

Congress and on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, formerly the Public Works Committee, since his first term in 1978. I have been fortunate enough to not only work with BILL on committee matters, but also have had the unique opportunity to work hand and hand with him on numerous issues which have directly impacted our neighboring congressional districts. Together BILL and I have been one the same side of many a battle, some of which we have won and some which we have lost, but I can say that you couldn't pick a better man with whom to go to war with.

Throughout his tenure in this body, BILL has earned a reputation as a man of integrity, class, and honor. To those of us who know him well we will particularly miss BILL CLINGER for his dry sense of humor, his commonsense leadership, and his no-nonsense approach to getting things done. On a personal note, I would like to thank you BILL for all your guidance, counsel, and most importantly your friendship over the years. At this time I will close Mr. Speaker, in wishing both BILL and his wife Julia continued success and happiness in whatever the future may hold for them.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN MYERS

HON. TOM BEVILL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. BEVILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a man who has been one of my closest friends and colleagues since we came to Congress together in 1967. Congressman JOHN MYERS of Indiana has been one of the finest Members to ever serve in this body. And, I can't think of anyone I've enjoyed working with more.

As you know, for 18 years, I served as chairman of the House Appropriations Energy and Water Development panel, with Congressman JOHN MYERS serving as the ranking Republican.

For the past 2 years, Congressman MYERS has been the chairman and I have been the ranking Democrat. We switched chairs, but our panel has conducted its business in virtually the same manner. We have looked after the interests of our Nation, putting our party differences aside.

I never let a bill leave the committee room without Congressman MYERS' approval of every detail. And, he has extended the exact same courtesy to me.

As a result of this cooperation, we have been able to fund some of the most important public works projects in the country. And, we have funded some of the most critical energy research projects in the world.

We have done everything we could to help every State in the Nation to create jobs and a better quality of life for our citizens.

Under his able leadership, JOHN MYERS and I recently finished our annual energy and water development appropriations bill. I want to take this opportunity to thank JOHN for being such a good friend to Alabama over the years. He has worked for us, just as he has devoted himself to his constituents in Indiana and to our great Nation.

John Myers and I both realized long ago that a project that helps people in one State helps everyone in the long run.

I think I speak for both of us when I say that we leave as true friends and partners. JOHN, I wish you and your wonderful wife Carol all the best. You are the finest people I know and the country has certainly benefited from your outstanding public service.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE JAN MEYERS

HON. JIM LIGHTFOOT

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. LIGHTFOOT. Mr. Speaker, it has been my great honor to have served with my colleague from Kansas, Congresswoman JAN MEYERS.

JAN and I were both elected to Congress in 1984. As freshmen, we both had a lot to learn. Although, after a total of 17 years of distinguish service on the Overland City Council and in the Kansas Senate, JAN proved to be a quick study. Indeed, those of us in the Republican class of 1984 elected her to serve as both president and vice president.

JAN presently serves as chair of the House Small Business Committee. She is the first Republican woman to chair a legislative committee in the House since 1954, and the first woman to chair a legislative committee in the House since 1976.

As Representative from the Third District of Kansas and in her role as chair of the House Small Business Committee, JAN has served her district, State, and Nation well. She has been honored several times for her fiscal votes to cut the deficit and eliminate wasteful spending. She has been a tireless foe of tax increases and congressional payraises.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a great honor to have served with my good friend and colleague from Kansas, JAN MEYERS.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE JOHN T. MYERS FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished representative from Indiana, the Honorable JOHN MYERS. For the past 30 years, JOHN has faithfully represented the people of Indiana's Seventh District.

JOHN's service began not in Congress but in the Army during World War II. He was a private citizen for 20 years before being elected to Congress in 1966.

JOHN's service has been marked by his civility and cooperation with Members. JOHN's skills enabled differing sides often to reach a reasonable consensus on difficult issues. He has been a bipartisan Member whose efforts ensured the completion of many water and energy projects. In short, JOHN MYERS will be missed here in Congress.

On behalf of the citizens of Wisconsin's Ninth District, I thank the Honorable JOHN T. MYERS for his service to the House of Representatives and the United States.

RETIREMENT OF ANDY JACOBS AND JOHN MYERS

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two of the senior members of the Indiana delegation—ANDY JACOBS and JOHN MYERS—who will both soon retire after many years of distinguished service in this body. These dedicated public servants have each faithfully served their country and their constituents for 30 years as Members of Congress from Indiana.

JOHN MYERS has served the people of Indiana's 7th Congressional District since he was first elected in 1966. He will long be remembered for his thoughtful leadership on the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development. Working in close cooperation with his colleague TOM BEVILL, Congressman MYERS helped shape Federal policies in the fields of energy research, watershed management and flood control, and waterway infrastructure. His reputation for fair, bipartisan cooperation is well-known and greatly admired. Whether he or Congressman BEVILL held the seat of chairman or ranking member, the subcommittee carried out its obligations with efficiency and comity. The Nation is the better for his involvement and interest in these issues.

Congressman MYERS also has a number of other legislative initiatives and accomplishments to be proud of. He served with distinction on the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee and the House Ethics Committee. He was a cosponsor of the Mammography Quality Standards Act of 1992. And he introduced legislation to allow States like Indiana to restrict the importation of out-of-State trash. But his most lasting legacy will be our Nation's waterways. The United States' ports, locks, dams, levies, and waterways in coming years will bear mute but eloquent testimony to his wisdom and leadership. And we, his colleagues, will certainly miss the gentleman from Covington, IN.

Indiana is also losing a notable Member of Congress with the retirement of Congressman ANDY JACOBS, ranking member and former chairman of the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security. Congressman JACOBS served the people of Indiana's Tenth Congressional District from 1964 when he was first elected until 1972, and then again from 1974 to the present.

ANDY JACOBS leaves behind a legacy of legislative initiatives and accomplishments that any Member would be proud of. A former law enforcement officer, ANDY worked to pass legislation to provide Government benefits to widows and orphans of public safety officers who are killed in the line of duty. In his 8 years as chairman of the Ways and Means Social Security Subcommittee and in the last 2 years as ranking member of that subcommittee, ANDY worked to improve service and efficiency at the Social Security Administration, and he worked to make the SSA an independent agency. He also served as chairman of the House Ways and Means Health Subcommittee from 1981 until 1985. In that capacity, he helped shape the changes made in 1983 that have kept the Medicare Program solvent. He

worked to freeze physicians' fees, prevent doctors from charging patients extra fees, and expand Medicare benefits to cover occupational medical therapy.

I have worked closely with Congressman JACOBS on the Ways and Means Committee over the last 12 years, and I can vouch personally for his integrity, his intelligence, and his zany sense of humor. ANDY has been fearless in speaking out against what he sees as unfair or unwise policies—regardless of public support or opposition—and he has taken on powerful special interests, at least one which has worked unsuccessfully to unseat him. He has defended public employees—not always the most popular thing to do—and he has worked to raise cigarette taxes and protect smokers rights. A combat veteran, he was a critic of both the Vietnam war and the Persian Gulf war. Here, clearly, is a man who takes a stand on principle rather than polling. ANDY is also well-known for his frugality, and his wry, quirky sense of humor and his dry wit have shocked and amused his colleagues, congressional witnesses, and hearing audiences on countless occasions. The Ways and Means Committee will be a much less spontaneous place when he leaves at the end of this year.

It has been an honor to serve with ANDY JACOBS and JOHN MYERS. I want to thank them both for their many years of public service, and I wish both of them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

CELEBRATING GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I am looking forward to celebrating German-American Day, which is traditionally observed on October 6, with the community in Michigan. In community halls, homes, and places of worship across the Nation, German-Americans will be gathering to reflect on their heritage. In Macomb County, we will be gathering on Saturday, October 5, at the Carpathia Club in Sterling Heights. The local German-American club, chaired by Agnes Newman, will again be hosting the celebration.

Since the first German immigrants settled in America on October 6, 1683, German-Americans have made significant contributions to the heritage and culture of the United States.

Today, there are more than 50 million citizens of German ancestry in America. Together, we have forged a strong and lasting bond. Our two nations have made a strong commitment to strengthening the friendship between our two governments and our citizens. While the importance of the relationship between our two governments cannot be emphasized enough, it is the personal connections we make that will keep the relationship flourishing. We have been associated with several very good programs that help to do just that.

In Michigan's 10th District, we have been very closely associated with the Congress-Bundestag exchange program for young professionals. This year, we are hosting three Germans who we hope will benefit from the experience, and young people from our com-

munities are guests in Germany. In addition to the Congress-Bundestag program, there are efforts such as the staff exchange that help to strengthen our bonds of friendship.

Mr. Speaker, in this spirit, it is a fitting tribute to German-Americans to again observe German-American Day and celebrate our friendship together.

MARKING THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church on the occasion of its bicentennial celebration. In just a few weeks, members of the A.M.E. Church will gather in New York to mark this special occasion. I want to share with my colleagues and the Nation some information regarding the A.M.E. Church.

Founded in 1796 out of racial persecution and religious discrimination, the A.M.E. Zion Church is one of the oldest African-American dominations. It includes a membership of 1.5 million people in 12 countries and spanning 5 continents.

Mr. Speaker, the A.M.E. Zion Church is known as the "Freedom Church of Liberation" because of its leadership in the abolitionist movement. Some of the most famous names in the struggle to abolish slavery, including Sojourner Truth, Frederick Douglass, Paul Robeson, and Harriet Tubman, were A.M.E. Zion Church members. It is interesting to note that A.M.E. Zion churches, including the Mother A.M.E. Zion Church, the oldest black church in New York City, were actual "stations to freedom" on the Underground Railroad. The stations not only served as safe havens, but also as a place to pray for continued success.

The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Bicentennial celebration marks two centuries of worship. Those gathered for the celebration will also pause to acknowledge the unselfish labors and sacrifices made by men and women throughout the struggle for religious freedom and equality.

Mr. Speaker, I take pride in saluting the A.M.E. Zion Church on the occasion of its bicentennial celebration. I ask that my colleagues join me in this special tribute.

TRIBUTE TO OUTGOING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I want to take time to offer my own thoughts and feelings about the Democratic members of the Texas delegation who are leaving this year—E KIKI DE LA GARZA, JOHN BRYANT, and RONALD D. COLEMAN. We have worked together on issues that have affected our great State of Texas and I want to express my continuing gratitude to them for their service in congress.

The 15th Congressional District in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas has had the able leadership of Congressman DE LA GARZA for 12 terms. He has been chairman of the House Agriculture Committee for 14 years, longer than anyone else. During his distinguished service he has supervised three major farm bills in 1981, 1985, and 1990. He led the reorganization of the USDA, overhauled the Federal Crop Insurance Program and helped to make sure NAFTA phase out tariffs on fruits and vegetables. His leadership will be missed and I wish he and his family only the best for the future.

JOHN BRYANT's seven terms in representing the 5th Congressional District in Dallas has been remarkable. His commitment to children and young people is reflected in his work on the Children's Television Act and the Children of Substance Abusers Act. He has consistently spoken out for lobby reform and his tireless work on immigration issues will not be soon forgotten. His strong voice for Texans will continue to echo through the halls of Congress.

RONALD COLEMAN's seven terms in representing the 16th Congressional District have been marked by his tireless efforts on the National Security Committee and the Appropriations Military Construction Subcommittee. His support of NAFTA and the military at Fort Bliss must be commended. He has truly protected our border with Mexico and his presence here in Washington will be missed.

I only hope that the distinguished careers of these outstanding gentlemen will continue in the same vein as they have served the people of Texas. My best of continuing good luck to all in whatever endeavors they may choose.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVES JACOBS AND MYERS

HON. TIM ROEMER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, JACOBS and MYERS are not some law firm you hear about in late night commercials. They are rather, a team of two of the finest legislators that I have ever had the privilege of working with in this House.

ANDY JACOBS and JOHN MYERS have been colleagues, of course, but they have also been mentors and friends to me. When I was the newest Hoosier in the Indian delegation, they provided insight and direction and I still find invaluable.

JOHN MYERS has worked tirelessly for our State. His interest in our economic growth, the health of our farms, the state of our infrastructure, has led to an extremely productive career that has ensured the health of Indiana's economy and the well-being of our people. JOHN's trademark is a dedication to the work of the people first. He has never been attracted to partisan sniping, and instead has made his hallmark the cooperative, bipartisan efforts. He has been the source of restraint and gentility in a too-often fraction Congress. John will be sorely missed, indeed, he is already missed. But I suspect that he will be able to rest well, or take on new challenges, with a light heart knowing how much he has accomplished in his time in Congress. He earned his many returns to the House, and in turn has earned a rest for these labors.