

Graham was, at heart, a man of the very people he represented.

In his first campaign for Governor, Graham pledged to put in 8-hour days working the same tough but rewarding work that Floridians do every day to make our State so strong. He paved roads, delivered luggage in hotels, taught school, and picked tomatoes.

True to his word, Graham completed over 400 of these workdays so he could touch, see, and feel the challenges and triumphs of the neighbors he so proudly represented.

As Governor, he led our most ambitious program ever to boost education, notably improving our State universities. Like me, he was a proud University of Florida Gator.

Today, Bob Graham can look down with pride on his alma mater and the university system that he helped ensure rivals the best in the Nation.

His love and dedication to education was passed on to so many in our State and, thankfully, to his own daughter, Gwen. Fittingly, Gwen Graham, our former congressional colleague, now serves in the U.S. Department of Education.

Perhaps his most visionary achievement in Florida will be his ambitious environmental protection agenda. His Florida programs are still being carried forward to this day, including his work to save the Everglades. This issue, like so many, demonstrated his skills to build consensus across the political spectrum, and that bipartisan spirit still guides Florida's diverse delegation.

As a foreign affairs expert, Senator GRAHAM stood out as a brilliant master of statecraft. As chair of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, he understood all too well the very real global threats we face as a Nation. He never shrank from asking the tough questions, even as America reeled from the September 11 attacks.

He bore a heavy weight to demand accountability for this tragedy, yet this man who epitomized what we all think of as an elder statesman was a far more complex figure than that.

When the Tallahassee press corps did their annual roast of State leaders, there was Governor Graham helping them turn the spit, even if it meant poking fun at himself.

When a constituent flagged a problem or a task he needed to circle back on, he would scribble it in his notepad, just like his dad did.

His love of family is something every one of his children and grandchildren will testify to as they all loved their "Doodle," as he was affectionately called.

Even in his "retirement" from government, he established the Bob Graham Center for Public Service. To the very end, he nurtured in others the noble custom he perfected of serving that very community that he served so well.

There are no words to express my gratitude and respect for Senator GRA-

HAM, and it is evidenced by our entire delegation being here today to honor him. We will all miss him dearly.

Today, we keep his entire family and all those who loved him in our thoughts, including his wife, Adele Khoury Graham; his four daughters, Gwen—our former colleague—Cissy, Suzanne, and Kendall; all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his former staff; and all those across the country who knew and loved him.

May his memory be a blessing.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all those present in the Chamber and in the gallery, as well as all staff members and visitors throughout the Capitol complex, rise for a moment of silence in honor of our former colleague and friend, Senator Bob Graham.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate, sitting as a court of impeachment in the trial of Alejandro N. Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security, upon articles of impeachment exhibited against him and upon the receipt and exhibit of House Resolution 863, has dismissed the articles of impeachment and has adjourned sine die.

HONORING WILLIAM HERBERT HUNT

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of William Herbert Hunt, who passed away at the age of 95.

Herb was born in Arkansas before moving to Texas as a young child. He attended boarding school in Pennsylvania before earning a bachelor's degree in geology from Washington and Lee University.

At university, Herb met his soulmate, Nancy Jane Broaddus. They were married for 72 years and raised a large, loving family.

Herb joined the family oil business and had a successful career in oil and gas exploration where he contributed to discoveries and field developments. His success and expertise in the petroleum industry awarded him various seats on oil industry boards.

Herb was President of the Boy Scouts of America Circle Ten Council and received awards for his service to youth. He also served on the Presbyterian Hospital Building Corporation and the Wadley Blood Bank board.

Herb achieved legendary success in industry and business with extensive civic involvement and philanthropy. However, he found his greatest pride and joy in the family he and Nancy raised together.

BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK

(Ms. MCCLELLAN asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MCCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise, as we close out Black Maternal Health Week, to underscore the pressing need to continue addressing the maternal mortality crisis that plagues our Nation.

The United States has the highest maternal mortality rate of any high-income nation in the world, and Black women bear the brunt of these disparities and are three times more likely to die in childbirth than White women.

This crisis has been made worse by the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, as the States with abortion bans have higher mortality rates than those that do not.

I know the risks that Black women face all too well as I nearly died giving birth to my daughter, Samantha, when she was born 9 weeks prematurely and spent 6 weeks in the NICU.

As a member of the Black Maternal Health Caucus, I am encouraged by some of the progress that we have made, such as the Biden-Harris administration's Blueprint for Addressing the Maternal Health Crisis; allowing States to expand Medicaid postpartum coverage from just 60 days to 12 months postpartum, impacting approximately 65 percent of births for Black mothers; and adopting new regulations under the Pregnant Worker Fairness Act that gives millions of workers access to unpaid leave. We must do more, including passing the *Momnibus Act*.

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POLITICAL BIAS AT NPR

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I think it is important for this body to take a few minutes to discuss and deal with the recent headlines regarding the National Public Radio editor who made public that 87 out of 87 members of their editorial newsroom staff registered Democrat—not one registered Republican.

It is obviously of interest, and it should be of particular interest to fair-minded people everywhere and Republicans in particular.

We, right now, are losing the culture, and members of the Republican Party are the ones who stand athwart and support the Constitution, try to defend it, and try to keep America the great country it has always been.

It is a very difficult thing to get sympathy in our quest from the public as a whole when news outlets have an overwhelmingly leftwing, anti-American bias.

I would like to congratulate—normally a Democrat—Uri Berliner for being able to step out and try to publicize a true diversity problem at NPR and hope that in the future our Appropriations Committee discusses this problem.

HONORING THE LIFE OF REV-
EREND WALTER “SLIM” COLE-
MAN

(Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor a community activist and fighter for justice: Reverend Walter “Slim” Coleman.

Reverend Slim was part of the Rainbow Coalition. He always worked to help the powerless build power, expand opportunity, and hold the government accountable to the people’s needs. Moreover, he brought Caucasian allies to that fight alongside Latino and Black leaders. Slim helped elect Chicago’s first Black mayor, Harold Washington.

Slim was in it for the long haul. No setback and no loss deterred him from fighting for affordable housing, good schools, community safety, better healthcare, and more.

Alongside his wife, Emma Lozano, the reverend was a leader of Chicago’s sanctuary movement. In 2006, he declared his church as a sanctuary to protect immigrants from deportation, and other churches followed suit.

Our city is indebted to Reverend Slim. We miss him immensely. Rest in peace, my dear friend.

REFORMING FOREST
MANAGEMENT

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, the United States is now the number one importer of wood products. It had been China up until recently when they finally slowed down their building.

This shouldn’t even be possible or happening.

As you see, Mr. Speaker, California, the West Coast, and Western States have massively overcrowded forests due to the inattention of the U.S. Forest Service not keeping up the pace and scale to keep up with the amount of board feet that are growing each year.

Take a look across a lot of rural America, Mr. Speaker, and you will see that these areas are, indeed, too overcrowded with trees. A healthy forest might have 50 to 70 adult trees per acre. We see a situation where there are 500 to 1,000 trees of all sizes.

For a healthy and resilient forest, each tree needs enough nutrients, water, and sunlight to thrive, but when the trees grow too close together, they compete for these resources, are weakened, and then are susceptible to insects and other damage.

You can see on the far side of this poster, Mr. Speaker, a dense forest that is going to be very fire-prone and very likely to be attacked by bugs or go through a drought period and become unhealthy.

A thin forest like this is what we need the Forest Service to be doing. It survives fire and is much healthier for much longer. This is what we need.

CONGRATULATING NORTHWEST
OHIO SCIENCE FAIR WINNER
CALEB KOWALSKI

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Caleb Kowalski, a bright young student who is the future of northwest Ohio. He won recognition for his scientific achievement.

Caleb is a seventh grader at Put-In-Bay Middle School, and when he needed a project for his school’s science fair this winter, he turned to our nearby Great Lake Erie for inspiration.

Caleb chose to explore solutions to the algae blooms that historically plague our freshwater kingdom. He did this by testing the ability of various plants to keep dangerous nutrients from flowing into rivers, lakes, and streams. Those nutrients harm the ecosystem and endanger boaters, and if not addressed, swimmers will have difficulties. These blooms also could turn Lake Erie and Lake Ontario into swamps if not addressed.

Caleb’s project earned a superior rating. Then, the district allowed him to compete at the Northwest Science and Engineering Fair in February. There he earned, again, first place in his category, allowing him to apply for a slot to compete at the national level this October.

Mr. Speaker, let’s applaud Caleb for his curiosity and scholarship. We hope that his generation will help us usher in complete health for the largest body of freshwater on Earth, the Great Lakes.

FOCUSING ON BLACK MATERNAL
HEALTH WEEK

(Ms. STANSBURY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, this week we are closing out Black Maternal Health Week, focused on bringing attention, awareness, and, most importantly, action to improving maternal health for Black mothers.

Across the United States, Black mothers are three times more likely to die from pregnancy, making them the most at risk for maternal mortality of any group. In New Mexico, our Black babies have the highest ratio of infant mortality and premature births.

In addition, Black women and families are more likely to experience economic instability, lack of access, racism, and implicit bias within the system.

Black maternal health is a crisis that demands action. That is why I am proud to cosponsor Representative

LAUREN UNDERWOOD’s Black Maternal Momnibus Act to help address the leading causes because access to care is a right, not a privilege, and we cannot leave Black women alone in this fight.

Our Black mothers are strong and resilient, and we must work every day to ensure that they have the respect, support, and care they need.

EMBRACING DIVERSITY

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as you can see, there is just not enough time to speak on these issues.

Mr. Speaker, as we go into a number of religious holidays, which brings us together around peace, faith, and harmony, I want us to recognize that racism is raising its own ugly head again. It is raising its head on DEI, something that most of us of a certain age have no clue as to diversity, inclusion, exclusiveness, and the many different terminologies that can be utilized. We know the question of race and who we are.

It is important, as we take to our home districts, that we embrace the diversity that is in our districts, talk about the need for harmony and unity, and, as well, that we recognize that we are better together than we are separated.

I want to offer a commitment that we stand against racism, that we acknowledge it, that we join together in supporting H.R. 40, which is a commission to study reparations and develop reparation proposals.

I look forward to us ridding ourselves of the ugly face of racism as well as ensuring that we find a way to solve why we are divided instead of united.

Racism is ugly, and we must rid ourselves of it.

RESPONDING TO AMERICANS’
CONCERNS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WILLIAMS of New York). Under the Speaker’s announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. MOORE) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this special order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate this opportunity to join my colleagues and share some very important perspectives and messages.

House Republicans are responding to many concerns held by Americans