

George was truly an advocate for all people. Even when it was unpopular, he pursued his belief that all people were created equal and he championed the civil rights legislation that transformed America. As a patron of the working men and women of this country, he worked to bring workers protection from hazardous working conditions. And he believed that all citizens should be able visit federal parks. Due in part to this vision, the citizens of this great nation have access to more federal parks than ever before.

With George's passing, this institution and the American people have lost part of their history. George was a repository of institutional knowledge and a person that has contributed greatly to our country as a whole. I know I speak for all of the Members of Congress when I say that this body will miss George Brown. I would also like thank his family and the citizens of the 42nd District of California for sharing him with us for so long.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF JUDGE
FRANK M. JOHNSON, JR.

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 5, 1999

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Judge Frank M. Johnson, Jr. a native of my hometown of Haleyville, Alabama. On July 23, 1999, Judge Johnson passed away at the age of 80.

After graduating from the University of Alabama in 1943 at the top of his class, Frank Johnson enlisted in the Army as a private. Soon, he received a commission as an infantry lieutenant. During World War II, he served during the Normandy invasion, and won a Bronze Star as a platoon leader in Gen. Patton's Third Army. Twice he was wounded in battle during the war. After he recovered, he was transferred to England and served out the war as a legal officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps, eventually being promoted to Captain.

Judge Johnson was first promoted to the bench in 1954, then the youngest serving federal judge in the nation. In 1955, he was elevated to U.S. Middle District Judge in Montgomery, Alabama, and in 1979 he was named to the U.S. Court of Appeals.

His career on the bench was marked by many pivotal rulings. In 1956, in his first major ruling, Judge Johnson joined the majority on a three-judge panel in the case concerning the Rosa Parks case. This decision brought the end of segregated bus systems. With this ruling, Judge Johnson staked his place in the civil rights battle, fighting for equality for all Americans during his judicial career.

Judge Johnson participated in rulings that desegregated all types of public places and services, from schools to museums, from airports to restaurants from libraries to parks. Even in the face of harsh criticism and resistance, Judge Johnson stood firm in his belief in equality and justice for all Americans.

Desegregation was not his only accomplishment in the Civil Rights fight. After finding rampant discrimination against blacks registering to vote, Judge Johnson issued a ruling that became the formula Congress used to ensure voting rights nationwide in the Voting

Rights Act of 1965. Also, Judge Johnson was part of a panel that ordered the Alabama State Legislature to draw its district lines by population, not by mere geography. This was the first ruling of its time, and helped ensure that citizens were not disenfranchised simply because they lived in a minority-dominated geographic area.

It was his style to stand firm on what he believed was right, often in the face of intense criticism. Judge Johnson, one of America's most distinguished jurists, is an example of dedication for all Americans. All of America—but especially Alabama—feels the loss of Judge Frank Johnson, and we are thankful for his life of public service.

A TRIBUTE TO GEORGE BROWN

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 5, 1999

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I take the floor today to bid farewell to a giant in California governance and politics.

George Brown was the epitome of a great public servant. Elected as a spirited anti-war crusader, he never lost his bearings. Although he mellowed with time, he never strayed far from his Quaker roots and his strong principles.

In a recent campaign, George's opponent ran a series of ads called "Guilty as Charged," that accused him of being out of touch—a common theme of challengers. George was not out of touch, but in a very different context, he was indeed "guilty as charged."

George was guilty as charged for tireless work on behalf of those less privileged, against discrimination based on race, sexual orientation or gender; for better education, for the nation's working men and women, for children, for the environment, and always—against weapons of mass destruction, for arms control and for peace.

He will always be remembered as a man of principle, unafraid to stand alone, impervious to pressure. In 1966, George cast the sole vote in the House of Representatives against the Defense Appropriations Bill—his act of defiance against the Vietnam War.

From his time as Mayor of Monterey Park to the California Assembly, to Congress where he served as Chairman and then Ranking Member of the Science Committee, he always held his office in spite of ferocious opposition—simply because he paid close attention to his constituents and won the undying loyalty of a tight, but determined majority. They loved him and they wanted him to represent them.

Gruff, crusty and colorful, no one could turn a phrase just like George. If he disagreed with a proposal, it "bordered on lunacy." He loved the thought that he had become a virtual legend in his own time.

We hope that his family will be comforted by his legacy and by knowing that he was one of a kind and a shining example of integrity and principle. George Brown is simply irreplaceable in this House of Representatives.

SIR ARTHUR GILBERT

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 5, 1999

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional individual who has made an enormous contribution to the arts. In recognition of his valuable advancement of the arts worldwide, he has been knighted by the Queen of England, a great honor for both him and his wife Lady Marjorie Gilbert. This high distinction is rarely awarded to individuals outside Great Britain. It attests to Sir Gilbert's dignity, personal integrity, and contribution to Western culture. Arthur helped develop Los Angeles then went on to build one of the world's greatest collections of gold and silver art, as well as the world's premier collection of micro-mosaics. Receipt of this Knighthood represents a culmination of years of dedication, hard work, and a love for the arts.

This gentleman epitomizes the twin values of hard work and generosity. Early in his life, he began a successful career in the clothing business. He went on to settle in California where he became an illustrious developer, helping to build a bright future for Californians. However, personal success was not enough, he became not only a generous benefactor of many charities, but started a rich collection of decorative art that combines both history and beauty. Indeed, he has long shared his priceless collections with the public and recently donated it to a museum in England so that the entire world can enjoy these exquisite, and often overlooked, forms of art. Arthur Gilbert has truly worked to turn his personal success into a lasting legacy of art for everyone and has thus brought honor on himself and us all.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in honoring this man who embodies the diligence and generosity to which we all aspire and whose dedication to the arts serves as an inspiration and a model to us all.

We must support and honor individuals, like Arthur Gilbert, who cultivate artistic enthusiasm, understanding, and appreciation. Through such enterprising and charitable individuals, we are given a glimpse of how bright our future can be. A world filled with the dedication, hard work, altruism, and dignity that his well earned title of knight represent. thanks to Sir Arthur Gilbert's contribution to the arts, we know that the future will be a beautiful one that many future generations can appreciate.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to this October when Buckingham Palace will see the investiture of Sir Arthur Gilbert as a Knight Bachelor. I know that he, and Lady Marjorie Gilbert, will be justly proud.

IN HONOR OF THE LATE REPRESENTATIVE
GEORGE E. BROWN, JR.

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 5, 1999

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, it should be easy to honor someone that you have known for almost 16 years. However, it is difficult to honor every poignant and inspiring memory of