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Good morning.

My name is attorney Gloria Allred. I am a victims' rights attorney representing the family members of some of the victims in this case.

The defendant, Rex Heuermann, has been indicted and is facing criminal charges related to the homicides of my clients' loved ones. He has entered a plea of "not guilty" to the charges against him for the victims whose family members I represent.

Here with me today are my clients –

Lynn Barthelemy, mother of victim, Melissa Barthelemy

Amanda Funderburg, sister of victim, Melissa Barthelemy

Nicolette Brainard-Barnes, daughter of victim, Maureen Brainard-Barnes

Melissa Cann, sister of victim, Maureen Brainard-Barnes

Elizabeth Baczkiel, mother of victim, Jessica Taylor

Jasmine Robinson, cousin of victim, Jessica Taylor

Elizabeth Meserve, aunt of victim, Megan Waterman

We are here today because we wish to support the family members of victim, Valerie Mack. We want her family to know that they are not alone in their grief. My clients have also lost a loved one as a result of a homicide, and as a result, many of them have experienced despair, depression, anger, trauma, and

grief that results from such a tragic loss. As Queen Elizabeth once said, “Grief is the price we pay for love.”

Even though what is alleged in the superseding indictment is stated to have taken place decades ago, the impact of the loss and the knowledge that this is not a missing persons case but is instead a first or second degree murder case, has caused the pain that they feel to cut to their hearts. Their loss and what their loved one may have suffered before they were killed has affected them emotionally, and in some cases physically as well, even now, decades later in 2024.

Let’s be clear. None of the victims deserved to die. They were all innocent and were just trying to earn some funds to support themselves and their families.

They were and are loved, and are missed every day by those who knew them and had a strong bond with them.

My clients have traveled here today to say to Valerie Mack’s family that we see you, we hear you, and we ask you to accept our condolences for your loss.

My clients have been here at many court hearings because they want their loved ones to be remembered and they want to give their loved ones a voice through their friends and family members. In addition, they support each other.

Most of all, however, they want justice for those who were murdered and who were buried at Gilgo Beach.

There can be no healing without justice, and no justice unless whoever committed these most serious crimes against the victims is held accountable in a court of law.

My clients also want to know the truth of what happened to those they loved and still love.

They want both the truth and justice because there can be no justice without the truth and there can be no truth without justice.

These family members whom I represent have shed many tears throughout this process. We thank them for the courage that they have demonstrated in order to honor their loved ones and win the legal justice that they all deserve.

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