

## **G. V. Sonny Montgomery Weekly Radio Show**

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Interviewer: This is Congressman Sonny Montgomery's weekly radio report from Washington. The world was stunned by the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzak Rabin last week. You knew Mr. Rabin, what was your impression of him and what he did for peace in the Middle East?

Montgomery: I thought he was quite a courageous person, he was a soldier, he had been in every war that Israel had been involved in. And he was a winner, he was a good commander; then he saw how terrible war was and he got involved in politics. And that's what pushed him to work with peace with Palestinian leaders in that part of the world. So, he became Prime Minister, and I was very impressed with him. I was at a meeting here in Washington, on Capitol Hill. And I had gotten early to the meeting, and he came early, so I had about ten minutes just talking with him last year. And got to know him, he's very sincere, he's very quiet, but it was a set back to the world for him to be assassinated.

Interviewer: This year you will not travel to Mississippi for Veterans Day, but instead you will stay in Washington for some special events in the capital. What's on the agenda?

Montgomery: Well this is the first time in twenty-nine years I've been here that I wasn't in Mississippi honoring our veterans on November the eleventh. Several things I wanted to do up here, one of those is for the World War two veterans, we are going to have a groundbreaking ceremony to build a nice memorial for the World War two veteran right on the mall. Actually, will be near the Korean War memorial, as well as the Vietnam War memorial. It will take about seven years to build it; it'll take about seventy-five million dollars. I'm part of the ones, I want to shovel the dirt to get that project going as a World War two veteran. The President is having, at the White House, veterans for breakfast that morning. Veterans who have been active in Congress working on veterans' programs. Veterans who are ahead of the different great veteran organizations around the country will be there that morning. I will talk to some Vietnam veterans, later on the in the day. And one thing I've never done, is on veterans' day, to be part of the ceremony that lays a wreath at the Unknown Soldier's grave at Arlington Cemetery. And I will participate at that, that will take place at eleven o'clock on that Saturday morning November eleventh. So, I'm really looking forward to being here this time, of course I would like to be in Mississippi. The one time while I'm still in Congress I'd like to be in Washington and participate in the veterans ceremonies.

Interviewer: Mississippi voters rejected the idea of term limits in an election this past week. What's your reaction to that decision?

Montgomery: Well I'm real pleased about it. Actually, it didn't affect me for two reasons: I'm not running again, and the Supreme Court has ruled that term limitations cannot be placed on members of the House and the Senate. But the way that petition was presented, and I saw them around the state when I was down there outside the post office in Meridian. People really didn't know what they were signing, I think basically they were just saying well let's get rid of a lot of these guys. But when they signed it, they got rid of their cousins and their uncles and it just wasn't presented right. It should've told people more what it did, it really as I said, effected the state, the county, and the local offices. And the best term limitations you have, is the ballot box. Mississippians don't hesitate to turn people out if they think they're not doing their job. So, I'm proud of them, this term limitations were not presented in a correct manner and it should've been defeated. If they want to look at it later on let the legislator look at it, but not do it by petition.

Interviewer: Thank you Congressman, this has been Congressman Sonny Montgomery's weekly radio report from Washington.

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