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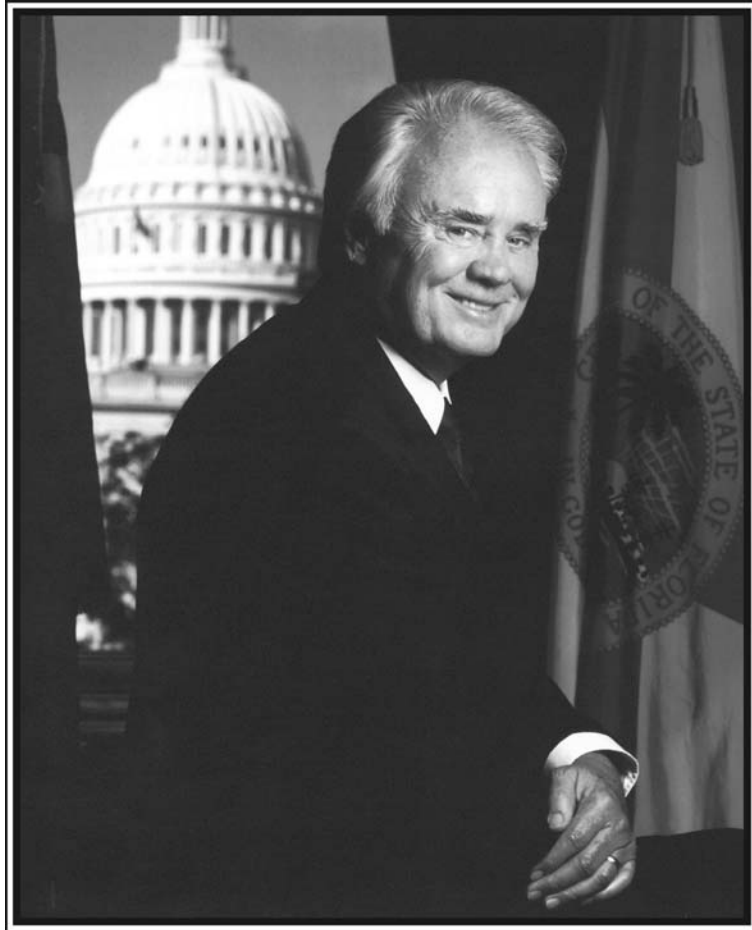
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BIOGRAPHY

Congressman BILL YOUNG served 22 terms in Congress as a Representative of the 13th Congressional District of Florida. He was the senior member of the Florida congressional delegation and was the senior Republican in the entire Congress, House and Senate. He served over 50 years in public office (10 in the Florida State senate and 42 in the U.S. Congress) and worked with eight Presidents of the United States.

A 9-year veteran of the Army National Guard, and 6 more as a reservist, BILL YOUNG was nationally known for his expertise on defense and security issues. He served as chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense and was also a member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and the Appropriations Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch.

From 1999 to 2005 Congressman YOUNG served as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, overseeing the entire Federal discretionary budget. In fact, the last time the United States had a balanced Federal budget was under his chairmanship.

Throughout his service on the Appropriations Committee, Congressman YOUNG was dedicated to improving the quality of life of the men and women who serve and who have served in the military. He regularly met with enlisted personnel and officers to assess their needs, and as a result, Congress has invested in improved base housing, better medical care, increased pay, and more modern equipment for the military.

Congressman YOUNG was also a leading advocate for increased biomedical research. During his chairmanship of the Appropriations Committee, he successfully led the effort in Congress to double Federal medical research funding over 5 years through the National Institutes of Health. In addition, he led the fight for Federal funding for a variety of medical issues, including an increased immunization rate for preschoolers, improved public health programs nationwide, and cures for Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases.

In 1986 Congressman YOUNG was instrumental in creating a national registry for bone marrow donors. Now named the

C.W. Bill Young Marrow Donor Recruitment and Research Program in his honor, the registry lists more than 11 million volunteer donors for patients with leukemia and other life-threatening diseases and has served as a model for similar programs throughout the world. It has provided the gift of life to more than 60,000 individuals and facilitates an average of 20 bone marrow transplants every day of the year.

Throughout his career of public service, BILL YOUNG was a strong advocate for the needs of Pinellas County. Among other issues, he worked to ease congestion along U.S. Highway 19; attracted high-tech jobs to St. Petersburg; improved health care for low-income children and families; protected the neighboring MacDill Air Force Base from closure; built a state-of-the-art medical center for veterans at Bay Pines; ensured a steady supply of water for the Tampa Bay area; and offset the effects of erosion on the area's beaches.

Congressman YOUNG was born in Harmarville, PA, and moved to Pinellas County at the age of 15. He is survived by his wife Beverly, and three adult sons, Rob, Billy, and Patrick.

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Proceedings in the House of Representatives

TUESDAY, *October 22, 2013*

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

As the People's House returns, we give You thanks for those most responsible for the resolutions reached this past week and for the reopening of government, which has meant so much to the families of those who have chosen to serve their Nation by their work in government.

As all return, the Capitol is in mourning for the loss of two men of the House, former Speaker Tom Foley and Representative BILL YOUNG. Both men, a Democrat and a Republican, were known to be giants in the People's House, and their passing has deprived our Nation of experience and wisdom in Congress at a time when it is needed.

Bless all the Members with wisdom in good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over—that the legacy of these great legislators might be carried on for the benefit of all.

May all that is done here in the People's House be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 384

In the House of Representatives, U.S., October 22, 2013:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable C.W. BILL YOUNG, a Representative from the State of Florida.

Resolved, That a committee of such Members of the House as the Speaker may designate, together with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of applicable accounts of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3302) to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Bay Pines, FL, as the "C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3302

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. NAME OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER, BAY PINES, FLORIDA.

The Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Bay Pines, Florida, shall after the date of the enactment of this Act be known and designated as the "C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center". Any reference to such medical center in any law, regulation, map, document, record, or other paper of the United States shall be considered to be a reference to the C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. Miller) and the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. Brown) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Today is bittersweet as we mark both the passing of a congressional stalwart, Chairman C.W. BILL YOUNG, and pay a fitting tribute by naming the Bay Pines Veterans Medical Center in his honor.

Mr. Speaker, while the raw numbers themselves may speak volumes for his dedication to America, it is his personal qualities that I admire the most. When I came to Congress in 2001, BILL YOUNG was one of the first Members who

welcomed me here. It was on this floor, in this Chamber, that BILL YOUNG introduced me to the Members of this House the night I was sworn in. Since then, I came to regard him not only as a mentor or a colleague but, more important, a personal friend.

Chairman YOUNG served the 13th District of Florida and the people of the United States for over 42 years. He was the senior member of the Florida congressional delegation and was the senior Republican in both the House and in the Senate. Counting his years in the Florida Legislature, BILL YOUNG served over 50 years in public service and worked with eight Presidents.

BILL will be most remembered for his devotion to America's defense and especially to the men and women in the Armed Forces. Having served in uniform for 15 years as a member of the National Guard and Reserves, BILL was the go-to guy on defense issues here in the House. He dedicated his legislative and personal energies to improve the quality of life for the men and women who serve; and, as a result, those who wear the uniform and face our foes have improved base housing, better medical care, increased pay, and the best equipment.

Members know BILL best for his work as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee from 1999 to 2005, and he continued to serve as chairman of the Subcommittee on Defense until the time of his passing. But BILL YOUNG was much more than a defense expert. He had also been a leading advocate for increased medical research.

BILL worked to double Federal medical research funding and funding to increase immunization rates for preschoolers, to improve public health programs, and to find cures for Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases. Just one example, the C.W. Bill Young Marrow Donor Recruitment and Research Program registry lists more than 9 million volunteer donors for patients with leukemia and other life-threatening diseases. That simple list has provided the gift of life to more than 50,000 individuals.

To completely describe the contributions of a man who served in this body for over 42 years would take hours. So with that, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire Florida delegation and all those who knew and served with him in this House and in the other body, I offer our most sincere condolences to his wife, Beverly, and his sons Rob, Billy, and Patrick. He was your husband and father. To us, BILL was a friend we will miss dearly.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

One of my favorite songs is "May the Work I've Done Speak for Me."

I rise today to pay tribute to Chairman BILL YOUNG, whose passing we mourn and whose dedication to American servicemembers is well known to his fellow Floridians, as well as to all who serve in this House.

Taking care of our Nation's men and women in uniform was his passion. He often called them "kids" because he cared for them as deeply as if they were his family.

Chairman YOUNG was an officer and a gentleman. He served for 9 years in the Army National Guard. During his decades in Congress, he and his wife, Beverly, regularly visited the hospitalized combat troops in Florida and here at Bethesda. They helped arrange travel for military family members, or those who were having trouble paying the bills. Here in the House, at the Appropriations Committee, and in any other ways he could find, he was tireless in his work on behalf of servicemembers, veterans, and their families.

I worked with him when we were trying to finish the new courthouse in Orlando. This was just after the Oklahoma City bombing and all the new security requirements that were added to protect the buildings and the people in them.

The project was \$19 million over budget, and the Chairman came to what must have been the longest townhall meeting held here in the Capitol. Everyone had something to say. The Chairman was a gentleman as always and wanted what was best for the people of Florida, regardless of party. This was the case also when it came to funding for research. Chairman YOUNG knew how important cutting-edge research is and made it a priority to find the funding to help future generations of Americans.

Madam Speaker, as we say goodbye to our friend and colleague, Chairman BILL YOUNG, I want to thank him for being a reasonable person to work with. All of our encounters were pleasant and I will miss working with him.

Every year, BILL YOUNG was a keynote speaker at the Memorial Day Program in Bay Pines. He initially worked with President Gerald Ford and the Appropriations Committee in 1976 to replace the original hospital building. At one point, he went so far as to personally show the President where the building was and how badly it was leaking. He was very proud of the new hospital, which opened in 1983. He was

thrilled when they named the road encircling it Bill Young Road.

The VA Medical Center at Bay Pines has many services to completely serve today's veterans. There are all the health services that any hospital would provide; but, in addition, there are services for caregivers, dental services, extended care and services for seniors, along with programs that help homeless veterans.

In addition, the women veterans health care program at Bay Pines focuses on wellness education, preventive health care, disease management, and care for the emotional well-being of women veterans.

Today, we will go one step further in honoring the man who made the VA Medical Center at Bay Pines a reality. Today, we take the step of naming the whole facility after BILL YOUNG. It is a most appropriate tribute—to name the center whose mission it is to coordinate the care for wounded men and women who serve.

Mr. Speaker, as we say goodbye to our friend and colleague, Chairman BILL YOUNG, with this bill we can honor his service in the way I know he would appreciate most deeply—having his name associated daily and directly with the highest level of care for our military veterans.

I want to thank Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman Miller for bringing it before us today, and I urge all of my colleagues to join me in supporting it.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, at this time, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. Ros-Lehtinen), the dean of our delegation.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am so pleased that the gentleman from Florida, Chairman Miller, has given me some time; and I am so pleased to support his bill that he has gotten the entire Florida delegation, working in a bipartisan manner, to honor this good man and warm friend, Congressman BILL YOUNG.

BILL was a true patriot and a tenacious public servant, dedicating his life to his constituents in Pinellas County.

As you heard from some of our previous speakers, his accomplishments are varied and many: creating a national bone marrow registry; improving the quality of life for active duty personnel, our National Guard, our Reserves, our veterans; protecting thousands of jobs in his area; preserving

MacDill Air Force Base; improving Florida's environment. These are just some of BILL's many accomplishments.

BILL was always willing to lend a helping hand to members of our entire State delegation with projects that were important in our local community. For example, he helped me to find the funds to dredge the Miami River, to protect Homestead Air Reserve Base after it was devastated by Hurricane Andrew.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. I yield the gentlewoman an additional 30 seconds.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. But, more important, he was the consummate gentleman. He was principled. He was honest, maintaining civility with his colleagues, a trait that we no longer honor as we should. BILL was an example for all of us here in Congress. It was my privilege and my high honor to serve with him. What a great privilege.

I thank the gentleman for yielding me the time.

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. Hoyer), the minority whip.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlelady for yielding.

BILL YOUNG was my friend. BILL YOUNG was a gentleman in every sense of the word. BILL YOUNG was an example for us all. I will have the privilege of speaking on Thursday, at his request, at his funeral. BILL and I served on the Appropriations Committee for 23 years together; then I left when I became majority leader.

BILL YOUNG was, as I said, a gentleman who cared about each and every individual in this House. More than that, he cared for each and every person who served in uniform in our Armed Forces; and he and Beverly displayed that, as Congressman Miller has said, on a weekly, daily basis.

I am a Democrat; BILL was a Republican. It didn't make any difference. He was an American, I was an American, and we served our country together. No one served it better than BILL YOUNG. He chose to see our differences as slight and our common purpose as great. He always chose civility over partisanship.

He was a skilled legislator on behalf of the people of Pinellas County, FL, on behalf of Florida, on behalf of his

country, on behalf of the members of the Armed Forces and the defense of this country. He was a champion of our men and women in uniform, veterans and their families, all of whom, wherever they lived, he viewed as his constituents. This bill to rename the VA Hospital in Bay Pines, FL, which I am proud to cosponsor, is a fitting tribute to his devotion to our veterans and our troops.

Though he represented Florida longer than any Member of this House in history, BILL was originally from a hard-scrabble coal mining town in Pennsylvania. It was there he learned many lessons about the hardships facing working families and the need to ensure that opportunities would be within their reach, and he never forgot that.

He was a great Member of this body, a very powerful Member of this body, an extraordinary, influential American. But to all of us, he was BILL; to all those he came in contact with, he was BILL. He was a person who understood the needs, the fears, the aspirations, the hopes of his people and the people of our country.

My thoughts are with Beverly, with BILL YOUNG's family, and with the people of Florida's 13th District. This House has lost a great Member.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, at this time, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. Mica).

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, it is absolutely fitting that we take this step and name our veterans hospital on the west coast of Florida after a great American, a patriot, a hero for our veterans—BILL YOUNG.

Probably more than anyone in the House of Representatives or Congress, I have known BILL YOUNG, I think, longer. He and I were both aides to the first Republican Congressman since the Civil War, Bill Kramer. He was an aide before I was, but we met and worked together more than 40 years ago.

So I rise tonight not only as a colleague, but as a personal friend and political ally of a great human being, someone who put his heart and soul into his position, who loved our service men and women, and his great legacy will be all he has done to honor their memory.

Tonight, we honor his memory with renaming Bay Pines Veterans Hospital for BILL YOUNG, my friend.

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. Bishop).

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. I thank the gentlelady for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in full support of the legislation before us this evening to rename the Bay Pines Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Florida the C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center. I am honored to join over 200 of my House colleagues as an original cosponsor of this bipartisan legislation, a great tribute to one of our dearest colleagues.

Indeed, BILL YOUNG will be forever known as one of the strongest supporters of our military and veterans in the history of this Congress. His staunch and unyielding support of our military and our veterans is legendary.

Likewise, he was a true champion for his district, and a fount of knowledge about the chronicles of the U.S. House of Representatives.

BILL YOUNG will be missed in Washington, as well as in Florida. He, along with the late Congressman Jack Murtha, were not only great friends and mentors to me, but their wives, Beverly and Joyce, were also friends and mentors to my wife, Vivian.

Chairman Murtha and Chairman YOUNG were neither Democrat nor Republican when it came to our national defense. Regardless of which was the chairman or ranking member of the Defense Subcommittee, the men and women of America's military would be taken care of. I am proud to have served as a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense under both of these great leaders.

With BILL YOUNG's death, the Nation has truly lost one of the few remaining statesmen. Our thoughts and prayers are with Beverly and the entire family. Congress and our Nation have lost one of its greatest statesmen. I have lost a dear friend and a mentor.

While we could use every word in every language spoken by mankind, we would not have enough words combined to adequately thank BILL YOUNG for his service. I am pleased to join my colleagues in passing this resolution to rename the Bay Pines Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Florida the C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

It has been said that you make your living by what you get; you make your life by what you give. BILL YOUNG gave so much to so many for so long. He will be greatly missed.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Georgia alluded to over 200 cosponsors. I would announce to

the House tonight that we had 379 original cosponsors of this piece of legislation.

I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. Bilirakis), the vice chairman of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, whose district abutted Mr. YOUNG's.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman—379 cosponsors, what a testament. What a wonderful man. What a great man.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to strongly support this legislation. Over the past five decades, Chairman YOUNG selflessly served Florida and the Tampa Bay area, leading many initiatives to promote economic growth, create jobs, of which his contributions to the military and veterans in particular are immeasurable.

In the 1970s, the chairman played a significant role in winning critical funding for the Bay Pines Veterans Affairs Medical Center, which allows the facilities to support almost 100,000 of our heroes in our area today. With this funding, Bay Pines was able to increase the size of its campus, replace the hospital, and now offers a wide variety of services to these veterans in their backyard because of Chairman YOUNG.

Chairman YOUNG has left behind a rich legacy in support of our heroes, especially those in the Tampa Bay area. By renaming this important facility in his honor, we will provide a lasting monument to remember a great friend, Chairman BILL YOUNG.

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. Castor), whose district butts up to Congressman BILL YOUNG's district.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. I thank my colleague from Florida for yielding the time and for her dedication to the Nation's veterans as well.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of designating the Bay Pines VA Medical Center in Pinellas County, FL, the Congressman C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center. I am very proud to cosponsor this bill, and I would like to thank Chairman Miller of Florida, Congresswoman Brown, and all of our colleagues for honoring BILL YOUNG with such a designation.

I have been fortunate to serve alongside BILL YOUNG for the 7 years that I have been here. Seven out of the 43 years that Mr. YOUNG served in the Congress, we represented St. Petersburg and the Tampa Bay area together. I know I speak for my predecessors, Jim Davis and Sam Gibbons, who

also passed last year, when I say that Congressman BILL YOUNG was a gentleman and an outstanding partner for the interests of the Tampa Bay area and the State of Florida.

It is very appropriate that we honor BILL YOUNG by naming the Bay Pines VA Medical Center after him. He was a fixture at the Bay Pines Veterans Day and Memorial Day ceremonies every year. But more important, he was a fixture when there was no ceremony, when he would visit wounded soldiers in the hospital or at their homes, when there was no fanfare, and he determined that it was just his desire to ensure that the servicemembers and their families received the care that they deserved and that they had earned.

Many facilities at the MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa are state of the art due to Mr. YOUNG's extra attention. I am very grateful for the help he provided to me when MacDill and the soldiers and civilians who worked there were in need. For example, in the past year, he boosted our efforts in "MacDill Means Mobility" when we tried to expand the mission at the base. When I brought to his attention that the Department of Defense was not assisting former servicemembers and their families who qualified for Medicaid health services, he helped cut through the red tape.

Many also will point to his expansive earmarks and great legacy in the Tampa Bay area in a variety of ways: our drinking water reservoir is the Bill Young Reservoir; medical research initiatives at the University of South Florida; programs at St. Petersburg College; programs at Eckerd College. We are so proud that Mr. YOUNG initiated the national bone marrow donor program at All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg.

It was decades ago, through Congressman YOUNG's leadership, that the Bay Pines VA Medical Center in St. Petersburg was created. Bay Pines is now the fourth-largest veterans hospital in the country. It serves veterans all across west central Florida and employs many talented caregivers.

So it is a fitting tribute to this remarkable American to name the Bay Pines VA Medical Center in his honor, and I am proud to cosponsor the resolution. Congressman YOUNG was a model statesman. His kindness, sincerity, and dogged advocacy for our Nation's men and women in uniform and veterans will be missed.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. Diaz-Balart).

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, let me first thank Chairman Miller for bringing this important piece of legislation forward. We literally could be here days speaking about the many accomplishments of Chairman YOUNG, and those days would not suffice.

I got a chance to work with him on the Appropriations Committee. I will tell you that so many times I went to him for advice, for help. BILL YOUNG was one of those people who you always went to when you needed help, when you needed advice. He was such a wise man.

As I just said, since we would never have enough time to talk about all of his great accomplishments—and you have heard not only about his accomplishments but just the fact that he was an incredibly honorable, caring, wise—“statesman” is the word that comes to mind.

Since my time is limited, I just want to echo something that I heard. I am not quite sure, Mr. Speaker, who said it. Somewhere I once read that “to be a great man, you first have to be a good man.” If there is anybody that phrase reminds me of, it is BILL YOUNG.

Ms. BROWN of Florida. I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. Jackson Lee).

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. Brown), and I would like to thank Chairman Miller—we have worked together. I thank the gentleman so very much. I want to acknowledge as well the ranking member of the Appropriations Committee, Mrs. Lowey. Thank you for allowing me to share with you this evening my comments, appreciation, and respect that I have for BILL YOUNG.

First of all, I would like to say what everyone else has said. What a great American. What a great patriot. What a great public servant.

BILL, may you rest in peace.

Congressman YOUNG, Chairman YOUNG was on the floor of the House just a few weeks before he passed. I think that is important to note, that he was working every single day to make America better. He loved soldiers and veterans. He loved their families. It is highly appropriate for him to have his name so honored as a named veterans hospital.

I want to say that it is particularly important to note that Congressman YOUNG was able to speak to kings and queens and generals and people in high places. But he was best

when he was talking to everyday people, to the soldiers whom he loved.

He came from humble beginnings. Starting with his mother, a single parent, losing his home early in life, living in a hunting camp. You would think that he would not be the generous-hearted person that he is today. But he was really what America is all about, the American dream.

I remember his commitment to our soldiers and his easy ability to work across the aisle as someone who advocated for soldiers suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. I want to let his family know how dedicated he was to providing extra resources to the thousands upon thousands of soldiers who returned from Iraq and Afghanistan who needed extra help with post-traumatic stress disorder.

He was very kind to those of us who were concerned about breast cancer and women in the U.S. military who may have experienced breast cancer.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Ms. BROWN of Florida. I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Texas.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. I thank the distinguished gentlelady from Florida.

He worked with me over the last two sessions, Mr. Speaker, in providing extra funding for post-traumatic stress disorder to a center that is in Houston, TX, but also dealing with additional research on triple-negative breast cancer that might have an impact not only on the military population of women but also with women around the Nation. BILL was like that. Congressman BILL YOUNG, Chairman BILL YOUNG was like that, always extending, always sharing.

He has a special place in my heart because my late mother is from St. Petersburg, FL. I would say that he should have a special place in the hearts of all Americans because if you ever want to see exemplified a grand and stately gentleman who had nothing in his heart but the love and respect and admiration for this Nation, it was our dear friend, the Honorable BILL YOUNG.

To his family, I say to them, we love him, and we extend our deepest sympathies. Thank you, my dear friend. You have served well. I hope that you will rest well.

May God bless him, and God bless his family.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I now yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. Womack).

Mr. WOMACK. I thank Chairman Miller for this time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the chorus of people remembering our friend from Florida, BILL YOUNG, the chairman of the Defense Subcommittee of Appropriations.

Chairman YOUNG, as you know, spent five decades of his life in this Chamber fighting for a better America for both his constituents and our country. As the dean of the Republican Conference, he was a leader and of counsel to colleagues young or old, Republican or Democrat.

Mr. Speaker, I am the newest member of the Defense Subcommittee of Appropriations. I was fortunate to receive his mentorship. I learned from his fearless, unparalleled support of our troops and our veterans, and I admired his outspoken and unwavering commitment to what was in their best interest. Mr. Speaker, as a veteran myself of over 30 years, I was also a beneficiary of his incredible support of those who wear the uniform.

While his presence will be forever missed, the Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center will serve as a small and fitting reminder that this institution, our men and women in uniform, and America, are undoubtedly better off because of BILL YOUNG. I am proud to support it.

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, could you please tell me how much time remains on each side.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman has 4½ minutes remaining. The gentleman has 10½ minutes remaining.

Ms. BROWN of Florida. I thank the Speaker.

At this time, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. Lowey).

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this bill.

For more than 40 years, BILL YOUNG served his district and this institution with integrity and honor after having served our country in the Army National Guard for nearly a decade.

As chairman of the Appropriations Committee, his leadership and advocacy for our men and women in uniform and our veterans was unsurpassed. In a time when political culture too often devolves into hostility, and compromise is a

dirty word, BILL YOUNG was always a gentleman who consistently reached across the aisle.

He would share with me his visits with his dear wife, Beverly, to wounded warriors to bring them comfort. How happy those visits made him.

It was such a pleasure to serve with him, and he will be truly missed. Renaming this VA facility in his memory is a tribute to his legacy.

You will be missed, my dear friend. Rest in peace, God bless you, and God bless America.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time and am prepared to close.

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, first of all, let me thank Chairman Miller for organizing this tribute to Chairman YOUNG.

In closing, I often say when you are born, you get a birth certificate; and when you die, you are going to get a death certificate; and that little dash in between is what you have done to make this a better place.

I don't know anyone who has done more than Chairman BILL YOUNG. It has just been my honor having had the opportunity to serve with him. His leadership for the Florida delegation—I mean, we have gone through some tough times. But I can tell you, he has always been a gentleman.

When I first began, I said that one of my favorite sayings is to let the work I have done speak for me. Clearly he has done his work, and as Paul said, he has fought a good fight, and he has kept the faith. He has done his job. It has been left up to us to continue his great work.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, tonight I want to thank all the Members on both sides of the aisle for their kind words they have said of our friend from Florida, BILL YOUNG. I sincerely hope that the words give Beverly, Rob, Billy, and Patrick some measure of consolation.

While we will no longer have BILL's personal and wise counsel to go to, that beautiful veterans medical center will bear his name. It will give witness to his many years of service to America and her defenders.

I want to thank my good friend from Florida (Ms. Brown) for her help in bringing this bill to the floor and the over 375 cosponsors that we have brought on this piece of legislation.

I respectfully ask all Members to join us in supporting this piece of legislation, H.R. 3302, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I heard from my friend, former Congressman Norm Dicks, today, and he asked me to submit this statement on his behalf. He had the privilege of serving with Chairman BILL YOUNG for over 30 years on the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, and said this about him:

Chairman YOUNG did more for the men and women in the Armed Forces than anyone in Congress. BILL and Beverly made weekly trips to Bethesda and Walter Reed to see our wounded warriors and offered personal help to their families. BILL YOUNG believed in bipartisanship; the Defense Subcommittee almost always reported the Defense Appropriations bill with all Members, Democrats and Republicans, in full support. BILL was a great American, a great leader, and a great friend and he will be truly missed.

Mr. YOHO. Mr. Speaker I rise today in honor of CHARLES WILLIAM YOUNG, better known to his colleagues and constituents as BILL. I am deeply saddened Congressman YOUNG, a man who put all others before himself, has passed—he will be sorely missed.

Although I only had the pleasure of working with BILL for a short time, I benefited greatly from his leadership and the strong example of service to the United States and Florida that he set. Congressman YOUNG leaves behind a long history of dedicated service to his constituents and the veterans of America.

BILL saw the Nation through some of her most tumultuous times, and throughout all of it he worked tirelessly to make sure our Nation's veterans were taken care of. He was a constant fixture at VA medical centers in Florida and in the Washington, DC, area always making sure the veterans were receiving the best possible care.

I proudly join my colleagues in renaming the Bay Pines VA Medical Center the C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center as a small token of the Nation's gratitude for his dedicated service.

I urge my colleagues to pass this small gesture of our gratitude without objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. Miller) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3302.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate this presentation. We had one of those very important moments to recognize the long service of one of our colleagues.

As we listen to those eulogies, I think all of us should be reminded of the awesome responsibilities that we share here in the House of Representatives. BILL YOUNG, obviously, felt those responsibilities deeply. He carried them out for an extraordinary length of time—almost 43 years. We are thankful for his service, for his memory; for what he has taught us about perseverance and steadfastness; and also, as you can tell from the various eulogies, about working across the aisle. . . .

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in proud support, and as an original cosponsor of H.R. 3302, naming the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Bay Pines, FL, as the “C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.”

I thank the Chair and ranking member of the Veterans Affairs Committee, Mr. Miller of Florida and Mr. Michaud of Maine, for working together to expedite the consideration of this fitting tribute to one of the most beloved Members to serve in this body.

Mr. Speaker, this is a fitting tribute to one of the greatest champions of the men and women who don the uniform in defense of our Nation, the late C.W. BILL YOUNG of Florida, who died last Friday, October 18, 2013, at the age of 82.

Mr. Speaker, BILL YOUNG was more than a great legislator. He was a good man. Virtually every Member who served with BILL has a story about how the gentleman from Florida lent his ear or a helping hand to help advance a critical project or further a legislative priority. I am no exception.

Earlier this year, Chairman YOUNG worked with me to win inclusion in H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act, of my amendment providing increased funding and support for medical research related to triple negative breast cancer. Chairman YOUNG also helped me to \$10 million in increased funding to support work to assist servicemembers suffering from post-traumatic stress disorders (PTSD). This act of kindness on the part of BILL YOUNG is changing lives in my congressional district, which is home to one of the Nation’s largest concentrations of veterans suffering from PTSD. BILL’s compassion for our veterans and his colleagues knew no limits.

BILL YOUNG was born December 16, 1930, in Harmarville, PA. A flood washed away his home at age 6 where he lived

with his single mother. An uncle had a hunting camp in Florida, so the family moved there when he was 16. BILL YOUNG dropped out of St. Petersburg High School to support his ill mother, Wilma M. Hulings. He joined the Army National Guard and served from 1948 to 1957.

In 1960 BILL YOUNG was elected to the Florida Senate, where he served from 1961 to 1970, and was minority leader in that chamber from 1966 to 1970. Until 1963 BILL YOUNG was the only Republican Senator in Florida.

From 1999 to 2005 Congressman YOUNG served as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, overseeing the entire Federal discretionary budget. In fact, the last time the United States had a balanced Federal budget was under his chairmanship.

Throughout his service on the Appropriations Committee, BILL YOUNG has been dedicated to improving the quality of life of the men and women who serve and who have served in the military. He regularly met with enlisted personnel and officers to assess their needs, and as a result, Congress has invested in improved base housing, better medical care, increased pay, and more modern equipment for the military.

Congressman YOUNG has also been a leading advocate for increased biomedical research. During his chairmanship of the Appropriations Committee, he successfully led the effort in Congress to double Federal medical research funding over 5 years. He has likewise led the fight for Federal funding for a variety of medical issues, including an increased immunization rate for preschoolers, improved public health programs nationwide, and cures for Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases.

Throughout his career of public service, Congressman YOUNG has been a strong advocate for the needs of Pinellas County. Among other issues, he has worked to ease congestion along U.S. Highway 19; attract high-tech jobs to St. Petersburg; improve health care for low-income children and families; protect the neighboring MacDill Air Force Base; build a state-of-the-art medical center for veterans at Bay Pines; ensure a steady supply of water for the Tampa Bay area; and offset the effects of erosion on the area's beaches.

For nearly 2 weeks, Congressman YOUNG had been hospitalized with back problems that stemmed from a 1970 small plane crash. Despite the circumstances, Congressman YOUNG vowed to beat his illness and battled valiantly until the very last day, when he finished his journey on Earth and ascended to the heavens.

Congressman YOUNG was the longest serving Republican Member of the House and was respected by all who knew him. He served over 50 years in public office and worked with eight Presidents of the United States. His presence will be forever missed and we all mourn his loss and extend our deepest sympathies to his family and friends.

But BILL YOUNG's good work lives on. In renaming the Veterans Affairs Medical Center at Bay Pines as the C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, we consecrate a monument to a remarkable public servant that exists to carry on the work to which BILL YOUNG dedicated his life: serving those who risked their lives to keep us free.

Mr. Speaker, none of us who knew and admired BILL YOUNG will ever forget him or the way he brightened the lives of all the people he served. He was one in a million and he will be deeply missed. He will never be replaced. He was an American original. He was my friend.

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.), under its previous order and pursuant to House Resolution 383 and House Resolution 384, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, October 23, 2013, at 10 a.m., for morning-hour debate, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable Thomas S. Foley and the late Honorable C.W. BILL YOUNG.

WEDNESDAY, *October 23, 2013*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, last Friday I became aware of the death of a great U.S. Congressman, BILL YOUNG, from Florida.

Mr. YOUNG was the senior Republican Member, who served in this House since 1970. He was a gentle soul, congenial, friendly—always nice to me. I asked him to join with me in the Tourette Syndrome Caucus, and he did. He was one of the founding members. He was a leader in seeking funds for biomedical research, which doubled during the time in which he was the chairman of the Appropriations Committee. He understood earmarks were the responsibility of this Congress, and he fought for them and supported them.

He was close friends with John Murtha, and I was proud to serve and to know both of them. Both men were in the military reserve, and both men toward the end of their careers recognized that war was wrong in places where they had previously been for it—John Murtha in Iraq, and, in 2012, Mr. YOUNG said that it was time to get out of Afghanistan.

A great leader has passed. His funeral will be tomorrow in the State of Florida. I was proud to know him. This country was fortunate to have him serve in this body.

Mr. GOHMERT. . . . Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay a brief tribute to a patriotic man who was devoted to the military, devoted to seeing that the military had what it needed, devoted to America. C.W. BILL YOUNG will have his funeral tomorrow in Florida. He was 82 years old. There have been plenty of tributes written about BILL YOUNG. There will be many more written and many more spoken tomorrow, and I will look forward to hearing those at his funeral, but there is nothing that could be said that could surpass the witness he was to who he was.

I talked to him numerous times. Sometimes I had questions. Sometimes I had points to make. When I had questions, he always had time. He was always honest—completely honest, very sincerely honest. He was a kind, decent, honest man. We miss when we lose a kind, decent, honest man.

BILL YOUNG, you will be missed.

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sense of solemnity that I wish to honor the passing and memory of our colleague, Congressman C.W. BILL YOUNG, who passed away on October 18, 2013, at the age of 82.

Congressman YOUNG was the most senior Republican in both Houses of Congress and represented the best of public service. He served in the Florida State senate for 10 years before being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from the Tampa Bay area in 1970. In his nearly 43 years in Congress, Congressman YOUNG worked hard for the people of his district and was especially tireless in supporting military personnel and their families—both legislatively and personally. He and his wife, Beverly, were known for their countless visits to wounded soldiers. Himself a veteran of the Army National Guard and Reserves, BILL YOUNG was the current chairman of the Defense Subcommittee of the Appro-

priations Committee, and he had previously chaired that full committee from 1999 to 2005.

With decades of experience, BILL YOUNG naturally became a source of guidance for many of his colleagues. He had a balanced and well-regarded approach to the issues and affairs of Congress, and his personal kindness was known to many. While this moment is significant for the people of the 13th District of Florida and for the House itself, my prayers today are especially with Congressman YOUNG's wife, Beverly, their three sons, and all of his loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring and remembering Congressman YOUNG.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in proud support, and as an original cosponsor of H. Res. 384, which expresses the condolences of the House on the death and recognizes the extraordinary contributions to our Nation of Congressman C.W. BILL YOUNG of Florida, who died last Friday, October 18, 2013.

I thank the bipartisan leadership of the House and the Chair and ranking member of the Veterans Affairs Committee for working together to expedite the consideration of this fitting tribute to one of the most beloved Members to serve in this body.

Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 384 recognizes the extraordinary contributions of BILL YOUNG to public life in Florida and the United States. It is both fitting and proper that the People's House pay this tribute to a pioneering and path-breaking man who devoted his life to serving the people.

Mr. Speaker, this happy moment stands in stark contrast to the sorrowful evening of October 18, 2013, when we learned that our dear friend and colleague, the great BILL YOUNG, had lost his life.

MONDAY, *October 28, 2013*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 384, and the order of the House January 3, 2013, the Speaker on October 24, 2013, appointed the following Members of the House to the committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable C.W. BILL YOUNG:

The gentlewoman from Florida, Ms. Ros-Lehtinen
The gentleman from Ohio, Mr. Boehner

The members of the Florida delegation:

Ms. Corrine Brown
Mr. Hastings
Mr. Mica
Mr. Crenshaw
Mr. Miller
Mr. Diaz-Balart
Ms. Wasserman Schultz
Mr. Bilirakis
Mr. Buchanan
Ms. Castor
Mr. Posey
Mr. Rooney
Mr. Deutch
Mr. Nugent
Mr. Ross
Mr. Southerland
Mr. Webster
Ms. Wilson
Mr. Grayson
Mr. DeSantis
Ms. Frankel
Mr. Garcia
Mr. Murphy
Mr. Radel
Mr. Yoho

Other Members in attendance:

Mr. Cantor
Ms. Pelosi
Mr. Hoyer
Mr. McCarthy, California
Mr. Young, Alaska
Mr. Sensenbrenner
Mr. Rogers, Kentucky
Mr. Wolf
Mr. Visclosky
Mr. Bishop, Georgia
Mr. Calvert
Mr. McKeon
Mr. Frelinghuysen
Ms. Jackson Lee, Texas
Mr. Latham
Mr. Price, North Carolina
Mr. Aderholt
Ms. Granger

Mr. Sessions
Mr. Carter
Mr. Cole
Mr. King, Iowa
Mr. Gohmert
Mr. Roe, Tennessee
Mr. Nunnelee
Mr. Womack

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I am very pleased tonight to lead a Special Order in memory of the life and service of our dear friend, our colleague from Florida, Mr. BILL YOUNG. We will hear from members of the Florida delegation and also from leaders from the committee on which he was a leader, himself.

To lead off tonight in our Special Order in that vein, I am very pleased to yield first to the chair of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives, on which Mr. YOUNG served so distinguishably, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. Rogers).

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Let me thank my colleague from Florida for yielding me this time.

Madam Speaker, I rise today with a very heavy heart to honor the memory and service of our dear friend and colleague, BILL YOUNG.

BILL served in this House and he served this country for decades with compassion and distinction. I have not known this institution without him—most of us are in that same situation—and I believe it will take a long time to fill the hole that his absence has left. As an appropriator, he was a role model for all of us. When I became chairman of the committee, I knew I had some very large shoes to fill in following in the footsteps of Chairman YOUNG, among others. He fought with determination and enthusiasm to make this country a better place.

BILL was a champion for our troops and veterans especially, both in the Halls of Congress and outside. His fierce determination and dedication to our troops and veterans never wavered. As we all know, he and his dear wife, Beverly, were to be found very frequently at Bethesda or at Walter Reed in the city or at a hospital overseas where troops were sick, and they spent hours and hours helping those who were injured.

He was the chairman of the Defense Subcommittee on the Appropriations Committee for many years. He also served on

the Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee, and his thumbprint is very visible in the improved medical care and in the quality of life of our troops, among the many other issues that he held dear to his heart.

BILL was a leader in this House who was able to make his mark with grace and fortitude. He was a lion about the things that he cared about; but he was a gentle lion, and he did things with grace and with a quiet voice until you crossed him on the betterment of our troops. Then BILL YOUNG would let you know where to get off.

I will miss BILL YOUNG greatly as I know all of us will. My prayers are with his family, with Beverly, with his many friends, and with all of those who had the privilege of knowing and working with BILL YOUNG. He will be greatly missed.

Mr. MICA. I thank the gentleman.

We are also pleased to have with us tonight a distinguished leader of the Florida delegation and now the dean of the Florida delegation—our senior member—to pay tribute to BILL YOUNG. I yield to the gentlelady from Florida (Ms. Ros-Lehtinen).

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Chairman, thank you for the time.

A good man, a warm friend, and a true patriot, BILL YOUNG was an example for all of us here in Congress, and it was an honor and a privilege to serve with him. Madam Speaker, the loss of BILL's experience and knowledge will be felt by everyone in this Chamber.

The consummate gentleman from Florida, BILL was always ready to listen to his colleagues on both sides of the aisle, greeting everyone with a smile. Both principled and honest while maintaining civility with his colleagues, BILL never allowed differences of opinion to devolve into partisan bickering, and he worked with Republicans and Democrats to balance our budget as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

A tenacious public servant, BILL dedicated his life to his constituents. His number one priority was ensuring those who serve our country get the help and the services they need to be successful. Improving the quality of life for veterans and for all active duty personnel, including those in the Reserve and the National Guard, was BILL's mission. BILL was always there for those returning from combat, visiting and helping our wounded warriors with his wife, Bev-

erly, and providing for our veterans at the medical facility in Bay Pines, which now bears his name.

As chairman of the Appropriations National Defense Subcommittee, BILL oversaw spending by the Pentagon and worked to ensure the readiness of our military in combat. His efforts helped not just those in his district but Americans across the Nation. His legacy will be seen around every corner, from the beaches of Pinellas County to our fighting forces around the world.

A genuine statesman, BILL's accomplishments are as varied as they are numerous. He fought to protect Florida's environment by blocking drilling close to our gulf coast and in helping to restore eroding beaches. With Beverly, BILL helped create a national bone marrow registry with almost 10 million donors registered thus far. Just as he fought for his own district, he could always be counted upon to help us with our constituent needs.

In 1991 in his district, he saved MacDill Air Force Base from closure; and a year later, he helped rebuild and protect Homestead Air Reserve Base in my congressional district after the devastation of Hurricane Andrew. Through his vital efforts in my district, the Miami River dredging project was completed—a project that continues to generate billions for the shipping industry, to create jobs and to spur economic growth in south Florida. It couldn't have happened without BILL YOUNG. BILL was instrumental in assisting Tampa Bay residents and those in my south Florida community and, indeed, across our country.

A true gentleman, a public servant, and a friend, BILL YOUNG deserves all of our thanks, Madam Speaker. He will be forever remembered as a champion not just for Florida but, indeed, for our entire great Nation.

I thank the gentleman for arranging this Special Order.

Mr. MICA. I thank the gentlelady.

Mr. YOUNG was respected not only by his Republican peers and colleagues but by peers on both sides of the aisle. So I am pleased now to yield to a senior member of the Florida delegation on the other side of the aisle, the cochair, Mr. Hastings.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Thank you very much. I appreciate you, Mr. Mica, my colleague, for arranging this Special Order, and it is special that we come here to speak about a gentleman who was special to us all.

Madam Speaker, obviously, we are here with heavy hearts and with great sadness tonight in our honoring of a friend and a colleague, Congressman BILL YOUNG.

BILL was an assiduous public servant and a tireless advocate for all Floridians; but above all, he was a man of integrity and a true statesman. The House of Representatives will not be the same without him. He served in Congress for 42 years; and I, as well as others, am deeply honored to have had the opportunity to serve alongside him for the past two decades. He dedicated himself to providing for our Nation's service men and women and was a powerful voice for America's best interests at home and abroad. His distinguished career has left its mark on the lives of countless Americans.

When I first came to Congress in 1992, I met with BILL YOUNG and Sam Gibbons. They were on opposite sides of the aisle, but were dear friends, dedicated to Florida and to making the Florida delegation strong. I remember vividly learning from both of them through the years. In addition, throughout all of the travails of hurricanes and disasters, BILL YOUNG stood with all of us who suffered during those periods, and he did everything he could to bring resources to Florida and to this Nation during disasters.

My first experience with an earmark was when BILL became chairman of the Appropriations Committee. I didn't know much about the process, but I knew that I wanted to get money in the budget to contribute to the African American Research Center in Fort Lauderdale in my congressional district. When I went to him, I was nervous because I wasn't sure how it would be handled, and he calmed me very easily by saying, "It is done." For sure, he had had a hand in the development of that particular research center, which stands, and I honor him for having assisted in bringing resources there.

Last week, Speaker Boehner said:

It has only been a week since we began trying to imagine the House without BILL YOUNG—an impossible task in its own right—and now he is gone. In our sorrow, we recall how not a day went by without a colleague seeking BILL's counsel as he sat on his perch in the corner of the House floor.

I certainly had the distinction of going to that corner and consulting with him.

President Obama said in his statement:

Congressman YOUNG will be remembered for his advocacy and support for the armed services, servicemembers and their families, as well as for his statesmanship and his long history of working across the aisle to keep our country moving forward.

Defense Secretary Hagel said:

He will be remembered as a passionate advocate for the welfare of America's servicemembers and military veterans. Though his loss will be felt by many, his legacy and commitment to a strong national defense will always inspire us.

It is the height of irony that our friend would pass at Walter Reed Hospital. No one in this body spent as much time with our military at Walter Reed and around this country as did BILL YOUNG. He, of course, has a legacy that is far excellent in that arena and also in bringing resources to the area that he served as well as to other areas around this Nation.

Tonight, I join with the people of Florida in keeping Beverly, BILL's sons, grandchildren, family, friends, and staff in my thoughts and prayers during this time of enormous sadness and loss.

Once again, I thank you, Chairman Mica, for arranging for us to have the privilege of honoring this great American.

Mr. MICA. Thank you.

Now, in continuing hearing from the leadership of our delegation, I am pleased to yield to the chairman of the Florida delegation, the gentleman whose district is adjacent to Mr. YOUNG's, to the south, Mr. Vern Buchanan.

Mr. BUCHANAN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the memory of my dear friend, colleague and mentor, Congressman BILL YOUNG.

For over four decades there has not been a stronger voice in this Chamber for our brave men and women in uniform other than BILL YOUNG. My district was just south of BILL YOUNG's district, and we have almost 90,000 veterans. There is nobody who has benefited, I think, in terms of a district more than our veterans have in terms of BILL YOUNG's leadership and in what he has brought to Pinellas County and to the State of Florida. He was an inspiration to so many because he personified the most important virtue of public service—he did it for others.

As dean of the Florida delegation, BILL provided wisdom and counsel to Members on both sides of the aisle. He served this great institution with devotion, civility, and distinction. I am honored personally to have served with this extraordinary man. With his passing, the State of Florida and the Nation have lost an outstanding lawmaker, statesman, and public servant. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.

Mr. MICA. I am pleased now to recognize another colleague across the aisle. Again, BILL YOUNG's friendships and his service included everyone in the House of Representatives and in the Congress, so I am pleased to yield 3 minutes to the gentlelady from Ohio, Marcy Kaptur.

Ms. KAPTUR. I want to thank Chairman Mica so very much for the privilege of extending the deepest condolences of the people of Ohio to the Young family, to the constituents of Congressman BILL YOUNG's district in Florida.

It was such a privilege to know him. Truly, he was not just a vigilant patriot, though that surely would have been enough, but he really was a man of the House. He belonged here, and his people knew that for over four decades.

When I think of BILL YOUNG, I think of words like courage, perseverance, insight, and fair play. He had a gentlemanly demeanor every time that I encountered him. He had a respect for regular order, for the gavel, and for seniority, which I share. He had a fortitude about him that people in my part of the country call real spunk, and he had a sparkle in his eye and an easy smile and an understanding. He was such a real human being.

Part of that is the fact that he grew up very poor in Pennsylvania in a coal town in an old shack. He really knew what poverty was. He didn't have an easy childhood and he never forgot that. Yet he rose to be a master appropriator. In that capacity, he was not imperious but collegial, and he handled the gavel with fair play.

He loved his wife, Beverly, so much. I can still see her sitting in the gallery or coming unannounced into a committee meeting. He loved his family and he loved Florida.

He worked so hard for the men and women in our armed services and our veterans, certainly in his own State where right near him is the Bay Pines Veterans Medical Center, the fourth largest veterans facility in the country, but also all the operations of SOUTHCOM, as in his last decade of service dealing with all that we have to on the Defense Subcommittee in terms of the wars being conducted in Afghanistan and, of course, Iraq. He was engaged in all the intelligence at the highest levels and kept his good measure. His endurance and his heroic battles in these years that all of us witnessed showed the true measure of the man.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I would just like to say I will be seeing BILL YOUNG in all the old familiar places, not just here on the floor, but as we travel in codels to some of the most godforsaken places on Earth, as we visit some of the

highest level research facilities in our country and our men and women in uniform. I shall always remember BILL YOUNG and be grateful for having been able to serve with him.

Mr. MICA. I am pleased to yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Miami, Mr. Mario Diaz-Balart, another Florida colleague, who is also a gentleman who served with Mr. YOUNG distinguishably on the Appropriations Committee.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Chairman Mica, thank you for bringing us together today.

Madam Speaker, you have heard of BILL YOUNG, the statesman, and that he was. We all know how he was, perhaps, the best friend and strongest ally of our troops, men and women in uniform, those in battle, those currently in uniform, and those who are veterans.

But those of us who worked with him and got to know him here know him, frankly, almost as like a godfather to all of us. There is not one time that we didn't go to him that he would not be helpful.

I remember after those storms in Florida, when we had a bunch of hurricanes, going to see BILL YOUNG about getting help for the folks who had been hurt by the storms. His wisdom and his desire to help was always so present. He was always helpful, whether it was Everglades restoration, because he was also such a champion for the environment. Again, always with a smile.

Then I got to know him better when I, again, served with him in Appropriations and was able to see how he mastered that appropriations process like, frankly, nobody before him and I think potentially nobody after him will again.

I will tell you, Madam Speaker, the part that to me was a real privilege was that he was one of the people that I whipped. He was on my whip card. So I would go on different issues and talk to him about the issue and find out if he was leaning one way or another. Every time I went there, what I got from BILL YOUNG was, frankly, a lesson. He instructed. I was never able to inform him about what the issues were; he informed me. He instructed me like he always instructed all of us. And always, Madam Speaker, with that incredible, warm smile, with that warm, firm handshake, which he had until the very end.

He never complained. We all know that for a long time he was in pain and yet never complained. He always wanted to

make sure that you were feeling good, and he always wanted to know what he could do for you, never asking for himself.

I said recently—and I have got to find out who said this—but I heard or read someplace that “to be a great man you first have to be a good man.” Madam Speaker, BILL YOUNG was a great man for so many reasons: for all that he did for this country, for all that he did for the State of Florida, for all that he did for our troops and the environment, the way he helped his colleagues, or how generous and how humble and how caring and loving he was. He was an incredibly good man. If there is anybody that applies to, that before you can become a great man you have to be a good man, if there is anybody that that describes, it is our chairman, BILL YOUNG.

To his family, to his constituents, to the troops, and the veterans who are, in essence, his family as well, our deepest condolences. BILL YOUNG is irreplaceable. There will never be somebody like him again.

What a privilege and what an honor. One of the privileges and honors, the greatest privileges and honors of my life, was to be able to work with him, to get to know him, to be his friend.

So again, to his constituents and to his family, our condolences. We will miss him, and he will never be forgotten.

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I am now pleased to yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. Farr), again, reaching across the aisle with the respect and esteem in which Mr. YOUNG was held.

Mr. FARR. Thank you, Congressman Mica, for yielding.

Madam Speaker, I feel it is a very special privilege to be able to pay honor to our colleagues here. I think of BILL YOUNG as being one of the lions, one of the giants of this institution, because he really used the institution for what we all get elected to do.

First of all, he loved public service. He was in an elective office for 52 years between State and Federal Government. He also served in the National Guard Active Duty and Reservist for 15 years. His life was about service. He used his service here in Congress to be what I think this institution is all about: it is about leadership; it is about friendship; and it is also about accomplishment. I don't think anybody has had a better record of accomplishment in so many different fields.

I came here in 1993, and I had the largest military base in the United States close—Fort Ord, CA. I got to know the people on the Defense Appropriations Committee. On my side of the aisle was Jack Murtha. It seems like Jack's best friend was a Republican on the other side of the aisle, BILL YOUNG. Jack said, "You better go tell BILL everything you have told me about needing some help."

We were trying to convert swords to plowshares by building a brand-new university to serve the underserved population in Fort Ord, and we needed appropriations for it. BILL just jumped on it. He knew the purpose. Even though he was a strong warrior, he really realized that this was the future after a base was closed.

I invited him out to the district. He came to Monterey, CA, where we still had the Defense Language Institute. BILL went in there and saw that all the languages we were teaching were the old tape recorders where you had to wind and rewind. He said, "My God, you need some modern equipment," and put in appropriations to get that equipment. He visited the Naval postgraduate school and got a lot of really interesting feedback from soldiers who had just come out of theater.

His and Jack's friendship—Jack Murtha, who predeceased him—was just remarkable in this House. If there is a legacy here, it is their legacy. It is how two people being on the Appropriations Committee should—and we all need to go back to what we have been calling regular order, where we come here to accomplish things, to fix things that are broken. BILL YOUNG was probably the first, if any, who would talk about needing to bring back the ability to help areas that just don't get formula money—earmarks. If you disclose them and go through a process so that you don't have the client-assigned stuff, these things are good, particularly for rural Americans, and particularly for areas where people are really poor.

I think my favorite story is that when he came out to the Defense Language Institute, came on military air, Beverly, his wife, insisted, since I represent Carmel, that I get our former mayor, Clint Eastwood, to have lunch with them. So we arranged that at Clint's Mission Ranch.

On the way from Monterey over to Carmel, we passed by the beach, and there was a stranded sea lion there. Beverly got out and said, "We've got to take care of the sea lion before anything else," and had the entire crew of the airplane—because she insisted they had to come to lunch with

her, they had to help get the sea lion. Well, we had marine mammal rescue, and they eventually showed up.

When we got to the restaurant, I don't think anybody thought that the whole crew was going to come. BILL was insistent, "No, everybody is equal here." It didn't matter whether you were a Congress Member or just a crew member; you were going to get a chance to have lunch with Clint Eastwood.

We had a lot of laughs, a lot of discussion about things. Then that led to—and I hadn't realized it. BILL was a big animal rights supporter. He and I authored a bill with his friend, Bob Barker, who was here. I met Bob Barker through him. Bob Barker, "The Price is Right," had dedicated a lot of his life to banning elephants in circuses. BILL said, "I am going to author that bill." So we did a bipartisan author, and Bob Barker came. In fact, we linked up with Kim Basinger, the movie star, who was very interested in that issue. We went on, and we didn't win that bill, but we won the puppy mill bill, and we won some other humane treatment of animals. He was really interested in that.

Best of all, I think he left a legacy that we need to get back to: a legacy of production, a legacy of comradeship where we really like each other, and a legacy that takes care of not only all the soldiers—because they didn't care what rank you had; if you were a person in uniform, you were all equal and being treated in the most respectful way—but he also did that for people of less fortune and for animals who need a voice in Congress as well. What a wonderful man.

Beverly and your sons, I really am going to miss going to Appropriations Committee meetings and seeing BILL there. So Beverly and your three adult sons, Rob, Billy, and Patrick, we all share your grief, and Congress will certainly miss BILL YOUNG, a great man in this institution.

Mr. MICA. I am pleased to yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Florida, the Honorable Gus Bilirakis, another Florida colleague, and he also has a district that is adjacent to Mr. YOUNG's.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life and service of someone I admire greatly for his wisdom and humility, my dear friend and mentor, Chairman BILL YOUNG.

While I always referred to him as "Chairman" because of the respect he commanded, he used to beg me not to use that

term, insisting, in his typical humble fashion, as Mr. Farr alluded to, that we were all equal in this Chamber.

Over the past five decades, the Chairman graciously served Florida and the Tampa Bay area, leading many projects and initiatives to promote economic growth and create jobs back at home. His contributions to his district, the entire Tampa Bay area, and to the military in particular, are immeasurable.

He was instrumental in saving MacDill Air Force Base and helped grow Tampa Bay into a hub for our defense industry. In addition, he played a significant role in winning critical funding for Bay Pines Veterans Administration Medical Center, which supports a large number of veterans in our area. For his efforts, my colleague and I have joined together in support of renaming this valuable medical facility in his honor.

His contributions also extend to higher education with his role in developing centers of excellence in technology and marine science at the University of South Florida.

Finally, we will all remember his work on behalf of sick children in creating a national registry for bone marrow donors.

While the Chairman came from humble beginnings, he has left behind a rich legacy that we, as Members of Congress and Americans, must all aspire to achieve. The Chairman was never afraid to reach across the aisle and always worked for the greater good.

I am extremely thankful that I was able to express my gratitude and admiration to him last week when I visited him at his bedside. I told him how much his colleagues and constituents loved him and appreciated all he did for them.

In closing, I wanted to share a few words from a final letter my father, former Congressman Mike Bilirakis, sent to his former colleague:

Dear BILL: Since we are roughly the same age (remember, I am 5 months older so we've joked about "respecting your elders"), we have expected that this day would come for both of us but first for me and not so soon. We grew up in the same Pittsburgh area at the same time—tough depression poverty, which made us tough. We didn't know each other then, but I guess our Lord decreed we would meet in Pinellas County, Florida, years later. We worked hard, climbed out of poverty and became successful—the good old American way.

BILL, you have earned eternal rest, but our world will certainly miss you. The Florida corner in the House Chambers will miss you as well. Thanks for being my friend and, in many ways, a younger mentor. Thanks for being a great American patriot. Thanks for the good you have done for all of us. Yours has been a life well lived. May your memory be eternal.

We will certainly miss you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I join my colleagues in paying tribute to my good friend and fellow Member of Congress, C.W. BILL YOUNG.

More than four decades ago, I first met BILL when I served as a campaign aide to the late Congressman Bill Cramer. BILL YOUNG was a Florida State senator at the time who was seeking the St. Petersburg, West Florida Coast congressional seat being vacated by my boss who was running in 1970 for the U.S. Senate.

BILL YOUNG had already served as a congressional aide to Bill Cramer and then was elected as Florida's first Republican State senator since the Civil War. Bill Cramer when elected was the first GOP U.S. House Member since that era.

As fate would unfold, Bill Cramer lost and BILL YOUNG took his seat in Congress.

I had aligned myself with Florida's West Coast GOP political operatives called the ICY Machine. Those were initials for Jack Insko, a top Cramer aide and political strategist, Bill Cramer, and BILL YOUNG, a Florida political powerhouse at that time.

While my boss lost his election, I gained great experience and wonderful friends. Among them, BILL YOUNG, rising GOP star, and his two young aides, George Cretekos and Doug Gregory. Both George and Doug served with BILL YOUNG for over three decades, during which I was privileged to count all among my friends and political allies.

As an aide to U.S. Senator Paula Hawkins from 1980 to 1985, I had the honor of working with two GOP leaders who worked tirelessly for Florida and our Nation.

I must say, two legends with two very different styles. Paula had a flair for the media and attention and BILL quietly pursued his legislative agenda. Both were highly effective in their own way. Paula championed missing children and BILL rose as a champion of our military. Now both have joined the ages and are part of the history of Congress and the State of Florida.

Having worked with BILL YOUNG on military issues important to our State and Nation as recently as the past few weeks, I can tell you no one could be more effective. No one could be more respected or trusted.

While fond memories of BILL YOUNG continue, his real legacy will transcend generations for our military and long benefit our national defense.

For his tireless work on behalf of all Americans and all citizens of the Sunshine State, I join my colleagues in this special tribute to C.W. BILL YOUNG.

What a great privilege it has been to share part of my life and grow memories with BILL YOUNG. I extend my deepest sympathies to his wife, Beverly, to the Young family, and to his devoted staff and constituents.

Madam Speaker, at this time I will yield back my time with the intent of relinquishing the balance of the time to one of the leaders from Florida and also a member of the Appropriations Committee, Mr. Crenshaw.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2013, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. Crenshaw) will control the remainder of the hour.

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, before I introduce and call on a couple of my colleagues, I would like to say a brief word about my longtime friend and mentor, C.W. BILL YOUNG. I first met BILL when he was in the Florida Senate. He was the Republican leader in the Florida Senate. He was the minority leader. I think my colleagues might be interested to know that he was the Republican leader, minority leader, not because he gathered all the votes of the other minority members, the Republicans; he was the Republican leader because he was the only Republican in the Florida Senate.

You might say maybe that diminishes that leadership role, and I would say just the reverse is true because BILL YOUNG was such a great leader, such a man of courage and conviction that he would stand up for whatever he believed, even if there was no one there to stand up with. I think it is because of that conviction, because of that commitment, that we are here tonight to honor his legacy.

I found it interesting that about 25 years later I found myself in the Florida Senate, and I became the first Republican to be elected president of that body, and I got a note from BILL YOUNG. He said, "We've come a long way."

Of course when I came to Congress, he was there to help me become a member of the Armed Services Committee because he knew that I cared about the military. He was there to help me become a member of the Appropriations Committee and the Defense Subcommittee which he loved so very much. He taught me and he taught all of us that everyone has value. Everyone has worth, whether it is a private first

class or four star general, and he lived and died by the belief that if we are to be the land of the free, it is because we take care of our brave.

So that is the way he lived his life, and we will hear tributes tonight—we heard tributes last Thursday in Largo at his funeral, but I believe that the lasting legacy that BILL YOUNG leaves will be seen for generations to come in the greatness of our military, and in the compassion that we have for those who serve and those who are wounded.

So, Madam Speaker, I simply want to say tonight that America lost a great leader, and I lost a great friend.

Godspeed, BILL YOUNG.

Now I would like to yield to one of my colleagues on the Appropriations Committee, the chairman of the State, Foreign Operations Subcommittee and a member of the Defense Subcommittee which BILL YOUNG chaired, the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. Granger).

Ms. GRANGER. I thank the gentleman from Florida for yielding me time.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to and celebrate the life of an outstanding public servant, BILL YOUNG. It is a true honor to have been able to know a man like Chairman YOUNG and to be able to call him both a friend and a role model for all of us. There is no one who was more respected, decent, gracious, dedicated, and humble. Everyone who crossed his path is richer for the experience. That is evident through the hundreds of people who attended his memorial service last week. His service was attended by over 30 Members of Congress. During a time of such partisanship, the respect for Chairman YOUNG was illustrated through the attendance from both sides of the aisle, including leadership.

The respect the military has for his lifelong advocacy for our national security and for our servicemembers was evident through the attendance and heartfelt eulogies of former Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England and the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General James Amos.

It was clear that the Department of Defense depended on him. Immediately before the service began, General Amos bestowed a very rare and appropriate honor by naming Chairman YOUNG an honorary Marine.

I will never forget when I was first appointed to the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. As one of the first women ever to serve on the subcommittee, I wasn't sure how I would be treated, but BILL immediately brought me in and treated me with respect and kindness, as he did to everyone.

Gender didn't matter to him; he only cared about my commitment to the military and to our Nation.

When John Wooden wrote "the true test of a man's character is what he does when no one is watching," he clearly was talking about Chairman YOUNG. Over the years, we have all heard many stories about the personal interest and assistance that he and Beverly provided for our wounded soldiers, but we never heard these stories from him. He never talked about what he did. He was motivated by doing what was right for someone else's health and well-being.

When Marine Lance Corporal Josh Callihan spoke at the memorial service, it was the first time that most of us had ever heard about the extraordinary efforts the Chairman and Beverly took to help this wounded warrior.

Lance Corporal Callihan had been shot in the back and sustained significant damage to his spinal cord. With no family support system, he was in Bethesda injured both physically and emotionally. Then he met BILL and Beverly Young, and his life changed forever. They stepped in and became his family, helping him to recover. Today, Josh calls the Chairman and Beverly "mom" and "dad." After many years of hard work, he is now married and expecting his first child. According to Josh, none of this would be possible without BILL YOUNG.

As I was thinking about what I wanted to say about Chairman YOUNG, I realized it was impossible to do justice to such an extraordinary man merely through words. He was truly one of a kind. The best way we can honor this man is to redouble our efforts to our national security and to the treatment of our servicemembers and their families. I ask that all of my colleagues join me to make sure that we carry on his legacy.

In closing, I want to let Beverly, their children, his friends and his staff, who were part of his family, know that you all remain in our thoughts and our prayers.

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I would like to yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Carter), another member of the Homeland Security Subcommittee.

Mr. CARTER. I thank the gentleman from Florida for yielding.

We can talk about BILL YOUNG all night, a man who came from nothing and grew to be head and shoulders above, champion for America's military. But I think the thing that struck everybody who ever met BILL YOUNG was his human-

ity. He was just such a kind, gentle, fine man. He cared about every soul he met. He took the time when I was a freshman to meet me and talk to me. I told him I had some interest in appropriations and learning how it worked, and he sat down and talked to me about it. Whenever I had any questions I needed to ask him, he was always very informative and very kind in explaining things to people, to me and others.

BILL YOUNG was a very special man because he came from very meager means and he rose up to a position of power, but you would have never known by his interaction with humanity that he was a man of power in this government because everybody who draws a breath was important to BILL YOUNG. But the most important people were those who served in our armed services.

I wanted to share something which I think is a perfect description of the kind of man BILL YOUNG was. I had the privilege to go on a trip with him to Normandy for an anniversary of that landing on D-day, and on the way we landed in Shannon, Ireland. When we arrived, it just so happened that at least one or two brigades from Fort Hood, TX, which is in my district, were there, ordinary soldiers and their officers in transit to Afghanistan.

When BILL YOUNG came into the room, ordinary soldiers, as if he were some kind of star that you would see in a rock concert, started moving over to have their picture taken with Chairman YOUNG. Chairman YOUNG at that time was in a wheelchair most of the time. But as he did when he presented his bill on this floor, he stood with every soldier and took a picture. I stood on the periphery of that and listened. He asked about their parents and where they were from and about their deployments and their needs. Just a gentle, kind, friendly man with hundreds of soldiers gathered around him.

I heard one soldier ask another soldier: "Who is that guy? It looks like everybody here wants to have their picture taken."

The other guy said: "I don't know for sure, but the way I understand it, he is the guy who makes sure when we go to battle, we have everything that we need to be victorious."

That is a great statement about a human being and a great statement about the man. He cared about all who serve our Nation, but in particular those who risk their lives on our behalf. In honor of BILL YOUNG, I will always remember that day where soldiers flocked to him just to be seen with Mr. YOUNG.

Mr. CRENSHAW. I now yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. Calvert), another member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee that BILL YOUNG chaired.

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, tonight I join my colleagues in honoring the life and legacy of a great man and an American patriot, BILL YOUNG.

I keep looking to my right and expect to see him with that great smile, but I am sure tonight he is sitting at the right hand of God.

The death of Congressman BILL YOUNG was a great loss for this Chamber, for our country, and for the millions of men and women in uniform who were BILL YOUNG's priority for more than 40 years. Anyone who has served with BILL knew of his unwavering dedication to our active duty military, our veterans, and their families.

As chairman of both the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee and the full Appropriations Committee, he was both firm and fair. When it came to our troops, he was uncompromising and insisted on nothing but the best for the U.S. servicemembers.

Chairman YOUNG was motivated by his genuine and deep concern for the well-being of the individual soldier, sailor, airman, marine, and guardsman. His concern went far beyond politics and policies. As many of you know, BILL and his wonderful wife, Beverly, took special interest in our wounded veterans, visiting the wounded regularly at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Whether in a committee hearing or in the military hospitals around the world, he was tireless in visiting, speaking with, and listening to these incredible servicemembers.

While we can't hope to replace BILL YOUNG, perhaps we can follow his example and let his integrity, his gracious manner, his firm commitment to the men and women who protect this country serve as an inspiration to this Chamber as we continue to wrestle with the same issues to which he devoted his life.

On a personal note, I was honored to work with Chairman YOUNG on the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. I was continually impressed by his depth of knowledge. I think it is safe to say that no one understood the Department of Defense quite like BILL YOUNG. His knowledge, expertise, and compassion will be sorely missed on the subcommittee.

On my own behalf and on behalf of so many former Members who served with BILL, like our mutual friend and

former chairman, Jerry Lewis, I extend my condolences to his wife, Beverly, his sons, and his entire family.

Mr. CRENSHAW. Thank you.

I now yield to the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. Cole), another member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee.

Mr. COLE. I thank my friend for yielding.

Madam Speaker, like every Republican in this Chamber, until 10 days ago, every day I served in the House of Representatives I served with BILL YOUNG.

It has been noted here that he was a lion and a legend. At the time I was fortunate enough to come to this Chamber in 2003, he was probably at the zenith of his influence. He was chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, and he was the confidant of the President, our military leaders, and leaders around the world at a time when the United States was at war.

No one cared more about the defense of the United States of America than BILL YOUNG, and no one cared and did more for the people who actually bear the burden, the men and women that wear the uniform of this country—past, present, and future—than Chairman YOUNG.

He was also a role model for many of us, a mentor, and a friend. He was somebody who would reach out and help you, take care of you, look after you, and give you the wisdom and advice that only he, with all his years of experience, can give. I remember on one occasion, not too long ago, when the chairman was obviously ill in the last several years of his life and still very active chairing our committee, a pretty busy man, a man dealing with his own problems; and I had tornadoes that hit my town in Moore, OK. Two days after those tornadoes hit, BILL YOUNG was on the phone to tell me that I would be getting a telephone call from representatives of a New York investment bank called Cantor Fitzgerald, which had suffered grievous damage during 9/11, where they had lost 650 of their 950 employees at the World Trade Center. That company made a commitment that it would look after all of its people and all of their families and would reconstitute itself, and it did. Then they built on that commitment and said, “We are going to help other people that are in tragedy by devoting all of our revenues earned on 9/11 of every year—not just profits, everything we earn—to help people in need.” They have kept that commitment.

BILL YOUNG had forged a relationship with them because of all they had done to help men and women in uniform and the victims of disaster. He said, "They will be calling you and they want to help." They did. They helped literally hundreds of families with millions of dollars' worth of personal and directed relief. That probably never would have happened if BILL and Beverly Young had not reached out to me at that point, and I and the people in my community will be forever grateful to them.

So we have lost arguably, I think, the greatest Republican Member of this body in the last two generations. We have not seen his like before, and it will be a long time again before we see anyone that rivals his compassion, his character, his civility, his decency, and his absolute devotion and commitment to our country and to the men and women who defend it.

Mr. CRENSHAW. I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. Dent), another member of the Appropriations Committee.

Mr. DENT. I too want to take a moment to reflect upon the life and service and dedication of BILL YOUNG. Much has been said about him already this evening, and I too, like many, look back at that corner and want to see BILL YOUNG there, but obviously he is not with us.

Before calling Florida his home, Chairman YOUNG was actually born in Harmarville, PA, in Allegheny County in western Pennsylvania, that area best known for steel and coal. A lot of tough people came out of that area, and certainly BILL YOUNG, I think, really had a lot of the character traits I associate with people there. He could be very tough when he needed to be, very firm. He was just like steel.

Also, we should not forget about his compassion. He was a kind man, a gentle man, a patient man. I would often ask him questions or make a request of him from time to time, and he always listened to me very patiently. He had served here for 22 terms. He didn't have to spend a whole lot of time with me, but he did, and I always appreciated that. He was a great mentor to me and to many other Members here. It was a pleasure to serve with him.

There are so many other things about Chairman YOUNG, too. It has been mentioned about his support of our troops, particularly our wounded warriors, and the impact they had on him and the impact he had on those wounded warriors.

When you get beyond the defense and veterans policy, though, Chairman YOUNG played an integral role in creating a national registry for bone marrow donors back in 1986, and that registry helped save more than 50,000 lives over the years.

Again, not having known BILL YOUNG as long as some of my colleagues, I just wanted to say what an extraordinary privilege it was for me to serve with him, to know him, to call him a friend, and really to be one of my mentors here in the House.

My deepest thoughts and prayers go out to Beverly and the entire Young family during a difficult time.

Mr. CRENSHAW. I now yield to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. Posey), one of Mr. YOUNG's colleagues.

Mr. POSEY. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, I first met the man, the legend, really, known as BILL YOUNG, in 1974; but it wasn't until I got elected to Congress in 2008 that I realized what a larger-than-life true leader this man was and what a wonderful and great mentor he was not just to me and everybody in my freshman class, but we find out everybody that has ever served in this place. He was wise, gentle, kind, honest, thoughtful, and helpful to anyone just for the asking.

I called him a hero; and until his last days, he would blush, as he was so humble, that anybody would address him like that. What a wonderful man. Never, ever before and probably never again will every man and woman serving us in uniform have as great an advocate as they had in Congressman YOUNG.

My thoughts and prayers remain with Beverly, his family, and his staff.

Rest in peace, BILL.

Mr. CRENSHAW. Thank you.

Now I yield time to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. Nugent), another colleague and a member of the Rules Committee.

Mr. NUGENT. Madam Speaker, it is with great humility that I stand here tonight, and I think you have heard a lot of Members tonight talk about BILL YOUNG.

I think he has made the same impression on so many Members on this side of the aisle and on the other side about his humility, about his true caring about people, about the caring that he has for the members of the military.

As a father and a parent of three sons who serve in the U.S. Army, what struck me so much about BILL and his wife, Beverly, was their true compassion, particularly his compassion as it relates to those who serve us. Beverly was really the fire behind BILL with regards to a lot of these issues as it relates to our veterans. BILL led the way, but Beverly was right there carrying the flag alongside BILL.

Madam Speaker, they were a team together. They worked together for the betterment of all, and that is why BILL is such a great American. While you have heard tonight in this House talk about his legacy, you can't replace BILL YOUNG.

When I first met BILL YOUNG here in this Chamber 3 years ago, he was on that side sitting over there, and he had had a fall and he was injured and he had been at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and his health continued to decline over the last few years. I came in every day in these Chambers to go see BILL YOUNG because BILL was such a good, kindhearted person. He had a great grip when he shook your hand, and he always had a smile. When you asked him, "Mr. Chairman, how are you feeling today?," it was never about him. You heard that from other Members today. It was always about, "How are your sons? How are your boys?" He knew that they were serving in harm's way in Iraq and had been in Afghanistan. He was more worried about them than himself.

I saw him and his wife, Beverly, on the airplane ride back to Tampa almost every week, and without fail they would offer their better seats to a service man or woman who was in uniform walking down the aisle. They would get up and say, "Would you sit here?"

That is just the way they were built.

BILL and Beverly were a perfect match, and BILL has gone on to a place that we can only aspire to go. I truly believe that BILL is at the right hand of God. Maybe he is talking about appropriations, talking about what is right with America.

Mr. Chairman, I do appreciate the time you have given all of us to be down here to talk about our good friend, C.W. BILL YOUNG, who will be missed by all.

God bless America.

Mr. CRENSHAW. Thank you, Mr. Nugent.

Our hour is just about over. We could go on for hours, but I think you have all heard tonight that BILL YOUNG was a man that loved his Lord, he loved his wife, he loved his family, he loved his country. You might say it just seems like

they don't make them like that any more, but the truth is that they never did.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I was honored to be asked by the Young family to be among those who delivered eulogies for my departed friend and mentor last week in Largo, FL. I ask unanimous consent that my statement be included in the *Record*:

[The text of Mr. Frelinghuysen's eulogy may be found on page 58.]

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to our late colleague, Congressman BILL YOUNG.

Congressman YOUNG was an extraordinary public servant whose legacy of caring for his constituents and veterans will not soon be forgotten. I am truly honored to have served alongside him in Congress.

For more than four decades, Congressman YOUNG championed legislation to improve the lives of Floridians and all Americans and never hesitated to reach across the aisle to find common ground.

A veteran of the Army National Guard, Congressman YOUNG used his expertise on defense and security issues to advocate for our men and women in uniform. Throughout his legislative career, Congressman YOUNG worked diligently to ensure that our military had access to the training and equipment necessary to be successful in their missions. He also stood by our brave soldiers and their families at home—making sure military retirees had access to health care, defending benefits for military spouses, supporting our wounded veterans, and honoring our fallen heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Congressman YOUNG was a tireless advocate for Florida. In the 1980s he established the first moratorium on drilling off the west coast of Florida, and fought subsequent efforts to repeal this moratorium. Mr. YOUNG also championed landmark legislation to protect the Everglades, raising his voice to break a deadlock among his colleagues.

His work to establish the National Marrow Donor Program and support for biomedical research is another example of how Congressman YOUNG's efforts will touch lives many years after his public service.

I remember shortly after I was first elected to Congress, Mr. YOUNG made it a point to reach out and share his in-

sights with me. During our time together on the Appropriations Committee, I was so fortunate to learn from this experienced Floridian and great statesman.

Congressman YOUNG's leadership and service to all Floridians will be truly cherished and forever missed. He never stopped working for a better Nation and a better Florida, and for that we should all be thankful. Our Nation has lost a true champion whose legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, C.W. BILL YOUNG was a truly great American who served the people of the State of Florida with the utmost degree of professionalism, excellence, and dedication for more than 50 years in both the Florida State senate and the U.S. House of Representatives.

It was truly an honor and a privilege for me to serve with BILL, and it would be impossible to list all the things that I have learned from him in the few short minutes that I have today. Anyone who was fortunate enough to get to know BILL can tell you that there was perhaps no greater advocate for our Nation's veterans and no greater friend to our military than BILL YOUNG.

Last week I was here on this floor to offer legislation to rename the Bay Pines VA Medical Center after BILL. The enormous outpouring of support, with 379 original cosponsors, was a testament to BILL's tireless work on behalf of veterans and the boundless respect that his colleagues had for him. But, what many may not know is that the current medical center in Bay Pines may not have existed at all if not for BILL's work back in 1976. As President Ford traveled through Florida, BILL joined him aboard Air Force One. Despite opposition from high ranking senior officials in the administration, BILL convinced President Ford that the veterans of Central Florida needed a new facility to make sure that our Nation upheld our solemn promise "to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan." Thanks to BILL that facility was built.

Madam Speaker, BILL's distinguished service to our Nation, as a veteran and a lawmaker, stands as a shining example for every public servant, and indeed every American, of what can be achieved through hard work, patriotism, and an abiding faith in God. My wife Vicki and I extend our deepest condolences to BILL's wife, Beverly, children, Rob, Billy, and Patrick, and the entire Young family. We will all miss BILL dearly, but we know that his legacy will never be

forgotten and that our Nation is that much stronger thanks to his service.

WEDNESDAY, *October 30, 2013*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, we have just observed a moment of silence for Isaac Skelton. My good friend, Emanuel Cleaver, Ike's good friend, Senator McCaskill, Lacy Clay, and others who are here from the Missouri delegation, I want to rise with them, not in a moment of silence, but in a moment of tribute. We will perhaps have an opportunity to speak for a longer time.

Yesterday, many of us had the opportunity to participate in a memorial service for Tom Foley. Tom Foley was the Speaker of this House.

A gentleman spoke who is, I think, one of the most revered Members that has served in this body, Robert Michel. Bob Michel was Tom Foley's friend. Bob Michel was the leader of the Republican side of the aisle. They were friends, colleagues, and cooperated with one another to the benefit of this institution and its Members, and the dean of the House adds, correctly, to the benefit of our country and all its citizens.

Bob Michel observed the civility that each one of them displayed and the willingness to reach out across the aisle and to make things happen positively for our country and for our citizens.

We lost another individual within the last weeks, BILL YOUNG, who was a similar personality, and added luster to this Congress by his service and his civility.

Major Owens was another whom we lost. Four people who made this institution a better place. . . .

How sad it is that these giants, Tom Foley, BILL YOUNG, Ike Skelton, and, yes, Major Owens, passed from this body, passed from this life, but how joyful it is the extraordinary contributions each of them made to this House, which we should revere and love, the People's House. . . .

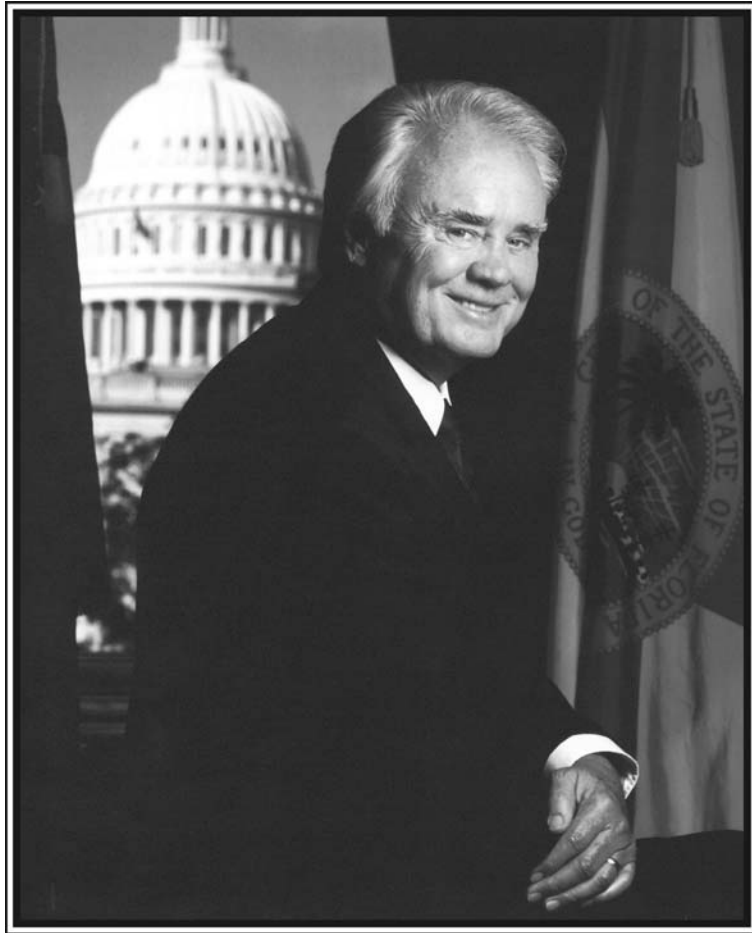
FRIDAY, *November 15, 2013*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, it is with tremendous sadness that I mourn the passing of Chairman C.W. BILL YOUNG—an inspiring colleague and an outspoken champion

for the U.S. military. His passing will leave an enormous void in the U.S. House of Representatives where he served for 43 years and was admired and respected for his strength, leadership, and unwavering commitment to military strength and freedom around the world.

It was my honor to serve with him as a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense. As the longest serving Republican in the House and former chairman of the full Appropriations Committee, he was a true inspiration to me and every Member who had the privilege to serve our country alongside him. I will miss Chairman YOUNG as a colleague and a friend.

I extend my heartfelt prayers and condolences to Chairman YOUNG's family, especially his wife Beverly, who was his constant companion, champion of military families, and a true inspiration in her own right. The U.S. House of Representatives and the United States of America has lost a hero, and he will be sadly missed.



*In Loving Memory
C.W. Bill Young*

December 16, 1930—October 18, 2013

Processional

“God Bless the USA,” John and Mary Wilson

Memorial Tribute

Welcome

Dr. Charlie W. Martin, Pastor Emeritus
First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks

Words of Tribute

The Hon. John Boehner (OH), Speaker of the House

Reading

“I’m Free,” Paul K. Steele, MD

Words of Tribute

GEN James F. Amos,
Commandant, United States Marine Corps

Song

“My Way,” Ryan Julian

Words of Tribute

The Hon. Steny Hoyer (MD), Member of Congress

Remarks and Prayer

Rev. Robert Wagenseil, Calvary Episcopal Church

Words of Tribute

The Hon. Rodney Frelinghuysen (NJ), Member of Congress

Reading

“Live a Life that Matters,” Mrs. Amy Epstein

Words of Tribute

The Hon. Gordon England,
Former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense

Song

“Softly & Tenderly,” Julie Pigsley

Pastoral Moment

Dr. Charlie W. Martin, Pastor Emeritus

Song

“Grandpa,” David and Susie McMillan

Family Introduction

David Jolly

Family Moment

Robert Young, Billy Young, Patrick Young,
CPL Josh Callihan

Song

“How Can I Live Without You,” David and Susie McMillan

Closing Remarks

Dr. Charlie W. Martin, Pastor Emeritus

Recessional

“Going Home,” Susie McMillan

Private Interment to Follow

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me,
and I'm not there to see;
If the sun should rise and find your eyes,
all filled with tears for me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry,
the way you do each day,
while thinking of the many things,
we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me,
as much as I love you;
And each time that you think of me,
please know I miss you, too.

But when tomorrow starts without me,
please try to understand,
that an Angel came and called my name,
and took me by the hand.

The Angel said a place was ready,
in heaven up above;
And that I'd have to leave behind,
all those I truly love.

I had so much to live for,
so much yet to do.
It seemed almost impossible,
that I was leaving you.

When tomorrow starts without me,
don't think we're far apart;
for every time you think of me,
I'm right here in your heart.

Hon. John Boehner, *Speaker of the House*. The passing of our friend and comrade BILL YOUNG brings us here to celebrate his life, and to offer our comfort to Beverly. Beverly, on behalf of all my colleagues, and all the officers and staff of the House, thank you for letting us share this moment with you and your family.

Your loss is ours, it's just that simple. Here was a man who loved, in this order, God, his family, his country, and the House Appropriations Committee.

Yes, it was greedy of us to gripe when BILL gave word that he wouldn't run again. We did it anyway.

After all, we owed the man everything, and we had the chance to tell him that—to give our thanks, to let him know the privilege was all ours.

A former President of the United States—a Commander in Chief—called him last week to say the same.

Why? I'll tell you why: Because BILL YOUNG wasn't just a leading man of the House—he was the House. How many times did his grace preserve decorum, his word save an important measure, or his mere presence make the common into the exceptional?

Especially when it concerned the well-being of the men and women who wore our uniform, and the defense of this Nation. And the defense of the House itself.

BILL did so much for the institution. Perhaps his greatest gift to the body was the simplest one, and that was his fundamental sense of decency.

When you think about all the tall orders he fulfilled—all the people he had to wrangle—and yet somehow, he never uttered a cross word. Never acted in bad faith. I always really admired him for it.

Too often, we are quick to condemn and slow to be humble. As if kindness is a weakness in these tough, bottom-line times.

We know that just isn't so. We can say that because generations of Americans saw BILL YOUNG come from nothing—a shack—to become a legend in the House of the People. They watched him do so much good after being given so little.

There is an old saying: Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy here on Earth. Well if that's true, then the gentleman from Florida had paid in full a long time ago.

We were able to tell him these things. Nothing was left unsaid. Except, of course, farewell.

The night BILL left us, I said it would be impossible to imagine the House without him. What now? Who among us will carry on this man's work?

Having thought about it, I would just suggest you look at the person next to you. Because no one man or woman can fill such shoes. It will take all of us.

So, Mr. Chairman: no need to call the roll on this one. The vote is unanimous. We will see it done.

For now, goodbye and God bless you, my friend.

General James F. Amos, *Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps*. Beverly, family, ladies and gentlemen, over the past week, I've been approached by many senior leaders and colleagues in the military who admired Chairman YOUNG. To a person, they speak of his passing as a tragedy of national proportions.

They expressed an appreciation for the quiet, reserved way he'd get business done, of how he never sought credit for himself. Rather, he just wanted to make sure that America had the soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines that it needed to defend our freedom, both at home and around the world.

BILL YOUNG knew what it meant to persevere. He survived a hunting accident, a plane crash, and more than 50 years as a leader in American politics, and he did it all while maintaining integrity, a strong sense of dignity and honor, and a compassion for his fellow man, especially those less fortunate.

Chairman BILL YOUNG did more to serve our Nation and its people than just about anybody I know. While representing the people of Florida for more than a half century, he gave more than just years, he gave of himself to touch the lives of the people he served.

What mattered most in his life was not the accumulation of riches and fame. Chairman YOUNG turned his back on that. What mattered most to him was to live honestly, live selflessly, and to live meaningfully. That we are remembered for what we did and who we have helped along the way is what mattered to him.

BILL YOUNG wore our Nation's cloth himself when he served as a soldier in the Army National Guard and later in the Reserve. From this experience, and from his many visits to troops around the world as a Member of Congress, he knew that a military life was full of challenges, hardships, and personal sacrifice.

He made a point of stepping in and helping our young men and women in the military and their families whenever and wherever he could.

I'm reminded of a story of one of my marines, Major Brandon Graham, who was having a great deal of difficulty getting a surgery authorized for his daughter Kaelyn who had a congenital heart defect that was threatening her life.

You can imagine the weight of helplessness her parents felt grinding down on their souls. They had a precious little girl with a serious problem that they could not fix themselves. Brandon was fighting with Tricare to get authorization for a heart transplant but the appeals continued to build, ever delaying the process. There was no end in sight.

The Grahams were stationed at our Special Operations Command at the time, and somehow Chairman YOUNG, as only he could, caught wind of the plight of the parents. Before the sun set that day, Kaelyn's procedure was approved and she was fast tracked for her heart surgery.

Thanks to Chairman YOUNG, today she is a healthy little girl attending elementary school, all because the Chairman cared enough to help.

This is just one of the thousands of acts of kindness he performed that touched the lives of servicemembers and their families. Quite frankly, he did them so often they became routine business for his staff.

Chairman YOUNG, along with his soulmate Beverly, were champions for our wounded warriors. He and Beverly frequently visited our wounded servicemembers at Walter Reed and Bethesda, and once flew an injured marine corporal back from Kuwait on his own plane.

The young corporal had been shot in the back by a light machine gun during a training accident in Kuwait, and it was questionable whether he would survive the wounding.

Chairman YOUNG was with the young man during his initial surgery in Kuwait and then on into Germany where he received subsequent treatment, and finally at Bethesda.

Our young marine had no real family or home, so Chairman YOUNG took him in, treated him like a son, and the entire Young family encouraged the corporal during his recovery. Eventually he did get better, and BILL YOUNG helped him get a job with the Idaho Veterans Administration. The corporal is now fully recovered and just recently married.

Chairman YOUNG got involved with the lives of our troops because he never took freedom for granted.

He knew that if America was to remain the land of the free, that Americans must take care of their brave, both while they are deployed, and after the sounds of battle have long echoed from the headlines.

General Chuck Krulak, our former commandant, told me just the other day that Chairman YOUNG personified our core values of honor, courage, and commitment, and that what he appreciated most in Chairman YOUNG was his fidelity—his faithfulness. Chuck said that he knew that when he was heading into a fight on the Hill, he could always count on Chairman YOUNG to be right there by his side, covering his flank.

Earlier today, I was privileged to make Chairman YOUNG an honorary marine. While he was physically absent during my remarks to Beverly and their family, he was most assuredly there in spirit. To the men and women who wear my cloth, this is the very highest honor that we could bestow upon this great warrior. While his heart was always with his marines, he is now officially one of us.

You may be wondering about the afterlife and where precisely in Heaven BILL YOUNG's soul might be found resting today—well, let me allay any anxiousness once and for all.

As marines, we know that the answer to that question can be found in the last stanza of our beloved Marine's Hymn. "If the Army and the Navy ever look on Heaven's scenes, they will find the gates are guarded by United States Marines!" BILL YOUNG is on duty ladies and gentlemen. He has the watch.

To Beverly and the entire Young family, there are no words sufficient to ease your loss. Our hope is that you'll find comfort from the love and admiration of all who have gathered here this afternoon. America has lost a great public servant, liberty has lost a great patriot, and we who are left behind have lost a great friend.

Hon. Steny Hoyer, *Minority Whip, Member of Congress*. We have come here today to bid farewell to our friend and colleague, C.W. BILL YOUNG. Over the past several days, we have all heard about his accomplishments, of which there were a great many, both as a legislator and as a family man. But BILL was more than the sum of his achievements.

He was a man of character, of decency, of compassion, of integrity, and of great patriotism. He was a gentleman and a dear friend. He was a skilled legislator and a respected leader in the House and for our country.

We will remember him not only for his extraordinary qualities but for how he used them to enhance and enrich his country and all of us. We remember him for the depth and goodness of his character. For the generosity of his spirit. And for the patience he displayed and the compassion he practiced.

The hardness of his experiences as a child in a Pennsylvania coal mining town, where he was the victim of a shooting accident and where his family's house was destroyed in a flood, contributed to the tenderness of BILL's warm and open heart. He lived his life according to the words of Romans 12:15–16, which read: "Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another."

BILL found joy in his life of service, promoting harmony among those who served alongside him and feeling the pain of those who were in need of help. We remember BILL for his humility that was so genuine. For the wisdom he possessed and the common sense he exercised. For the legislative skill he displayed and the life of integrity he lived. And we remember him for his commitment to Beverly and his family that was his constant guide.

We will remember him for his smile that was so welcoming and kind. For his eagerness to listen attentively to constituents and colleagues alike. All of these set BILL YOUNG apart.

We will never forget his love and care for those who protect and defend our Nation, and for his partnership with Beverly, who was his only peer in caring for our wounded warriors. We will remember BILL for his politeness and consideration of his colleagues in committee and on the floor, even at times of conflict and confrontation.

All these traits and more made BILL YOUNG beloved by me and by all who knew him. They made him a very special man who lived Lincoln's admonition of "charity for all and malice toward none." It was in his service in office that BILL put all of his traits to work for the benefit of others.

None of us ever questioned for a moment the depth and sincerity of BILL's love for the people he was honored to represent—not just the people of this district but all Floridians and all Americans.

Former Speaker of the House, James "Champ" Clark, once said: "The best plan for a constituency to pursue is to select a man of good sense, good habits, and perfect integrity, young enough to learn, and reelect him so long as he retains his faculties and is faithful to his trust."

The people of Pinellas County took that advice to heart when they sent BILL YOUNG to Congress 42 years ago and had the good sense to keep sending him back ever since. I thank them for sending BILL to all of us who came to know him and cherish his friendship and his example.

Here, in the community he loved with such devotion, surrounded by his family and the people he represented in office for half a century, we pay him a heartfelt tribute. It will not be—nor should it be—our last.

May God give comfort and solace to Beverly and the Young family, and may God bless and keep alive the legacy and spirit of our friend, BILL.

Hon. Rodney Frelinghuysen, *Vice Chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, Member of Congress.* From the back row of the House Chamber, Congressman C.W. “BILL” YOUNG was able to see across the House floor. For over 40 years, through the terms of 8 Presidents and 16 Secretaries of Defense, he watched Members of both parties meet and greet each other as both Democratic and Republican Speakers presided.

From that prized vantage point, he could also keep tabs on his longtime Defense Appropriations Committee counterpart and partner, Jack Murtha, sitting opposite him in the back row of the Democratic side of the aisle known as the Pennsylvania section.

Jack Murtha left us a few years ago, but BILL soldiered on. In recent months he used a walker or sat in a wheelchair taking greetings from colleagues from both sides of the aisle. He was beloved—engaging everyone with a smile and handshake, however he might have felt on that particular day. He was always gracious, well-humored, and accommodating to freshmen and old-timers alike.

It is well known that BILL YOUNG chaired the House Appropriations Committee, and twice, its Defense Subcommittee. He also served as ranking member when the majority changed hands. He loved our committee, constantly saluted our members for their dedication and fully expected each one to support the process, limit debate, support open rules, and with a minimum of partisanship do the Nation’s business.

A copy of the Constitution was ever-present in his pocket, to remind all of Article 1, Section 9, Clause 7. For those of you unfamiliar with this provision, I suggest you look it up!

On the Defense Subcommittee, he always spoke of the dedication of members of our Armed Forces and the sacrifice

of their families and our committee's obligation to serve them.

He would say at every meeting: our soldiers, sailors, marines and air men and women are the ones doing the work of freedom—the ones who work every day to make the world safer for Americans and our friends and more dangerous for those who would do us harm.

That's why BILL YOUNG would often state on the House floor, "there is no room for politics in our bill"—we must always be there for all those who serve and sacrifice.

As you know, BILL and Beverly visited the old Walter Reed Army Medical Center, the old Bethesda Naval, and the newly expanded Bethesda National Military Medical Center just about every week.

They were quiet visits, executed without fanfare or press release.

Each time, they met with our wounded warriors and their families, adopting their hardships and often underwriting their expenses—helping them meet every type of crisis: food, travel, rent, inattention from medical personnel or hospital administrators.

The Youngs confronted military brass whenever necessary in order to get those with physical and mental wounds the best care and support possible. They were fierce in their determination.

Wherever they were with the troops, the Youngs took names, called their families, and carried grievances to the top to be resolved. This was their SOP, their passion, and woe to those who underestimated their dedication and resolve.

You might say from time to time they rang a few chimes to get a tough situation resolved. In fact, I am confident that there are many officers with us here today who would vouch for that. I won't ask for a show of hands, but you know who you are.

Typical was the story BILL told us once—about a Saturday lunch at a small restaurant in Alexandria, VA—an area teeming with military personnel, both on and off duty. As Beverly left the table to greet another soldier or marine, BILL was presented with the meal check and was stunned—\$171 for a tuna fish sandwich and a burger and two Cokes?! The waitress calmly replied that "It's not just a sandwich and a burger, sir. Your wife volunteered you to pay for that soldier at that table and that marine family over there and the sailor in the corner and a couple that have already left."

I also know that, over the years, many military families were pleasantly surprised when their grocery tab was covered by BILL or Beverly Young standing behind them in the supermarket checkout line.

BILL and my late father served together for a few years before my father retired from Congress in 1974. With that early tie, he has been a friend and mentor to me since my arrival.

I know these personal connections may not count for much these days, but were it not for BILL, it is likely that I would not be serving on the Defense Appropriations Committee or honored to be speaking here today.

Nor would I have had the opportunity to occupy the back row of the House Chamber—from which BILL YOUNG had an expansive view of American history as few others ever did or as few others ever will.

He personally made much of that history, directing an appropriations process that actually worked, despite its procedural flaws and partisan challenges.

It is well documented that his strong support for our national security made America the envy of the world and improved the lives of our servicemembers and their families in more ways than they will ever know and assured that their sacrifice will never be forgotten.

A reverent hush has now fallen over that back row of the House Chamber.

The Congress has lost a leader.

The Nation has lost an experienced authority on national security.

Our Armed Forces have lost a valuable partner.

And whether they know it or not, the troops and their families have lost one of the best friends they ever had.

We all have lost a great, principled man who lived a life from which we all could learn.

May the tributes and prayers that have flowed in recent days be a source of comfort and strength to you, Beverly, and to Billy, Patrick, and Rob, and the rest of the Young family and his loyal, long-serving staff—past and present—both in his personal offices in Washington and Florida and the Defense Committee's staff—the unsung majority and minority professionals who make the committee work.

Ladies and gentlemen, the sun is setting on an American life of service. BILL YOUNG, now an honorary Marine, may be gone, but he will never be forgotten.

From the back row of the House Chamber, BILL YOUNG had a front row seat to history—a history he helped shape. For that, our Nation is a stronger and better place.

Hon. Gordon England, *Former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense*. BILL YOUNG was my friend. Actually, he was more than my friend. Life is interesting in that people come and go through our lives, hundreds, thousands, maybe tens of thousands of people we know that pass through, and sometimes we see them again, and sometimes we don't. But there are certain people that you hold onto, and BILL and I held onto each other. BILL and I would see each other, we could be at the other end of the hall, and if we saw each other, we would raise our hands, and we would laugh and smile and when we got closer we would embrace, and we just had a special relationship and even on the phone when we spoke it was a joyful moment.

BILL and I became very close after the events of 9/11 and after our military was deployed to Afghanistan and later to Iraq, and you've heard how BILL with Beverly went to Bethesda and Walter Reed many times. It's hard to remember those times because, early on, we didn't have the USO we have today and the Armed Forces foundation or the Fisher Houses. Families came to the hospitals with spouses, or sons, sometimes shot, perhaps in the head or they lost their legs and the families were alone in a strange city, sometimes with no money and no support.

But BILL and Beverly were there. And they were not just there, they became part of their journey. They became part of those families and they helped their families on their journey. By the way, they maintain a lot of those relationships today. BILL became part of the journeys of hundreds of families of the fallen. He eased their pain, and he made their lives better. It was his sacred pilgrimage and also Beverly's.

This is how BILL lived his life: helping others. This is why BILL's death is so painful. Because he is no longer part of our journey. We now have a void in our journey to life everlasting. Now the good news for me is that I know that one day I will see BILL again when I pass through this life into the next life, and I will see BILL in the distance, and he will be waving and smiling and I'll be smiling back, and we will embrace, and we will spend our time together in life everlasting. I know that BILL would want me to say to the military that he loves so much, he would want me to say God bless to all those that serve, especially the wounded and

their families and the fallen and their families, and all who stand on watch today.

Robert Young. For 2 of the first 4 years of my life, I did not have a father. BILL adopted me. I came along with my mom. I'm a marriage counselor right now, a clinical psychologist, and I don't see very many men who are willing to take on a 4-year-old kid. It meant a lot to me. If it were not for him, I wouldn't have a father at all.

He taught me a lot of stuff. He didn't talk as much as a lot of people do. He was kind of a quiet guy. The most important thing that he taught me, I think, is balance. Everybody knows he's a Republican. He taught me that you should always listen. He always said, "You only have one mouth and two ears." He said even when somebody is wrong, you should at least hear their point of view.

He was a pretty balanced guy. I don't think a lot of people necessarily know that or see that. He taught me to understand that there are different ways of seeing things, and I apply that now in my work as a marriage counselor, and every day that I go to work, people benefit from the way that I was raised. You know, in marriage counseling, pretty much everyone wants to kill each other, and I have to spend a lot of time helping people understand that there's two sides to a story.

If it weren't for my dad, I wouldn't realize that, I wouldn't know that. He always taught me that extremism is not a good thing. It helps me, and I think it helps my son, and one day it will help my daughter. His work will carry on, strangely in a completely different arena than he was ever involved in. He touches people's lives every day in that way. I don't think he ever really knew that. I don't know if he'll ever know that. But I want you to know that.

Bill Young II. My dad was for 30 years my best friend, my mentor, my hero, someone I could rely on. We had phone calls almost every day. If nothing else, to talk about sports scores or to ask what was going on in the world. I don't know if he knew that I was calling for advice. I think he thought I was just calling to check in on him and make sure he was okay. But every conversation I had with him, I was taking advice from him. Because he was one of the best men this world will ever know. He had the composure and knowledge to be levelheaded and not to make harsh decisions, and to use your brain and your heart when making decisions. I am just blessed that my father had so many years to get to know

my son, who is sleeping over there, who is grandpa's namesake, he's C.W. III and my newest son Easton ...

Mothers and sons can always have their issues. Any kids can have their issues. But at the end of the day, my father loved my mother more than anything in this world aside from his grandkids. For several years, 24/7, around the clock, every day, my mom took care of him. If she had not been there to take care of him in the way that she did, not only would he not have been able to go to Washington and do his job, he would not have been able to be with his kids and grandkids. He would regularly tell my brothers and I, nobody but Beverly and God will ever know how much she's done for me. So for what we do know of what you did for him, Mom, thank you, thank you for giving him to us and for allowing our kids to have more time with him ... Anyone who knew him respected him, and anyone he met, he respected ... I know my dad is listening. I want him to know that the meaning of respect is you, Dad. You are respect.

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