

Honoring the Life and Achievements of Philip Thornton Haire

Congressman Hastings honored Mr. Philip Thornton Haire in a commemorative speech on April 26, 2006:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Philip Thornton Haire, a very good friend and a beloved figure in Clewiston, Florida and the surrounding Glades area."

"Phil led a remarkable life. As a marine in World War II, he fought in the Pacific Theater, winning a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. Following his military service, Phil began a career as a radio sales executive working throughout the West and Midwest. In 1950, he moved to the Glades area, where he began his long association with radio station WSWN, known as "Sugar 900." In addition to his duties in sales, he became a sports announcer, copywriter, and eventually, Vice President and General Manager."

"Phil Haire was an honest, decent man who always had a smile and a kind word for people he met. He was loved and respected throughout the Glades area. Phil truly left his mark on his community and on everyone who knew him. We will all miss him greatly."

"On behalf of the Members of the House of Representatives, I would like to pass along our deepest condolences to Phil's family, friends, and loved ones."

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