

RETIREMENT OF RICHARD
HERTLING

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the call to serve one's country comes to people in many different forms. Some protect our nation in the Armed Forces. Some are elected to public office. Others serve officials in the three branches of our government. But all work together to protect, preserve and uphold the founding principles of this great nation.

Richard Herding has spent the last 27 years serving his country in both the legislative and executive branches. A graduate of the University of Chicago Law School, he began his career at the U.S. Department of Justice. Since then he has worked for Senators, Congressional committees and a presidential campaign.

During the Bush Administration, he oversaw major policy decisions by the Justice Department as the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Legal Policy.

He also managed the Justice Department's communication with Capitol Hill as the Acting Assistant Attorney General of the Office of Legislative Affairs.

Most recently, he served as the Staff Director and Chief Counsel for the House Judiciary Committee, which I chaired in the last Congress. With Richard's help, the House Judiciary Committee passed more substantive bills than any other committee in the last Congress. His strategic thinking was instrumental in achieving this goal.

Today, Richard Hertling is retiring, and we in the House are losing a smart attorney and good friend. But the Senators, members of the House and staff who worked with him will also miss his tutorials in ancient history and his use of Latin in everyday conversations.

We thank him for his service to his country, and wish him the best on his well-deserved retirement.

IN HONOR OF QUEENS COUNTY EX-
ECUTIVE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
JESSE J. SLIGH

HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to honor a respected leader in my community, Queens County Executive District Attorney Jesse J. Sligh. I have known Jesse Sligh for over 20 years and during that entire time his character and the way he conducts himself has been an example for all.

Since 1991, for twenty-two years, Mr. Sligh has served in the Queens County District Attorney's Office as an Executive of District Attorney Richard A. Brown's Special Prosecutions Division. The Special Prosecutions Division serves as a bridge between the Queens County District Attorney's office and the diverse people of Queens. The division

proactively fights crime by building strong community partnerships, tackling quality of life issues, and spearheading crime prevention and mentoring programs that educate the youth of Queens about law enforcement and provide a positive structure for children who might otherwise head down the wrong path.

Mr. Sligh, the third of thirteen children, was the first member of his family to attend college, but not only did he attend college he graduated from the Ivy League Columbia University and then he earned his juris doctorate from Georgetown Law School here in Washington D.C. After that, he served our great nation as a Captain in the U.S. Army Jag Corps and earned an exemplary trial record in the process. In 1982, he joined the Queens County District Office. Jesse Sligh's talent impressed his supervisors and continued to impress them until he reached the position of Executive District Attorney. Thirty-one years later he still serves Queens County.

On February 20, 2013 the Queen's County District Attorney office honored Jesse Sligh as a part of a Black History Month Celebration and I want to honor him today as well. Jesse, a man of great faith, is a founding member of the Erie Avenue Baptist Church in Philadelphia and he is a member of the Queens Executive Board for the Boy Scouts. Jesse has been a mentor to young and old, he is a true friend to everyone he has known, and he always offers help in times of need. I applaud Mr. Sligh for all he has accomplished and his service to our Country, his family, public service and God. I am proud that he is a member of my district.

Jesse, we thank you for your good and faithful work.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. ATHERLENE
MONROE

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

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Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the memory of a spiritual leader and a pillar of Houston's Sunnyside community, Mrs. Atherlene Monroe. With extraordinary dedication, Mrs. Monroe devoted her life to the spiritual instruction of others and her family.

Mrs. Monroe was born in Houston, TX on February 6, 1935. Her parents instilled within her an unshakeable faith, and a desire to spiritually mentor as well as teach others. On December 20, 1953, Mrs. Monroe met and married another pillar of the Sunnyside community, Reverend Rugley Monroe, Jr., Pastor of the El Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. Together Reverend and Mrs. Monroe raised three sons as well as one daughter. They worked to serve their community as well as save the souls of a multitude of people.

Mrs. Monroe served in several roles at the El Bethel Missionary Baptist Church and the local spiritual community. Through her selfless hard work and integrity, she eventually became a member of the choir, president of the Women's Mission, as well as treasurer of the Southside's Minister's Wives Union organiza-

tion. She was also a faithful companion to her husband of 59 years in all his endeavors.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Monroe will be missed dearly by a host of family and friends. The family includes her husband, four children, Rugley Monroe, III, Angeline Stewart, David Monroe, Sr., and Patrick Monroe, Sr., as well as her nine grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. Mrs. Monroe will be remembered in the Sunnyside community as an exemplar of a faithful Christian lady, wife, mother, and teacher.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN DUDLEY
TERRELL, JR.

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

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Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of an American hero and a good friend, Mr. John Dudley Terrell, Jr., who recently passed away at the age of 91.

A native and lifelong resident of Mobile, Mr. Terrell graduated from McGill Institute and attended Springhill College.

Like many Alabamians of his generation, John answered his country's call to serve during World War II. As a young lieutenant with the Army Air Corps, he flew 51 combat missions at the controls of a B24 Liberator bomber in the European Theater of Operations.

His considerable wartime experience included participation in three historic battles: Air Offensive Europe, The Rome-Arno Campaign, and the Battle of Normandy where his bravery and combat piloting skills no doubt helped to advance the Allied efforts against the Axis powers.

For his courageous service, he received the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the European Theater Medal with three Bronze Stars.

After the Allied Victory in Europe, Mr. Terrell left the Army Air Corps to return to civilian life where he traded his role as an aviator for that of an Independent Insurance Agent in his hometown.

He partnered with business associates to form the Robertson, Grove and Terrell Agency. Later he joined W.K.P. Wilson and Son's, Inc. During his long and successful career in the insurance industry, he distinguished himself as exceptional businessman. Among his achievements, he was presented the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) designation. He later joined TriCorp, Inc., where he worked until his well-deserved retirement.

John was a longtime member of St. Ignatius Catholic Church of Mobile. He was also an active member of numerous local community service organizations including several mystic societies.

On behalf of the people of South Alabama, I wish to extend my personal condolences to his wife of 60 years, Annunziata, their three children: Liz, John III, and Kathleen, and their 10 grandchildren. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.