

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CARLOS CURBELO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 10, 2017*

Mr. CURBELO of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 140.

FRED D. THOMPSON FEDERAL BUILDING AND UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE

SPEECH OF

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 7, 2017*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, Fred Thompson was a neighbor and trusted friend.

He was embraced by the people of Tennessee because of his dedication to first principles and strong conservative values.

To most Americans, he was an actor, usually taking roles that exuded confidence and integrity.

To those of us that knew him personally, he was a devoted public servant that spent a large part of his life service to the people of the United States.

He began his public career as an assistant U.S. attorney in Tennessee before working with Senator Howard Baker, a man who was a role model for generations of Tennesseans looking to serve the American people.

He would go on to spend 8 years in the U.S. Senate himself, famously touring the state of Tennessee in his red pickup truck.

After conducting a life well-lived, naming this federal courthouse to honor him is a great way to show our respect for his commitment to the people of Tennessee.

I am glad this bill to give him that honor is on the floor today, and I hope all my colleagues will join me in passing it.