

RICHLAND COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**2017 MEMORIAL SERVICE****FRIDAY, THE 9TH OF JUNE, 2017*********

MEMORIAL SERVICES BEING HELD FOR: WILLIAM FREDERICK "BILL" AUSTIN, BY RAYMON E. LARK, JR.; WILLIAM FRANK "BILL" COTTY, BY DONALD E. JONAS; VANCE LEE COWDEN BY W. LEWIS BURKE, JR.; JUDITH MONASTRA DAVIS, BY DUNCAN S. MCINTOSH; BRUCE GREGORY DEW, BY THE HONORABLE J. STEEDLEY BOGAN; ANN LONGWELL FURR, BY JASON M. BOBERTZ; THE HONORABLE TANYA AMBER GEE, BY CHRISTOPHER R. KOON; THE HONORABLE J. ERNEST KINARD, JR., BY THE HONORABLE G. THOMAS COOPER, JR.; ANTHONY RENE PLANTE, BY STANLEY G. FREEMAN; JAMES HAYES QUACKENBUSH, JR., BY JOE E. BERRY, JR.; AND KITRINA JOY WRIGHT, BY MARK C. MOORE.

PRESIDED OVER BY: THE HONORABLE DEANDREA G. BENJAMIN, RESIDENT CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT.

PRESIDENT OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION: DAVID A. MAXFIELD.

THE HONORABLE JUDGE BENJAMIN: GOOD AFTERNOON. YOU MAY BE SEATED.

FOR THOSE OF WHO DO NOT KNOW ME, I AM DEANDREA BENJAMIN, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE HERE IN RICHLAND AND KERSHAW COUNTIES.

I WANT TO FIRST THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE TODAY AT THIS MEMORIAL SERVICE. AS YOU KNOW, OR SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW, THAT THIS SERVICE IS PURSUANT TO 15-273 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, AND IT WAS ENACTED IN 1965, AND IT SAYS THAT WE WERE TO SET ASIDE THIS DAY TO RECOGNIZE AND MEMORIALIZE MEMBERS OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY BAR WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY IN THE LAST YEAR. SO I DO WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PRESENCE HERE TODAY.

I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE MY COLLEAGUES. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT WE HAVE OUR RETIRED CHIEF JUSTICE, COSTA PLEICONES; ALSO, FROM OUR COURT OF APPEALS, WE HAVE JUDGE PAUL SHORT, JUDGE STEPHANIE MCDONALD; WE HAVE, I BELIEVE SPEAKING TODAY, JUDGE COOPER, G. THOMAS COOPER, WHO IS A RETIRED RESIDENT JUDGE HERE IN RICHLAND AND THE FIFTH CIRCUIT, WE HAVE JUDGE MANNING AND JUDGE ALISON LEE, AND WE ALSO HAVE JUDGE JOCELYN NEWMAN, JUDGE ROBERT HOOD; AND WE ALSO HAVE OUR RESIDENT FAMILY COURT JUDGE, JUDGE MICHELLE HURLEY. I WOULD LIKE TO ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU.

AT THIS TIME WE WILL HAVE COMMENTS FROM DAVID MAXFIELD, WHO IS PRESIDENT OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY BAR.

MR. MAXFIELD: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR. MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT?

I'M DAVID MAXFIELD, AND IT IS MY HONOR TO BE THE PRESIDENT OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION THIS YEAR. IF YOU ARE ANYTHING LIKE ME, NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU WALK INTO COURT YOU GET A LITTLE BIT NERVOUS. I ALWAYS WANT TO SAY THE RIGHT THING AT THE RIGHT TIME, I WANT TO SAY IT IN THE RIGHT WAY, AND ESPECIALLY ON A DAY LIKE TODAY WHEN WE PAUSE TO REMEMBER THOSE WE HAVE LOST IN THE LAST YEAR AND TAKE TIME OUT FROM OUR PRACTICES. I REALLY WANT TO GET IT RIGHT IN THE MINUTE OR TWO THAT I HAVE.

I THINK IN OUR LIVES AS LAWYERS WE ALL WANT TO BE REMEMBERED AS EXCELLENT. SO MUCH OF WHAT WE DO AS LAWYERS INVOLVE SAYING THE RIGHT THING, IN THE RIGHT WAY AT A TRIAL, GIVING ADVICE TO OUR CLIENTS, AND TALKING TO OUR COLLEAGUES. AND THAT MAKES ME NERVOUS BECAUSE WHEN I STAND UP HERE FOR THE MINUTE OR TWO I HAVE BEFORE YOU TODAY TO HONOR OUR FRIENDS, I REALLY WANT TO GET IT RIGHT.

WE HAVE A LIST OF WHO WE LOST. I LOOKED OVER IT TODAY, AND I STARTED TO THINK, IT IS NOT REALLY WHAT WE SAY THAT MATTERS IN THE END. MOST OF WHAT WE COME IN HERE AND SAY WILL

BE FORGOTTEN. WHAT WE ARE REMEMBERED FOR IN THE END IS WHAT WE DID AND WHO WE WERE AND HOW WE TREATED OUR FRIENDS AND OUR COLLEAGUES; EVEN MORE THAN THAT, WHO WE WERE IN OUR LIFE OUTSIDE OF HERE AS PEOPLE, NOT JUST ON A DAY LIKE TODAY OR ONE DAY IN COURT, BUT OVER THE LIFETIME OF A CAREER.

AS YOU WILL HEAR TODAY, THE LIFETIME OF A CAREER FOR SOME OF OUR COLLEAGUES WAS A LONG ONE, AND THERE ARE OTHERS IT WAS TRAGIC AND MUCH TOO SHORT. WHETHER OUR FRIENDS THAT WE PAUSE TO HONOR TODAY AND REMEMBER WERE WITH US FOR A LONG TIME OR A SHORT TIME, WE ARE GOING TO REMEMBER THEM TODAY FOR NOT JUST WHAT THEY SAID ON A FEW OCCASIONS, BUT WHAT THEY DID AND WHO THEY WERE ACROSS A LIFETIME, NOT JUST TO US AS LAWYERS, BUT AS SONS AND DAUGHTERS, HUSBANDS AND WIVES, MOTHERS, FATHERS, AND FRIENDS.

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY. THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL AND UNIQUE THING THAT OUR BAR DOES, TO PAUSE FROM EVERYTHING ELSE AND TAKE A MOMENT AND REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS. WE WILL HEAR FROM THOSE WHO HONOR AND LOVE THEM.

THANK YOU, JUDGE BENJAMIN. THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

THE HONORABLE JUDGE BENJAMIN: THANK YOU.

AT THIS TIME WE WILL HEAR FROM OUR SPEAKERS. I WILL REMIND OUR SPEAKERS THAT THERE IS A THREE MINUTE TIME LIMIT, AND FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO GO OVER THE THREE MINUTE TIME LIMIT, YOU WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH JUDGE HOOD. SO I DO REMIND YOU THAT THERE IS A THREE MINUTE TIME LIMIT.

WE WILL FIRST HEAR FROM MR. RAYMON LARK, WHO WILL SPEAK ON BEHALF OF WILLIAM FREDERICK "BILL" AUSTIN.

THANK YOU.

MR. LARK: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR, MEMBERS OF THE HONORABLE JUDGE BENJAMIN, FELLOW BAR MEMBERS.

I AM RAYMON LARK, AND ON BEHALF OF FIRM MEMBERS TIM ROGERS, RICHARD WHITT, ED EUBANKS, MIKE DUNCAN, MYSELF, AND OUR

STAFF AT AUSTIN & ROGERS, P.A., I OFFER THESE COMMENTS IN REMEMBRANCE OF BILL AUSTIN -- A VETERAN, AN OUTSTANDING ATTORNEY, LAW PARTNER, GENTLEMAN, SCHOLAR, HUSBAND, FATHER, GRANDFATHER, CHURCH SUPPORTER, AND LEADER. WE MISS THIS GREAT PERSON DEARLY.

BY THE TIME I BEGAN PRACTICING LAW IN 1978, BILL HAD ALREADY SHOWN HIMSELF TO BE A REAL GEM OF AN ATTORNEY -- AS AN ASSISTANT SOUTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL, PSC GENERAL COUNSEL, SOUTH CAROLINA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER, AND PRIVATE PRACTITIONER.

AND BY THE TIME I LEFT THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS IN AUGUST 1992 AND JOINED LOCAL LAW FIRM BELSER, LEWIS, ROGERS, AND LARK, P.A., AND IN 1997, APRIL -- WHEN BILL AND RICHARD WHITT JOINED THE FIRM RENAMED AUSTIN, LEWIS, & ROGERS, P.A. -- I GOT TO KNOW BILL AS A LAW PARTNER IN ADDITION TO THE CAPABLE OPPONENT HE HAD BEEN IN VARIOUS PUBLIC UTILITY CASES OVER SEVERAL YEARS.

AND AS WE WORKED TOGETHER AT OUR LAW FIRM, WHERE HE AND I HAD ADJACENT OFFICES, I UNDERSTOOD WHY HIS FAMILY AND OTHERS DEARLY LOVE AND CARE FOR HIM.

HE ENJOYED PEOPLE, GOOD MUSIC, GOOD FOOD, AND GREAT WINE. BEYOND BEING A LOVER OF THE LAW, HIS TALENTS INCLUDED GROWING ORCHIDS AND OTHER WONDERFUL FLOWERS, HOSTING FIRM HOLIDAY PARTIES WITH BECKY, HIS LOVELY WIFE, GOLFING, AND GETTING ALONG WELL WITH OTHERS -- EVEN CROSBY LEWIS, TIM ROGERS, AND ME -- FOR THE MOST PART!

I CONSIDER BILL TO HAVE BEEN A REAL FRIEND, AND I MISS HIM VERY MUCH. I CONSIDER IT AN HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO HAVE SPENT MORE THAN HALF MY CAREER AS AN ATTORNEY AND PARTNER IN OUR LAW FIRM WITH HIM.

SO, BILL, MAY YOU REST IN PEACE AND MAY WE SYMBOLICALLY LIFT OUR GLASSES TO TOAST YOU AND FELLOW LATE MEMBERS OF THE BAR NOW.

HEAR, HEAR!

AUDIENCE: HEAR, HEAR!

THE HONORABLE JUDGE BENJAMIN: THANK YOU, MR. LARK.

NEXT WE WILL HEAR FROM DONALD JONAS, ON BEHALF OF WILLIAM FRANK "BILL" COTTY.

MR. JONAS: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

I AM KIND OF AT A DISADVANTAGE BECAUSE MY LAW PARTNER SPENT SO MUCH TIME IN COMMUNITY SERVICE, TO JUST LIST WHAT HE HAS ACCOMPLISHED IN HIS LIFE WOULD TAKE TEN MINUTES TO EVEN READ IT OUT.

LET ME JUST SAY THIS ABOUT BILL COTTY. AND PRESENT HERE TODAY, OF COURSE, IS AMELIA COTTY, HIS WIFE OF 47 YEARS, AND HIS VERY DEDICATED PARALEGAL JOLANDA.

BILL WAS A PIECE OF WORK. YOU KNOW, THEY CALLED HIM - - APPROPRIATELY, I THINK -- IN THE LEGISLATURE "WILD BILL" ON OCCASION. BILL SPENT SEVEN TERMS IN THE LEGISLATURE. HE WAS A SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN, WAS ELECTED TO THE SCHOOL BOARD I THINK A NUMBER OF TIMES, AND AS THE SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN HE HAD DEVELOPED A REPUTATION FOR BEING IN CONTROL. YOU KNOW, AS A FELLOW THAT HAD A PROBABLY SOMEWHAT SMALL STATURE, HE CAST A BIG SHADOW.

ONE OF THINGS THAT BILL ALWAYS WAS PROUDEST OF WAS HIS WORK IN THE LEGISLATURE. YOU KNOW, AS HE WORKED THROUGH THE CONTROVERSY OVER TAKING DOWN THE CONFEDERATE FLAG FROM THE STATEHOUSE, HE WAS THE FLOOR LEADER AND EVENTUALLY ACCOMPLISHED THAT, AND OF COURSE MANAGED IT THROUGH THE SENATE SO THAT IT EFFECTIVELY SATISFIED AT LEAST THOSE PEOPLE THAT WERE OF GOOD CHARACTER AND WANTED TO ACCOMPLISH THE BEST THING FOR THE STATE.

YOU KNOW, BILL WORKED, IN ADDITION TO HIS COMMUNITY OR HIS WORK AS A LEGISLATOR, YOU KNOW, HE WAS A TRUSTEE FOR THE BOY SCOUTS, HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD, SERVED FOR 38 YEARS AND ACHIEVED THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

WHEN I FIRST MET BILL AND AMELIA, IT WAS 1977. AND BILL HAD THEN JUST LEFT THE WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT WHERE HE HAD WORKED ON THE HERITAGE TRUST ACT ACQUIRING STATE LANDS FOR PRESERVATION.

THE FIRST THING I NOTICED ABOUT BILL WAS THAT HE HAD A SENSE OF HUMOR, AND THAT WAS PROBABLY AN UNDERSTATEMENT HERE. HE TOOK THAT EVERYWHERE, AND APPARENTLY HE INFECTED HIS WIFE AMELIA, WHO ALSO ENJOYS A RIVAL SENSE OF HUMOR, AND THAT IS WHEN THEY RENDERED MY WIFE AND I HELPLESS IN THE BACK SEAT OF THEIR CAR IN CAMDEN WAITING TO GET OUT OF THE PARKING LOT AFTER THE CUP. THEY DID THEIR BEST BURNS AND ALLEN ROUTINE, AND JUST LITERALLY TO THIS DAY IF I COULD PUT THAT ON TAPE I COULD SELL IT AROUND.

AMELIA, IT TURNS OUT TO BE, OF COURSE, ONE OF THE FINEST LADIES I CAN THINK OF. HER GRACE AND HER SENSE OF HUMOR AND UNBELIEVABLE PATIENCE WAS LITERALLY THE CORE OF THE COTTY FAMILY. AND SHE CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO BILL'S REPUTATION, AND CERTAINLY IT NEEDED SOME WORK.

OVER THE PAST 40 YEARS I HAVE BEEN VERY CLOSE TO THIS FAMILY, AND MY IMPRESSION OF AMELIA HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY CONFIRMED. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO THINK OF BILL WITHOUT AMELIA, AND I CREDIT HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO BILL AND THEIR FAMILY AS THE REASON FOR THEIR SUCCESS IN LIFE.

JUST A LITTLE MORE ABOUT BILL AND HIS HIJINKS. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS. WE WOULD BE HERE UNTIL HAPPY HOUR IF I WENT THROUGH THIS, BUT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I RECALL SPECIFICALLY WAS THEY HAD AN IMPORTANT CASE IN THE SUPREME COURT. AND JUSTICE LEWIS WAS THE CHIEF JUSTICE AT THE TIME. AND I HAD PREPARED A CASE AND ARRIVED FOR ORAL ARGUMENT. BILL CAME ALONG WITH ME. NOW, BILL NEVER CLAIMED TO BE A LITIGATION LAWYER OR AN APPELLATE LAWYER, BUT HE WAS A FINE REAL ESTATE LAWYER, AND HE HAD A LOT OF POTENTIAL TO BE WHATEVER HE CHOSE,

BUT HE CAME ALONG AND HE SAT DOWN AT THE COUNSEL BENCH, AND I GAVE MY OPENING ARGUMENT. I THOUGHT I GOT A POSITIVE REACTION FROM JUSTICE LEWIS. AND I GOT SOME GOOD QUESTIONS FROM JUSTICE GREGORY. BUT AS WE SAT DOWN, OR I SAT DOWN, HEYWARD BELSER AND CHARLIE BAKER GOT UP, AND OF COURSE THEY WERE FINE AND CAPABLE FELLOWS, AND I WAS ACTUALLY A FAIRLY YOUNG PUP AND I WAS ABOUT TO GET MY HEAD HANDED TO ME.

SO THEY WENT ON. AND AS IT TURNED OUT, BILL SAT THERE AND HE SKETCHED ON A LEGAL PAD WITH A SHARPIE AN APPEARANCE -- A PICTURE THAT LOOKED LIKE THE BENCH OF THE SUPREME COURT WITH THE JUSTICES BEHIND IT AND IT LOOKED LIKE MT. OLYMPUS, AND AT THE TOP OF IT WAS JUSTICE NESS APPEARING AS ZEUS WITH LIGHTNING BOLTS BEING THROWN DOWN ON SOME HAPLESS LITTLE FELLOW BELOW, WHICH I PRESUME WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ME.

SO I GOT UP. AND, YOU KNOW, I THINK THE WHOLE BASIS OF THIS IS SOMEHOW THE UNHAPPY LOOK ON JUSTICE NESS'S FACE WHICH CAUSED THIS LIGHTNING BOLT ILLUSION. AND SO AS I GOT BACK UP, HE SHOWED ME THIS THING. AND, OF COURSE, I TURNED AROUND, AND THE FIRST THING AS I GOT INTO MY REPLY -- AND JUSTICE NESS WENT AFTER GOLD HERE -- AND AS I TRIED TO RESPOND, I THOUGHT I COULD SMELL LIGHTNING.

WELL, IT MADE ME -- IT MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN AS FUNNY EVERYWHERE OR TO ANYONE ELSE BUT ME, BUT I ACTUALLY HAD A SMILE ON MY FACE, AND I ENDED UP LOOKING LIKE A VILLAGE IDIOT BECAUSE I WAS TRYING TO SMILE AT JUSTICE NESS, WHO WAS NOT KIND TO THE VILLAGE IDIOT.

SO, ANYWAY, IT IS A GOOD THING TO SAY ON BEHALF OF BILL COTTY THAT AT THE TIME THAT -- IN THE 40 YEARS I HAVE KNOWN BILL AND HIS FAMILY, THAT IT HAS BEEN A TRIP. YOU KNOW, EACH TIME -- OUR KIDS GREW UP TOGETHER, THEY ALL MADE THE SAME MISTAKES, WE ALL HAD THE SAME TURMOILS, AND SOMEHOW OR ANOTHER BILL MANAGED TO GET ENOUGH DONE IN HIS LIFETIME -- AS I SAY, YOU

KNOW, IF YOU LISTED OUT BETWEEN HIS LEGISLATIVE AND SCHOOL BOARD AND COMMUNITY SERVICE, YOU WOULD HAVE TO JUST WONDER WHY -- HOW HE EVER HAD TIME TO PRACTICE LAW. BUT THE THING THAT DISTINGUISHES HIM TO ME IS HIS SENSE OF HUMOR AND UNDERSTANDING IN A PROFESSION THAT UNFORTUNATELY NOW IS GRIM AT TIMES.

SO ONE OF THE THINGS I'LL SAY IN CONCLUSION ACTUALLY ARE WORDS WRITTEN ON THE WEST SIDE BY SOME FELLOW BY THE NAME OF EARL CAPPS OF INDIAN LAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, WHO I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT.

HE SAID, "BILL WAS A PASSIONATE GUY WITH A SOMETIMES IRREVERENT TAKE ON POLITICS, TO SAY THE LEAST, WHO WORKED FOR A BETTER STATE FOR OVER TWO DECADES IN PUBLIC OFFICE, AS WELL AS 38 YEARS IN THE GUARD. LOTS OF PEOPLE TALK ABOUT POLITICS AND WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE WORLD AROUND THEM, BUT FEW CAN SAY THEY'VE PUT IN A FRACTION OF THE EFFORT BILL PUT INTO SERVING HIS COMMUNITY, STATE AND COUNTRY, ALL THE WHILE MAKING PEOPLE SMILE AND LAUGH, EVEN WHEN THEY WERE IMPATIENT, DISSATISFIED AND HURT."

OF COURSE, YOU KNOW I HAVE ONLY ONE THING LEFT TO SAY. I THANK YOU, BILL, AND I THANK YOU, AMELIA, WILL, MOLLY, AND ANNE MARIE FOR SHARING YOUR LIFE WITH US, WE ARE ALL VERY MUCH BETTER FOR IT.

THANK YOU.

THE HONORABLE JUDGE BENJAMIN: THANK YOU.

NEXT WE WILL HEAR FROM LEWIS BURKE, JR., ON BEHALF OF VANCE LEE COWDEN.

MR. BURKE: FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE BAR.

MY FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE, VANCE LEE COWDEN, WAS BORN IN 1949 IN PITTSBURGH AND WAS RAISED IN EASTON, PENNSYLVANIA. HE GRADUATED FROM WAYNESBURG COLLEGE IN 1971 WHERE HE AND HIS WIFE MARY JANE HAD ATTENDED AND FROM WHICH THEY ELOPED TO WEST VIRGINIA TO BE MARRIED.

AFTER GRADUATING IN 1971 THEY MOVED TO COLUMBIA WHERE VANCE ENROLLED IN USC LAW SCHOOL. AFTER GRADUATION IN 1974 HE WAS OFFERED AND HIRED IN A POSITION IN THE LAW SCHOOL CLINICS.

OVER THE NEXT 34 YEARS VANCE ROSE FROM BEING A STAFF ATTORNEY TO BEING A FULL PROFESSOR OF LAW AND CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL LEGAL STUDIES. HE TAUGHT THE JUVENILE JUSTICE CLINIC, TRIAL ADVOCACY, PRETRIAL PRACTICE, AND OTHER COURSES. HE COACHED THE TRIAL COMPETITION TEAMS FOR A SHORT TIME AND TWICE WON THE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL AND ADVANCED TO THE NATIONALS.

HE WAS A SCHOLAR AND A LAWYER. HE WAS AN EXPERT IN CRIMINAL LAW, EVIDENCE, TRIAL PRACTICE, AND WROTE AND PUBLISHED BOTH ARTICLES AND BOOKS. HE SUPERVISED HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS IN THEIR FIRST CASES AND THEIR FIRST TRIALS. HIS STUDENTS LOVED HIM FOR HIS TUTELAGE, HIS SENSE OF HUMOR, AND HIS ZEALOUS ADVOCACY FOR HIS CLIENTS. IN ADDITION TO HIS CASES WITH STUDENTS, HE TOOK ON PRO BONO WORK, INCLUDING DEATH PENALTY CASES, ONE OF WHICH LASTED FOR OVER TWO DECADES.

VANCE WAS A GREAT FRIEND AND A WONDERFUL COLLEAGUE, A PERSON THAT YOU LOVED TO SPEND TIME WITH. HE WAS LOVED BY ALL OF US AT THE LAW SCHOOL.

LISA DAVIS, THE LAW SCHOOL CLINIC'S OFFICE MANAGER, REMEMBERS HIS PUNS AND WHEN VANCE WOULD JUST BURST OUT INTO SONG FROM OKLAHOMA. I AM TOLD THAT MARY JANE AND HIS DAUGHTER ADRIENNE WOULD HIDE THE TELEVISION GUIDE FROM HIM FOR FEAR THAT HE WOULD DISCOVER THAT OKLAHOMA WAS ON TV AGAIN AND THEY WOULD HAVE TO SUFFER THROUGH IT AGAIN.

HE AND PROFESSOR PAT FLYNN WON THE STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION'S TRIVIA CONTEST SO OFTEN THAT THEY BEGGED THEM TO RETIRE SO SOMEONE ELSE COULD WIN AND IN EXCHANGE COULD PUT THEIR NAMES ON THE TROPHY.

HE LOVED DRINKING BEER WITH HIS FRIENDS, GOLF, PUNS, ROCK AND ROLL, THE PITTSBURGH PIRATES, AND GAMECOCK BASKETBALL. I TRULY HAD A TEAR IN MY EYE WHEN THE GAMECOCKS MADE THE FINAL FOUR -- FINALLY -- BUT VANCE DID NOT GET TO EXPERIENCE IT.

VANCE AND I SHARED MANY THINGS TOGETHER PROFESSIONALLY AND PERSONALLY -- WORKING WITH STUDENTS, CO-REPRESENTING CLIENTS, CO-TEACHING COURSES, BUT WE ALSO SHARED THE SAME DENTIST. AND OUR DENTIST'S STAFF KNEW VANCE VERY WELL, BECAUSE HE REFUSED NOVOCAIN FOR ANY KIND OF PROCEDURE. IT WAS THIS HIGH TOLERANCE OF PAIN AND HIS WONDERFUL SENSE OF HUMOR THAT STOOD OUT IN VANCE'S LONG, LONG BATTLE WITH CANCER. IN FACT, MARY JANE THINKS THAT HIS SENSE OF HUMOR WAS THE BEST MEDICINE FOR BOTH OF THEM IN HIS LAST DAYS.

VANCE IS SURVIVED BY MARY JANE, HIS DAUGHTER ADRIENNE, HIS GRANDSON CONNOR, HIS BEST FRIENDS BILL TOAL AND PAT FLYNN, AND MANY GRATEFUL CLIENTS, ADMIRING STUDENTS, AND SO MANY, MANY MEMBERS OF THE BAR. HE IS TRULY MISSED BY ALL.

THE HONORABLE JUDGE BENJAMIN: THANK YOU.

NEXT WE WILL HEAR FROM DUNCAN MCINTOSH, ON BEHALF OF JUDITH MONASTRA DAVIS.

MR. MCINTOSH: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

I AM OBVIOUSLY NOT HOWARD BOYD, UNLESS HE HAS GOTTEN A LOT SHORTER AND FATTER.

I AM DUNCAN MCINTOSH, A MEMBER OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY BAR SINCE 1985, AND A LAWYER AT BLUE CROSS SINCE 1994. I AM HERE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT JUDY DAVIS.

AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, JUDY SERVED MORE THAN 22 YEARS AS GENERAL COUNSEL AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER AT BLUE CROSS. SHE HAD A DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONAL CAREER AND WAS A KEY EXECUTIVE FOR THE COMPANY. I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING FOR HER FROM 1994 UNTIL HER UNTIMELY DEATH LAST FALL.

JUDY CAME TO BLUE CROSS IN 1994 FROM LINCOLN NATIONAL CORPORATION. SHE WAS GENERAL COUNSEL FOR BLUE CROSS FROM 1994 UNTIL HER APPOINTMENT AS THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER IN 2009. IN THAT ROLE SHE SERVED AS THE SENIOR OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR FIVE OF THE CORPORATION'S SUBSIDIARIES: COMPANION LIFE, COMPANION CAPTIVE, COMPANION PROPERTY & CASUALTY, COMPANION COMMERCIAL, AND UCI MEDICAL AFFILIATES. THREE CORPORATE DIVISIONS ALSO REPORTED TO HER -- LAW, GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS, AND COMMUNICATIONS.

JUDY WAS NOT ONLY AN IMPRESSIVE BUSINESSWOMAN, BUT A DEDICATED COMMUNITY CHAMPION, WHO LEFT AN INDELIBLE MARK ON THE MIDLANDS. SHE SERVED ON THE BOARDS OR IN LEADERSHIP CAPACITY IN MANY NON-PROFIT, CIVIC, AND EDUCATIONAL ENTITIES, INCLUDING UNITED WAY OF THE MIDLANDS, CENTRAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, SOUTH CAROLINA CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT TEEN PREGNANCY, TRINITY HOUSING CORPORATION, ENGENUITY SC, SC LAUNCH, PALMETTO CONSERVATION FOUNDATION, COLUMBIA COLLEGE, AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS -- TO NAME JUST A FEW.

ONE OF JUDY'S FAVORITE SAYINGS WAS: "YOU ARE WHAT YOU DO." AND SHE LIVED THAT EVERY DAY.

I REMEMBER JUDY FOR HER OPTIMISM, HER BOUNDLESS ENTHUSIASM, AND SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF OTHERS, BUT ABOVE ALL, AS ONE OF THE KINDEST PEOPLE I HAVE EVER KNOWN. JUDY VALUED KINDNESS ABOVE ALL ELSE, AND FREQUENTLY SPOKE ABOUT ITS IMPORTANCE IN BUSINESS AND IN LEADERSHIP.

IN 2014, JUDY RECEIVED THE PRESTIGIOUS HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM THE UNITED WAY OF THE MIDLANDS.

IN ACCEPTING THAT AWARD, JUDY SAID: "IN CLOSING, I WANT TO SHARE MY FAVORITE QUOTE, WHICH COMES FROM NELSON MANDELA: 'THERE IS NO PASSION IN PLAYING SMALL -- IN SETTling

FOR A LIFE THAT IS LESS THAN THE ONE YOU ARE CAPABLE OF LIVING.'"

JUDY DAVIS NEVER PLAYED SMALL.

HER UNTIMELY PASSING WAS A TREMENDOUS LOSS TO BLUE CROSS, THE MIDLANDS, THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO ALL OF US WHO KNEW AND LOVED HER.

THANK YOU.

THE HONORABLE JUDGE BENJAMIN: THANK YOU.

NEXT WE WILL HEAR FROM THE HONORABLE STEEDLEY BOGAN, ON BEHALF OF BRUCE GREGORY DEW.

THE HONORABLE JUDGE BOGAN: JUDGE BENJAMIN, AND MEMBERS OF THE BAR.

I FIRST MET BRUCE DEW IN AUGUST OF 1973 WHEN WE WERE BOTH STARTING OUR FIRST YEAR IN LAW SCHOOL. HE WAS MY COLLEAGUE AND FRIEND FROM 1973 UNTIL HE DIED ON AUGUST 17, 2016.

FROM ALL ACCOUNTS OF HIS EARLY YEARS, BRUCE'S FAMILY HAD LITTLE MONEY AND FREQUENTLY MOVED AROUND FROM TOWN TO TOWN. WE DO KNOW THAT BRUCE WAS BORN IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND WAS PRIMARILY EDUCATED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF AIKEN COUNTY.

BEFORE LAW SCHOOL, BRUCE RECEIVED AN ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE AT THE AIKEN REGIONAL CAMPUS, THEN MOVED TO COLUMBIA AND RECEIVED A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES, CUM LAUDE, FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

HIS EDUCATION CONTINUED AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY IN WASHINGTON, D.C., WHERE HE RECEIVED A DIPLOMA IN COMPARATIVE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS.

FINALLY, HE RECEIVED A JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE, CUM LAUDE, IN 1976 FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF LAW.

WHILE IN SCHOOL, BRUCE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING HONORS AND AWARDS: WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES; PRESIDENT, OUTSTANDING STUDENT MEMBER AND SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL

DEPUTY OF THE ODK (NATIONAL HONORARY LEADERSHIP SOCIETY); AND WIG AND ROBE, HONORARY SCHOLASTIC LEGAL SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF LAW.

WHILE IN SCHOOL BRUCE WAS ALWAYS GAINFULLY EMPLOYED. IN AIKEN, BEFORE AND DURING HIS COLLEGE YEARS, HE WAS A SOCIAL WORKER AND MANAGER OF WELFARE SERVICES FOR THE SALVATION ARMY. WHILE IN LAW SCHOOL, HE WORKED AS A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR FOR HUGH ROBERTS INVESTIGATIONS OF COLUMBIA AND CLERKED FOR TOM TURNIPSEED AT THE FIRM OF TURNIPSEED AND ROTHWELL.

SHORTLY AFTER GRADUATING FROM LAW SCHOOL, BRUCE BECAME A PARTNER IN THE FIRM OF TURNIPSEED AND DEW. HE ALWAYS WORKED ON POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS FOR HIS PARTNER. BRUCE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING TOM TURNIPSEED'S VICTORY IN TURNIPSEED'S CAMPAIGN FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE.

IN THE EARLY DAYS OF HIS PRACTICE, BRUCE AND TOM WERE THEN ALSO JOINED BY THE LATE MARC WESTBROOK, WHO WAS AT THAT TIME A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

BELONGING TO A FIRM WITH POWERFUL POLITICAL CONNECTIONS, BRUCE WAS APPOINTED TO SERVE AS THE WEST COLUMBIA MAGISTRATE. THIS WAS ABOUT TWO YEARS AFTER HE GRADUATED FROM LAW SCHOOL. HE SERVED WITH DISTINCTION FROM MARCH OF 1979 UNTIL SEPTEMBER OF 1980. AFTER HIS FIRST SIX MONTHS, HE WAS APPOINTED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT TO BE AN ASSISTANT CHIEF MAGISTRATE FOR LEXINGTON COUNTY AND WAS APPOINTED TO -- WAS ASKED TO DEVELOP AND SEEK IMPLEMENTATION OF REFORMS FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA MAGISTRATE'S COURT SYSTEM. WHILE DOING SO, HE INSTITUTED ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELING PROGRAMS FOR THE HONORABLE JUDGE BENJAMIN, AS WELL AS A COMMUNITY SERVICE ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING PROGRAM FOR FIRST OFFENDERS.

NO DOUBT HE WOULD HAVE CONTINUED TO SERVE IN THAT JUDICIAL POSITION, BUT AN OPPORTUNITY AROSE WHICH NO ONE COULD REFUSE. BRUCE WAS SELECTED TO SERVE AS A WHITE HOUSE FELLOW AND

WAS ASSIGNED AS A SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, WASHINGTON, D.C. BRUCE FIRST SERVED IN THE WHITE HOUSE FELLOW PROGRAM UNDER PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER AND STAYED ON TO SERVE UNDER PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN. AT THE CONCLUSION OF HIS TIME AS A WHITE HOUSE FELLOW, BRUCE WAS ELECTED THE PERMANENT CLASS REPRESENTATIVE AND PRESIDENT OF THE WHITE HOUSE FELLOW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

HE WORKED WITH THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. HIS WORK WITH THEM ALSO AFFORDED HIM AN OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL EXTENSIVELY IN EUROPE AND SOUTH AMERICA. THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE, BRUCE HAD A LOVE FOR TRAVELING. HE FREQUENTED THE OUTER BANKS IN NORTH CAROLINA AND MADE MANY TRIPS TO ALASKA.

WHEN BRUCE RETURNED TO SOUTH CAROLINA FROM HIS SERVICE IN WASHINGTON, GOVERNOR RICHARD RILEY SELECTED HIM TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS FOR THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

IN THE EARLY 80'S, TOM TURNIPSEED AND I FORMED THE LAW FIRM OF TURNIPSEED AND BOGAN. WHEN BRUCE LEFT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, HE JOINED US TO FORM THE FIRM OF TURNIPSEED, BOGAN AND DEW, WHICH WAS PRIMARILY A PLAINTIFF'S PRACTICE REPRESENTING INJURED ACCIDENT VICTIMS AND WORKERS WITH CLAIMS BEFORE THE WORKERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION.

BRUCE CONTINUED TO PRACTICE FOR OVER 30 YEARS, EXCELLING AS ONE OF MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE AND SUCCESSFUL WORKERS COMPENSATION LAWYERS IN THE STATE. HE CONTINUED TO PRACTICE UNTIL HIS HEALTH FINALLY CAUSED HIM TO RETIRE FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW.

YOU NOW KNOW SOMETHING OF BRUCE'S BACKGROUND AND HIS HISTORY AS A LAWYER. HE WAS ONE OF THE SMARTEST AND MOST SUCCESSFUL LAWYERS I HAVE KNOWN. THERE IS, HOWEVER, MUCH MORE THAT SHOULD BE SAID ABOUT BRUCE. I COULD NOT HELP BUT THINK OF BRUCE WHEN, IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR, I READ AN OPINION ON THE

EDITORIAL PAGES OF THE NEW YORK TIMES ENTITLED "THE POPE ON PANHANDLING: GIVE WITHOUT WORRY" IN WHICH POPE FRANCIS SAID THAT GIVING SOMETHING TO SOMEONE IS "ALWAYS RIGHT." THE POPE WAS ASKED WHAT IF SOMEONE USES THE MONEY TO, SAY, BUY A GLASS OF WINE? HIS ANSWER: "IF A GLASS OF WINE IS THE ONLY HAPPINESS HE HAS IN LIFE, THAT'S O.K." POPE FRANCIS WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE WAY OF GIVING IS AS IMPORTANT AS THE GIFT. YOU SHOULD NOT SIMPLY DROP A BILL IN A CUP AND WALK AWAY. YOU MUST STOP, LOOK THE PERSON IN THE EYES, TOUCH HIS OR HER HANDS. THE REASON IS TO PRESERVE DIGNITY, TO SEE ANOTHER PERSON NOT AS A PATHOLOGY OR A SOCIAL CONDITION, BUT AS A HUMAN, WITH A LIFE WHOSE VALUE IS EQUAL TO YOUR OWN.

FOR THE MANY YEARS THAT I KNEW BRUCE DEW, HE ALWAYS LIVED BY THAT PHILOSOPHY. HE ALWAYS GAVE TO PANHANDLERS WHEN ASKED FOR HELP. THE DOWN AND OUT PEOPLE OF SOCIETY ALWAYS KNEW THEY HAD A FRIEND IN BRUCE. OVER THE YEARS HE HELPED HUNDREDS, IF NOT THOUSANDS, OF PEOPLE WHO WERE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE. THIS WAS ALWAYS HIS APPROACH TO LIFE. BRUCE HAD A GIFT FOR HELPING THOSE WHO HAD THE MOST NEED. PEOPLE IN NEED WHO MET HIM INTUITIVELY COULD SENSE THAT. NO DOUBT HE DID THIS AS A SOCIAL WORKER FOR THE SALVATION ARMY IN AIKEN, AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS FOR THE PALMETTO LEGAL AID AGENCY, AND FOR THE COLUMBIA BOYS CLUB.

THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO KNOW BRUCE BEFORE HE BECAME SICK AND DISABLED KNOW AND UNDERSTAND WHAT I AM SAYING ABOUT HIM. BRUCE DEW WAS A GOOD MAN AND A GOOD LAWYER WHO LIVED IN A WAY THAT WE SHOULD ALL ASPIRE TO.

THANK YOU.

THE HONORABLE JUDGE BENJAMIN: THANK YOU, JUDGE BOGAN.

NEXT WE WILL HEAR FROM JASON BOBERTZ, ON BEHALF OF ANN LONGWELL FURR.

MR. BOBERTZ: I WANT TO THANK THE RICHLAND COUNTY BAR FOR THE CHANCE TO SPEAK ABOUT MY LATE MOTHER-IN-LAW, ANN FURR. IN ADDITION TO BEING A WONDERFUL MOTHER TO HER DAUGHTER SHANNON, WHO IS HERE, A WONDERFUL GRANDMOTHER TO OUR DAUGHTER SARAH, WHO IS HERE, AND A WONDERFUL MOTHER-IN-LAW TO ME, A WONDERFUL COLLEAGUE AND FRIENDS OF MANY OF YOU, SHE WAS A VERY SKILLED ATTORNEY HERE IN COLUMBIA.

AFTER GRADUATING FROM USC UNDERGRAD, ANN TAUGHT FIRST GRADE FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AND LATER ATTENDED USC LAW SCHOOL WHERE SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE LAW REVIEW, AND GRADUATED WITH HONORS.

FOLLOWING GRADUATION, SHE PRACTICED LAW WITH JOHN DELGADO, AND LATER AS A SOLO PRACTITIONER, WHERE SHE CONCENTRATED IN DOMESTIC LITIGATION. A WINNER OF THE COMPLEAT LAWYER AWARD FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF LAW, ANN WAS A LONG-SERVING MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBIA. IN FACT, SHE WAS THE FIRST FEMALE JUDGE FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, AND SHE LATER BECAME THE CHIEF JUDGE THERE.

AFTER ANN DECIDED TO RETIRE FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW IN THE LATE 90'S, SHE JOINED THE PEACE CORPS WHERE SHE WENT TO JORDAN FOR TWO YEARS STARTING IN 2000. BUT SHE RESUMED USING HER LAW DEGREE AGAIN WHEN SHE LIVED IN AZERBAIJAN WORKING WITH AN NGO TO TRAIN THOSE AREA JUDGES IN A RURAL LAW BROTHERHOOD THAT WAS FOUNDED THERE. FOLLOWING THAT, SHE WORKED IN A SIMILAR PROJECT WITH THE US STATE DEPARTMENT IN AFGHANISTAN DURING THE WAR TRAINING MEMBERS OF THE AFGHAN JUDICIARY.

THOSE OF YOU WHO KNOW ANN KNOW THAT SHE LOVED TO TRAVEL, AND SHE WAS A VERY ADVENTUROUS TRAVELER. SHE WENT TO AFRICA ON SAFARI. SHE WENT TO PLACES LIKE AUSTRALIA, BORNEO, INDIA, ICELAND, LATVIA, EGYPT. ANN TRAVELED TO CUBA BEFORE THE EMBARGO ENDED. SHE TOOK OUR DAUGHTER SARAH TO THE SOUTH OF FRANCE WHEN SHE WAS ONLY 7, AND TO CHINA WHEN SHE WAS 9.

ANN EVEN LIVED IN VIETNAM DURING THE WAR IN 1970 AND 1971, WHERE SHE LIVED IN SAIGON AND SERVED IN THE SALVATION ARMY AS A SOCIAL WORKER IN THE CITY JAIL. IN FACT, THE MAYOR OF SAIGON AWARDED HER THE SOCIAL SERVICE MEDAL 2ND CLASS FOR HER WORK THERE.

ANN'S TRAVELS ACTUALLY REALLY PUT HER IN A VERY UNIQUE GROUP. SHE WAS ONE OF THE VERY FEW PEOPLE IN THE WORLD WHO HAS SET FOOT ON ALL SEVEN CONTINENTS, INCLUDING ANTARCTICA, WHERE SHE WENT IN HER LATE 60'S. THAT CLUB WAS SO EXCLUSIVE. IN FACT, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT LESS THAN 0.2 PERCENT OF ALL AMERICANS HAVE DONE THAT.

TURNING BACK TO ANN'S LAW CAREER, THERE ARE REALLY THREE THINGS THAT I THINK MADE ANN SUCH A GREAT LAWYER, SUCH A GOOD MODEL OF YOUNG LAWYERS TO FOLLOW, AND A LAWYER THAT HER CLIENTS HAD SUCH GREAT AFFECTION FOR.

FIRST, SHE HAD A REAL SENSE OF COMPASSION FOR PEOPLE. SHE ALWAYS WANTED TO RIGHT EVERY WRONG THERE WAS IN THE WORLD. SHE DID THAT AS A LAWYER BY HELPING HER CLIENTS, MANY OF WHOM WERE INVOLVED IN DIFFICULT, EVEN DANGEROUS DOMESTIC SITUATIONS. SHE OFFERED THEM COMPASSION, EMPATHY, AND REASSURANCE THAT EVERYTHING WAS GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT.

SECOND, WAS HER WORK ETHIC. NO MATTER WHAT THE OCCASION WAS, ANN WAS UP EARLIER THAN YOU AND SHE WAS OUTWORKING YOU. AND THAT IS HOW SHE LIKED IT. I ALWAYS USED TO SAY ANN FURR DOES MORE BEFORE 5:00 A.M. THAN YOU DO ALL DAY. IT IS VERY TRUE.

FINALLY, HER TOUGHNESS. THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO SAY THIS -- AND I DIDN'T WRITE THIS, MY WIFE DID -- ANN WAS BOSSY, HARD-HEADED, AND DETERMINED, BUT ALMOST ALWAYS IN A GOOD WAY. SHE REALLY, REALLY LOVED A GOOD FIGHT, AND THAT IS A TRAIT I KNOW THAT MOST GREAT LITIGATORS SHARE. I CAN SAY HONESTLY I AM

GLAD I NEVER HAD A CASE AGAINST ANN, BECAUSE I LOST ENOUGH ARGUMENTS WITH HER AS HER SON-IN-LAW.

ANN LOVED TO TRAVEL, SHE LOVED THE LAW, BUT MOST OF ALL SHE LOVED HER FAMILY. SHE WAS VERY GENEROUS WITH EVERYTHING, BUT ESPECIALLY WITH SHANNON, SARAH, AND I. WE MISS HER VERY DEARLY, BUT WE SEE HER JOY FOR LIFE, HER INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY, AND HER LOVE OF THE WORLD LIVING ON IN HER GRANDDAUGHTER SARAH. AND THAT IS A GREAT GIFT.

THANK YOU.

THE HONORABLE JUDGE BENJAMIN: THANK YOU.

NEXT WE WILL HEAR FROM CHRIS KOON, ON BEHALF OF THE HONORABLE TANYA AMBER GEE.

MR. KOON: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR, COLLEAGUES OF THE BAR.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I HAVE SPOKEN IN PUBLIC ABOUT TANYA SINCE HER MEMORIAL SERVICE, AND THAT HAS BEEN PARTIALLY BY DESIGN, JUST BECAUSE I DIDN'T TRUST MYSELF, AND I AM STILL NOT ENTIRELY CONFIDENT, SO IF YOU WILL FORGIVE ME I AM GOING TO TALK AROUND HER A LITTLE BIT. AND IF IT IS ALL RIGHT, I AM JUST GOING TO TELL A STORY.

WHEN I WAS A YOUNG LAWYER, I HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE OF CLERKING FOR JUDGE MATTHEW PERRY, WHICH WAS AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE ALL BY ITSELF. JUDGE PERRY WAS A CIVIL RIGHTS ICON, BUT THE BEST PART OF MY JOB WAS THAT EVERY DAY I GOT TO GO HAVE LUNCH WITH JUDGE PERRY. WAYNE, YOU REMEMBER THAT WAS THE CRITICAL PART OF BEING JUDGE PERRY'S LAW CLERK, BUT IT WAS A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE. AND VERY OFTEN MY WIFE TANYA WOULD JOIN US FOR THESE LUNCHESES. SHE WAS A VERY YOUNG ATTORNEY AT THAT POINT TOO. BUT IF YOU KNEW TANYA, YOU KNEW THAT AS LONG AS I HAVE KNOWN HER SHE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A JUDGE. IT WAS JUST IN HER DNA, IT WAS WHAT SHE WAS MEANT TO DO IN LIFE.

SO WHEN WE WOULD HAVE THESE LUNCHESES WITH JUDGE PERRY, TANYA WOULD JUST HAMMER HIM WITH QUESTIONS AS SOON AS WE SAT DOWN. JUDGE PERRY, HOW DO YOU HANDLE THESE TYPE OF CASES? WHAT IS YOUR JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY FOR THIS? WHEN THIS HAPPENS IN THE HONORABLE JUDGE BENJAMINROOM, HOW DO YOU HANDLE IT? AND IT JUST WENT ON THE ENTIRE TIME WE WERE AT THE TABLE.

AND IF YOU KNEW JUDGE PERRY, YOU KNOW THAT HE WAS DELIGHTED TO SHARE HIS THOUGHTS. SO IT WAS A LOVE FEST. AND I GOT TO JUST SIT THERE AND EAT AND KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT. BUT THOSE WERE GREAT LUNCHESES.

AND WHEN TANYA DID BECOME JUDGE WITH HER ESTEEMED COLLEAGUES HERE ON THE BENCH, SHE MODELED HER JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY AND HER COURTROOM Demeanor VERY DELIBERATELY ON JUDGE PERRY. THAT IS NOT TO SAY THEY WERE IDENTICAL. THEY HAD, IN FACT, VERY DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO THE BENCH. BUT THEY AGREED ON ONE CORE CONCEPT IN THE MARROW OF THEIR BONES, AND THAT WAS THE IMPORTANCE OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S HUMAN DIGNITY. THEY VALUED THAT OVER ALL ELSE. THEY BELIEVED THAT WHEN SOMEONE COMES BEFORE A COURT, REGARDLESS OF THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES, REGARDLESS OF WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED TO THEM, REGARDLESS OF WHAT THEY MIGHT HAVE DONE, REGARDLESS OF WHAT MIGHT BE ABOUT TO HAPPEN TO THEM, THEY WERE ENTITLED TO BASIC HUMAN DIGNITY. I THINK IF YOU AS AN ATTORNEY EVER CAME BEFORE JUDGE GEE, THAT SHOWED THROUGH.

TANYA BELIEVED THAT EVERY SINGLE PERSON HAD GREAT VALUE, SOME YOU HAVE GOT TO DIG A LITTLE BIT TO FIND IT, BUT SHE BELIEVED IT COMPLETELY. THAT CAME THROUGH IN HER LIFE, NOT JUST IN HER CAREER AS A LAWYER AND AS A JUDGE, BUT IN THE WAY SHE TREATED EVERYONE, INCLUDING ME, OUR TWO CHILDREN, WILL AND SABIN, HER FRIENDS, HER FAMILY, HER CO-WORKERS, HER COLLEAGUES, MOST OF YOU IN THE ROOM, AND COMPLETE STRANGERS. THAT WAS TANYA GEE.

SO IF I MAY ADD ONE ADDITIONAL THOUGHT, IT WOULD BE THIS -- WHEN I USED TO HAVE LUNCH WITH JUDGE PERRY AND TANYA, IT WASN'T A BIG DEAL TO ME, YOU KNOW, IT WAS NOT REMARKABLE. I WAS JUST HAVING LUNCH WITH MY BOSS AND MY WIFE. BUT NOW THAT THEY ARE BOTH GONE, WHAT WOULD I GIVE TO HAVE ONE MORE LUNCH WITH -- HERE I GO, SORRY -- WITH TANYA GEE AND MATTHEW PERRY.

SO, YOU KNOW, THIS IS A GREAT PROFESSION. YOU GET TO WORK WITH AMAZING PEOPLE EVERY DAY, AND IT IS EASY TO TAKE THAT FOR GRANTED. SO I URGE YOU TO APPRECIATE EACH OTHER, AND I HOPE YOU'LL HELP REMIND ME TO DO THE SAME.

THANK YOU.

THE HONORABLE JUDGE BENJAMIN: THANK YOU.

NEXT WE WILL HEAR FROM THE HONORABLE G. THOMAS COOPER, JR., ON BEHALF OF THE HONORABLE J. ERNEST KINARD, JR.

THE HONORABLE JUDGE COOPER: MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT?

MANY OF YOU KNEW, LOVED, AND RESPECTED ERNEST KINARD, WHO WAS A CIRCUIT JUDGE IN THE FIFTH CIRCUIT, A RESIDENT CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR SOME 22 YEARS, MOST OF WHICH HE SPENT IN THIS COURTHOUSE. AND I DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU A LOT ABOUT HIS LIFE, BECAUSE YOU KNOW A LOT ABOUT THE FACTS OF HIS LIFE.

HE WAS A CAROLINA GRADUATE, ORDER OF WIG AND ROBE, BECAME A JUDGE IN 1994, AND SERVED, AS I SAID, FOR 22 YEARS ON THE BENCH HERE.

BUT WHAT I WANTED TO SHARE WITH YOU IS MORE ABOUT ERNEST'S LIFETIME AND THE ERNEST KINARD THAT I KNEW.

FROM HIS TIME GROWING UP ON THE FAMILY FARM IN NEWBERRY -- A CHICKEN FARM, BY THE WAY -- TO HIS DAYS AT CLEMSON, HIS YEARS AT CAROLINA LAW SCHOOL, ERNEST HAD REAL DEFINITE GOALS IN LIFE. HE WAS AN ACHIEVER OF THOSE GOALS.

I FIRST MET ERNEST BACK IN THE LATE 60'S OR EARLY 70'S AS TWO YOUNG LAWYERS SETTING OUT ON A LAW PRACTICE WITH DIFFERENT FIRMS IN A SMALL TOWN WITH LITTLE MONEY AND PREGNANT

WIVES. WE SURVIVED, AND AS OUR CHILDREN REACHED SCHOOL AGE, THE FIRST YEAR OF TOTAL INTEGRATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA TOOK PLACE. IT WAS A TENSE TIME, BUT ERNEST TOOK THE LEAD AND ENCOURAGED MANY OF HIS FRIENDS TO STAY WITH THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BECAUSE HE THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO DO THE RIGHT THING. AND AS THE YEARS PASSED, IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR ERNEST TO DO, AND TO PARTICIPATE. HE BECAME QUITE A LEADER IN HIS COMMUNITY AND IN HIS CHURCH.

ALTHOUGH A MAN OF FEW WORDS, HE READ VORACIOUSLY. HE FREQUENTLY ALLEGED HE TAUGHT HIMSELF TO "SPEED READ." I THINK SOME OF YOU HAVE HEARD THAT BEFORE. HE MAY VERY WELL HAVE BECAUSE HE READ EVERYTHING FROM THE CLASSICS, TO THE SUPREME COURT CASES, TO THE LATEST ISSUE OF GOLF DIGEST. BOOKS ALWAYS CLUTTERED HIS OFFICE AND HIS HOME.

HE LOVED TO GO AND SEE, AND HE DID THINGS IN A BIG WAY -- TRIPS -- IT JUST OCCURS TO ME THAT ALL THESE PEOPLE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT TOOK A LOT OF TRIPS -- HE VISITED ALL 50 STATES, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, THE AMAZON, GALAPAGOS, MATCHU-PICHU, ALASKA, GREECE, AND RUSSIA; HE SHOT QUAIL AT PAUL BURCH'S, PLAYED GOLF AT #2 IN PINEHURST, HE WALKED THE SWILKIN BRIDGE AT ST. ANDREWS, AND PLAYED THE WINDSWEPT COURSES OF THE IRISH COAST.

ONCE, AS HIS BALL SAILED OVER AN IRISH CLIFF, THE CADDIE REMARKED THAT "THAT WAS A CLARK GABLE SHOT, LADDIE." WHEN ERNEST INQUIRED ABOUT WHAT HE MEANT, THE CADDIE SAID, "GONE WITH THE WIND." THE NEXT DAY HE SCORED A HOLE IN ONE AT BALLYBUNNION, ONE OF THE PREMIER COURSES IN THE WORLD. AND MOST RECENTLY, WHEN HE WAS SICK AND WEAKENED BY CHEMOTHERAPY, HE WON THE SOUTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AT HILTON HEAD, A TOURNAMENT HE HAD PLAYED IN FOR OVER 20 YEARS. AND ALL OF THESE THINGS HE DID, HE ENJOYED WITH HIS FRIENDS -- AND THAT WAS IMPORTANT TO HIM.

ERNEST HAD OTHER PASSIONS TOO. HE LOVED FINDING A GOOD DEAL OR BARGAIN, CLOSING THE DEAL, AND THEN TELLING YOU WHAT A GOOD DEAL HE MADE. HE LOVED HIS CLEMSON TIGERS, HIS SUPPER CLUBS, SPEED READING, RIDING HIS BIKE, WEARING ONE COLOR HEAD TO TOE IN DIFFERENT SHADES, A FILING SYSTEM ONLY HE UNDERSTOOD, AND ICE CREAM.

BUT ABOVE ALL THINGS IN LIFE, HE LOVED BEING SURROUNDED BY HIS FAMILY, WHO ARE HERE TODAY: KAY, KAMI, AUDREY, AND JOHN. AND FRIENDS WERE IMPORTANT TO ERNEST. HE TREASURED HIS FRIENDS ON THE SUPREME COURT AND THE HONORABLE JUDGE BENJAMIN OF APPEALS, AND HIS LONG-SERVING BROTHERS AND SISTERS ON THE CIRCUIT BENCH, HIS LOCAL COURT STAFF, HIS POKER CLUB -- BEFORE HE WAS A JUDGE -- HIS TRAVELING COMPANIONS, GOLFING BUDDIES, HIS LAW FIRM, AND HIS LAW CLERKS, SOME OF WHOM ARE HERE TODAY. HE WAS VERY PROUD OF HIS LAW CLERKS. AND I COULD GO ON AND NAME THEM ALL, BUT YOU GET THE POINT -- THAT MANY, MANY LIVES WERE TOUCHED BY THIS MAN.

RETIRED CHIEF JUSTICE JEAN TOAL AT HIS MEMORIAL SERVICE SAID, "WHEN THE JUDICIAL HISTORY OF SOUTH CAROLINA IS RECORDED, THE NAME J. ERNEST KINARD WILL BE WRITTEN LARGE AS ONE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S GREATEST JUDGES, BUT ERNEST'S LIFE WAS, SIMPLY PUT, A LIFE WELL AND DECENTLY LIVED."

CICERO WROTE, "THE BEST ARMOR OF OLD AGE IS A WELL SPENT LIFE, A LIFE EMPLOYED IN THE PURSUIT OF USEFUL KNOWLEDGE, IN HONORABLE ACTIONS, AND THE PRACTICE OF VIRTUE."

CAN YOU THINK OF A LIFE MORE WELL SPENT? I CAN'T.

AS I SAID IN THE BEGINNING, I HAVE NEVER KNOWN ANYONE QUITE LIKE ERNEST KINARD, BUT I CAN TELL YOU ONE THING FOR CERTAIN -- IT WAS IMPORTANT TO ERNEST THAT YOU -- HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES -- KNEW HIM AS HE KNEW YOU! AND THAT WAS, IN THE WORDS OF THE LATE OSCAR WILDE, "THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ERNEST."

WE WILL ALL MISS HIM.

THE HONORABLE JUDGE BENJAMIN: THANK YOU, JUDGE COOPER.

NEXT WE WILL HEAR FROM STANLEY FREEMAN, ON BEHALF OF ANTHONY RENE PLANTE.

MR. FREEMAN: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

I COULDN'T HELP BUT THINK WHEN JUDGE COOPER WAS MENTIONING CLEMSON AND CAROLINA, I COULDN'T HELP BUT REMEMBER INTRODUCING COLONEL HARRY BURCHSTEAD IN THE NATIONAL GUARD ONCE, AND I MENTIONED THAT HE HAD ATTENDED CLEMSON UNIVERSITY AND OBTAINED HIS DEGREE, BUT FORTUNATELY HE ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA LAW SCHOOL AND BECAME EDUCATED.

WHEN HE STOOD UP HE SAID, "COLONEL FREEMAN IS WRONG." HE SAID, "WHEN I WAS AT CLEMSON, I WAS EDUCATED. I LEARNED A MERE TRADE AT CAROLINA."

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I COUNT IT AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE TO BE ABLE TO REMINISCE ABOUT MY HERO, ANTHONY RENE PLANTE. AND I'LL TELL YOU IN A FEW MINUTES WHY I CALL HIM MY HERO.

YOU KNOW, MANY OF US DON'T KNOW WHEN WE ARE GOING TO DIE. HE KNEW HE WAS DYING. AND I REMEMBER HIM STOPPING ONE TIME ON I-20 AT MILE MARKER 105 AND SEEING A CROSS. AND HE WENT OVER AND GOT THE LADY'S NAME AND THEN HE WENT HOME AND DID SOME RESEARCH ON THE COMPUTER AND FOUND OUT THAT SHE WAS 20 YEARS OLD AND DIED IN A FLASH. FORTUNATELY, ANTHONY KNEW. HE FOUND OUT FROM HIS BROTHER, DR. PAUL PLANTE -- MANY OF YOU KNOW DR. PLANTE -- HE FOUND OUT THAT HE HAD STAGE 4 CANCER IN JUST ABOUT EVERY ORGAN IN HIS BODY. HE ONLY HAD A MATTER OF MONTHS TO LIVE.

I FIRST MET ANTHONY AS A STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY WHEN I TAUGHT HIM BUSINESS LAW, AND HE WAS A SERIOUS AND DEDICATED STUDENT, AS MOST OLDER STUDENTS ARE. HE HAD SERVED FOR THE POLICE, HE HAD BEEN IN RACING. HE HAD MANY ENDEAVORS BEFORE HE ENROLLED AT CAROLINA AND LATER LAW SCHOOL.

AND WHEN HE FOUND OUT THAT HE HAD STAGE 4 CANCER, SHORTLY AFTER HIS 50TH BIRTHDAY -- I WENT TO HIS PARTY -- HE HAD BEEN FEELING ILL AND NOT SHARING IT WITH ANYONE SINCE THANKSGIVING OF 2015. IT WASN'T UNTIL FEBRUARY HE FOUND OUT THAT HE HAD STAGE 4 CANCER THROUGHOUT HIS BODY.

AND YOU HAVE HEARD OF THE STAGES OF DEATH WHERE YOU GO FROM -- AND I DON'T REMEMBER ALL THE PHASES, BUT, YOU KNOW, THE DENIAL, RESENTFUL, SO FORTH AND SO ON. HE WENT IMMEDIATELY TO ACCEPTANCE. HE WENT IMMEDIATELY TO ACCEPTANCE. AND HE WAS SO AT PEACE. AND I THINK PART OF IT WAS BECAUSE HE GREW UP AS A CATHOLIC, BUT HE JOINED NEW SPRINGS, I GUESS IT IS CALLED, THE ONE THAT HAS FACILITIES ALL OVER THE STATE. AND I'LL NEVER FORGET, HE WOULD GO TO EVERY SERVICE, FIVE OR SIX SERVICES ON SUNDAY. AND HE SHARED WITH ME A COUPLE OF WEEKS BEFORE HE DIED, HE SAID, "I THINK I KNOW WHY I'M DYING." HE SAID, "I WAS ABLE TO LEAD FOUR PEOPLE TO CHRIST IN THE LAST FOUR WEEKS." AND HE SAID, "MAYBE THAT IS WHY." BUT HE NEVER, EVER WENT THROUGH STAGES OR PHASES. IT WAS ACCEPTANCE FROM THE GET-GO.

AND I REMEMBER WHEN HIS SISTER ANNETTE -- WHO IS HERE TODAY -- CALLED ME ON A FRIDAY, I BELIEVE IT WAS, AND SHE AND HIS DAD RENE WERE THERE, AND I WENT OVER TO HIS HOUSE AND STOOD AT THE FOOT OF HIS BED AND WE HELD HANDS. AND ANNETTE SAID, "HE HASN'T HAD HIS EYES OPEN IN A LONG TIME." AND FINALLY I REACHED UNDER THE BLANKET, GRABBED HIS HAND, AND BEGAN TO PRAY. AND WHEN I DID, I COULD FEEL HIM GRIPPING MY HAND, AND I KNEW HE WAS AWARE. AND WHEN I CONCLUDED, I WENT TO PUT HIS HAND BACK UP UNDER THE COVER, AND HE PUSHED BACK, WHICH SEEMED LIKE ABOUT TEN MINUTES -- I'M SURE IT WAS A MATTER OF SECONDS -- BUT HE PUSHED BACK. FINALLY, HE OPENED HIS EYES, HE LOOKED AT ME, WINKED, AND DID A THUMBS UP. HE CLOSED HIS EYES AND NEVER RECOVERED.

AND THE REASON ANTHONY RENE PLANTE IS A HERO TO ME IS NOT ABOUT THE WAY HE LIVED, BUT ABOUT THE WAY HE DIED. AND I HOPE I CAN FOLLOW THAT PATH.

THANK YOU.

THE HONORABLE JUDGE BENJAMIN: THANK YOU.

NEXT WE WILL HEAR FROM JOE BERRY, JR., ON BEHALF OF JAMES H. QUACKENBUSH.

MR. BERRY: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

BEFORE I START, I WOULD LIKE TO TELL Y'ALL, THIS IS MY FIFTH TIME HERE, AND I DON'T EXPECT TO HAVE ANY MORE TIMES. I LOOK AROUND THE ROOM AND I DON'T SEE ANYBODY EXCEPT ONE GENTLEMAN UP THERE THAT GRADUATED WITH ME IN 1955.

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT?

IT IS A REAL PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE THIS MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO MY DEAR FRIEND AND FORMER PARTNER, JAMES H. QUACKENBUSH, JR., AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS "QUACK," WHO WAS BORN ON MAY 7, 1943, IN COLUMBIA, AND DIED ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016, IN MT. PLEASANT WHERE HE HAD BEEN LIVING DUE TO DECLINING HEALTH FROM DIABETES.

HE WAS THE SON OF THE LATE JAMES H. QUACKENBUSH, SR., AND THE LATE SARAH PERMAR QUACKENBUSH. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTERS, DEVEAUX QUACKENBUSH CARTER, HER HUSBAND COOPER CARTER; PERMAR QUACKENBUSH OLIN, HER HUSBAND JON OLIN; AND SARAH CARTER QUACKENBUSH; HIS NEPHEWS, LAURENCE SCOTT BARRINGER, III, AND JAMES HUGH MCFADDIN BARRINGER. I MIGHT ADD THAT HE AND HIS WIFE RAISED THOSE TWO GENTLEMEN AND HE CONSIDERED THEM TO BE LIKE A SON. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SISTER DELORA -- BETTER KNOWN AS DEE -- QUACKENBUSH WALSH, HER HUSBAND GRAY WALSH, AND NEPHEWS STANLEY GRAY WALSH, JR., AND JAMES HAYES WALSH; HIS GRANDCHILDREN, ANNE PEYRE DEVEAUX CARTER, ROSE COOPER CARTER, AND JULIAN BAKER OLIN, WILLIAM HAYES OLIN, AND VIRGINIA GRACE OLIN.

JIM ATTENDED DREHER HIGH SCHOOL AND GRADUATED FROM THE CITADEL IN 1965. HE EARNED HIS LAW DEGREE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA. HE WAS A PROUD VETERAN OF THE ARMED FORCES SERVING IN KOREAN WAR. HIS PROFESSIONAL LIFE WAS RICH AND VARIED. HE WAS A NAMED PARTNER IN SEVERAL PROMINENT LAW FIRMS, SUCH AS HE STARTED OUT WITH THE ONE AND ONLY JUDGE ALEX SANDERS, AND HE THEN WAS A PARTNER WITH THE MAYOR PATTON ADAMS, AS WELL AS HE WAS A LOBBYIST FOR MANY NATIONAL AND LOCAL FIRMS.

HE WAS GREATLY INTERESTED IN POLITICS AND PARTICIPATED BOTH LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY. HE WAS A PROUD MEMBER OF THE "PEANUT BRIGADE." THAT MAY NOT MEAN ANYTHING TO Y'ALL, BUT THE "PEANUT BRIGADE" WAS A GROUP OF GENTLEMEN AND LADIES WHO REPRESENTED PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER'S POLITICAL AND CAMPAIGN GROUP. JIM WAS THE LEADER OF THE SOUTHERN STRATEGY FOR THE CARTER CAMPAIGN, WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, WAS SUCCESSFUL.

"QUACK" MADE MANY LIFELONG FRIENDS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY IN THE "PEANUT BRIGADE," AND SOME OF WHOM ATTENDED HIS FUNERAL.

JIM WAS AN OUTSTANDING BASEBALL PLAYER IN HIGH SCHOOL AND AT THE CITADEL. DURING HIS ACTIVE LEGAL CAREER HE WOULD TAKE HIS FATHER TO FLORIDA FOR THE MAJOR LEAGUE SPRING TRAINING CAMPS TO WATCH PROFESSIONALS PLAY. THIS WAS A TRIP HE ALWAYS LOOKED FORWARD TO, NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF HIS LOVE OF BASEBALL, BUT THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND SPECIAL TIME WITH "BIG QUACK."

OUTSIDE OF HIS SUCCESSFUL LAW PRACTICE AND BEING AN EXCEPTIONAL LOBBYIST FOR HIS MANY CLIENTS, HE WAS AN AVID SPORTSMAN, ENJOYING HUNTING AND FISHING. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE COMMISSION AND SERVED AS ITS CHAIRMAN. THAT COMMISSION IS NOW PART OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. IF YOU KNEW "QUACK," YOU WOULD KNOW HE LOVED BARBECUE AND COULD RECOMMEND THE BEST IN ALL AREAS OF THE STATE.

IF YOU ATE LUNCH WITH HIM, HE WAS GOING TO EAT BARBECUE ONE DAY OF THE WEEK.

"QUACK" OF COURSE ALSO SERVED ON THE BOARD OF NUMEROUS NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS CITY AND IN THE STATE.

LASTLY, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, JIM WAS A DEVOUT PARISHIONER AT TRINITY CATHEDRAL HERE IN COLUMBIA. I HAVE WATCHED HIM LEAVE THE OFFICE DAILY, WHETHER IT BE 5:00 O'CLOCK, 12:00 O'CLOCK NOON, OR COME IN AT 9:00 O'CLOCK AFTER GOING TO THE EARLY SERVICE. HE VERY SELDOM EVER MISSED ONE. AND IT WOULDN'T BE BECAUSE HE DIDN'T WANT TO GO, IT WOULD BE BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE ONE.

IF I WERE TO DESCRIBE JIM QUACKENBUSH, I WOULD TELL YOU THAT HE WAS AN UNASSUMING MAN WHO WAS EQUALLY AT HOME WITH THOSE UNFORTUNATE MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY AS HE WAS WITH THE RICH AND THE FAMOUS.

I WOULD TELL YOU HE GAVE HIS TALENT, TIME, AND TREASURE TO BENEFIT HIS COMMUNITY AND THOSE LESS FORTUNATE THAN HE.

I WOULD TELL YOU THAT HE WAS A CARING AND COMPASSIONATE PERSON WITH LOVE IN HIS HEART FOR HIS FELLOW MAN. I SPENT MANY HOURS WITH HIM, AND NEVER DID HE SAY AN UNKIND WORD ABOUT ANYONE, REGARDLESS OF CIRCUMSTANCES, EVEN IF THEY WERE NOT DEMOCRATS.

I WOULD TELL YOU THAT HE WAS DEVOTED TO HIS PARENTS, AND EVERY SUNDAY MORNING AFTER CHURCH -- WE WOULD HAVE BREAKFAST WITH HIM GENERALLY -- HE WOULD LEAVE US TO GO PLACE FLOWERS ON THEIR GRAVES.

I WOULD TELL YOU THAT HE DEARLY LOVED HIS CHILDREN, THEIR SPOUSES, HIS GRANDCHILDREN AND HIS NEPHEWS AND WAS UNSHAMEFULLY PROUD OF EACH.

I WOULD TELL YOU THAT THE LIVES OF THOSE OF US WHO KNEW JIM QUACKENBUSH WERE ENRICHED BECAUSE OF HIS FRIENDSHIP.

THE LAST TIME I SAW JIM QUACKENBUSH, HE WAS AT AN ASSISTED LIVING PLACE IN MT. PLEASANT, AND WHEN WE WERE DOWN AT THE COAST WE WOULD GO BY AND SEE HIM. THEY SAY WHEN YOU GET OLDER YOU GET SLEEPY. I'M NOT GOING TO SAY A WORD. THE LAST TIME WE WENT TO SEE HIM, HE WAS ASLEEP. WE TALKED TO HIM. AND HE DIDN'T RESPOND. SO WE GOT READY TO GO. AND I SAID, "WELL, QUACK, WE HAVE GOT TO GO. SEE YOU NEXT TIME."

AND HE TURNED OVER TO ME AND HE SHOOK MY HAND WITH A FIRM HANDSHAKE AND HE SAID, "THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING." AND THAT IS THE LAST TIME I EVER SAW HIM.

I WOULD TELL YOU THAT HE IS MISSED BY ALL; HOWEVER, WE REJOICE IN THE FACT THAT HE IS WITH OUR LORD AND CREATOR WHERE HE WILL ENJOY ETERNAL LIFE.

MAY GOD BLESS US ALL.

THE HONORABLE JUDGE BENJAMIN: THANK YOU.

NEXT WE WILL HEAR FROM MARK C. MOORE, ON BEHALF OF KITRINA JOY WRIGHT.

MR. MOORE: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT? MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY, AND FELLOW COLLEAGUES OF THE BAR?

I'M HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT KITRINA WRIGHT. KITRINA GREW UP IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA. SHE ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA FOR BOTH UNDERGRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL, AND WHILE SHE WAS THERE, SHE WORKED IN A NUMBER OF CLERKSHIP POSITIONS, INCLUDING A CLERKSHIP FOR THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR NEBRASKA, AND THAT IS WHERE SHE LEARNED TO LOVE THE LAW AND WANTED TO BECOME A TRIAL LAWYER.

AFTER SHE GRADUATED FROM LAW SCHOOL IN 1989, SHE WENT TO WORK FOR A LITIGATION BOUTIQUE IN DENVER, AND IT WAS THERE THAT SHE CONTINUED TO LOVE THE LAW AND REALLY BEGAN HER CAREER AS A TRIAL LAWYER.

AND AFTER HAVING HER FIRST CHILD AND MOVING TO COLUMBIA, SHE CONTINUED IN THAT PATH, WORKING WITH MCDONALD, MCKENZIE, FULLER, RUBIN AND MILLER, WHERE SHE TRIED MANY CASES WITH HEYWARD MCDONALD AND BOB MCKENZIE. IN FACT, SHE HAD THE DISTINCT PRIVILEGE OF TRYING A CASE, WHILE NINE MONTHS PREGNANT, AND GOING INTO LABOR. SHE WAS HAPPY TO WIN THAT CASE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SHE WON IT ON THE MERITS OR BECAUSE THE JURY TOOK SOME NOTE OF HER CONDITION.

AFTER HAVING HER SECOND CHILD SHE TOOK SOMETHING OF A BREAK, IF INDEED ONE COULD CALL IT THAT, AND BEGAN A FEDERAL JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP WITH JUDGE SHEDD WHILE HE WAS A UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE BEFORE HE MOVED ON TO THE FOURTH CIRCUIT, AND THAT IS WHERE I MET KITRINA, BECAUSE I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF TRYING A NUMBER OF CASES WITH JUDGE SHEDD. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IMPRESSED ME ABOUT HER WAS NOT ONLY HER QUICK WIT AND HER LEGAL ABILITY, BUT ALSO HER GRACE UNDER PRESSURE WHEN SHE WAS SOMETIMES CALLED UPON TO RESEARCH THORNY ISSUES OF LAW AT THE LAST MINUTE DURING A TRIAL.

AND SHE WORKED FOR JUDGE SHEDD AFTER HAVING HER SECOND CHILD. SHE EVENTUALLY MOVED ON TO BOWERS, ORR AND ROBERTSON, HAD A THIRD CHILD, SPENT SOME TIME WITH DIXON ROBERTSON'S FIRM, AND THE LAST YEARS OF HER CAREER WERE SPENT AT HER OWN FIRM, ANDERSON WRIGHT, LLC.

KITRINA WAS A SMALL PERSON WITH A BIG HEART. SHE LOVED PEOPLE, AND SHE LOVED ANIMALS. SHE, IN FACT, WENT INTO THE PRACTICE OF LAW BECAUSE SHE WANTED TO HELP PEOPLE. SHE SPENT A LOT OF HER TIME ON PRO BONO RECORDS, AND SHE WAS VERY PROUD OF THE FACT THAT SHE REPRESENTED CHILDREN AS A GUARDIAN AD LITEM. SHE PASSED ON HER LOVE OF PEOPLE AND HER LOVE OF ANIMALS TO HER CHILDREN. SHE WORKED TIRELESSLY ON BEHALF OF A CHARITY WHICH I'M ASSOCIATED WITH, PAWMETTO LIFELINE. SHE WOULD TAKE IN ANY ANIMAL, WHETHER IT BE A BIRD, A DOG OR, IN FACT, A BLUE

HERON. SHE WORKED FOR PAWMETTO LIFELINE AND SHE TOOK ON A PIT BULL CASE AND SHE HELPED TO SAVE THE LIFE OF APOLLO, A DOG WHO WAS TAKEN FROM HIS OWN YARD AND TAKEN TO THE POUND.

AS I SAID, SHE REALLY LOVED PEOPLE AND SHE LOVED LIFE. THE LIGHTS OF HER LIFE WERE HER THREE CHILDREN. WHILE SHE LEAVES BEHIND TWO STEPCHILDREN AND A HUSBAND, THE GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT SHE HAD WERE HER THREE CHILDREN. SHE WOULD BE VERY PROUD OF HER DAUGHTER JENNY, WHO JUST COMPLETED HER JUNIOR YEAR AT USC HONORS COLLEGE; HER DAUGHTER KATIE, WHO IS A RECENT GRADUATE OF CLEMSON'S CALHOUN HONORS COLLEGE; AND HER SON JONATHAN, WHO RECENTLY GRADUATED WITH HONORS FROM TULANE LAW SCHOOL AND IS FOLLOWING HIS MOTHER'S PATH BY CLERKING FOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE HENRY M. HERLONG ON THE DISTRICT COURT IN GREENVILLE.

SHE WAS TAKEN TOO SOON, BUT SHE LEAVES BEHIND A FANTASTIC LEGACY AND THE THREE GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF HER LIFE, HER THREE CHILDREN.

THANK YOU.

THE HONORABLE JUDGE BENJAMIN: THANK YOU.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF OUR PRESENTERS FOR SHARING WITH US THEIR TRIBUTES TODAY, THEY WERE WONDERFUL. SO TO OUR PRESENTERS I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU -- AND THANK YOU FOR STAYING WITHIN THE TIME LIMITS.

ALSO WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK A COUPLE OF OUR JUDGES THAT CAME IN, OUR RETIRED CHIEF JUSTICE JEAN TOAL, WHO IS ALSO ACTING AS A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE. ALSO I SEE JUDGE STRICKLAND IN THE BACK, OUR RICHLAND COUNTY MASTER IN EQUITY. ALSO WE HAVE ONE OF OUR NEW JUDGES, ROSALYN FRIERSON, FAMILY COURT JUDGE-ELECT, OVER HERE ON THIS SIDE. I DID WANT TO RECOGNIZE THEM.

NEXT I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE ALL OF THE FAMILY MEMBERS THAT ARE HERE. IF YOU COULD PLEASE STAND. WE KNOW THAT THE PRACTICE OF LAW CAN BE CONSUMING, AND WE APPRECIATE YOU

SHARING YOUR LOVED ONES WITH US, WITH THE COMMUNITY, AND WITH THE LEGAL PROFESSION. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING HERE TODAY.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK MANDY WREN. MANDY IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY BAR, AND SHE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PUTTING THIS ALL TOGETHER, ALONG WITH CATHERINE MUBARAK, WHO IS THE CHAIR OF THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE. THANK YOU. I KNOW THAT THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING REALLY HARD ON THIS PROGRAM AND RECEPTION THAT IS FOLLOWING, SO I DO WANT TO SAY THANK YOU.

MR. MAXFIELD IS PRESIDENT OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY BAR. DO YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS?

MR. MAXFIELD: NOTHING, BUT JUST TO ECHO YOUR THANKS FOR CATHERINE AND MANDY, WHO PUT ALL THIS TOGETHER.

I WOULD ALSO MENTION THAT OUR COURT REPORTER IS TRANSCRIBING OUR PROCEEDINGS TODAY AND IT WILL BE ON THE WEBSITE.

THANK YOU.

THE HONORABLE JUDGE BENJAMIN: I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MS. DEBBIE MCCURDY, WHO IS OUR COURT REPORTER, WHO HAS AGREED TO TRANSCRIBE THE SERVICE HERE TODAY. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU.

ALSO I SEE OUR CLERK OF COURT, MS. JEANETTE MCBRIDE, IN THE BACK, AND HER STAFF, WHO IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM HERE TODAY.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I ASK THAT YOU JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS OUTSIDE THE HONORABLE JUDGE BENJAMINROOM.

IF THERE IS NOTHING ELSE, I THINK JUDGE MANNING WANTED TO SING A SONG OR SOMETHING, BUT WE ARE GOING TO ASK THAT HE NOT.

IF THERE IS NOTHING ELSE, AT THIS TIME WE WILL ADJOURN.

ONCE AGAIN, THERE IS A RECEPTION OUTSIDE, AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL JOIN US FOR THAT.

THANK YOU.
