

Mr. JOHNSTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum be rescinded.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LIFETIME DREAM REALIZED

Mr. JOHNSTON. Mr. President, 40 years ago, when my wife, Mary, and I were students at LSU, we discussed my dream of some day serving in the U.S. Senate.

I am one of those few fortunate human beings who have seen his dreams fulfilled in the fullest and most satisfying sense. This year, 1995, marks my 31st consecutive year in elective office. Over 22 of those years have been in this most noble and hallowed institution.

James MacGregor Burns says that the measure of a man is not the honors he has received, but the difference he has made by his service.

Mr. President, I believe that, working with my colleagues and a wonderful staff, we have made a difference for Louisiana. When I first started working on the North-South Highway for Louisiana, the trip was bumpy, dangerous, and slow. Today, Interstate 49 competes for motor freight shipments with a brand new Red River navigation system. We have improved our ports, dredged our rivers and harbors and built levees to control our flooding. By Federal statute, we have set aside over \$600 million in a so-called 8(g) fund for education, and we have built research facilities and secured research funds for all our institutions of higher learning in Louisiana. By Federal law, we have created nine wildlife refuges, with more than 100,000 acres of protected land, and three national parks that now receive over 1 million visitors a year.

I am proud of these accomplishments, but I am most proud of what they will mean for the young people of our State.

Mr. President, it has been my privilege to serve on the Energy Committee for 22 years, 8 of those as chairman, and to have a hand in every major piece of legislation which has been passed from that committee during those years, from deregulation of natural gas to the National Energy Policy Act. We have pushed free markets, free trade and free enterprise. We have fought for the poor, for the disadvantaged, and for our senior citizens.

These 22 years have been successful and satisfying. I have simply loved it. But now, Mr. President, I must decide whether to continue Senate service or to depart in 2 years at the end of this term. Much argues for continued service. I love the Senate and I love to legislate. I am in superb health and have abundant energy, and reelection, though never assured, seems highly likely.

Nevertheless, Mr. President, I am today announcing that I will terminate my Senate service at the end of this term. I will not seek reelection in 1996.

There are rhythms and tides and seasons in life. I have been fortunate in my life to sense the rhythm and sail it full tide, and now I believe that the season for a new beginning approaches. As my colleague Russell Long used to say, "It is important to retire as a crowd and to leave the stage when the crowd still likes your singing."

I make this announcement now for two reasons. First, to allow me to devote my full time and attention to what will be a very active and, I hope, productive 2 years, and, second, to allow time for my would-be successors to make their plans and to conduct their campaigns.

Who will succeed me? I do not now have a candidate, but I want my successor to share some deeply held views of mine: that politics and public service are synonymous; that the pursuit of public office is a high calling—in our society, it is the best opportunity for helping your State, your country, and your fellow man; that the Senate, with its faults and criticisms, remains a bulwark of our democracy and a hallowed institution. I will stand up for it, will not bash it and will defend it against those who do. Years 1995 and 1996 will be an exciting 2 years, and after that I look forward to a new life and new challenges, doing what I do not know except that it will not be retirement.

Mr. President, I love the State of Louisiana. Its people have bestowed upon me honor and power and a rare privilege. For that, I, my wife, and my family are profoundly grateful.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. THOMAS). The Senator from Louisiana.

SENATOR BENNETT JOHNSTON'S EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE SENATE

Mr. BREAU. Mr. President, we have just heard a very profound and a very significant statement by the senior Senator from my State of Louisiana, very significant in what it means to my State of Louisiana, significant in what it means to this Senate by his announcement—very profound, indeed, because of what it says about an individual and what his priorities are and what he thinks public service is all about.

When our State looks back over the long history of service by my colleague, people will remember a number of tremendous contributions and contributions yet to be made in the last 2 years of his term in the Senate. I look back and remember the David Duke campaign and a BENNETT JOHNSTON who stopped him in his tracks. I look at projects throughout our State of Louisiana: The Red River project, which would clearly not be there except for his strong commitment and never-ending determination to see it started and completed, and it will be because of his effort. I look back and see ideas like risk assessment, which is a very popular idea in 1995, that my colleague championed even before it was an idea in most of our minds. It is now on its way to being the law of the land.

I look back and see a number of universities that today, tomorrow, and in the future will be doing research in science projects which will benefit not only this generation but generations to come because of the wisdom of my senior Senator in seeing that Federal dollars were wisely spent in those areas.

I look back and see the very essence of our State of Louisiana through his efforts in wetlands restoration and wetlands protection that literally future generations will have a State to live in and to enjoy because of his great efforts today and yesterday in devising Federal programs to help those wetlands remain a part of our great State.

Indeed, his services will stand as a monument to all those young men and women who today perhaps are a little turned off by the concept of public service, who think that somehow if you are there, you are not doing the work of the average citizen. BENNETT JOHNSTON's effort has always been to help people in our State to live a better life and to have a better future. So I think that his service will stand as a monument and an incentive to encourage other young people, men and women, to become involved in public service because public service is epitomized by his career, and he still has 2 very important years remaining.

Public service is more than just being a critic. It is more than just being someone who complains about the status quo. Public service, as BENNETT JOHNSTON has carried it out, is public service that means helping to solve problems and helping to construct things that help people and to do things in a very positive sense. In his service in the Senate—and it has been my privilege to be his junior colleague for so long—he will always be remembered as a doer and a person who believed in this institution and who believed in making things happen for the good of all of us. His service will be a shining monument of that type of attitude, of what public service is all about.

I congratulate him and his family for what I know must have been a difficult decision, but I applaud him for having the courage to make it and to serve with all of us over these years in such an exemplary fashion. It gives us a lot after which to pattern our lives and careers.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RETIREMENT OF BENNETT JOHNSTON

Mr. HATFIELD. Mr. President, on occasions of this kind, we are prone to look back and think historically as well as to absorb the magnitude of the statement of the moment given by my good friend, Senator BENNETT JOHNSTON, from Louisiana.

When I came to the Senate, I had the privilege of serving with Allen Ellender

and Senator Russell Long, who represented the State of Louisiana at that particular time in 1967.

Mr. President, I must say that the strength of those two leaders at that time certainly has been carried on in the tradition of Louisiana voters and the subsequent Senators, including Senator BENNETT JOHNSTON and his colleague today who serves with him from Louisiana, JOHN BREAUX.

Mr. President, I have had the privilege of serving with Senator JOHNSTON on the Energy and Natural Resources Committee now for all the years that he has been in the Senate. It was then called the Interior Committee of the Senate and Insular Affairs, and then its name was changed and, of course, all that time he has been chairman of that committee.

In addition to that, both Senator JOHNSTON and I serve on the Appropriations Committee, and we begin this year the 18th year we have served in partnership either as chairman or the ranking member, as Senator JOHNSTON has occupied that seat, or as I now occupy that seat as chairman of that subcommittee and he the ranking member, as I say, for 18 years.

I think on both the authorizing committee and the appropriating committee, we get a very, very intimate relationship of the total legislative process. I want to say it has not only been an honor and a personal pleasure, but I have marveled at the way Senator JOHNSTON has carried his duties and responsibilities in both of those committees, demonstrating competence, demonstrating brilliance of understanding of the issues. He gets up and starts talking about the nuclear power facilities, and so forth and so on, and I am always happy to defer to him, whether I am chairman or ranking member, any time that subject comes up because there is no one on this floor that has greater intimate knowledge of that complexity of nuclear energy than Senator JOHNSTON.

I also want to say that Senator JOHNSTON's Christmas cards, when he first came here, showed this beautiful family—beautiful Mary, his wife, and his children. I watched that Christmas card expand over the years. I think it is very significant that sitting next to him on the floor of the Senate today is a very distinguished congressman from the State of Indiana, who happens to be his son-in-law, TIM ROEMER. I am very, very pleased to know that he is leaving more than just a legacy of record. He is leaving in the Congress of the United States a legacy of leadership that will continue.

Mr. President, there are so many things that come to my mind. I am flooded with memories of the thousands of miles that he and I have traveled with our spouses and other members of the committee from China, Thailand, Indonesia, throughout the whole Pacific region.

I want to say even though he is noted as perhaps the expert here of energy, among his other expertise, whenever he

has chaired a Codel and is called upon to respond to the head of state, to the prime minister or the president or the foreign minister—whoever might be hosting us at the moment—on any foreign policy, he can respond with grace and with, again, a manner in which we all take pride of being Americans and being his associate and colleague on these Codels.

So he is a Renaissance man with great capacity for many, many subjects. He does everything with fairness and with objectivity. I often say some of his problems on the committees have been that he has supported Republican causes that have not always been supported by the majority of his own Democratic Party on that committee. He has been that kind of broad-based, Renaissance person.

This is a decision he has to make. I have regrets in hearing this decision. They are selfish and personal because I have 2 years yet as well and it also causes me to have to reflect on what my future is. But if I should run for reelection and get reelected, I would be very, very much lesser a person because I would miss the expertise and counsel of BENNETT JOHNSTON.

But, BENNETT, being very informal at this moment on the floor, I want to say, as a long-time fan and supporter of yours and personal friend, I greet this news with great mixed emotions. I am happy for you and your family in many ways, yet I am regretful for what you are going to deny the Senate as far as the future.

Several Senators addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

A LOT OF MILES YET TO GO

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I am sorry to say to the Senator from Georgia, I left a meeting and I will take about 30 seconds here with my friend.

This is not the time to say goodbye to Senator JOHNSTON. We are saddened to hear the statement of the senior Senator from Louisiana. I think that Senator JOHNSTON spent enough time in my State to be qualified to vote, and I spent almost the same amount of time in his State for other reasons, I might add.

But I am saddened to hear the announcement of my good friend. I understand his reasons, and I really seriously marvel at his capacity to make such a judgment, but I do think that we have a lot of things left undone. We have a lot of miles to go yet, and I will say my farewells when the time comes. Meanwhile, I say to my good friend, we have one big battle, and that is the battle of wetlands. I hope he will be there with us until the end.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Georgia.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR BENNETT JOHNSTON

Mr. NUNN. Mr. President, I, too, want to say a few words about this man we all think so much of, the Senator from Louisiana, Senator JOHNSTON.

Until a time I can reflect on it at length and really go over some of the historical accomplishments he has been so involved in, I remember very well when he got elected to the U.S. Senate because I got elected the same time.

With one exception, we have seen eye to eye on virtually everything since we have been here, and that one exception was the first day he arrived, he had a news conference saying he was the senior Member of the class of 1972. That was not only erroneous but it was to the detriment of the Senator from Georgia. The next day we had a chance to meet personally. The first thing I informed him was he had to retract that statement because it was not correct. He did that graciously when he found out the accuracy of my remark. Ever since then, he has been on target.

I must say, my colleagues have already enumerated some of his accomplishments. He has been an expert in his own field of energy. He has been an expert in the field of environment. He has also been an expert in the field of foreign policy and national security. He has traveled all over the globe. He knows people all over the globe. He is respected all over the globe. He has a following all over, not only in this country but throughout the world.

On the Appropriations Committee, he has been a stalwart in that area. He has been one of few people, few of us who have been willing to take on the tough subject of entitlements over the years, and if some of those votes he and I and some others made together back in the eighties and even before had passed at that time, we would not have some of the entitlement problems we have today.

So he has had an outstanding legislative record. I will enumerate that at a later date. But the most important thing he has done is what so many people have difficulty doing here in Washington, and that is, while he has done all of this for his State and for his constituents and for the people of this Nation, he has held his family together. That is the toughy. Anyone who works 60, 70 hours a week, travels on weekends, and makes speeches all over is always under pressure, that can maintain the love and relationship with his wonderful wife, Mary, the children, Sally, Mary, Bennett, Hunter, and all of his family, that is truly the exception rather than the rule in this very busy, stressful place.

So he has a family that loves him. He has a wonderful set of children that are doing their own things in their own professions, and he has a son-in-law, as we have already heard, from Indiana who is here on the floor with him as a Member of Congress.

So I list, BENNETT, your accomplishments as keeping your family together and raising a wonderful group of children with, of course, the tremendous help of Mary who is as outstanding as any individual I know, and also maintaining a wonderful relationship with

your staff. You can tell a lot about a Senator by his staff. BENNETT JOHNSTON has an outstanding staff. Some of them are here today. I worked with many of them over a period of time, and I know others of them on the floor have worked with them. You can tell an awful lot.

So I say to my friend, for his own future, I am sure he has reflected long and hard on this decision and, from that point of view, I congratulate him. From the point of view of the Senate, I am remorseful. I think we are going to be a lesser body when he leaves here in 2 years, although for the next 2 years, he will be, I am sure, as energetic, productive, and effective as he has ever been.

But I do understand the decision. I understand it. All of us have to go through this kind of thought process. He made the decision quicker than I thought he would. If I had predicted 2 weeks ago, I would have predicted the other way around. But I know he made it after a great deal of thought, a great deal of prayerful consideration with his family and his staff.

So it is not an announcement that I take lightly, or with any kind of feeling of celebration, because I understand the deficit that is going to be left when this outstanding U.S. Senator does retire in 2 years. So I congratulate him on his service. I do not congratulate him, necessarily, on the decision because I do want to talk to him a little bit about it. But I do commend him on his splendid record of service for the State of Louisiana and the Nation.

I thank the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from California.

BENNETT JOHNSTON, THE MASTER OF THE CLOSE

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I heard about 2:15 this afternoon that Senator JOHNSTON was going to take the floor, so I picked up the phone and tried to reach him and missed him. I wanted to just say a few words.

I listened, back in my office, to what he had to say. I was thinking, back when this mayor from San Francisco in the mid-1980's came back to see the head of the Energy Committee. I had an opportunity and I walked into his office. I saw the pelicans. I did not even know if he would really listen to me. I found a human being who was open, who was gentle, who was kind, who was listening, and who was interested. Then, of course, in 1992 I came to this Senate and I found a man who was a leader of the U.S. Senate—certainly a leader on the Democratic side and I believe a leader in the Senate—who had worked for 22 years, who had established a reputation in this body.

I might say, many of the Members on our side, when we were discussing the California Desert Protection Act, said toward the close of the session, "Don't worry. Watch BENNETT. He is a master of the close."

And as the months went on, the debate and the discussion on this bill, I saw indeed that BENNETT JOHNSTON was

not only a master of the close, but was a master of strategy. I saw he is a man who is bright. He is a man who is articulate. But he is also somebody who is always a gentleman, always receptive, always able to say what he thinks in a way that brings the best from everyone around him.

So, BENNETT JOHNSTON, I want to say to you: In the few days we have been back, this is the worst news I have heard. Even worse than the Contract With America, in many respects. I am just so sorry that this is going to happen. But there is one thing I do know: Even if you have made up your mind there are still 2 years, so we will be hearing much more from BENNETT JOHNSTON, the master of the close.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alabama.

SENATOR BENNETT JOHNSTON, STATESMAN

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, it is a sad day for the Senate, a sad day for the Nation, when we find out we will be losing a Member of the U.S. Senate who has contributed so much to this body as an institution and to this Nation as a whole.

We do not use the word "statesman" very often. I grew up hearing it much more frequently than I hear it today. I think we look at certain areas of expertise and accomplishment and we realize that there are statesmen in those fields, as well as from a generalist viewpoint. I look back over the career of BENNETT JOHNSTON and I remember when I came to the Senate, this Nation was in an energy crisis. We were talking about shortages and what had to be done. I remember President Carter's speech with his sweater.

But BENNETT JOHNSTON stood out in those days as a voice of reason, calling for an energy policy that was really very detailed, but was accompanied by great reasoning. His energy policy prevailed over the years, and we weathered that crisis. As we have gone through the changes relative to energy policy and the relationship of nuclear energy, BENNETT JOHNSTON has always come forward with expertise, with reason, and with a view toward the future and has accomplished tremendous feats in regard to the energy field. He had the unique position of serving as chairman of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the subcommittee dealing with energy and water development of the Appropriations Committee. It is very unusual for a person to occupy those two positions simultaneously, but because of his expertise and seniority and his choice, he selected those. And I think the Nation has been the beneficiary as a result of it.

His State of Louisiana has greatly benefited from his service. I consider BENNETT a conservative, a progressive conservative. He is a southerner. We have pretty well agreed on most issues, as SAM NUNN mentioned a while ago. And he has really taken on a great deal in his political life, in taking on cer-

tain tasks that other people would attempt to evade and to avoid.

He has had to fight bigots. He has had to fight those who were intolerant. He has moved forward in the South toward having improved race relations and has been a great voice of reason in pursuing that particular task. And the South today has many benefits that really resulted from his leadership.

He has been a wonderful family man. I think SAM spoke about that, the fact that he has a delightful, wonderful, charming wife, Mary, and four children: Bennett, Hunter, Sally and Mary. They are great examples of a family and to the fact that there are such close ties among them. He has been one of those who have advocated, as we all agree that we should, an improved quality of life in the Senate in order that we spend more time with our families. He and DAVID PRYOR have been voices that have sounded forth many times on the improvement of the quality of life in the Senate. Hopefully, our new minority leader will agree and hopefully he can influence our majority leader a little bit toward following the advice that BENNETT JOHNSTON has given in the past relative to this.

He loves this institution and he has really done a great deal. I stop and think of all he has done. Sometimes you do not belong to the respective committees, but he has been a tremendous spokesman for southern agriculture. I look back upon many of the battles we have had relative to agriculture and know that his voice has been the voice of a champion, pertaining to those issues. Then, in foreign affairs, he would come back from his trips—I can remember him many times talking about the Pacific rim and its great future and the fact that we needed to develop better relationships with the Pacific rim nations because much of the future would lie there, and the progress that has taken place in recent years pertaining to this.

(Mr. SANTORUM assumed the chair.)

So we with great sadness see the announcement of the departure some 2 years from now of a statesman in the field of energy, a statesman in the field of race relations, a statesman who has done much for this Nation. We will have lost a great Senator. We are now losing a great chairman, but nevertheless he will continue as a spokesman in his particular fields. But he has also served in so many other different ways on the budget, in the field of aging, and in the field of intelligence, having served in committees in that capacity.

We salute BENNETT. I think maybe the real reason behind this is that he is feeling that he is getting a little older, that he is not as accomplished a tennis player as he used to be, and that his colleague, JOHN BREAUX, is now beating him more often than he used to. Perhaps that might have affected his decision relative to this matter.

But we look forward to his, as he leaves and when he leaves the Senate, continuing to give us advice, counsel,

and we know he will continue to be a friend.

I say to him, my friend, that this is a sad day for America and for the Senate. But we respect his decision.

Mr. SIMPSON addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wyoming.

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, I inquire of my colleague, Senator PRYOR. He was waiting to speak before I came in and he requested time to do so.

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I respond to my friend from Wyoming by saying that I have been here for some time and I am enjoying all these speeches so much. I have no preference as to when I speak.

So I would love to listen to the Senator from Wyoming, to hear him talk about our friend, BENNETT JOHNSTON.

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, if I said that my remarks would not exceed 5 minutes, there would be an audible gasp. However, I want you to observe the clock and you will find that they shall not exceed the period of 5 minutes. I, too, will say a lot more later.

I thank my friend from Arkansas, who came here when I did, Senator PRYOR, and Senator HEFLIN, also. We have a special bond in our class which is very strong that crosses party lines. In fact, the other evening we met, the survivors of the class of 1978, and talked about how we might try to make this place work better with bipartisanship. That is an effort that we will pursue with people of the caliber of Senator PRYOR and Senator HEFLIN.

But let me just say a word about my friend. BENNETT JOHNSTON is a special man, a man of remarkable brightness, energy, and a wonderful sense of humor, and a person who could come to this floor in the midst of a debate on nuclear fission and without a note suddenly be totally in the fray or who could come here on issues of energy, Btu's or public lands and without a note debate for an hour or two taking questions, fielding questions thoroughly engaged.

So what I learned from him is a remarkable intellect blended with a wonderful mind and an ability to deal with complex issues, and when everyone else, like in the words of Rudyard Kipling, was "losing their heads," blaming it on you, BENNETT would be right there with that wonderful whimsical smile which is difficult to identify sometimes. You never know quite what is being concocted there with that smile. But I have seen it many times, and it is always with a gentleness.

So I thank him for what he taught me on nuclear issues as I chaired the nuclear regulations subcommittee as a freshman, and how he helped me on all energy issues when I was again chairing that committee. On public lands issues, I watched my colleague from Wyoming, Malcolm Wallop, work with him and watched BENNETT and Malcolm, even though they disagreed strongly, work so well together. They gave us finally an energy bill that was

unattainable for decades. I thank him for that.

He is dogged, determined, with a persistence and steadiness which is enviable.

So I thank him. I have been privileged to travel with him. Whatever they have said about Mary is not enough. That is a special woman, and it has been a great honor and privilege to travel with him. Whether it was in Vietnam or China or around the world, dealing with nuclear issues, any time BENNETT rose to give the greetings or receive the acknowledgment from another head of state, we just all sat back and knew it would be done with wonderful compassion, skill, and a completely tactful presentation. He was our spokesman, and whatever side of the aisle you were on, you never even questioned that.

So a gentle, congenial man of very steady demeanor will be greatly missed. It is not easy to find people who will do this kind of work and take what goes with it. We are thin-skinned sometimes. I know I am. But he just smiles and takes it, and can dish it right back in beautiful fashion and always with a gentler, much gentler, recipe than it has been dished out to him.

So to BENNETT and to Mary, and their dear family, and to the son-in-law who will serve us in Congress on the other side of the aisle, I wish them all well.

It has been a rich personal privilege for Ann and for me to come to know BENNETT and Mary JOHNSTON, and we love them. We wish them well in whatever they may wish to do in the future.

Mr. PRYOR addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arkansas.

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, this is indeed a sad day. It is a sad day for the U.S. Senate. It is indeed a sad day for the State of Arkansas to be losing one of our colleagues from this Senate, but of equal importance to be losing, Mr. President, one of our neighbors, the Honorable BENNETT JOHNSTON as our colleague and friend from our neighboring State of Louisiana.

We have often said, DALE BUMPERS and I—and I am sure he will eloquently address this momentarily—Senator BUMPERS and I have often said in our State that we have three Senators, that we are very fortunate, and that the third Senator is the Senator from Louisiana, who on every project, Mr. President, on every issue has stood shoulder to shoulder not only with Senator BUMPERS and myself and our predecessors in this body but also with our State and its people in the projects that we pursued on many occasions.

Senator JOHNSTON in his eloquent, and I must say brief, remarks, talked about two principles, one of honor, that the people had honored him. And all of us know Senator JOHNSTON well. I know that honor was bestowed upon Senator JOHNSTON and that he treated that honor basically as holding that honor in trust for the people of his

State and the people of this country. The other characteristic that he addressed was power, that the people of Louisiana had bestowed upon him as a U.S. Senator a great power.

Mr. President, I can say without reservation that of the some 20 years that I have known this fine gentleman, I have never seen nor have I ever heard of this fine man ever once abusing that power or of taking that power for granted.

Mr. President, BENNETT JOHNSTON will go down in the annals of this great U.S. Senate as one of the great doers and one of the great builders that this body has ever produced. The Senate has been a better place because of him. His life and his example and his family all mean so much to all of us.

Mr. President, I notice that the distinguished Presiding Officer, the new Senator from Pennsylvania, is seated today presiding over the U.S. Senate. I know that he faces a middle aisle that some say divides the Republicans from the Democrats. I have a feeling, Mr. President, that Senator BENNETT JOHNSTON, our friend and neighbor from Louisiana, has never seen that middle aisle as a line of demarcation, nor as a line of division, but merely as a line of invitation to join hands and join parties, whether Republican or Democrat, liberal or conservative, on those issues that face this country and those issues that must make us a better people.

BENNETT JOHNSTON, in my opinion, has been able to bridge that gap and to cross that aisle in friendship, in principle, in camaraderie and comity, as well as any Member that I have ever seen in the U.S. Senate. He is a wise and a good man. It has been my extreme pleasure and honor to serve in this body with BENNETT JOHNSTON, my friend and colleague from the great State of Louisiana.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Mr. DASCHLE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The minority leader is recognized.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR BENNETT JOHNSTON

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I rise to associate myself with the remarks made by so many of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in tribute to our friend and colleague, BENNETT JOHNSTON.

A couple of days ago, I read some words written by George Bernard Shaw that I think probably as closely epitomized how I view BENNETT JOHNSTON as any I have read in my time in the Senate. I would like to begin what I hope to be very brief remarks, keeping to the approach used by our distinguished colleague from Wyoming in being brief this afternoon.

George Bernard Shaw wrote:

This is the true joy in life: Being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one, being a force of nature instead of a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances, complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy. I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community, and as I live, it is my

privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I finish, for the harder I work, the more I love. I rejoice in life for its own sake. Life is no brief candle for me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got ahold of for the moment. I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.

Mr. President, that describes our friend, BENNETT JOHNSTON. For 22 years, the people of Louisiana and the people of the United States have been blessed with the leadership of this outstanding U.S. Senator. BENNETT JOHNSTON epitomizes the best in public service through his thoughtfulness, his fairness, his determination, his sense of humor, and his belief in love for his family. In this period of cynicism and ugliness in politics, BENNETT JOHNSTON has stood as a pillar of integrity, of hard work, of dedication, of devotion to public service.

I have had the good fortune to know him now for over 8 years. I am proud to call him my friend. I am proud that I will have the ability to work closely with him for at least 2 more years. I respect his decision and know how deeply he feels about his family and his time spent on those occasions walking with his wife, Mary. There will be other days, as others have said, to talk about the many accomplishments of Senator BENNETT JOHNSTON, but today let me join with others in wishing him a future of good health and much happiness, recognizing that we do enjoy his company, his work, his partnership, and the future that we hold with him together.

I yield the floor.

Mr. CRAIG addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] is recognized.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR BENNETT JOHNSTON

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, a few moments ago, my staff came into the office and said, "Quick, turn on the television. Senator BENNETT JOHNSTON is announcing that he will retire after this term." I did, and I caught the remaining words that the Senator spoke.

I came immediately to the floor to express, on the part of the Idaho Senators who are serving and who have previously served in this body, the respect we have for Senator BENNETT JOHNSTON of Louisiana. Other than you, Mr. President, I am, at this moment in time, as I scan the floor, one of the more junior Senators serving, although I am privileged to be the senior Senator from Idaho. I say that in context to having arrived here 4 years ago, and to have asked the advice of the then retiring senior Senator from Idaho, Jim McClure, "From whom might I seek counsel as it relates to certain issues that are near and dear to our State of Idaho and to the Nation?" —I served on the Energy and Natural Resources Committee that BENNETT JOHNSTON was chairing at that time and continued to chair through the 103d session of Congress—and without ever thinking of anything else, Jim

McClure said, "Chairman BENNETT JOHNSTON."

I had just served 10 years in the House, and I was used to the dynamics of the House. I thought to myself immediately: But he is a Democrat; therefore, he is partisan. That was quite typical of the style of the House. There was not the comity nor the bipartisan nature of the Senate existing at that time in the House. I remember at that time Senator McClure said, "On the issues that you will be dealing with, Larry, BENNETT JOHNSTON should always be your counsel. And when he cannot be bipartisan—and there were times when he could not be—he will be very straightforward because you will always know where he is." For those 4 years, following that advice, BENNETT JOHNSTON was true to the description of Jim McClure.

Let me also speak briefly for Steve Symms, recently retired from the U.S. Senate who, again, spoke similar words. My exposure in working with Chairman JOHNSTON over the last 4 years has certainly paid honor to both of those gentlemen and their respect for BENNETT JOHNSTON of Louisiana.

BENNETT, personally, I will miss you. I will miss you because of your talent and your energy and your willingness to be bipartisan and cooperative in the name of good public policy. And I oftentimes, Mr. President, marveled at the sharpness of mind and the detail with which BENNETT JOHNSTON engaged the issues of energy. Whether it was electrical energy generated by nuclear or hydro or coal power, he knew the details. He knew the phenomenal maze of law that is bound around all of that, whether it was with the utility companies, or whether it was with the Federal regulatory agencies. I was always amazed because I suggest that never in my service in the U.S. Senate would I expect to command that kind of knowledge or understanding as does Chairman JOHNSTON.

I will miss you, BENNETT JOHNSTON, because of these things and because you have become a friend, and I appreciate that. At the same time, let me say how much I respect your willingness to recognize that there was a time to say, "I will do something different." I think that is important for all of us, because I have the privilege of serving in the U.S. Senate because a senior Senator, at the peak of his senatorial ability, announced his retirement, choosing to do something in the private sector of our country.

So I do respect those kinds of decisions, recognizing that there is life after the Senate, and that expertise and talent and service can go on to serve in other ways and in other capacities.

But for the coming 2 years, BENNETT, you will remain a valuable and contributive member of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee and the Appropriation Committees on which you serve. While you now serve in the minority, that will never stop me from seeking your counsel and your advice

because, while the title has changed, the respect has not. In 2 years time, I will miss you, as will in body.

I yield back the remainder of my time.

Several Senators addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I defer to the Senator from Arkansas, who I overlooked, who has been waiting for some time. I would like to be recognized following his remarks in tribute to BENNETT JOHNSTON.

Mr. BUMPERS. I thank the Senator from Alaska very much.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR BENNETT JOHNSTON

Mr. BUMPERS. Mr. President, this is indeed a sad day for me personally and, though Americans may not realize it, it is a sad day for them, too.

The other morning, I read where former Secretary Cheney said he was not going to run for President and, in a spate of candor customary to Dick Cheney, said the price was "too high." I toyed with a Presidential race one time and came to the same conclusion. I never did say it, though.

But the truth of the matter is, public service, which I was taught by my father was the noblest of all callings, has come to demand an almost impossible price.

I have no idea what went into Senator JOHNSTON's thinking in arriving at the decision not to seek reelection. I know he is a family man. He is one of the few people I would defer to, maybe slightly, in his devotion to his family over me. So maybe that was it. But I am not here to wonder aloud what all went into his decision.

The first time I heard of BENNETT JOHNSTON was when he ran for Governor of Louisiana and he was using the same media consultant I had used a year earlier in running for Governor of Arkansas, Deloss Walker. And while BENNETT barely lost that election, he was elected handily for the U.S. Senate 2 years later.

I might say to the Senator that that was probably the most fortuitous thing that ever happened to him. As a former Governor and Senator, I can tell you it was the most fortuitous thing that ever happened.

But Deloss Walker had told me what a good candidate Senator JOHNSTON was. And so he came to the Senate 2 years before I did. I was put on the Energy Committee, which was a widely sought committee assignment at that time because the Arab oil embargo of 1973 had everybody frightened to death. We were going to become energy independent. We were going to develop alternative fuels, and you name it.

Senator JOHNSTON had the seat just in front of me, and later of course became chairman of the committee. I forget the year. But I became ranking Democrat on that committee.

There are perhaps people in the Senate who have been closer to Senator

JOHNSTON than I have been, though I do not see how. I have traveled with him abroad. I have sat at his right hand in that committee, all these years. I have found him to be an ardent opponent on occasion. It took me forever to kill the super collider because he was on the other side. And I did not really kill it. The House of Representatives deserve the credit for killing the super collider. But I can tell you, as long as Senator JOHNSTON was in the Senate, it was not going to happen over here.

But in good times and bad, in battles together and battles against each other, I found him always to be brilliant and tenacious, but eminently fair. Last year, he took on another battle on the side of the angels that I had been fighting sort of a lonely battle for about 5 years, and that was reform of the mining laws of this country. Senator JOHNSTON got involved in that debate last year. He was tenacious. But I promise you some of his most ardent opponents, including the Senator from Alaska and the Senator from Idaho, will tell you they always found him to be eminently fair. He held hearing after hearing, private hearings with them to see if there was any accommodation that could be made that would satisfy them.

And on the California desert bill, another battle that I had been involved in for 6 years here, he took that battle on last year and won it and we passed the California desert bill. Some day the people of America will look back and say we owe BENNETT JOHNSTON a big one for that.

His announcement today follows the same announcement by two other fine men in this body, HANK BROWN and PAUL SIMON. And my guess is there are going to be others.

We could sit here and I guess make partisan speeches or philosophical speeches about whether or not the price of public service has become too high, and that would serve absolutely no useful purpose at this point.

BENNETT will have another career and he will have more time in that career. I do not know what it will be, but I promise you whatever he takes up, whether he decides to become a professor in some law school or maybe teach political science or some contemporary course on politics at LSU or someplace else, I do not care what it is, he will have more time for his family than he has had in the past 22 years.

So, Mr. President, today is a sad time for me. It is going to be a personal loss to me for BENNETT to leave the Senate, but more importantly it is a loss for America.

I have never favored term limits. It is not easy to go before an audience when you know 70 to 75 percent of that audience favors term limits, and say you do not favor it, but I do not; never have. One reason is because it would arbitrarily cause us to lose good men and women with good minds, but, above all, a wealth of experience which we cher-

ish in every single profession in America except here in politics.

Well, Mr. President, I will probably be here to say this a few more times over the next 2 years for good friends of mine who decide not to run, but I can tell you I will not say with any more fervor or conviction at any point in the next 2 years, no matter who leaves here, that this is truly a great loss to this Nation and especially to the State of Louisiana.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Mr. MURKOWSKI addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. I thank the Chair.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR BENNETT JOHNSTON

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I join with my colleagues acknowledging the remarks of the senior Senator from Louisiana earlier on the floor today.

You know, it has been said you really never know a person until you have walked in his footsteps. As the incoming chairman of the Energy Committee, I take my first steps, BENNETT JOHNSTON, with great humility.

I have observed, as a member of the minority, the manner in which you have conducted the affairs of the Energy Committee. You have always been an extraordinary legislator. You have been a consensus builder. You have had the capability to tackle the tough jobs and get the job done. You have always had the energy and the commitment to move ahead, yet somehow you genuinely accorded each member an opportunity to be heard and most of us an opportunity to exhaust our thoughts on the subject, and then you moved ahead with an agenda as you saw it. I know every Member who has worked with the Senator from Louisiana respects him. The Senator from Louisiana has tackled the national issues. As the Senator from Arkansas indicated, occasionally the Senator has been partisan, but the Senator has been partisan in a way that I think represented the reality that the Senator's party was in the majority. Yet the Senator from Louisiana was always willing to listen to the input from the minority.

The Senator was a fighter for the State of Louisiana. I do not think that anyone can observe the career of the Senator in the last 22 years and suggest that the Senator has not served the State of Louisiana well. The Senator has left an example for other Members to follow.

I came into the Senate 14 years ago. At that time, Senator "Scoop" Jackson of Washington was chairman of the committee. Jack McClure followed that tenure. I think one of the extraordinary things that we all wonder about during our careers in the Senate is knowing when it is time to go, when to have the wisdom and the honesty, because as we all know, in this business an awful lot of our everyday activities

are associated with our own individual egos.

The Senator from Louisiana has chosen to go out at the very top of his career. The Senator has ahead of him, obviously, some unknowns but some very exciting unknowns as the Senator looks to his future and the contribution that he will make to his State and America as a whole.

The Senator has given me the honor and the pleasure of working with him, but he has also given me the wisdom and an insight that I will respect and learn from. The Senator has always been very fair in accommodating the interest of the junior Senator from Alaska.

The Senator has gone up to Alaska on numerous occasions. The Senator has visited the North Slope, the Senator has visited ANWR, the Senator has listened to Alaskans, and the Senator has listened with a genuine interest to our problems and with a commitment to try to assist as we attempt to develop in our State what was done throughout the United States, perhaps 100 years ago. And that is a sound resource policy using science and technology available today that was not available, perhaps, 50 or 75 years ago.

We will miss you, BENNETT. I am looking forward to having the pleasure of working together these next 2 years. I look forward to assisting in completing the agenda of the Senator, as well as exploring new agendas. I look to the Senator for advice, consent, and counsel.

Finally, in conclusion, let me just comment on a reflection I had when the Senator and his wife, Mary, were kind enough to include us in the Christmas card list. I saw, this time, grandchildren. Not just one, but several. Somebody mentioned to me some years ago when we had our first grandchild that, truly, that was the ticket to eternity.

I do not know whether there is any reflection on this decision in the grandchildren, but I, personally, would not be surprised if the Senator has decided to try to spend a little more time with the grandchildren. Obviously, when you are around your grandchildren, you generate a reflection on perhaps some of the qualities of life rather than the quantity.

So let me commend the Senator for the service that the Senator has given to this body, the State of Louisiana, and my State of Alaska, and the friendship which I have enjoyed and that I am looking forward, as we spend the next 2 years together, to working on behalf of the many interests that are before our committee.

Again, my sincere best wishes on the Senator's new future. We look forward again, those Senators who are at least going to be around here for the balance of our term, to observing the patterns and the footsteps as the Senator from Louisiana moves out and pursues some of the exciting opportunities and challenges outside the U.S. Senate. It has