DEATH OF ROBERT M. TALLON,
FATHER OF FORMER REPRESENTATIVE ROBIN TALLON
HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, Members of the House who served with Representative Robin Tallon of South Carolina should know that on January 28, 2001, his father passed away. Robert M. Tallon was 78, and died of a heart attack while doing what he loved, bird hunting in South Carolina.

Bob Tallon was an airborne infantryman in World War II, one of those soldiers of whom it was said, “uncommon valor was a common virtue.” As a staff sergeant in the 82nd Airborne Division, Bob Tallon fought his way from Sicily up the boot of Italy, where he parachuted with the 82nd into Holland as part of the fiercest fighting of the war in Italy. He was a mainstay in the Methodist Church and a pillar of the community, involved in every good cause from the Lions Club to the Hospice Society.

Though Bob Tallon lived most of his life within the radius of Dillon, a small town in South Carolina, he lived the kind of life that made this country great. As President Clinton said at Anzio of his own father who also fought in Italy, “They made possible the world we live in.”

HON. SONNY CALLAHAN
OF ALABAMA
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Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of a great man, William J. “Bill” Hearin. Mr. Hearin passed away Monday, February 19, 2001 at the Mobile Infirmary. He was chairman of the boards of the Mobile Register and Energy South, Inc., the parent company of Mobile Gas Service Corp. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Emily, his daughter, Ann Bartlett, and to all of his family at this difficult time.

Bill was very active in the community. He rose through the ranks at the Mobile Register becoming co-publisher, then publisher and president, then chairman. He had one of the longest tenures at the top levels of a metro newspaper, and as a result he had a significant and lasting relationship with Mobile. Hearin was involved professionally in the newspaper industry, where he served as president of the Newspapers Association, director of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association and as a member of the American Newspaper Publishers Association.

Bill Hearin was a leader in Mobile’s social circles, where he served on the reception committees for a few of Mobile’s oldest mystic organizations. He also served on the committee for the Camellia Ball. He was named Mobilian of the Year in 1977, and in 1987 he received an award for Outstanding Civic Leader in the state.

After the death of Ralph B. Chandler, Bill took the reigns of the Chandler Foundation, which later became the Hearin-Chandler Foundation. The foundation distributes more than $10 million among Mobile charities. Bill Hearin has contributed to the city he loved, William Hearin was a Mobile icon and a true newspaper man in every sense of the word and his contributions to our community will never be forgotten.