There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker’s announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SUSAN B. HIRSCHMANN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, this evening I am taking the opportunity to speak for a few moments about someone very special to me and the whole Whip Team.

I want to speak about the enormous contribution my Chief-of-Staff Susan Hirschi

man has made to building the most effective staff on Capitol Hill, assisting the leadership of our House Republican Majority, and struggling tremendously hard day after day to advance our conservative, compassionate principles.

As a Member of Congress, I’ve found that one of the most critical factors determining our ability to effect the political process is determined by the qualities and convictions held by the men and women we hire.

Fortunately, in Susan, I found a leader with the courage to stand firm for our principles, the vision and creativity to develop effective solutions, and the heart and humor to hold together my committed and boisterous staff.

Different observers bring different interpretations about who Susan is, but what is absolutely clear is that Susan Hirschmann is an unsung hero here in these hallowed halls of Congress, the Congress and to so many of us individually.

And I’m gratified to have Susan as my right hand for the past five years.

Over the years, we’ve won a lot of battles, we’ve lost a few battles, but I can’t think of a single occasion when he was backed down from a struggle involving our core principles with a chance for victory still within sight.

That’s a testament to Susan’s passion, determination, and strategic vision. I’m grateful to have shared so many close votes with her and pleased that our team has been able to prevail so many times.

So, Mr. Speaker, let me close by reiterating the extent of my gratitude for all the sacrifices that Susan Hirschmann made for me, our party, and our country.

We’ve accomplished some amazing things for the American people.

And I’m deeply grateful for everything she’s given to build my staff into the most dedicated, passionate, and effective organization in Washington. We’ll all miss her laughter, her wisdom, and her leadership. We’ll send her off with every good wish for future happiness, success, and fulfillment.

Mr. HILLYARD. Susan B. Hirschmann is known throughout official Washington, D.C. and beyond as an intelligent, hard charging, political powerhouse who has made a tremendous contribution to the Republic through her work on Capitol Hill to influence and steer federal public policy in a conservative direction. Her reputation is well deserved.

In seven and a half years as a Member of the House of Representatives, I have yet no one for whom I have more respect and adoration than Susan Hirschmann. I am proud and honored to be able to call her my friend. She will be sorely missed by all of us who work with her in the House, but we all wish her well as she seeks new challenges.

I wish Susan and David the best of luck as Susan prepares to enter the next chapter of her career. God bless.

Susan also took a keen interest in the success of the Freshman class. Frankly, I believe her guidance and input has contributed greatly to the development of countless members of our class. And we too will feel the loss of her departure.

I know that Susan Hirschmann and her husband, David, wherever life takes them, will all miss her laugh, her wisdom, and her leadership. We’ll send her off with every good wish for future happiness, success, and fulfillment.

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Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to pay tribute to Susan Hirschmann—an amazing member of the Majority Whip’s staff who is leaving the House of Representatives after serving the public and this institution for 10 years.

It is difficult to sum up who Susan Hirschmann is or to overstate her impact on this institution.

Susan is many things to many people, and she is always there for Members whatever their needs may be. Whether you are in need of a meal, a sounding board, or a project for your district—Susan is there and she delivers!

There’s no doubt in my mind that Susan’s savvy and intellect is at the foundation of most successes of our Republican majority. She is not just a leadership staffer, she is a leader. And, for women who want to be power brokers in Washington, I can’t think of a better role model.

While Susan’s credentials as a conservative Republican are sterling, she doesn’t discriminate on ideology. For one, she knows that every Member represents a vote. But, she is more than a vote counter. She respects the House as an institution and she’s always looking out for the team, and that means understanding and caring about the Members.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Susan: for listening—even when the message is tough to hear, for offering her sage advice, for telling it like it is, for getting the job done—no matter the obstacles, for being an inspiration to women, and most importantly, for her friendship.

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to say thank you to Susan Hirschmann for her tremendous leadership and her service to their institution. She has been an asset to this House and to the Majority Whip’s Office now for 10 years.

As a freshman member in 1994 Susan was a guide to this member who was still learning the rules! Susan has continued to provide counsel and guidance on the many occasions that I have gone to her in my 8 years in the House.

Susan, you will be missed by the institution and by me, personally. Best wishes to you and David in all future endeavors.

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to speak in his lieu.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman is recognized for 5 minutes.

There was no objection.

HONORING JOHN B. ANDERSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LEACH) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in honoring an icon of American politics, John B. Anderson. John is someone about whom the traditional appellation we apply to one another here could not ring more true. He is indeed a “gentleman from Illinois.”

A member of what commentators are calling “the greatest generation” of Americans, John was born in Rockford and, after graduating from the University of Illinois, began his public service career by enlisting in the field artillery during World War II. As part of democracy’s greatest Army, he saw extensive combat in France and Germany.

After the war, John joined many of his comrades at school, receiving his JD from the University of Illinois and an LLM from Harvard. A member of the Foreign Service from 1952 to 1955, he served on the staff of the United States High Commissioner for Germany. John’s first elective office was that of State’s attorney for Winnebago County, Illinois. In 1960, John was elected to Congress, where he represented Illinois’ 16th Congressional District with great distinction and signals independence for 10 terms. While a Member of the House, he served on the Rules Committee and, indicative of the esteem in which he was held by his colleagues, for a decade as chairman of the House Republican Conference.

While in Congress, John was an unabashed progressive, championing civil rights legislation, advocating open housing and nondiscrimination measures, and promoting campaign finance reform. With Mo Udall, a colleague John and many of us admired greatly, John helped secure passage by the House of the landmark conservation measure setting aside 125 million acres in Alaska, 67 million dedicated to wilderness.

In 1980, John challenged the political establishment by running as an independent for President. He ran a spirited, issue-oriented campaign, which in the end garnered over 6 million votes. Since leaving public office, John has taught political science as a visiting professor at numerous institutions including Bryn Mawr College, Brandeis University, Stanford University, Oregon State University and the University of Illinois. It is not surprising that teaching law comes naturally to John Anderson. He received a J.D. degree from the University of Illinois, a LLM degree from Harvard University and honorary doctorates of law from Wheaton College and Trinity College. In addition, he served as the State’s Attorney for Winnebago County, Illinois from 1956 to 1960, prior to his election to Congress.

True to form, John remains an active challenger to the political status quo. He is a frequent lecturer and commentator on issues of electoral reform, United Nations reform, foreign affairs and American politics. He currently chairs the Center for Voting and Democracy.

In February, John turned 80. Keke, his wife of almost 50 years, whose Greek spontaneity provides such a warm complement to John’s Scandinavian reserve, their five children and nine grandchildren, along with friends and admirers from across the country, celebrated that milestone and the wonderful career it encompasses last week here in Washington.

A soldier, a diplomat, a legislator, a teacher, a big “R” Republican and small “d” democrat, John Anderson epitomizes the very best in the American political tradition. His congressional career stands as an ornament to the House he served with such progressive vision. His Presidential race remains a model of decency and commitment, a beacon of reasoned positivity in an era of social division. His service to the public provides the younger generations he continues to instruct living proof of the value of a principled life.

It is a privilege to honor John B. Anderson. This gentleman from Illinois is a inspiration to us all.

Mr. LAFalce. Mr. Speaker, I had the honor to serve in the House of Representatives for six years with John Anderson, from my arrival in the House in 1975 thru the end of his tenth term in 1981.

John Anderson is probably best known for his 1980 run for President as an independent candidate. He garnered 5.7 million votes in his candidacy. While that campaign marked the end of his electoral career, he has remained active in the political arena.

Even though he ran for the Presidency more than 20 years ago, he is still recognized by many, including persons who were too young to vote in 1980. When people tell him that he looks like the John Anderson who ran for President, he tells them “that’s what my wife tells me every morning.” John has been married to his wife Keke for almost 50 years, so she should know.

Mr. Anderson, who turned 80 this year, is active with the Center for Voting and Democracy and the World Federalist Association. He is a distinguished visiting professor at Nova Southeastern University Law School in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Students there benefit from his insights in courses in the electoral process and constitutional law. He has previously taught political science as a visiting professor at numerous universities including Bryn Mawr College, Brandeis University, Stanford University, Oregon State University and the University of Illinois.

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As a Member who will be leaving Congress at the end of this session, I look forward to staying active in the public policy arena. John Anderson, with his nearly quarter of a century