

served sixteen plus years as County Court Judge and Youth Court Judge and retired as the longest serving County Court Judge in Lee County, Mississippi.

Judge Brett also served six years on the Mississippi Judicial Performance Commission and has been the Secretary of the Mississippi County Court and Youth Court Judges Conference for twelve years.

Judge Brett's love for his country and community is evident but falls short of his love for his family. He is married to Vicky Brett and the father of four daughters, Melanie, Jennifer, Lindsay, and Kayty. He is also the grandfather of seven grandchildren and the great grandfather of three great grandchildren.

Judge Brett is also very involved in his community outside of the court room. He is a member of the Community Development Foundation, and avid hunter, sportsman and target shooter and strongly supports many youth and conservations groups including the Boy Scouts, National Wild Turkey Federation, Jakes Program, and the NRA.

Judge Brett has selflessly served the people of Mississippi for more than thirty years. His devotion to God, America and his fellow man will always be remembered, and I wish him and his family many years of happiness.

IN MEMORIAL OF ELLIS COLLINS,
JR.

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Mr. Ellis Collins, Jr., affectionately known among family and friends as "Toby." Born on July 2, 1973, to parents Emma J. Collins and Ellis Collins, Sr., Toby lived a remarkable life dedicated to his country and his education. He enlisted in the United States Air Force at the age of 18, receiving several accolades throughout his service, including the Air Force Training Ribbon, the National Defense Service Medal, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, and the Air Force Good Conduct Medal. Upon completing his military duties, he enrolled at Southern University & A&M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and earned a baccalaureate degree in Computer Science. He continued his studies at Louisiana State University and earned a Master's of Business Administration in December 2013. Toby's service to his country and commitment to bettering himself and those around him is an inspiration to us all. He was a beloved friend, son, student, and patriot. He will be dearly missed.

INTRODUCTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO LIMIT THE PRESIDENTIAL PARDON

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of a constitutional amendment I introduced today with several of my colleagues to prevent the President of the United States from pardoning himself, members of his family, members of his administration or members of his presidential campaign.

The pardon power is supposed to be a safety valve against injustice. It is not supposed to be a way for presidents to put themselves, their families and members of their administration above the law.

Unless we change the Constitution, however, this is how it could be used.

There are already serious questions swirling around the current President, his family and members of his administration—including possible collusion with Russia during the 2016 presidential election, which is currently being investigated by Special Counsel Robert Mueller.

To ensure that everyone is treated equally under the law, we need to amend the Constitution to narrow the scope of the pardon power.

I urge my colleagues to pass this amendment without delay.