

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROWLAND HILL GEDDIE, JR.

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Rowland Hill Geddie, Jr. Rowland attended the University of Alabama, graduating with a degree in business in 1954. While there, he met and married Mary Martha McGaughy in 1953. Together they had four children; Rowland Hill Geddie, III (Peggy), Ginger Geddie Roark (Steve), Martha Leanne Geddie Ward (Darrell), and Norton Brown McGaughy Geddie (Tammy).

From 1954 to 1956, he served in the U.S. Army at Fort Lee in Virginia and Fort McPheron in Atlanta as a Lieutenant. After his military service, he began a civilian career. He moved back to Martha's hometown of Tupelo, Mississippi, in 1957 after a stint of working at Rich's Department Store in Atlanta. While in Tupelo, Rowland ran her family's store, McGaughy's, until 1976, when he closed the store as well as its affiliated businesses and then began attending the University of Mississippi School of Law. In 1978, he graduated with a Juris Doctorate in the same class as his son, Rowland H. Geddie, III. Rowland began his law career as a solo practitioner, working cases of various types and developing a focus in criminal defense.

In 1981, he found his true calling when he began working with the Office of the District Attorney for the First District of Mississippi, serving under District Attorney Johnny Young. He prosecuted thousands of criminal cases over the course of his twenty-five years in the office until his retirement in 2006. He reveled in being in front of a jury and the opportunity to allow what he referred to as "Truth, Justice, and the American Way to once again triumph over the forces of Darkness and Evil." He believed that the courtroom was the last best opportunity for a victim's voice to be heard and for justice to be done and that such justice became the voice for a victim.

After the untimely death of Martha, his first wife, in 1982, Rowland met June Sawyer Hamilton, and, after a long-distance courtship between Tupelo, Mississippi, and Tucson, Arizona, Rowland and June married on December 12, 1987. June brought to the family three daughters; Jennifer Hamilton Lee (Derek), Molly Allison Hamilton, and April Zilpha Hamilton. Rowland loved his family dearly and was an involved stepfather to the new family members.

Rowland was an avid photographer, a pilot, a scuba diver, a lifelong CB and ham radio enthusiast, and actor in community theater, a motorcyclist, a gun enthusiast, a hunter, a fisherman, a canoeist, a camper, and a water skier.

In addition to his time in the District Attorney's Office, Rowland served his community through numerous volunteer roles, including

Cub Scout Pack Master; Rotarian, serving as president of the Rotary Club of Tupelo; Mock Trial Judge for Tupelo High School; a founding member of Tupelo Community Theater; and president of the Mississippi Merchants' Association.

Rowland is survived by his loving wife, June; his children, Rowland, Ginger, Leanne, Norton, Jenny, Molly, and April; 16 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JOHN PARVENSKY

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John Parvensky.

John has dedicated his life to helping others and, after 37 years as the head of the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, there is no doubt that John has done exactly that.

John first moved to Denver in 1984 after graduating law school to begin a career helping nonprofit organizations. It didn't take long, though, for John to realize he had another calling in life. And just 1 year after his arrival in the Mile High City, John set out on a mission to provide real help to those experiencing homelessness throughout the city.

He arrived at the perfect time. It was at just that moment that then-Denver Mayor Federico Peña was putting together a task force to tackle homelessness. Out of that task force came the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless.

What John thought would be a temporary assignment has turned into a lifelong passion, and the coalition he started has become a permanent fixture in the state.

Thanks to John's tireless work, Colorado's Coalition for the Homeless has grown from a group of 6 people to an organization that now employs more than 750 people across the state. Its budget has grown from \$100,000 to more than \$10 million a year. And, with John at the helm, the organization that started as a single health care center now serves over 22,000 people every year.

John's leadership and advocacy on behalf of those experiencing homelessness, both in Denver and across the U.S., has led to the development of countless new ideas and innovative strategies that are now being used in cities and towns across the country to help those in need.

John was instrumental in creating the Denver Housing First Collaborative that provides housing and supportive services to more than 200 people with disabilities experiencing homelessness. And he was the driving force behind the development of Denver's new state-of-the-art Stout Street Recuperative Care Center—a first-of-its kind mixed-use development intended to provide medical respite and recuperative care to hundreds of people experi-

encing homelessness every year after they are released from the hospital.

John's efforts have been widely recognized throughout his career. He currently serves as the President of the Board of Directors for the National Coalition for the Homeless; and he has been the recipient of numerous awards to highlight his many achievements in his quest to help others—including the 2018 Philip W. Brickner National Leadership Award from the National Healthcare for the Homeless; the 2016 Carle Whitehead Memorial Award from ACLU of Colorado; and the 2012 Be More Award from Rocky Mountain PBS.

After more than 35 years as the head of Colorado's Coalition for the Homeless, John announced that this summer will be his last running the organization. As he prepares to begin the next chapter of his life, I want to express my profound thanks to him for his tireless advocacy on behalf of those experiencing homelessness and the outstanding work he's done over the years to improve the lives of so many people who call our city home.

I offer my best wishes on his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ARTHUR A. MURPHY

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a community leader and political activist. Arthur A. Murphy transitioned from this life on January 2, 2023, in Hardeeville, South Carolina. His work to better the lives of those in Jasper County, as well as his commitment to increase diverse representation were honorable and deserve recognition.

Arthur Murphy was born in Robertville, South Carolina on December 11, 1943, to the late Mr. Clarence and Mrs. Beatrice Brown Murphy. He attended public schools in Jasper County, South Carolina. Upon graduation, he moved to Brooklyn, New York to pursue further education at the School of Printing. He remained in New York for more than 30 years working in the printing profession. In 1993, he returned to South Carolina, where he founded his own printing company, Repro Graphics.

In addition to his company, Arthur was an active member of the community. In 1994, just 1 year after moving back to South Carolina, he became Chairman of the Jasper County Democratic Party. He continued to serve in this role on and off throughout the rest of his life. It was in this capacity that I was fortunate to get to know Arthur. He was committed to getting the best candidates possible into public office in his county, especially those who would represent the diverse voices of the community. Arthur was also an active member of the NAACP. Through his various community leadership roles, Arthur received several awards and honors.

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Arthur was guided by his faith from a young age at Bethel Baptist Church, where he was a member throughout the entirety of his life. He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Louise J. Murphy, with whom he had 2 sons, Kenneth Murphy and F. Michael (Tanya) Murphy, Sr., 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in honoring the full life of Arthur A. Murphy. His commitment to public service and his community touched the lives of all who knew him. He will be dearly missed.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PETTY
OFFICER THIRD CLASS WILL
MARTIN, JR.

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, Petty Officer Third Class Will Martin, Jr. passed away on January 6, 2023, at the age of 74.

A veteran of the Vietnam War, Petty Officer Third Class Will Martin Jr. served his country with dignity as a Seabee in the United States Navy from 1965 to 1969. Will exemplified the Seabee motto of "Can Do," and following his service, he integrated this into his daily life as he worked tirelessly for decades to build "Communities of Honor and Excellence," not only in Victoria County but across the state of Texas.

Along the way, Will's journey saw him serve as the American Legion Commander, the American Legion Legislative Representative for the Department of Texas, an officer with both the Vietnam Veterans of America and the Disabled American Veterans, and as the founder and Commander of the U.S. Navy Seabees Association, Victoria Chapter. He dedicated his spare time to the Warrior's Weekend Field of Honor and was a great friend and supporter of the wounded servicemen and women who came in from all over the nation.

For nearly a decade, Will was the President of the Conservative Texans for Charitable Bingo that helped hundreds of charities all over the state of Texas receive tens of millions of dollars for their activities. As a legislative liaison, he worked with State Senators and Representatives to ensure ongoing access to funding that allowed service organizations to focus on their missions of helping thousands of Texans.

Furthermore, Will was a friend to first responders, in particular law enforcement. He led the effort to craft a county ordinance banning illegal game rooms and the drug and human trafficking crime that accompanied them. This ordinance, which gave Law Enforcement greater opportunity to stop this illegal activity, was adopted first in Victoria County and soon spread throughout the Golden Crescent and Coastal Bend. This initiative likely prevented the trafficking of hundreds of at-risk youth and kept millions of dollars out of the hands of organized crime.

Most importantly, Will was a faithful Christian man who lived his life as a disciple of God's word and as a passionate servant. Throughout his commendable life—up until the very end—Will Martin's love of God and Country and service to others never faded.

BORN-ALIVE ABORTION
SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. MENENDEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today because 2 months ago, Americans sent a clear message to Congress, rejecting the extremist anti-abortion, anti-reproductive health policies of the GOP.

Yet, here we are today, on our first week in Congress, voting on legislation that puts women at risk by jeopardizing the ability of medical professionals to perform lifesaving care. Under the Republican agenda, women do not have the right to make decisions about their own bodies and about their own healthcare.

Make no mistake, this is yet another step toward the GOP's ultimate goal of criminalizing abortion nationwide and banning contraception while doing absolutely nothing to address the real issues impacting parents, children, and families across our country.

House Democrats will fight to protect abortion rights, to maintain access to contraception, and to not put the government between women and their doctors.

The GOP's decades-long demonization of reproductive healthcare providers has resulted in targeted violence, as well as continual harassment of those seeking abortion care. Yet, instead of speaking out against these heinous crimes, the GOP is focusing on a resolution that picks what type of violence is unacceptable to them, when in reality violence should be condemned in all forms no matter what groups are being targeted.

For this reason, I am co-sponsoring a House Resolution that condemns attacks on healthcare facilities, healthcare personnel, and patients. This Resolution condemns the hatred, violence, and harassment that abortion providers, reproductive health advocates, and other healthcare providers have faced for providing essential healthcare services to women across our country.

I call upon our colleagues across the aisle to condemn violence regardless of whom it is being directed at, and I invite them to do so by adopting this language into their resolution.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY
OF SHERRI JACKSON AS
CBS 42 NEWS ANCHOR IN
BIRMINGHAM, AL

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary career of Sherri Jackson, who is celebrating her 25th Anniversary at CBS 42 on January 12, 2023.

Sherri is a 2-time Emmy Award-winning journalist who currently serves as the PM Managing Editor and Member of the CBS 42, "Your Voice, Your Station" Investigative Team. A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Sherri is a graduate of Morehead State University in Morehead, Kentucky, where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Communications.

Prior to making her home in Birmingham in 1998, Sherri worked for WGXA-TV in Macon, GA, WSAV-TV in Savannah, Georgia, and WSAZ-TV in Charleston and Huntington, West Virginia. Since moving to Birmingham, she has blazed trails reporting on the critical conditions affecting the residents of Central Alabama.

Upholding her motto: "we are all connected," Sherri tailors her journalism to focus on healthcare and issues affecting families to ensure that her audience is abreast with news most pertinent to their community. Her exemplary journalism includes the "Local War on Breast Cancer," which highlights research at the University of Alabama-Birmingham's O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. Her Emmy-winning "Dangerous Connections" provided resources informing parents on how to protect their children in this digital age from both predators and bullying.

Gaining a reputation as a truth-seeker, Sherri spearheaded the CBS 42 award-winning coverage of North Birmingham's environmental crisis. Her expert reporting in CBS 42's "Deadly Deception" exposed the pollution and provided a voice for generations of families who have suffered this injustice for far too long. As a result of her tenacity, the EPA declared the area a SuperFund Site shortly after.

Sherri's unwavering commitment to telling our stories has made her an invaluable resource for Birmingham and the surrounding area. Her second Emmy Award-winning project, "Hope and Honor," followed Elizabeth MacQueen, a local artist, and sculptress, as she made the Four Spirits Statue in Birmingham's Historic Kelly Ingram Park. She boldly tells the story of Birmingham's efforts to establish a fitting memorial for the Four Little Girls: Addie Mae Collins, Cynthia Wesley, Carole Robertson, and Denise McNair, to ensure that we never forget the tragedy of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing. That same year, Sherri traveled to Washington D.C. to cover one of my proudest moments in Congress the posthumously awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal to the Four Little Girls killed in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church. As the only local journalist there, the impact of Sherri's journalistic talent brought my constituents from Birmingham to the Capitol, ensuring that they felt represented during the monumental occasion.

For over 2 decades, Sherri has established herself as 1 of the most trusted voices in the world of journalism. Outside of her home at CBS 42, Sherri has also worked with BBC News, hosting their BBC World Service "Heart and Soul" broadcast from inside the 16th Street Baptist Church and presenting "The Cultural Frontline."

Sherri has received various well-deserved awards and recognition for her work, including being named Best News Anchor by Alabama Broadcasters Association and Associated Press, the 2015 National Headliner Award, and in 2018 received the National Association of Black Journalists Salute to Excellence. Sherri also serves on various boards, including the Foundry Ministries and previously the boards of the Children's Aid Society, UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center, Childcare Resources, and American Red Cross Blood Services Alabama. Sherri's civic affiliations include being a member of the National Association of Black Journalists, Radio Television Digital News Association, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.