

Rep. Tangretti Remarks

Regis J. Kelly Sr. Memorial

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(Usual greetings and acknowledgement)

Today we join with the members of the South Greensburg community and the many friends of Regis Kelley to honor his memory.

And what better way to do that than by dedicating this park...this piece of land...in tribute to the man who served this community and this county so long and so well.

We're especially pleased to have the members of his family here (give names and relationship).

It must be a source of comfort and of great pride as well to know that he will be remembered in the heart of this community as he is in their own hearts.

Why do we do this...single out a man such as Regis Kelley for special remembrance?

Certainly he was faithful to his office and worthy of the confidence the public placed in him.

Certainly he was dedicated to the betterment of this community and to the county he served so well.

Certainly, he brought great credit to the system of justice and law enforcement to which he devoted so large a part of his life.

We're certain, too, of his love for his family and his loyalty to his many friends.

We honor a man like Regis for the qualities he possessed, for these are the qualities we would wish for ourselves, for our children and for our communities.

Regis was truly blessed to have those qualities in great abundance and the rare ability to make them manifest in every situation.

So let us dedicate this park to Regis...to be sure...and to the very best we can aspire to in ourselves and those who will follow us in South Greensburg.

*Let it be a place for the enjoyment of future generations and also for their instruction,*

So that years from now parents will bring their children to this place and the child will ask, "Who was Sheriff Kelley?"

"Did he hold a high office? Was he rich and famous? Did he make the history books?"

And that parent can say: "He was more than that. He was a decent, honest person, a fair person, who was good to his family, his friends and to this town.

"That's the way I hope you can be, and that's why they made this park and named it for him."