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Civil Rights Icon Clarence M. Dunnville, Jr. Endorses Abigail Spanberger for VA-07

GLEN ALLEN, VA — Today, Clarence M. Dunnville, Jr., a Richmond-based civil rights icon, lawyer, and activist, endorsed Abigail Spanberger in her bid to represent Virginia's 7th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Born in Roanoke, Virginia, during the Jim Crow Era, Dunnville served as the first African-American lawyer for AT&T and as a volunteer attorney with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law in Mississippi in 1967. Dunnville went on to join the law firm of Civil Rights giant Oliver Hill in 1990.

"I am proud to support Abigail Spanberger's run for the 7th Congressional District," said Dunnville. "Abigail is committed to the same ideals I have been fighting for throughout my career, and that is why I am endorsing her today. Simply put, we need her. Abigail's candidacy offers the people of the 7th District an opportunity for positive leadership and real change that we so desperately need in Washington."

"I am honored by this endorsement," said Spanberger. "To receive the support of a civil rights leader like Clarence Dunnville who has served on the front lines of the fight for equality is a truly humbling experience. He has dedicated his life to improving the lives of all Virginians, and I plan to take that kind of passion to Congress on behalf of the people of the 7th Congressional District."

This endorsement joins a growing list of organizations and individuals supporting Spanberger's candidacy, including EMILY's List, End Citizens United, NARAL Pro-Choice America, and numerous elected leaders, including Virginia Delegates Dawn Adams, Debra Rodman, and Schuyler VanValkenburg, as well as Richmond Mayor Levar Stoney.

Abigail Spanberger is a proud Democrat and former CIA officer running for Congress against Dave Brat in Virginia's 7th Congressional District. She believes in leadership that flows from our shared American values of integrity, responsibility, and decency, and she wants to work to move this country forward together. To learn more, please visit AbigailSpanberger.com.

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