

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF MR. BENJAMIN
"BEN" EVANS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 10, 2020

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to a talented tailor, dedicated husband, loving father, and dear friend of longstanding—Mr. Benjamin "Ben" Evans. Sadly, Ben passed away on Thursday, January 2, 2020. His funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2020, at 1:00 pm at New Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church located at 795 Maynard Street in Macon, Georgia.

Benjamin Evans (affectionately known as "Ben" to his family, friends, and colleagues) was born in Bibb County, Georgia to the late Clifford Danielly and Fannie B. Evans. He was born on August 5, 1929 and was the eldest of two sons.

He attended Hudson High School in Macon, Georgia and later joined the U.S. Army. Ben was a veteran, having retired from the military as a Staff Sergeant with 22 years of service. He was always industrious and hard-working. He attended Morgan State College in Baltimore, Maryland where he majored in Fashion Design. He loved men's fashion. Having learned the art of tailoring, Ben was so skilled that he could design a suit without a pattern. Known for being one of the best-dressed men in Macon, he loved to design matching outfits for himself and his beloved wife, Lillie Ruth. Ben opened an alteration shop, Genesis, and operated it in Downtown Macon for many years. He also served as the Business Manager and Co-Owner of Gantt's Pre-School and M.A. Evans Academy.

On June 2, 1982, Ben was joined in Holy Matrimony to the Love of His Life, Lillie Ruth Gantt-Evans. They married after a long courtship. He made a dress from memory for his beloved Lillie Ruth and presented it to her as a gift on their first date.

Ben accepted Christ at an early age where he was a member of Friendship Baptist Church in Macon, GA. He later became a member of New Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church where he served on the Trustee Board.

Ben cared about his community, and he was always engaged in organizations that did positive work. He served dutifully as a member of the following organizations: Disabled American Veterans (Life Member), Veterans of Foreign Wars, Homosapien Civic & Social Club, former member of 100 Black Men of Middle Georgia, Inc., Bibb County Democrats (Post Seat Holder), and former member of the Civil Service Board of Bibb County. Ben enjoyed sewing and loved to listen to music. He had a vast collection of blues and jazz. He loved to attend the annual Tom Bonner Picnic

and VFW events and cared about the community.

Ben accomplished much in his life, but none of this would have been possible without the Grace of God; the love and support of his wife, Lillie Ruth; his children, Chandra, Merita, Gregory, and Jimmy (deceased); his stepson Freeman; and a host of family and friends who will miss him deeply.

On a personal note, I have been truly blessed with Ben's and Lillie Ruth's friendship and support over the years. Ben and Lillie Ruth have long had a passion for civic involvement manifested by unreserved support of candidates they believed would use the public trust of elected office to benefit their community. They worked tirelessly in voter registration, voter education, and voter participation. Together they could place campaign signs across the Macon landscape with such precision and creativity that they appeared to grow out of the ground overnight. Never have two people worked together for so long in so many elections for so many candidates and so successfully as the "Ben and Lillie Ruth" political team. I and countless other elected officials benefited and for their tireless service we will forever be grateful. Truly Macon, Bibb County, and America are better because Benjamin Evans passed our way.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in paying tribute to Mr. Benjamin "Ben" Evans and in extending our deepest sympathies to his family, friends and, loved ones during this difficult time of bereavement. Moreover, we pray that we will all be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

TRIBUTE TO LISA C. WILLIAMS

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 10, 2020

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great humanitarian, a proud military veteran, and a woman some call "a latter-day Harriett Tubman." Lisa C. Williams is a survivor, a fighter and a champion for all who have been sexually exploited. She is an inspiration and an example of how one person can make a tremendous change in the world.

A U.S. Air Force and Army commissioned officer, Ms. Williams left the service with an honorable discharge and set her sights on helping women and children victimized by sex trafficking, sexual exploitation, and intimate partner violence. Drawing from her own experiences to find freedom from a life of trauma and sexual abuse, she founded Circle of Friends: Celebrating Life, Inc., in 1999. She

has worked for more than twenty years to help educate, equip, and empower women to live their best lives, free of violence.

As the founder of Living Water Learning Resource Center, Ms. Williams has developed a program that the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) calls "one of the most comprehensive, rehabilitative programs for child victims of sex trafficking in the country." Over the years, she has helped hundreds of children and young women reclaim their lives from sexual abuse.

Ms. Williams is an author, an orator, and a thought leader and has taken her message to the White House and the United Nations. She travels the world as a motivational Speaker for the Centre for H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Excel), and hosts the podcast Front Porch Conversations.

I have grown to know Ms. Williams through her partnership and support of the annual National Health Disparities Conference, which I help coordinate with the Medical University of South Carolina and can attest to her powerful presence and message.

Her work has been featured in numerous publications, including: O Magazine, Essence, Ebony, Glamour, Black Enterprise, Good Housekeeping, Woman's Day, Cosmopolitan, and Seventeen. She has appeared in film and television on the award-winning CNN Special Report: Children for Sale: The Fight to End Human Trafficking, CNN International News, CNN Freedom Project, BBC Brazil, and C-SPAN.

Ms. Williams has been honored by numerous organizations, including CNN, Ford Motor Company, Porsche USA, YWCA, Glamour, and L'Oréal Paris.

She earned a Bachelor of Science from Campbell University, a Masters of Arts from Bowie State University and attended a doctoral program at Virginia Tech. Ms. Williams latest endeavor is establishing the Circle of Friends Impact and Circle of Friends Impact Legacy Scholarship Fund endowments at Boston University.

To honor her contributions, the university will dedicate the Lisa C. Williams Listening Room in her honor at the Howard Thurman Center for Common Ground. This room is a safe space for quiet meditation, introspection and contemplation, which is being dedicated on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day this year. The room dedication is part of a program spotlighting women who advocate for social justice.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in applauding the selfless work that Lisa C. Williams has done to end sexual exploitation and help those who have been victimized by this brutal crime to live their best lives. She is a true example of selfless service for country and community, and her work has changed so many lives, including her own. I offer Ms. Williams best wishes as she is honored in Boston, and I look forward to watching her ongoing efforts and their tremendous impacts.

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PAYING TRIBUTE TO NICHOLAS
FISH

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 10, 2020

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a lifetime of public service. This week, Nicholas Fish, or Nick as his friends called him, passed away. He will be fondly remembered for his commitment to advancing the quality of urban life for all.

Nick was born in New York City in 1958. After attending the Dutchess Day School as a child in Millbrook, NY, and later St. Alban's School in Washington, DC, he earned his bachelor's degree in 1981 from Harvard and in 1986 he completed a J.D. at Northeastern University.

Politics and public service were a family business for Nick. His father and grandfather Hamilton Fish IV and III—both served in the U.S. House of Representatives. His great-great-grandfather, Hamilton Fish, served as a congressman, senator, governor of New York and secretary of state to President Ulysses S. Grant.

Nick continued this illustrious family tradition, cutting his teeth as a Legislative Assistant for Congressman Barney Frank of Massachusetts, an experience that he would often say fueled his passion for serving others.

After earning his Juris Doctor, he practiced law in New York City, representing healthcare workers and labor unions. He was appointed to Manhattan's Community Board Five, where he served as Chair for two years. In that capacity, Nick championed the upgrade of the Times Square Hotel. In collaboration with local nonprofits, the hotel was transformed into affordable housing and a thriving community for residents with HIV, previously homeless individuals and employees of New York City's theater district.

In the mid-1990s, Nick's wife, Patricia, was offered a job at Portland State University and the couple moved west, settling in the Goose Hollow neighborhood of Portland. Although new to the West Coast, Nick and Patricia quickly made fast friends in the community and he continued his pursuit of public service in their new community. He joined the board of the Housing Authority of Portland and worked to raise money for local nonprofits that assisted victims of domestic abuse and vulnerable children.

In 2008, Nick was elected to the Portland City Council. There he was a steadfast voice for affordable housing. He was instrumental in the creation of a separate city agency dedicated to addressing housing issues and expanding and renovating Portland parks. For 11 years on the Portland City Council, he earned a reputation as a steady hand, helping improve the Council and make local government work for everyone. Known for a steady temperament and sharp policy mind, he often took on the toughest assignments of local government, such as overseeing the city water and sewers bureaus, simultaneously. Even after confronting health challenges, Nick continued his tireless work, serving on the City Council until just a few days ago.

Today, our nation, the Capitol Hill Community and the City of Portland have lost a dedicated statesman and a consummate public

servant. It is my hope that Patricia and his two children, Maria and Chapin, may draw strength and comfort from his many contributions. I ask all my colleagues to join me in paying homage to a lifetime of service and remembering Nick Fish.

HONORING CHARLES HOWARD
BRADSHAW

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 10, 2020

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Charles Howard Bradshaw, a Fire Department Chief and business owner in Henry County, and his wife Sherri, who died on December 13, 2019. Mr. Bradshaw was a tremendous contributor to Henry County and his presence will be missed.

Mr. Bradshaw was president of Triangle Electric Corporation, a privately-owned and operated business since 1965, but had also long served as a first responder. In the 1980s, Mr. Bradshaw was employed with the Fieldale Police Department. Since 2007, he had been Chief of the Horsepasture Volunteer Fire Department. In 2010, he was honored as Outstanding Firefighter for the month of May and Fire Officer of the year.

In addition to his business and first responder activities, Mr. Bradshaw served on the Henry County Building Board of Appeal.

In 2010, he was recognized for his many years volunteering with Henry County by receiving the Jack Dalton Community Service Award.

Charles and Sherri Bradshaw are survived by their daughter, Ashlee Bradshaw (James Hill); son, Michael Bradshaw (Crystal Beckett); sister-in-law, Barbara Bradshaw; grandchildren, Hunter, Logan, Lauren, Rylee, Nikole and Jordan; nephew, Jonathan Bradshaw (Elisha); and several other nieces and nephews.

Henry County and the Commonwealth of Virginia were fortunate to have a great volunteer, leader, and businessman in their community. I offer my condolences to the Bradshaw family, the volunteers of the Horsepasture Fire Department, and the people of Henry County on their loss.

RECOGNIZING STEWART MORRIS'
100TH BIRTHDAY AND THE MORRIS
FAMILY CENTER FOR LAW
AND LIBERTY AT HOUSTON BAPTIST
UNIVERSITY

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 10, 2020

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Stewart Morris, who turned 100 years old on October 28, 2019.

To commemorate this occurrence, Houston Baptist University hosted a ceremonial groundbreaking of the new Morris Family Center for Law and Liberty in honor of its namesake and founding father of the University, Dr. Stewart Morris.

Growing up in Houston, Morris was known as a cantankerous boy. He notoriously adopt-

ed a pet leopard named Spot who he kept in his room to stop family members from entering his personal space. At the age of ten, Morris displayed a natural drive to succeed and started his first job as Office Boy at the family business, Stewart Title. He quickly worked his way up from running errands to making business transactions.

In 1943, Morris experienced many major milestones. He graduated from The University of Texas with a BA, Southern Methodist University with a JD, and Columbia University with a Midshipman's degree all in the same year. Following his many academic accomplishments, Morris joined the Navy and married his wife Joella Mitchell. Together they were blessed with three children.

As an officer in the Navy, Morris was sent to the South Pacific. A young and frightened sailor, Morris distinguished himself by working to establish discipline and order aboard his ship.

Following the close of World War II in 1945, Morris returned home to Texas, where he resumed work at Stewart Title. Determined to expand the business, Morris began traveling all over Texas, picking up a pilot's license and became proficient in Spanish along the way. Under Morris' diligent leadership, Stewart Title grew rapidly from a local Houston business to an international powerhouse with offices in all 50 states, 13 foreign countries, and over 9,000 locations.

His hunger for excellence, forward thinking-ethos, and deep faith in God inspired those around him. It was often said by his peers that "when Morris was at the helm of a project, it seemed like nothing was impossible." It was this same sense of passion and joy for life that made Morris the perfect leader to pioneer the establishment of a new Christian college in Houston, Texas.

In 1952, Morris joined the Union Baptist Association in raising funds and assessing land for the new Houston Baptist University. For the past 67 years, Morris dedicated countless hours of his time and generous financial contributions to this community. A peer once said about Morris that "there is no single person more influential in the founding and earliest history of HBU."

On his 100th birthday, the Houston Baptist University community joined together in celebrating the life and accomplishments of Dr. Stewart Morris with the ceremonial groundbreaking of the Morris Family Center for Law and Liberty. This new center will work to promote a greater understanding and appreciation for our nation's history and founding principles amongst students.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Stewart Morris has lived a long life filled with love, joy, and dedicated to his belief that "its more blessed to give than to receive." I am proud to recognize him on this joyous occasion and know that his family and friends love him and are proud of him. I wish Morris many more years of health and happiness.

I have requested that a United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize Dr. Stewart Morris' 100th Birthday.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue to pray for our country, for our veterans, for our military men and women who protect us, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.