

He had such integrity and character that it moderated through all the squabbles between the parties. They say on further:

"A steady, uniform, avowed friend of the Christian religion, who has commenced his administration in rational and exalted sentiments of piety, and who in his private conduct adorns the doctrines of the Gospel of Christ." That's not a deist.

But, anyway, the letter says Washington "adorns the doctrines of the Gospel of Christ, and on the most public and solemn occasions devoutly acknowledges the government of divine Providence." That's where we came from. They recognized his character. I read yesterday where Washington's own order said that there could be no higher compliment to the soldiers than that they put on Christian qualities, the qualities of a Christian.

In June of 1985 in a decision, *Wallace v. Jaffree*, unfortunately it was in dissent, but William Rehnquist pointed out the deception that was being talked about by Lillback in the *Wall of Misconception*, and these are Rehnquist's words:

"The wall of separation between church and state is a metaphor based on bad history, a metaphor which has proved useless as a guide to judging. It should be frankly and explicitly abandoned."

And in the Supreme Court decision, *Lynch v. Donnelly*, the decision itself actually said:

"The Constitution does not require complete separation of church and state. It affirmatively mandates accommodation, not mere tolerance, of all religions, and forbids hostility toward any." And yet we find today as we dealt with hate crime issues, the only group which it is becoming lawful and unfortunate to show prejudice against are Christians. The same people our Founders kept talking about.

Patrick Henry correctly warned future Americans the following:

"Bad men cannot make good citizens. It is impossible that a nation of infidels or idolators should be a nation of free men. It is when a people forget God that tyrants forge their chains."

John Adams wrote, August 28, 1811:

"Religion and virtue are the only foundations, not only of republicanism"—and that doesn't mean our Republican Party at all; it means the system where we have elected Representatives—"they are the foundations not only of republicanism and of all free government, but of social felicity under all governments and in all the combinations of human society." This is just so important that people understand these things.

Harry Truman stated this:

"The fundamental basis of this nation's laws was given to Moses on the Mount." And isn't it ironic, when this Hall of Representatives was built and decorated, above every door up in the gallery is a profile of all of those that our predecessors believed were the

greatest lawgivers of all time. The greatest.

Hammurabi. Some say, why is Napoleon up there? The Napoleonic Code. The Justinian Code, of course. But in the middle is the only face that's not a side profile and that is because he was considered to be the greatest lawgiver of all time. As it says under his face, Moses. That's the Moses Truman was talking about.

Truman goes on:

"The fundamental basis of our Bill of Rights comes from the teachings we get from Exodus and St. Matthew, from Isaiah and St. Paul. I don't think we emphasize that enough these days. If we don't have a proper fundamental moral background, we will finally end up with a totalitarian government which does not believe in rights for anybody except the State."

John F. Kennedy said, "The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God."

Supreme Court Justice Douglas remarked, "We are a religious people whose institutions presuppose a Supreme Being."

James Madison said in November of 1825:

"The belief in a God all powerful, wise and good is so essential to the moral order of the world and to the happiness of man, that arguments which enforce it cannot be drawn from too many sources nor adapted with too much solicitude to the different characters and capacities to be impressed with it."

□ 1720

Our history is so full of such incredible quotes. But those words that are carved into the Jefferson Memorial, so powerful, are these: "God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a Nation be thought secure when we have removed from their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever."

That's why we begin every session every day in this Congress with prayer led by a minister from that podium, going back to the unanimous motion by Benjamin Franklin, that unless the Lord build a house, they labor in vain that build it. If we have the morals of Woodstock, we can expect more tragedies. We can expect more greed and more avarice, more lawlessness, and more rights to be usurped by the servants that were elected and selected and hired. And we owe the future generations so much better than that.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RANGEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HONDA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. POLIS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. POE of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, July 21 and 22.

Mr. POE of Texas, for 5 minutes, July 22.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, July 22.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, July 19, 20, 21, and 22.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 689. An act to interchange the administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3360. An act to amend title 46, United States Code, to establish requirements to ensure the security and safety of passengers and crew on cruise vessels, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4173. An act to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4840. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1981 Cleveland Avenue in Columbus, Ohio, as the "Clarence D. Lumpkin Post Office".

H.R. 5502. An act to amend the effective date of the gift card provisions of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 22 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, July 19, 2010, at 12:30 p.m., for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

8341. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of two violations of the Antideficiency Act, Case Numbers 06-03 and 07-03, pursuant