but my father, fortunately, sold his business at the . . . appropriate time, and just before the Depression hit its bottom. And he bought it back within a year for considerably less than he sold it for, and it gave him enough inventory to keep things going. So, we weathered the Depression better than most."

Reed also was an adolescent when the 1936 tornado—a deadly, devastating storm—struck, and he recalls its impact on the city.

"Our home was literally destroyed by the tornado," Reed said. "People were killed across the street, and next door and behind us, but we survived that. Interestingly, during that time of the tornado, the store was not damaged. So, [my father] opened the store, told his friends to take what they needed, pay him when they could. I don't think he lost any money on the basis of that."

But above all his civic, business and other contributions to Tupelo, Northeast Mississippi and the state, Reed said he always placed family as a top priority.

"The conclusion is family has been the most important thing in my life; remains so; has always been," Reed said. "I'm a privileged person. All four of my children, went away, out of this state to college. All four of them are living here, now. I see my four children and my grandchildren every day unless something exceptional [happens]. We work together. My brothers and I were business partners for 50 years.

"I've been in one church all of my life. All of my children went to Tupelo public schools. I know some people would think that that's pretty provincial, but there's a stability to it that I have found has been very satisfying to me. So, that's the conclusion to my memoir."

#### TRIBUTE TO GIL CARMICHAEL

• Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, this weekend, Disney Pictures will release "The Finest Hours," a cinematic retelling of a 1952 Coast Guard rescue mission off the New England coast. I am pleased to use its release as an opportunity to commend Mr. Gil Carmichael of Meridian, MS, an important participant in this mission, for his bravery during that storm and for a lifetime of service to the State of Mississippi and the Nation. Mr. Carmichael, an ensign in the U.S. Coast Guard at the time, was awarded the Silver Life-Saving Medal for his heroic actions during that rescue mission.

A 1952 Coast Guard news release described the rescue:

FOR RELEASE AT 10: 30 A.M., MAY 14, 1952

Twenty-one Coast Guardsmen were decorated today by Edward H. Foley, Under Secretary of the Treasury, and Vice Admiral Merlin O'Neill, Coast Guard Commandant, for the rescue of 70 men in a heavy storm at sea Feb. 18-19.

The rescued men were crew members of the tankers SS FORT MERCER and SS PENDELTON which broke in two in 70-knot winds and 60-foot seas off the coast of Cape Cod, Mass.

The group ceremony was held in the Treasury before members of Congress and high ranking Coast Guard officers. Members of Congress from the homes of each man decorated, and members of committees which handle Coast Guard legislation, also were invited.

Also present were William B. St. John of the National Bulk Carriers, Inc., owner of the PENDELTON, and C.A. Thomas, W.G. Johnson and P.J. Clausen of the Trinidad Corp., owner of the FORT MERCER.

Admiral O'Neill described the Cape Cod rescue operations as unique in Coast Guard history. With each tanker broken in two forty miles apart, four hulks with survivors aboard were left adrift in the mountainous seas.

He said all types of rescue equipment were used including large Coast Guard cutters, an airplane, an ocean-going tug, motor lifeboats, radar, rubber liferafts, scramble nets, lifelines and exposure suits.

"But most of all," said Admiral O'Neill, "the situation called for raw courage and skill of the highest order—backed by Coast Guard teamwork."

Five of the men received the Treasury's Gold Life-saving Medal for "extreme and heroic daring." Four others received the Treasury's Silver Life-saving Medal for "heroic action." Fifteen were cited for "courage, initiative and unswerving devotion to duty" and authorized to wear the Coast Guard Commendation ribbon. Those decorated were:

#### Gold Life-Saving Medal:

Andrew J. Fitzgerald, Engineman 2nd class; Ervin E. Maske, Seaman; Bernard C. Webber, Boatswain's Mate 1st class; Richard P. Livesey, Seaman; Ensign William R. Kiely, Jr.

#### Silver Life-Saving Medal:

Paul R. Black, Engineman 2nd class; Ensign Gilbert E. Carmichael; Edward A. Mason, Jr., Apprentice Seaman; Webster G. Terwilliger, Seaman

#### Coast Guard Commendation Ribbon:

Antonio F. Ballerini, Boatswain's Mate 3rd class provisional; Donald H. Bangs, Boatswain's Mate Chief; Richard J. Ciccone, Seaman; John J. Courtney, Boatswain's Mate 3rd class; John F. Dunn, Engineman 1st class; Philip M. Griebel, Radioman 1st class; Emory H. Haynes, Engineman 1st class; Roland W. Hoffert, Gunner's Mate 3rd class; Eugene W. Korpusik, Seaman Apprentice; Ralph L. Ormsby, Boatswain's Mate Chief; Dennis J. Perry, Seaman; Donald E. Pitts, Seaman; Alfred J. Roy, Boatswain's Mate 1st class; Herman M. Rubinsky, Seaman Apprentice; LCDR John N. Joseph

A nor'easter is a remarkable event in any era. The 1952 winter storm spawned hurricane-force winds and waves as tall as most of the office buildings at the time. The brave members of our Coast Guard raced into this dangerous situation to locate two large tankers that had broken in two and to rescue 70 men facing nearly certain death.

When asked about the rescue, a selfless Mr. Carmichael, who was in charge of a rescue boat that rescued two men from the bow of the SS *Fort Mercer* that day, said, "I learned early in life how I would behave in crisis. I knew when we put the boat over we could be killed but all of us were just thinking about trying to save lives rather than of our own safety."

Gil Carmichael took the remarkable experience he gained in the Coast Guard and continued on the path of public service, later for statewide office in Mississippi in the 1960s, as a candidate for the U.S. Senate in 1972, twice for Governor in 1975 and 1979, and once for Lieutenant Governor in 1983. He also served as a delegate from Mississippi to the Republican National

Convention. In 1973, he was appointed to the National Highway Safety Advisory Committee and became chairman of the advisory committee until 1976. From 1976 to 1979, he was a Federal commissioner for the National Transportation Policy Study Commission. He became Administrator of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration in 1989 and served until 1993. He later served as chairman of the Amtrak Reform Council.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge Mr. Carmichael whose selfless personal qualities reflect a great deal of credit on my State and this Nation.●

#### TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL BRUCE BRAMLETTE

● Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize former BG Bruce Bramlette of Fort Benton, MT, on behalf of his lifetime of dedication to our Nation and his selfless service on congressional U.S. Military Academy nomination boards. Bruce has tirelessly served on nomination boards for 25 years, both as a member and board chairman, and has interviewed more than 1,000 young Montana students seeking a nomination to one of our Nation's service academies. Throughout his years of conducting interviews, he has had numerous opportunities to meet and interact with incredible students from all over Montana. Bruce said it was his pleasure to help these students pursue their dreams of becoming an officer in one of our Nation's military branches.

In addition to Bruce's tremendous volunteer hours for the nomination boards, he proudly served in the Montana Air National Guard for 34 years. He retired in 1994 as the assistant adjutant general for air for the State of Montana. As a National Guard fighter pilot, Bruce successfully flew over 2,000 hours in the F106 Dart, F102 Dagger, and F89 Scorpion.

A graduate of Montana State University, Bruce has also been an active member in his community. He has served on the Highwood School Board for 9 years, is a lifelong member of the Air Force Association, and is an active member of Representative RYAN ZINKE's Veterans Advisory Board. Bruce and his wife of 43 years, Miriam, have three daughters and nine grandchildren.

Bruce recognizes the great value in supporting our next generation of leaders—especially those who will be defending and protecting our country. I am deeply thankful for Bruce's years of service to our State and Nation and his tireless work on behalf of Montana students.●

#### REMEMBERING BIG ED SMITH

● Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I would like to honor Edward B. Smith—a man of great character and a dedicated public servant who was called home on January 25, 2016, at the age of 95.

"Big Ed" was born in Dagmar, MT, in 1920. He and his wife, Juliet, raised four children near the family homestead, where Ed helped manage the family farm and ranch. He was an avid hunter and sportsman and earned his nickname "Big Ed" while playing in the Big Muddy Baseball league. Ed was an active member of the Sheridan County community, serving as a member of the Sheridan County Stockman Association, Wool Growers, and the Sheridan County Fair board, as well as a 4-H leader.

Ed's heart for service led him to run for the Montana State Legislature in 1966, where he served for 20 years. In 1972, Ed ran as Montana's Republican candidate for Governor. He went on to serve on Montana's Highway Commission for several years after retiring from the State legislature.

Big Ed was a commonsense and independent leader and a man of great integrity. He made a lasting impact on Montana and will be truly missed. Cindy and I will keep his wife, Juliet; his four children; and his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren in our thoughts and prayers.●

#### TRIBUTE TO RANNA DAUD

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Ranna Daud, executive director for the After-School All-Stars Las Vegas, ASASLV, for her tireless efforts in helping Las Vegas's youth achieve prosperous futures. Ms. Daud has contributed greatly to her community by working to make ASASLV the best it can be.

ASASLV was initially organized in 2003 to provide Las Vegas's youth with a variety of free academic, athletic, and cultural afterschool programs, encouraging Nevada's students to maintain a successful and healthy lifestyle during afterschool hours. These programs are offered to students in pre-kindergarten through 8th grade at 13 different schools across the Clark County School District. To help students academically, ASASLV offers homework assistance, test preparation, and tutoring from certified teachers. It also offers classes in art, music leadership, cooking, business, and dance.

Aside from educational aid, the organization also emphasizes health and fitness. Activities such as soccer, volleyball, basketball, martial arts, yoga, and hiking are offered to students. Our State is fortunate to have someone such as Mrs. Daud leading this organization, which is critical in helping students across Las Vegas maintain a positive lifestyle.

Ms. Daud began working for ASASLV in 2004 as a program manager. She later returned to the organization in 2009 and served for 4 years before being selected as the executive director. In this role, Ms. Daud leads the organization in pursuit of its mission to help Nevada's youth. She also serves as the main voice in the community, working to build recognition for the program.

Ms. Daud's work with ASASLV has contributed greatly in making the organization an invaluable resource to Las Vegas's youth. She has gone above and beyond to build a positive base for Nevada's future generations.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Ms. Daud for all of her hard work in encouraging our youth to have successful and active futures. She is a shining example of someone who strives for the betterment of her community and displays true selflessness in her work. I am thankful to have Ms. Daud serving as an ally to Las Vegas's students, providing them a safe, healthy, and ambitious environment.

I ask my colleagues and all Nevadans to join me in recognizing Ms. Daud and her work for ASASLV, a program that is so important for Nevada's youth. I wish Ms. Daud the best of luck in all of her future endeavors working to help students across southern Nevada.●

#### RECOGNIZING WESTERN GOVERNORS UNIVERSITY NEVADA

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Western Governors University, WGU Nevada. I am proud to honor this institution that offers Nevadans a unique opportunity to learn and achieve successful and positive futures.

Established in 1997, WGU Nevada is an online institution designed to offer greater access and flexibility to higher education. This university provides 50 accredited bachelor's and master's degrees in business, information technology, K-12 teacher education, and health professions, along with a variety of other tracks. WGU Nevada's mission to provide Silver State citizens with an opportunity to obtain an academic degree at their own pace will help enhance the lives of thousands of students, while also ensuring the needs of Nevada's employers are met.

WGU Nevada has gone above and beyond to help Nevadans obtain the tools they need to succeed. Recently, this institution provided 10 students in Nevada with the financial support needed to earn a degree that will advance their careers. I am grateful that WGU Nevada is working to create a brighter future for many across the Silver State.

As the husband of a teacher, I understand the important role academic institutions play in enriching the lives of Nevadans. Ensuring that students throughout Nevada are prepared to compete in the 21st century is critical for the future of our country. The State of Nevada is fortunate to be home to WGU Nevada.

I ask my colleagues and all Nevadans to join me in recognizing WGU Nevada. This institution is truly dedicated to enriching the lives of Nevadans, and I am honored to recognize its efforts.●

#### TRIBUTE TO COLONEL JOHN NOVAK

● Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to COL John Novak for