

after leaving the Sheriff's Office, he remained heavily involved and concerned for the wellbeing of the community.

From the beginning of his career, Sheriff Modena was determinedly committed to the safety and welfare of those he was charged to protect. Described as firm but fair, he not only had a positive impact on each individual he encountered, but he also had a tremendous and everlasting impact upon his community. He is celebrated for creating substations around Bibb County and for championing the cause of the mentally ill in the Bibb County Jail, reserving 200 beds for those with mental health issues in his newly expanded 966-person lockup that opened in 2007.

Perhaps one of Sheriff Modena's greatest accomplishments is his invaluable leadership in overseeing the merge of the Sheriff's Office and the Macon Police Department. He was also regarded as a mentor and guide to many in the Sheriff's Office. He taught others the importance of transparency in law enforcement, the need to be accessible to the community, and the importance of engaging with the people one serves.

George Washington Carver once said, "No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it without leaving behind him distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it." Sheriff Modena's impression on this earth extends beyond himself to the very wellbeing of the Macon community, and for it he will be remembered by the community for time to come.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Vivian and I, along with the more than 730,000 people in Georgia's Second Congressional District, salute Sheriff Jerry M. Modena, Sr. for an outstanding career in law enforcement, his significant contributions to Bibb County, and his lifelong dedication to serving his community. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join us in extending our deepest sympathies to Sheriff Modena's family, friends and loved ones during this difficult time. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

INTRODUCTION OF FIBROID  
RESEARCH RESOLUTION

**HON. DONNA F. EDWARDS**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 15, 2015*

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, during National Women's Health Week, I rise as the original cosponsor of a resolution recognizing the need for greater uterine fibroid research and the minority disparity rates of African-American and Hispanic uterine fibroid patients. I thank Congressman SCOTT for joining me to introduce this important resolution.

Uterine fibroids are the most prevalent medical condition affecting women, with an estimated 80 percent of women developing an uterine fibroid by age 50. Actual incidence of fibroid tumors is estimated to be 3 times higher in African-American women and 2 times higher in Hispanic women compared to Caucasian women.

Further, uterine fibroids are estimated to cost the United States up to \$34.4 billion annually, with an estimated annual lost work cost of up to \$17.2 billion through absenteeism and short term disability in women age 25 to 54.

Those numbers are why I urge my colleagues to join Congressman SCOTT and me in seeking more research funding for the millions of women affected by fibroids.

HONORING CLARK-WILLIAMS  
FUNERAL HOME

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 15, 2015*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Clark-Williams Funeral Home, Inc. of Grenada, Mississippi.

Clark Funeral Home was founded in 1946 by James and Paralee Clark. The business was located at 602 Cherry Street in Grenada, MS.

As founder, Mr. Clark worked diligently and tirelessly to build a successful business until his death in 1958. Mrs. Clark continued to operate the business in the same manner until her death in 2001.

In February 2004, the business was sold to Clinton and Geraldine Williams. The new owners made many new changes to the funeral home, including its name—now Clark-Williams Funeral Home, Inc. Other changes included remodeling of the existing building—adding chapel space, updating the prep room, and additional garage space. The insurance debits were computerized and a full line of life insurance was added to give customers more options when planning ahead.

Geraldine died in July, 2008. Clinton continued to operate the business as sole owner.

In March 2009, Clinton married Shawan Cunningham and together they saw a need for even more changes to the business. In 2010 more land was purchased between Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and the funeral home to add a parking lot for the customers. And to meet the needs of their customers even more so, Clinton and Shawan made the business decision to offer monuments as products for purchase. A monument display was added as part of the new parking space.

Two students have completed their internships at Clark-Williams Funeral Home. Both became employees as licensed funeral directors and embalmers.

Today, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Williams continue to own and successfully operate the business from its original location at 602 Cherry Street in Grenada. Offering consoling service, quality merchandise, economical prices, pre-needs, and life insurance. Clark-Williams Funeral Home Inc. serves Grenada County as well as surrounding counties.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Clark-Williams Funeral Home for its dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.