

Sam's gentle spirit and his winsome manner proved effective in his dealings with Members of Congress and staff, as well as the Department of State and the diplomatic community. His insights, experience, sound advice and friendship will be sorely missed. My prayers are with his family as they grieve the loss of their husband and father.

AMBASSADOR SAMUEL G. WISE

HON. BILL RICHARDSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 1997

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I received the news of my friend Samuel Wise's passing. Ambassador Wise was a great public servant for the United States, and he will be missed dearly.

His service to the United States during the cold war exemplifies what is best about the U.S. foreign policy. Samuel was an outspoken defender of dissidents, refuseniks, prisoners of conscience, and other individuals caught under the grinding strictures of tyranny.

His legacy will be the hope he brought to those he helped free from oppression, and the process he helped create which seeks to advance human civilization. The United States and the world has lost a great man and a true humanitarian. I will miss him and his counsel.

ARTHUR SHORES—ALABAMA'S
DRUM MAJOR FOR JUSTICE

HON. EARL F. HILLIARD

OF ALABAMA

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Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, in December 1996, America lost one of its greatest warriors for peace, justice, and equal opportunity. Arthur Shores, a man of unquestioned courage and character, passed away this past December. Arthur Shores is a revered figure in Alabama history and a significant persona of the civil rights movement.

Mr. Shores, a native Alabamian, was a graduate of Talladega College. He received his juris doctor from LaSalle University. In 1937, Mr. Shores passed the Alabama State Bar Examination. As a newly practicing attorney, he faced many forms of racial discrimination and resistance in his profession, but triumphed nonetheless.

Mr. Shores was the only black practicing attorney in Alabama in the early 1940's. He practiced civil rights law all over the State of Alabama. However, he was also called upon to handle cases outside of the State that had national significance. For example, he was one of the NAACP lawyers associated with the Brown versus Board of Education case. He also represented notable civil rights pioneers such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Autherine Lucy, Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, and Vivian Malone.

Arthur Shores' civil rights work on behalf of all Alabamians is his living legacy for my State. He not only was part of change during the civil rights era, but he made it happen through his exceptional achievement as a civil rights jurist. He is regarded as one of the most brilliant and courageous pioneers in jurisprudence and social justice in this country. He

was a destiny changer; one who made a difference in human and race relations. His courage and persistence through the use of the law would have profound impact on the social justice system of the State of Alabama, the South, the United States, and indeed the world.

His efforts on behalf of the politically and economically disenfranchised came with a price. In 1963, his home was bombed twice. No one was injured, but the incidents were examples of the hostility faced by a civil rights attorney. Still, he continued. Still, he fought the good fight.

Moreover, he was a family man. He clearly understood the meaning of family. His daughter Helen said her fondest childhood memories include going to the movies with her father and sister Barbara.

"Every Sunday for as long as I can remember he took us to the Eighth Avenue Theater to watch the serials and the western movies, rain or shine," she said. "If he flew out of town, he always came back to take us to the movies, even if he had to fly out on Monday."

"He was my best friend. I could always depend on him. He was always there, even for the grandchildren. Those who knew my father will tell you he was a very humble man. He was always one to turn the other cheek. Even when they bombed his house twice, I never heard him say one unkind word about anybody," she concluded.

Arthur Shores will be remembered for the court cases he won, the legal precedents he set, and the role he played in tearing down barriers; however, it is the comments from his daughter Helen that really show you the measure of the man. Arthur Shores was a man for all seasons—smart, dedicated, compassionate, and humble. I am honored to have known him and to have considered him my friend.