

OPPOSING BILINGUAL BALLOTS

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 19, 2006

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of reauthorizing the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

However, I am greatly concerned that provisions providing for bilingual ballots remain in the bill.

Let me be clear: I support both legal immigration and celebrating one's heritage.

However, the bilingual ballot provision has long kept new citizens from increasing their knowledge of our language and from fully integrating into our society.

Not only is it expensive to print ballots in a variety of different dialects and tongues, but it reinforces a fractious society.

Later this week I plan to offer an amendment with my good friend and colleague, Congressman STEVE KING of Iowa, to strip this arcane and divisive language.

I ask for my colleagues' full support of this measure and I yield back the balance of my time.

COMMENDATION FOR THE LIFE OF
EDWARD BOOTH, SR., ESQUIRE

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today deeply and personally saddened by the loss of my dear friend Ed. I

shall truly miss his friendship and hope to fill this void with the warm and comforting memories of our lasting friendship. For Ed and for the Booth family, I offer my personal reflections in hopes that they may bring you some comfort in this moment of loss.

There are those who pass this way and touch a few lives, and there are others, who, by their very being, reach beyond the confines of family, neighbor and community—and in so doing leave an indelible mark on the lives of many, even on the heart and conscious of a people. By his very being, Attorney Booth was the embodiment of honesty, truth, integrity, and upheld the virtues of respect for everyone, and compassion for every human condition. He was not one to rush to judgment, personally or professionally, but relied on his innate ability to identify with the plight of others, and respect their pain. Ed was a man who first and foremost loved his family, and in his associations, required no more of others than he would of himself. A gentleman, a scholar, confidant and a personal friend was Ed, and he was one who practiced his faith in deeds, and with humility.

In his passing, we honor him by keeping his family in our prayers and his memory alive in our hearts forever.

TRIBUTE TO PHILIP MERRILL

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding Maryland philanthropist, diplomat and journalist. It also is with great sadness that I join many Mary-

landers in mourning the loss of Philip Merrill, chairman of the Capital-Gazette Newspapers.

Philip Merrill was a visionary who understood the importance of education and the environment. Throughout his life, Philip appreciated what it meant to give back to his community. His philanthropic gifts included \$10 million to the University of Maryland College of Journalism, \$4 million to the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies of Johns Hopkins University and \$7.5 million to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

A Baltimore native, Philip graduated from Cornell University in 1955. In 1968, while working for the U.S. Department of State, he purchased what was then the Annapolis Evening Capital, now known as The Capital. Over the years, Capital-Gazette Communications, Inc. expanded to include the Maryland Gazette, the Bowie Blade-News, the Crofton News-Crier, and the West County News. He also owned Washingtonian Magazine.

But Philip didn't limit himself to the field of journalism. He served as President of the U.S. Export-Import Bank from 2002 to 2005, Assistant Secretary-General at NATO from 1990 to 1992, and a member of the U.S. Department of Defense Policy Board from 1983 to 1990.

An avid environmentalist and boater, Philip loved the Chesapeake Bay and worked hard to preserve and protect it for future generations. He was instrumental in building the Chesapeake Bay's Philip Merrill Environmental Center, one of our nation's most environmentally sensitive buildings and a model for the future.

Mr. Speaker, I call upon my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Philip Merrill a publisher, diplomat, philanthropist and environmentalist who strove to make our world a better place.