Browder Focused on Future of Democracy, Democrats

BROWDER, from page 31 contribute to the functioning of American democracy,” Browder said. “So I never felt that I had to have a career in [Congress] to be happy.”

Browder is now the eminent scholar in American democracy at Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Ala., and a distinguished visiting professor of national security affairs at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. He is also the author of “The Future of American Democracy: A Former Congressman’s Unconventional Analysis.”

These roles allow Browder to devote his energy to “encouraging a national discussion about the future of American democracy,” something he said he spent decades thinking about but is now his primary calling.

“Jacksonville State University, fortunately, encourages me to discuss this, and to enhance this discussion in whatever forum is available,” Browder said.

In addition to teaching, Browder has taken his discussion on the road, visiting colleges and high schools, as well as political science audiences, in Alabama, Washington, D.C., California and internationally.

“I really believe we need to have a national dialogue about the future of American democracy,” he said.

The students and academics he speaks with, he said, have been very receptive to that message. “They’ve wondered and thought about but is now his primary calling.”

He loves this country,” added Bonner. “He’s just one of the smartest people I know. I always enjoyed his classes. He had a very practical way of teaching.”

Bonner said he is very pleased to see Browder’s guidance, both at Jacksonville State and on the campaign trail, is Rogers. While Rogers was earning his bachelor’s and master’s in public administration at Jacksonville State in the early 1980s, he studied under Browder. Rogers also worked on Browder’s first campaign for the Alabama Legislature in 1982.

“I pretty much took every course he offered,” Rogers said. “He’s just one of the smartest people I know. I always enjoyed his classes. He had a very practical way of teaching.”

Bonner said he is very pleased to see Browder challenging the future leaders of Alabama “to wave the banner and protect this experiment called democracy that we’re 229 years into.”

“He loves this country,” added Bonner. “He is definitely someone who, either in an elected capacity, as a professor or as an adviser, is going to continue to speak out and be a voice of reason for all of us.”

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