

contribution to sports radio and television broadcasting, and specifically the state of Mississippi through his dedicated service as a Mississippi State University (MSU) announcer. For 58 years, Cristil has been at the microphone broadcasting across the radio airwaves for Mississippi State football and basketball games.

Cristil began his career calling minor league baseball games in Tennessee and Alabama and later moved to Clarksdale, Mississippi to call high school football games. In 1953, Cristil was hired by MSU's Athletic Director C.R. "Dudy" Noble as the voice of the Bulldogs and Mississippi State football games. Four years later, in 1957, Cristil began to broadcast MSU basketball games as well.

Cristil is a recipient of the Ronald Reagan Lifetime Achievement award, the Southeastern Conference (SEC) Broadcaster of the Year in 1988 and a 21-time winner of the Mississippi Broadcaster of the Year. Additionally, he was a recipient the Chris Shenkel Award in 1997 by the College Football Hall of Fame as well as being a 1991 inductee to the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame.

On February 23, 2011, Cristil announced that due to urgent health reasons he would call his final Mississippi State University basketball game the following Saturday. Last weekend, millions of sports fans nationwide were privileged to listen briefly to Cristil's final broadcast during the Mississippi State versus the University of Tennessee basketball game when ESPN announcers went silent for a few moments allowing Cristil's live radio feed to broadcast over national television.

Cristil was known for his commitment to journalistic professionalism in his broadcasts as well as his unique and trademark expressions such as, "You can wrap this game in maroon and white!" and "Welcome to a sun-bathed Scott Field at Davis Wade Stadium on the beautiful campus of Mississippi State University!"

To quote a story from the Jackson, Mississippi newspaper, *The Clarion-Ledger*, the following is a great representation of Cristil's attitude and personality:

"Of a State—Alabama football game when Bob Hope was on and doing a show that night in Tuscaloosa, unbeknownst to Cristil. Bear Bryant's boys, as usual, were beating up on State when somebody came by the visitors' radio booth and whispered to Cristil, 'Hope is available at halftime if you want him.' Responded Cristil, 'Fellow, I need some hope right now.' But Bob Hope did come by and did do the interview. 'One of the best halftime guests I ever had,' Cristil says. 'Funny and smart.'"

In his career, Cristil has broadcast over 1,500 basketball games and 636 football games, which is nearly 63 percent and 55 percent, respectively, of all of Mississippi State's games.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Jack Cristil's broadcasting career and service to Mississippi State University by saying as Jack Cristil would say: "You can wrap it in maroon and white!"

A TRIBUTE TO FAY DOUGLAS-LANE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Fay Douglas-Lane for her service to and excellence in the practice of nursing.

Fay was born in Kingston, Jamaica. Her extensive nursing career began at the University Hospital of the West Indies' School of Nursing, where she received certification in both medical and surgical wards. Throughout her life, Fay provided critical services to her community as a nurse, mentor and volunteer to those in need.

Fay began her career in 1983, as an Operating Room nurse at SUNY Downstate Medical Center. For nearly nine years she served in this capacity. She left Downstate Medical Center for a brief period, but returned in 1994. When Fay returned, she served in supervisory roles until her promotion to Associate Nursing Director in 2003. Fay has a unique understanding of perioperative nursing; her expertise was instrumental to the healthcare team at SUNY. Among her accomplishments, Fay championed and facilitated the Team STEPPS Program, an evidence based teamwork system designed to improve quality, safety and efficiency for perioperative services. Fay retired from Downstate Medical Center on December 31, 2010.

Fay has always been committed to achieving excellence in the practice of nursing. She was involved in the Brooklyn Chapter of the Association of Operating Room Nurses, including two separate terms as President. She also served as mentor to numerous Registered Nurses, Operating Room Technicians, Nursing Assistants, and Resident Physicians.

Fay was not consumed by hospital work. She devoted time to assisting teachers and staff at P.S. 397, a children's elementary school in Brooklyn, NY, and has been actively involved in the Parent Teacher Association of Erasmus Hall High School in Brooklyn. Fay also spent significant time volunteering. In 1986, she worked with a team of doctors and nurses to care for the poor and needy in Jamaica, West Indies. In 1998, she contributed her time and service to the People United to Save Our Children Community Choir.

Fay has a strong commitment to her faith. In March of 2000, she received a certificate for Outstanding Christian Services from Berean Baptist Church in Brooklyn. In December 2010, she was ordained a deacon at Berean Baptist Church, where she has been a member for over twenty years.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Fay Douglas-Lane.

HONORING JACK CRISTIL FOR HIS 58 YEAR CAREER AS THE VOICE OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BULLDOGS

HON. ALAN NUNNELEE

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2011

Mr. NUNNELEE. Mr. Speaker, today is a memorable night throughout the State of Mis-

issippi and indeed throughout the Southeastern Conference, when the Mississippi State University Bulldogs tip off in Fayetteville, Arkansas. The thing that will make this game memorable is that Jack Cristil will not be behind the microphone.

For the past 58 years, as Mississippi State fans tuned in to listen to basketball or football games, they heard the distinctive voice of Jack Cristil. However, due to declining health, Mr. Jack called his last game over the weekend.

He began his career in the golden age of radio, and learned to paint a picture with words as he recounted the events on the field or court, when no other medium was available. The first day on the job, Mississippi State Athletic Director Dudy Noble told him, "You tell that radio audience what the score is and who's got the ball and how much time is left and you cut out the bull."

Throughout his 58 years, he never veered from that advice. His commitment to professionalism and excellence at his craft led him to develop a style that all Mississippians, including those from rival schools, respected. Long before Fox News, he was fair and balanced, and reported the games in that manner.

His distinct style has influenced several generations of sports fans, as they could expect to hear the introduction of a six foot tall sophomore (pronounced with its proper three syllables) wearing maroon pants, a white jersey with maroon numerals, and maroon headgear. He truly was the Voice of the Bulldogs.

Over the years, he has been recognized by numerous organizations including receiving an award named after another famous sportscaster, the Ronald Reagan Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Association of Sportscasters and Sportswriters. He also was inducted into the Mississippi State University Sports Hall of Fame in 2003, named Mississippi Sportscaster of the Year 21 times and the recipient of the SEC Broadcaster of the Year award in 1988.

Tonight, the game will go on, and the broadcast will be in capable hands, but Mr. Cristil, we will miss you.

CONGRATULATING INTEL SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH FINALIST AND SEMIFINALISTS IN NEW YORK'S 2ND DISTRICT

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2011

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a number of talented and dedicated high school students in my district who were chosen to be Semifinalists in the Intel Science Talent Search (STS) as well as one who was named as a Finalist. These students are the future of our nation's research and I am so proud to recognize them today.

Jonathan Aaron Goldman attends Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School in Plainview, NY, and Intel has named him a STS Finalist for his research project "Evidence for Link between Native Reading Language and Internal/External Scanning Processes." Jonathan will come to Washington, D.C. in March to participate in a final judging session