

as, “what we do to make lives better.” For him, that meant serving and empowering low-income, rural, and minority communities. I trust that current and future generations will continue to be inspired by Mr. Hannah’s life to get involved in the betterment of their communities.

I offer my deepest condolences to Mel’s family and friends.

HONORING KATHLEEN KLINE-HUDSON

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Kathleen Kline-Hudson, an extraordinary public servant upon her retirement, and to pay tribute to her dedication and devotion to community planning over the past 3 decades that have helped shape and mold Livingston County, Michigan into the thriving, vibrant place it is today.

Nearly 32 years ago, with the ink barely dry on her Master’s degree in urban planning from the University of Michigan, Kathleen Kline-Hudson was hired as a “principal planner” with the Livingston County Planning Department. By 2009 she had risen through the ranks to become its director, a position she has held for the past 13 years. All this at a time when the county was experiencing unprecedented growth and transforming from a collection of predominantly rural areas to a bustling bedroom community at the crossroads of the region’s major expressways.

A self-proclaimed data nerd, Kathleen thrived on organizing critical information about that growth into tables and graphs and analyzing what the changes meant for Livingston County. She created data books and detailed community profiles that now serve as historical documentation of the county’s trajectory. Three times—in 2000, 2010, and 2020—she helped lead the effort to ensure every resident was counted in the decennial census, serving on the Complete Count Committees, revising census tracts based on population and housing units, and ultimately crunching the numbers that came in to plan for the county’s future. She helped draft Livingston County’s first master plan in 2002, and its second in 2018, which won statewide and national awards.

But Kathleen Kline-Hudson has not been a simple observer of Livingston County’s trends, or a mere chronicler of its past. A county resident, her devotion to her work as a land use planner has always been rooted in her abiding love for the place she calls home and her passionate advocacy for creating more diverse, equitable, and accessible communities. She served as a founding director of the Livingston County chapter of Habitat for Humanity, helping the organization obtain nonprofit status and break ground on its first local home. She facilitated a grassroots committee focused on affordable housing, reviewed all proposed developments along the M-59 corridor, and coordinated the opening of Fillmore and Lutz County Parks, to name just a few of her many accomplishments and contributions to the betterment county.

As she now closes this chapter as a county planner, my wish is that her personal planner

will be filled with quality time with her cherished family and friends, the traveling adventures she so loves, kayaking, hiking, biking, and Michigan-themed crafting. Kathleen Kline-Hudson charted a course of excellence for Livingston County that will not be forgotten.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HARRY AUBREY MARTIN

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 Harry Aubrey Martin. Harry, a legendary economic development leader and local philanthropist, died peacefully in his sleep on Friday, December 30, 2022, at North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo. He was ninety-seven and a half years old. A native of Quitman County, Mississippi, Harry was born on a farm on July 20, 1925, the sixth of 9 children of the late Ed Martin and Bessie R. Flemings Martin. Harry graduated from Quitman High School in 1942. He attended Mississippi State University from 1942–1943, at which time he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, serving his country during WWII. He returned to MSU, graduating in 1948 with a bachelor of science degree in Agricultural Administration. Always industrious, Harry worked his way through MSU in Dean E. B. Colmer’s office. He married Clarke County native Agnes Louisa Norris on July 30, 1948. They were married for over 65 years, until she passed away on May 11, 2015.

Harry was a natural leader, a visionary, and seemed to understand the rhythm of life from an early age. On Oct. 1, 1948, he and Agnes moved to Tupelo so that he could be an assistant county agent, specializing in 4-H Club work. Harry excelled in organizing and promoting leadership among 4-H’ers, winning state and national awards. In May of 1956, Harry was chosen as secretary-manager of the Community Development Foundation, where he served for 44 years. His record of success as an economic developer is not only evident in present-day Tupelo: he also received numerous accolades, recognitions, and meritorious awards—regionally, statewide, and nationally. He was instrumental in locating more than 100 plants and expansions as well as the development of 5 industrial parks in Lee County, 1 of which bears his name. The National Business Alliance and the U.S. Housing and Urban Development selected CDF’s Lee County service area as being 1 of the 10 best examples of public/private partnership in the USA. The Ford Foundation equally recognized CDF. Harry had the ability to focus on “hands-on” projects, using diverse skill sets and talents and always coated them with “community ownership.”

Harry was instrumental in starting the RCDC movement in the 1950s, which bridged the gaps between rural and urban people and became a national model. His other selfless services to the Tupelo-Lee County area, the State of Mississippi, and the rest of the country will be his legacies of leadership, stamina, and accomplishments. Harry was a Civitan, Tupelo’s Outstanding Man in 1959, a leader in the 1987 AHEAD program that brought four-lane highways to Mississippi, especially the

northeast portion of the state. He was a charter member and secretary/treasurer of the Tupelo Furniture Marketing Association. Harry was a faithful and beloved member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Tupelo, where he held many offices. He was a Master Mason. After retirement, Harry joined his daughter, Janet, in establishing Martin Realty Company. In 2018, he finished writing and published his autobiography, *Harry Martin and the Community Development Foundation*, a definitive work on local history and economic development. Harry enjoyed reading, hiking in the woods, gardening, collecting antiques, and traveling.

Harry is survived by his daughter, Janet Martin of Tupelo, as well as by his nieces and nephews and their families and a host of friends, respecters of his purpose-filled life and his economic development family all about the State of Mississippi and nationwide.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BRIAN DEQUINCY NEWMAN

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 dedicated community servant. Brian DeQuincy Newman was called too soon to his heavenly home on January 3, 2023, in Atlanta, Georgia. Throughout his life, his bright spirit and brilliant mind was beloved and will be sorely missed.

Brian Newman was born on December 22, 1982 in Columbia, South Carolina. He attended Spring Valley High School, where he excelled in basketball and found an early passion for public service with his role on the student council. He graduated from Spring Valley in 2001, and went on to pursue further education at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia on a full academic scholarship. He graduated Cum Laude in 2005 after completing a course of study in Business Administration.

The same year, Brian enrolled in the University of South Carolina School of Law. In 2008, he graduated with his Juris Doctorate and passed the bar exam. At the beginning of his legal career, Brian worked for the Fifth Circuit Solicitors Office in Columbia, South Carolina as assistant Solicitor. He then worked for Rikard and Protopapas, LLC before going into private practice.

In 2010, Brian was elected to the Columbia City Council, where he became the youngest person ever elected to serve in the role at 26 years old. He quickly found his stride and immersed himself in service to the city of Columbia, making essential contributions to the life of city residents by championing projects like the COMET bus system and the Edgewood and Bull Street Developments. He served as the Chair of the City’s Committees on Public Safety and Budget and Finances, and as a representative on the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority Board of Directors. Brian also occasionally served as Mayor Pro Tempore. He remained on the council until 2015.

Brian was a man of God and was a charter member of I. DeQuincey Newman United Methodist Church. He was inspired to lead a life that would make his Great Uncle, civil rights leader I. DeQuincey Newman, proud.

He is remembered by his parents, Clifton and Patricia Newman, his brother, Corwyn and sisters, Jocelyn and Kellee.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in celebrating the impactful life of Brian DeQuincy Newman. In his short

time with us, he brought light into the lives of all who knew him. We will miss him and remember him fondly.