

who should have done more to protect our troops. They are going to say that he should have taken more steps.

Madam Speaker, what about Secretary Perry? Because if we look at this report, it says that it was not just the commander who had responsibility, it was the CINC commander. Yet Secretary Perry has defended the CINC commander, probably because he reports directly to Secretary Perry.

Madam Speaker, what amazes me the most is this administration, to anyone visiting Washington, this administration is going to extreme lengths to surround the White House so you cannot get near it. You cannot drive within blocks of the White House, because this President wants himself protected.

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Why did this President not take the same steps when we had the bombing in November of 1995 that killed our troops, when we lost the troops in Somalia because, as Les Aspin said, it was not politically correct in Washington to send additional backup support?

Any why did this President and this Secretary of Defense not provide more support for those men and women that could have prevented that bombing from occurring? We are going to ask those questions tomorrow, Madam Speaker. In my opinion, the buck does not stop with that onsite commander. The buck stops not just with Bill Perry. The buck also stops with the President of the United States. As we have seen time and again, this administration thumbs its nose at our military, uses it when it can for its political purposes, and then walks away from responsibility when incidents occur where we lose lives or we have situations that threaten our security.

Madam Speaker, irregardless of what happens in this election, and I know who is going to win, and it is not going to be the current President, we have got to send a signal that we are not going to tolerate the blame game any longer.

One thing this administration does well and it does it over and over again, from Whitewater to the scandals involving the FBI files, to the scandals in the White House that were elaborated upon in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD last Wednesday, some 39 of them, in every case, what does our President say?

"It's not my fault. I didn't have anything to do with that. It was somebody else." And again tomorrow, we are going to hear from this administration that it was not their fault, it was some on-scene commander in Saudi Arabia doing his job who they are now going to court-martial because they want him to walk away with all of the blame. And meanwhile Secretary Perry and this administration will walk away again saying, "It wasn't our fault. We didn't have anything to do with it."

Madam Speaker, I hope that this country understands what is going on in Washington. We have a President

who will take credit for everything. When it does not rain in Washington, he will say that it was his doing. When the economy grows, he will say it was all his doing. But when there is blame to be had, this President walks away and hides. It is outrageous.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE JAMES H. QUILLEN ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas). Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. DUNCAN] is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I have requested this time tonight and have taken this special order to pay tribute to a great Tennessean, a true statesman, we think one of the finest men who has ever served in this body, and that is our good friend Congressman JAMES H. "JIMMY" QUILLEN.

Congressman QUILLEN has served the First District of Tennessee with great distinction and honor for 34 years. Now he is ending his 34th year and he has announced his retirement. Certainly he will be missed here, and he certainly has achieved and has earned the great respect and love of all of his constituents in east Tennessee.

I will be saying more about Congressman QUILLEN as we move through this special order, and I will save most of my remarks for the end. But there are several of Congressman QUILLEN's colleagues here with me tonight who also want to take a few moments to pay their respects and say more things about Congressman QUILLEN.

We want to start first with another distinguished veteran of this House. In this day in which term limits are so popular, many people do not realize that almost half of the House is new just since 1994, just in the last 2½ years. And so there is more turnover in elective office than at any time in history. But some of our finest Members have been some of the people who have served very long tenures in this House. I could name so many. Bill Broomfield of Michigan, John Paul Hammer-schmidt of Arkansas, Chalmers Wylie of Ohio, many, many others. But one man who has served almost the entire time with Congressman QUILLEN and who, I think, without any question is his closest friend in the House is a great leader from Indiana, Congressman JOHN MYERS who has served in this House as a leader, as an outstanding member of the Committee on Appropriations since 1966.

I want to pay tribute in introducing Congressman MYERS because we are losing a great, great man in Congressman MYERS, also, from this body, because he has also announced his retirement. But I want to yield at this time to Congressman JOHN MYERS of Indiana to make some remarks about Congressman QUILLEN.

Mr. MYERS of Indiana. I thank very much Congressman DUNCAN, JIMMY. As

you were reading off the names of people who served with JIMMY QUILLEN, you left one name off, the name of John Duncan, a colleague of ours from Tennessee, your father, that we had the honor of serving with, one of the true gentlemen also of the House of Representatives, certainly a gentleman from Tennessee. We miss, of course, your father John, but his shoes are filled most appropriately with his son JIMMY DUNCAN. Thank you for taking this time today.

Madam Speaker, those of us who have served here for a few years have had the opportunity, the privilege of serving with a great many true Americans. Some have gone on to become President of the United States, some have moved down the aisle here to serve in the other body. Some have become Vice Presidents. Some have gone on to be ambassadors, Governors. Some have even retired.

But tonight we honor truly one of the great Americans whom we have had the opportunity to serve with, a veteran of World War II, the Navy in World War II, a patriot, a statesman, certainly a gentleman at all times, JAMES H. QUILLEN, whom we affectionately call JIMMY QUILLEN.

JIMMY was born in Virginia 80 years ago. At a very early age his parents moved across the line, over into Kingsport, TN, where JIMMY graduated from high school. He went on to become publisher of the local newspaper, moving that newspaper into prominence, doing a great job as a newspaper publisher in Kingsport, TN.

He then went on to the State Legislature. I believe he started serving in 1954, serving for 8 years in the State Legislature. He was nominated for Speaker of the Tennessee House, served in various capacities there, in the minority most often, and served honorably there. He has served in every Republican convention since 1956, most often as parliamentarian. And so we realize the potential and capability of our colleague from east Tennessee. He has received the Golden Bulldog Award, the highest award any Member of Congress can receive for their service, the conservative service, is the only way you can win the bulldog. He has received 27 consecutive. Every year the House Members have been awarded the golden bulldog, JIMMY QUILLEN has received that bulldog. It tells you something about the reputation, about the dedication of our friend JIMMY QUILLEN. He has served so many organizations in Tennessee. So many have honored him through the years. I think about anything in east Tennessee is named after him. I visited there on several occasions. In fact, JIMMY QUILLEN invited me my freshman year, 30 years ago, to come to his district and speak on Lincoln Day, a great honor for me to go into this very senior gentleman from Tennessee, to be asked as a freshman Hoosier from Indiana to come and speak in east Tennessee. I was honored, never been invited back, but it was a

great honor for me to be honored by JIMMY QUILLEN, and his district in east Tennessee.

He was elected to the 88th Congress back on November 6, 1962, and has been reelected to each consecutive session of Congress. He now has served Tennessee and the House of Representatives longer than anyone in the history of Tennessee.

Our colleagues here from Tennessee, I doubt if any of you will anywhere near come close. As you have mentioned term limits and everything else, I just doubt if you will ever get the opportunity to serve as long as JIMMY QUILLEN. In any event it is going to be very difficult to follow in his footsteps, whoever follows him here.

As I mentioned earlier, I visited his district this summer. So many things, the university, the medical school, so many things are named after JAMES H. QUILLEN because they respect this service and appreciate his service in the Congress of the United States.

His wife Cecile that he married in 1952 has not been in good health in recent years. Every afternoon as soon as we finish business on Thursday or Friday you are going to see JIMMY casting that last ballot here, inserting his card and rushing out to the airport so he can go home and have dinner with Cecile on Friday evening. A very dedicated husband. He is dedicated to the service of our country in the same way. The country is going to be at a loss when we lose a gentleman of the service, the dedication, the caliber and the experience of JIMMY QUILLEN.

It has been an honor for those of us who have had the privilege of serving with JIMMY to say he is truly a great American and most importantly he is a friend. So we thank JIMMY for his service and whoever is his successor, use him as a symbol of the dedication, of the challenge that you will have. If you can follow in JIMMY QUILLEN'S footsteps and do just any place close to the job that he has done, you will be a great American.

JIMMY, thank you for your service.

Mr. DUNCAN. Thank you, JOHN MYERS, for a very moving and eloquent and appropriate tribute to our good friend Congressman QUILLEN.

I do want to mention before Congressman MYERS leaves that all of us know that Congressman QUILLEN has for many years sat in the second seat on the second row right here, the main seat that has always been featured on C-SPAN, so when I first got here, I developed a habit of sitting next to Congressman QUILLEN, and Don Sundquist sat there in the same row of seats, Don Sundquist, who is now our Governor of Tennessee.

JOHN MYERS has always sat in the first seat on this second row. So one night we told him that this was a Tennessee row and that if he was going to sit there, we had to induct him in and swear him in as an honorary Tennessean. So we made him raise his right hand, and we paid JOHN MYERS

the ultimate compliment and made this loyal Hoosier an honorary Tennessean.

So thank you very much for your remarks about Congressman QUILLEN and thank you for your service, your great service to this country.

Our next Speaker on behalf of Congressman QUILLEN is a man who has also served this Nation with great distinction and is doing so in an especially active and leading role in this Congress, "The historic 104th Congress," as David Broder has referred to it, and that is a man who has been so very kind and has worked so closely with Congressman QUILLEN over the years, Congressman JERRY SOLOMON, the chairman of the powerful House Rules Committee on which Congressman QUILLEN has served for the past 32 years. He did not serve his first term, but I think that is a record for a Republican in the history of the Rules Committee.

But perhaps you can straighten us out on that, Congressman JERRY SOLOMON of New York.

Mr. SOLOMON. I thank you, Congressman DUNCAN. Let me just say that Tennessee seems to have a habit of sending really good gentleman to this body. Your dad was just one of those. Sometimes some of us who have a tendency to get a little excited, we wish we had that kind of demeanor that your dad had, that JIMMY QUILLEN and even this guy JOHN MYERS, who is sitting down in front of me, have. I think it is an old trait that we all certainly could learn from.

I just want to say to you, JIM ever since you took your dad's place, one thing you have concentrated on since you came here was something that I cherish very much and that was the real line-item veto and, by golly, we finally got it through. On Ronald Reagan's birthday. That made him very happy, too.

I know there are some other speakers here from Tennessee, some good men and women. So I will be as brief as I can, but I just want in rising to express gratitude to this great American, the distinguished chairman emeritus of the House Rules Committee, JIM QUILLEN, I just want to pay tribute to him for all of the guidance and help that he has given me personally over the years.

When I first was elected to the House 18 years ago, I learned how the Rules Committee functioned by watching JIM, who was then the ranking member of that committee, JIM provided sage advice that just meant so much to me.

As chairman emeritus, JIM has been a source of wisdom and the institutional memory of that committee. Believe me, over 32 years of the 34 years that he served here, he has seen so much history, and it all goes through that Rules Committee.

I did a little research to find out just when it was that JIM joined the Rules Committee, as you said, and it turned out that he was elected 34 years ago and sworn in as a new member of, my

gosh, what would that be, the 88th Congress. Then he joined the Rules Committee at the beginning of the second term in 1965, and just to put it into perspective, when that was, it was the same time that a new member came to this Congress and the man's name was Claude Pepper; he joined the Rules Committee at the same time, and I had the privilege of serving on that committee with both of them.

From a check of the official Rules Committee history, JIM's record of 32 years on the Rules Committee makes him the longest-serving Republican ever on that committee. As a matter of fact, he may be the longest serving on any committee. I have not researched it that far. But it is a record which is certainly not going to be challenged any time soon, especially not by this Member of Congress, and may never be matched.

It is a record that we can all be very, very proud of for JIM.

Madam Speaker, there are some remarkable stories about JIM QUILLEN that have been passed down as a part of the verbal heritage of the Rules Committee. We sit up there night and day, sometimes 18 hours a day, and the one that I like best about the time when JIM was trying to get a dam built in his district.

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And, JIM, I am sure you know about this. There was one small problem, and the place where the dam was supposed to be built turned out to be the home of a small fish called the snail darter. The snail darter was an endangered species which could not be disturbed, yet Tennessee needed that dam. And JIM persuaded that the fish could get along just as well whether the dam was there or not.

So to demonstrate the adaptability of the snail darter, JIM put what he alleged was a snail darter in one of the clear glass water pitchers on the Committee on Rules table upstairs. And then with the snail darter swimming around in the water pitcher, JIM proceeded to remind the Member who was appearing before the committee at the time who had jurisdiction over the law that protected the snail darter just what an adaptable fish this snail darter really was.

Madam Speaker, JIM figured the snail darters would be just as happy a little way upstream or a little way downstream as they were right at the dam site.

Now, I do not know all the details, but I am told these snail darters are still swimming happily in that east Tennessee stream up above and both below the dam.

Another story is that JIM QUILLEN does for the Committee on Rules that never got put in the same way. As chairman emeritus, JIM always makes the motion to report the rule or whatever other action that the committee is going to take. I yield to him for that purpose. JIM has a distinguished Tennessee accent. When he makes a motion, he does not rush through the

reading. He takes his time and he reads it like a true Tennessean. The motions are never going to be made in the same way. We will miss JIM the way he used to do it.

Then, finally, there was the time when the committee was questioning witnesses under the 5-minute rule, and JIM suggested that his time should be extended beyond the 5 minutes because he did not talk as fast as some of his Yankee friends, like me, on the Committee on Rules. And it was only fair to have more time for this Southerner because he took a little longer to get these words out.

Madam Speaker, JIM QUILLEN has been a great Member of this body. He has set a record as a member of the Rules Committee. The committee is never going to be quite the same without the gentlemanly commentary of JIM QUILLEN. And yes, we will miss JIM. We will miss him because he is not only an outstanding Congressman, he is a great American.

As our good friend JOHN MYERS said, we are so proud to call him a friend of all of ours, and I thank my colleague for yielding me this time.

Mr. DUNCAN. Thank you very much, Congressman SOLOMON, for those very kind words.

Both of our first two speakers, Congressman MYERS and Congressman SOLOMON, have been kind enough to say some nice things about my father. I appreciate that very much because I was very, very close to my own father. And I might say that he and Congressman QUILLEN were extremely close and came from very, very similar backgrounds, families of 10 children, and very, very little money, no money. Both arrived here 2 years apart.

Of the 34 years that Congressman QUILLEN has served, for 32 of those years he has served alongside a Duncan. We have had such a wonderful relationship, our family has, over the years with Congressman QUILLEN.

Our next Speaker is another great Tennessean. Tennessee has a history and a tradition of our State delegation, both Democrats and Republicans, working so harmoniously together for State projects. Certainly one of the leaders of that is our friend Congressman BART GORDON, who has served on the Committee on Rules with Congressman QUILLEN and is here with us tonight to make some remarks about his friend and our friend JIMMY QUILLEN. Congressman GORDON.

Mr. GORDON. Thank you, Congressman DUNCAN. I think you represent us very well when you mentioned working together from Tennessee, you illustrate that.

Madam Speaker, let me also very quickly say that I had the good fortune also to serve with the gentleman's father. And no matter what humble background from where he might have started, he left a great inheritance. That inheritance was a good and honest reputation, and I know that you carry that with distinction.

Madam Speaker, I am very pleased to have the opportunity to rise today and add my salute to JIMMY QUILLEN. Mr. QUILLEN is a great American, a great Tennessean and a great friend and colleague to all of us. I think the First District knows how well he represented them and how he represented them with great distinction, but they probably do not know the service he performed for our entire State.

There is not a manual when you get to Congress that says this is what you are supposed to do or even how you get to this Chamber or how do you get to the bathroom. It really is a word-of-mouth, and Mr. QUILLEN took all of us, all of us Tennesseans under his wing. He really was the mentor that showed us the right way, the responsible way to do things, and we are all very grateful for that.

He was also the glue that really bound together the Tennessee delegation. He was our dean. He was the chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority [TVA] caucus. And whether we had a need to work together to save TVA from being sold or whether it was a need to help one district or another district in some particular interest there for constituents, Mr. QUILLEN was the one that brought us together, that helped us work together. That is a great legacy not only for his district but also for the entire State of Tennessee.

Madam Speaker, let me just very quickly say, Mr. QUILLEN thank you. You leave this body and this Nation a better place because of your service.

Mr. DUNCAN. Thank you very much, Congressman GORDON. Another great friend of all of ours is Congressman HAL ROGERS, another one of the cardinals, one of the senior members of the House Committee on Appropriations who represents a district that touches on much of Tennessee and who has much in common with all of us from that part of the country, our good friend and outstanding leader, Congressman HAL ROGERS from Somerset, KY.

Mr. ROGERS. Thank you, Congressman DUNCAN, for the time, and thank you for taking this special order.

Madam Speaker, I rise as well as the others to pay tribute to this great man. In this age of candidates and officeholders blown dry and buttoned down, much of us looking alike, JIMMY QUILLEN stands out. He is of the old school, and I say that in a very complimentary way. He is of the old school. JIMMY QUILLEN is a character. JIMMY QUILLEN is himself. He does not try to be anybody else, and I am glad that he does not. He has lent advice and leadership and guidance for all of us as we came along.

I represent a district in Kentucky just across the line from Tennessee, my district boundaries being on Tennessee. In fact, my old district before the reapportionments of the 1990's, my district bordered that of JIMMY DUNCAN's father, John Duncan. In fact, he

was born and raised in Oneida, TN, in Scott County, which is just across the line from where I live. So JIMMY DUNCAN and his father, John, and JIMMY QUILLEN and that bunch were all of the same attitude and same ideas.

So when I came here in 1981, January of 1981, JIMMY QUILLEN, of course, had been here by that time a long, long time, as had John Duncan. And those were two people that I just sort of fell in with because we talked the same language, and we had the same ideas, and we came from the same roots and identified with people who did not speak with an accent.

So JIMMY QUILLEN became sort of a mentor for a lot of us. And in this seat right down here, I am sure it has been mentioned in the special orders tonight, this second seat from the end on the second row in front of the leader's table, the JIMMY QUILLEN seat, is the place where we sort of headquartered around. We all knew that when you tried to occupy that particular seat, when JIMMY QUILLEN came along, he simply stood there until you got up and left. This was his seat.

Now, people that are not Members of the House may not recognize that we do not have assigned seats in this body. We can sit wherever we want to, and you are entitled to sit where you want to, except that seat. That is JIMMY QUILLEN's seat. It does not have his name on it, but it has his imprint on it. We all knew this was where he sat. When he came, we all got up and left and let him have his seat. But we all hung around him, we still do, and for the reason that JIMMY QUILLEN embodies intelligence and custom and tradition and leadership and stability and the continuity of this great institution.

Madam Speaker, we are going to miss his stalwart—I mean, this is an institution in and of himself inside this institution, and those of us who over the years have gone to JIMMY QUILLEN for advice on how to vote on a given issue or what he thought about this position or that position, we are going to be bereft without his guidance. We wish him well in his retirement.

Fortunately, JIMMY QUILLEN has his good health and he has good intelligence, superior intelligence, and he is going to fare well whatever he may choose to do, if anything. But we hope that he will come back here and from time to time give us his advice on the issues that confront our country, as he has over these years.

The service this man has rendered to his Nation over these decades is going to be hard to judge. It is going to be hard to comprehend because he served so long and so well. His tenure has spanned that of many Presidents, of great eras in our country. He has, above all, represented his people so well.

Here we talk about great issues and we talk about great movements in the Nation, but all of us represent people back home. JIMMY QUILLEN did that better than anybody I know. His first

interest was that of his people back home. What do they think about this? What should I do about this issue as it affects them? And so his example for the rest of us, I am going to say, is almost unexampled because JIMMY QUILLEN is one of a kind. His example for the rest of us is going to last a long, long time.

I thank the gentleman for taking this time to honor our friend and our leader and our mentor and colleague and our friend for life. We wish him well in his retirement, and we hope that he will come back here and give us his sage advice every moment that he can. I am just as sure of this, whenever he comes back, whoever is sitting in that chair is going to get up and leave so that JIMMY QUILLEN can sit there as long as he wants. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. DUNCAN. Thank you very much, Congressman ROGERS. You mentioned a couple times Congressman QUILLEN's seat, and we have already referred to it. I have to tell you one week Congressman QUILLEN had to leave to go home before our last vote of the week. I knew Congressman QUILLEN was on a plane flying home, so I sat down in his seat. And in a few minutes I got a note from the cloakroom. It said on there, message from Congressman QUILLEN: Get out of my seat. Congressman QUILLEN's staff had seen on C-SPAN I was sitting in his seat, and they sent me a special message.

Mr. ROGERS. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. DUNCAN. I will yield to the gentleman.

Mr. ROGERS. Rumor has it, and only rumor has it, that during a 15-minute vote, when we are milling around here waiting for the next vote or event to take place, as Mr. QUILLEN is seated in his seat, usually you are seated beside him. And JOHN MYERS is there, and I may be there or ZACH WAMP or ED BRYANT or somebody, the Tennessee row here, Tennessee-Kentucky row. Rumor has it that during those votes the page would come running down the aisle with a message for Mr. QUILLEN to call so-and-so at his office. He would, of course, retire to the cloakroom to take the telephone call, in which case you, Mr. DUNCAN, would take his seat.

Now, the rumor has it that you were the one making those phone calls to page him off the floor. Is there any truth to that, Mr. DUNCAN? Come clean now.

Mr. DUNCAN. I will deny that on the record. But Congressman QUILLEN has always accused me of having that as my system of getting him out of his seat so that I could take it over. But I can assure you and the Nation watching on C-SPAN that I am not trying to take Congressman QUILLEN's seat.

But thank you very much for participating tonight. Since you mentioned Congressman QUILLEN's record, let me just read one brief statement from the Bristol Herald Courier.

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And it says the Bristol newspaper said this at one point about Congressman QUILLEN. This is from October 1994. It says:

Quillen's unmatched record of constituent service and aggressive representation for the region's interest have built him the reputation of someone who puts people first, leaving fancy Washington ways for others.

His seniority has earned him the respect and deference of Presidents and Governors of both parties over the years, as well as the admiration of the legions of constituents at home. Once elected for a new term, Quillen always has approached his job as being everybody's Congressman, not just a representative of Republicans alone.

It is a model others can only hope to emulate.

Before I yield to some who are following in Congressman QUILLEN's footsteps, another man who has requested a couple of moments to speak on behalf of Congressman QUILLEN is the long-time chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, Congressman KIKI DE LA GARZA.

Mr. DE LA GARZA. Thank you very much, my colleague. Let me preface my words about our dear friend, JIM QUILLEN, by saying that when I came to this Congress, the gentleman's father came with me, and Mr. QUILLEN was already here and was very kind and generous with his time, advice, and counsel to a very lonely freshman Member. We enjoyed sometimes traveling both with the gentleman's father and his mother. And my service has been enhanced by those two gentlemen, among a few others, Mr. QUILLEN I consider to be a friend. He has been a dedicated servant to the Nation, to his State, to his district, working always, as has been mentioned, in a quiet, gentlemanly manner.

The Myers and Quillen seats all of us respect, no matter what, the same as the Montgomery and the Gonzalez seats. I have been here 32 years and I do not have a seat yet, but I will be leaving this Congress, so there goes my seat, but I leave with very pleasant memories of individuals with whom I have served. Even though when they are your peers you really do not appreciate the greatness of the individuals, it is only when you see that they are leaving, or you leave and look back, then you see how many great Members we have had in this Congress. And certainly Congressman DUNCAN and Congressman QUILLEN were some of the great Members. Wise, dedicated, always generous with their time.

One of my most pleasant associations with Congressman QUILLEN is that he likes Texas onions. I have to bring some Texan onions whenever they come, to him. And I have always enjoyed doing that.

We do hope that all of us will one day be remembered as kindly as he will be for all he has done. And there was no, I will say it in a manner as best as I can, there was no partisanship to his service here, even though all of us knew that he belonged to the Repub-

lican Party. But he did not live in a partisan way. He did not act in a partisan way. He did not treat individuals in a partisan way. And that is how I came up in this House, with both right and left, Democrat and Republican, those Congressmen that legislated without the partisan intervention.

We are missing some of that now, but hopefully it will come back to that era when these great Members participated in debate, very eloquent debate and very in depth debate on the issues. And certainly both the gentleman's father and Mr. QUILLEN were that type of individuals.

I thank the gentleman for allowing me the time to pay tribute. This is Mr. QUILLEN's hour, but you cannot separate DUNCAN and QUILLEN because they worked together for all those years. And we revere their memory, DUNCAN's memory, and we hope that Mr. QUILLEN will continue serving in whatever capacity he chooses to serve.

Mr. DUNCAN. Well thank you very much, Congressman DE LA GARZA, for those very kind remarks. You came to Congress with my father after the 1964 elections, in January of 1965, and you have had a great record. And the country owes you a great debt of gratitude for your service to your State of Texas and to this Nation, and thank you very much for participating in honor of Congressman QUILLEN tonight.

Next, I talk about—I read the editorial in which the Bristol newspaper said that Congressman QUILLEN's model is one that others can only hope to emulate. We have three gray freshmen from Tennessee who are striving very hard to follow the great example set for them by Congressman QUILLEN, and all are doing outstanding jobs. And I would like to call on, first, Congressman ED BRYANT.

Mr. BRYANT of Tennessee. Thank you, Congressman DUNCAN. I see that we are going by alphabetical order in our freshmen from Tennessee and I think that is appropriate.

It is somewhat daunting to stand here in the well and follow such outstanding Congressmen and to try to match or emulate them and praise Mr. QUILLEN like they do. I think would be impossible. But I too have known Mr. QUILLEN's long time through Tennessee, even though I am on the opposite end of the State. He is known certainly there by reputation and for what all he has done for Tennessee over the years. But it seems to me as one of the freshmen that has come in and tried to do a lot of things here, we also are responsible to honor the tradition of this Congress and those that have preceded us, and it seems to me this year that we are losing an awful lot of people. I am not going to try to name them all, but I see Congressman DE LA GARZA there who has been the chairman of the Committee on Agriculture; our speaker tonight, Mrs. MEYERS from Kansas; people like SONNY MONTGOMERY from Mississippi, and TOM BEVILL from Arkansas and JOHN MYERS who has spoken tonight so eloquently about his

friend, Mr. QUILLEN, and we are going to miss all of these people, but Mr. QUILLEN especially, being from Tennessee, is close to our heart and of course we are here to talk about him tonight.

He has a fantastic record and history that many have alluded to earlier. He was one of the youngest if not the youngest publisher of a newspaper in the United States at age 20. He was a decorated veteran in the war and served in both theaters in World War II. He has been married, by my calculations, some 44 years to Mrs. Quillen. And I think she continues to serve as an inspiration to him.

An interesting story that I heard about him. When he was first elected some 34 years ago, and I was probably back in junior high or high school in those days, I understood that the people who were with him that night took the door off the hinges of his office to indicate the open door policy that he would have. And throughout the years he served the First District of Tennessee, he has taken his staff with him to each county he represents to fully hear the concerns of his constituents.

Congressman QUILLEN truly, truly does love his constituents. He loves the medical school in Kingsport. It is named after him but he truly loves the First District. He has taken that power that they have entrusted to him by re-electing him year after year, and brought that power to Washington and brought that representation of the First District of Tennessee here and represented them so well. Such big shoes to follow.

I know that there is an election now going on in Tennessee for that seat, and I know Bill Jenkins is running in that seat and he will have the opportunity to come here and serve and I know will do a fine job. But it is going to be awfully difficult to follow someone like JIMMY QUILLEN. Mr. QUILLEN has served with dignity. He has served with quiet, effective power as has been mentioned.

He has been on the Committee on Rules some 32 years, the very powerful Committee on Rules, and has tremendous influence on the legislation that is passed in this House. You do not often see him on C-SPAN or on television, and that is not bad or good. He is behind the scenes working quietly and not asking for praise and not asking for the honors or asking for or seeking the publicity that does with this job.

I am just so proud to have been associated with him before I came up here, but especially these last 2 years that I have served with him in Congress. That has probably been one of my greatest joys, and I would like to direct this comment directly to Mr. QUILLEN. My being able to and having the honor of getting to know him even closer and finding out that reputation, and it is true that he is indeed a great gentleman, to just deal with him as a person has been a wonderful privilege and it has been exciting.

And when people back in Tennessee continue to ask me, what has been one of your great thrills of being in Congress, that certainly has been in terms of getting to know Mr. QUILLEN better and just seeing how effectively he works and how much he loves the First District and all of those people in the First District of Tennessee.

Again, it is my pleasure to come up here and add in a small way to this great tribute tonight. I know that we are going to run out of time. I will cut my remarks shorter. It has been a wonderful occasion my 2 years to serve with you, Mr. QUILLEN, and I look forward to continuing to work with you and seeking your advice and counsel.

Mr. DUNCAN. Thank you, Congressman BRYANT.

Our next speaker is the great Congressman from the Third District of Tennessee, from Chattanooga, Congressman ZACH WAMP.

Mr. WAMP. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, tonight I want to make reference to four retiring Members, and there are many great Members from both parties that are retiring, but four that have particularly meant a lot to me: SONNY MONTGOMERY of Mississippi, a Democrat; TOM BEVILL of Alabama, a Democrat; JOHN MYERS of Indiana, a Republican; and JIMMY QUILLEN from Tennessee, a Republican.

All four of these men have meant so much to this institution and this Nation, but so much to me personally, and it is two Democrats and two Republicans that I got to know extremely well that are all wonderful human beings and they will be sorely missed. And we do have an extraordinarily high amount of senior Members retiring that need proper tribute during these final days of the 104th Congress, the final legislative days of the 104th Congress.

Madam Speaker, as you know, there are 435 men and women in this institution, but there are very few of those human beings that are actually institutions themselves. JIMMY QUILLEN is an institution. Many, many years ago the love affair of east Tennesseans began with JIMMY QUILLEN. I believe that love affair developed because JIMMY QUILLEN was willing to do whatever it took to please those people in the First Congressional District of Tennessee where he is such an institution.

I think if they called and said their cat was in a tree, that usually is reserved for the fire department, but Congressman QUILLEN's staff, I am sure, would make sure that those people got their cat out of the tree. It does not matter how small the request or how large the challenge, JIMMY QUILLEN would get it done. He was a doer, a man of action his entire career here in this institution and we are going to sorely miss that.

You know, I was about as scared when I first met him as Dorothy was in the Wizard of Oz before she met the

Wizard of Oz. It is that kind of awe and reverence in the State of Tennessee in which Congressman QUILLEN has held for many, many years, and I was scared of him but I got to know the man behind the institution and I have found him to be a very funny, warm, compassionate human being with an incredible memory. Even though he is 80 years old he does not forget a thing. Sometimes I wished he would. He remembers all those stupid things that I have said in my brief career, and some of those things that I wished I had not said he does not let me forget. We have a standing joke in east Tennessee that he treats Congressman DUNCAN like his son and he treats me like his stepson but I will take that.

Madam Speaker, JIMMY QUILLEN is a great human being, and he really is like a father to me, and I just cherish the moments that I have spent with him here. I know for a fact because the man gets up and walks and stays healthy; he walks at 5:45, 6 o'clock in the morning and his chief of staff, Frances Light, is also an institution here. She has been with him basically the whole time. And Frances deserves a lot of tribute here tonight as well. As we pay tribute to this brilliant career of this man, we better remember that staff, especially Frances, who has meant so much to that office.

You know, it is the constituent service that built that institution called JAMES H. QUILLEN in east Tennessee, and it was her effectiveness day in and day out that made that office second to none, world class congressional office in terms of efficiency and effectiveness and reaching the people's needs of east Tennessee.

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He gets up and walks and stays healthy so I know he is going to live a bunch more years and I will get to enjoy a lot more time with him.

I tell you, Madam Speaker, I love JIMMY QUILLEN and I really appreciate that my life has been blessed by knowing him personally over these last few years and hope that we have many together. I appreciate the gentleman yielding me this time.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. WAMP] for those very appropriate remarks. Certainly ED BRYANT mentioned Mrs. Quillen, who Congressman QUILLEN gives the most credit to for him being here in the first place. It is very appropriate that Congressman WAMP mentioned Frances Light Currie, because she has been the real mainstay of Congressman QUILLEN's staff and maybe the person most responsible for him staying here for so many years. She deserves a lot of credit and tribute here tonight also.

Mr. Speaker, we have our third great freshman from Tennessee. We sometimes save the best for last. Congressman VAN HILLEARY represents a district that covers really the whole State

of Tennessee. It goes from east Tennessee all the way over the west Tennessee, but much of it joins Congressman QUILLEN's district and I would like to yield to the gentleman from Tennessee, Mr. VAN HILLEARY.

Mr. HILLEARY. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Everything almost has been said. I want to associate myself with everything that has been said about JIMMY QUILLEN, the great man that we are honoring.

In Washington it has been mentioned he was the dean of our delegation. What does that mean? It means you are a leader. Congressman GORDON mentioned that we all get along up here in Tennessee in the Tennessee delegation, Republican and Democrat. That is absolutely true. That is especially true when Tennessee's interests are at stake, and I think JIMMY QUILLEN deserves a lot of credit for that.

He exerts that leadership when the time comes, when there is something that comes along that has to do with Tennessee. And he has done a super job of it. I think he has presented quite a role model for the fellow that is going to follow him to look up to and he has done a super job at that.

He has also exerted leadership in other ways. He has been a mentor to so many of us up here. I think for those of us who are freshmen from Tennessee, that is especially the case. And he has been a good friend and a good mentor the whole time we have been up here. He has done so much to put us under his wing, show us the ropes. And I cannot count the number of times we have asked his advice on so many different things. He was always happy to give it. Frances Light Currie was mentioned a while ago.

I think he has also shown leadership inside the walls of that office, as she has as his chief of staff. You can tell a lot about a fellow, it seems to me, when you look at the staff that he or she has as a Member of Congress up here. How loyal is that staff. How long have they been there; is it a revolving door going in and out of that office. In the case of JIMMY QUILLEN, that staff has been there an awful long time. Many of those members have been there about the whole time with Mr. QUILLEN. That says a lot about the staff.

It also says a lot about the gentleman embodied in JIMMY QUILLEN with regard to their staff and their loyalty. They have been a super staff to him. He has been an institution in east Tennessee, and I think they have done an awful lot to make him that institution. I think he would tell you the same thing if he was sitting here.

A Member of Congress' job is split. You have a job up here and you have a job back home. Back home JIMMY QUILLEN truly is synonymous with east Tennessee, where he has been for so many years after being born in Virginia. Everything is just about named JIMMY QUILLEN or JAMES H. QUILLEN in

upper east Tennessee. I have been up there many times.

I was in his district not too long ago at a Lincoln Day dinner. It was in Sevier County. JIMMY QUILLEN will tell you real quickly that that is the home of Dolly Parton and he is awfully proud of that. But I was there and really the whole Lincoln Day dinner was a tribute to JIMMY QUILLEN.

He got up finally to speak. He did not talk a very long time, but what he said was, he said, Folks, I hope that you will remember me as a people's Congressman. In fact, that is exactly what they are going to do. ZACH WAMP mentioned a while ago that there was no task too large or too small, no challenge too great or too small. That is exactly the case. He has been a people's Congressman, and I am quite sure that that is how he is going to be remembered for many, many years to come.

Finally, I would just like to say, we have a saying in east Tennessee that you can take the boy out of the hills but you cannot take the hills out of the boy. I think more than anybody I have ever known that applies to JIMMY QUILLEN. He has always remembered where he came from. He never did get Washingtonitis, and he is going back home where he loves those mountains of east Tennessee and his wife, Cecile. We are going to miss you, Mr. QUILLEN. We love you and appreciate everything you have meant to us. Look forward to working with you in the future.

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. HILLEARY for those very fine remarks. I yield to another long time friend of mine and Congressman QUILLEN's, Congressman DUNCAN HUNTER, the outstanding Congressman from San Diego, CA.

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding. I could not help but join this delegation of Tennesseans and talk a little bit about, I could not help myself from joining the other member of the Duncan caucus, Jim Duncan, who was such a good friend and was preceded by such a wonderful colleague also, John Duncan. To my other, my co-colleague in the Duncan caucus, thanks for letting me have a minute, and to watch my friend KIKI DE LA GARZA and JOHN MYERS talk about JIMMY QUILLEN and about the great tradition and all of the good things that he brought to the House that sometimes are tough to see.

I have often thought of politicians, some politicians, some members of the political establishment make a great 30-minute impression. If they have a 30-minute meeting with you, you think you are the hottest thing in the world. But other politicians and statesmen make a 30-year impression. And JIMMY QUILLEN is one of those guys who made a 30-year impression.

He is a guy whose word was as good as his bond. When he told you he was going to do something, he did it. He was a great ally of mine, a great friend of mine in the House and a friend to so many of us and had that great wisdom

that he expressed in that quiet, calm Tennessee manner.

I think in JIMMY, when you watch JIMMY and you talk with him, you had a little bit of an idea of the tradition that has gone before us in this House of Representatives. I am going to miss that. I am going to miss him. But it is neat that he is leaving such a great delegation of Tennesseans to follow in his steps. I thank my friend, my co-founder of the Duncan caucus, for letting me speak just a little bit.

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I thank Congressman DUNCAN HUNTER, a wonderful man, DUNCAN HUNTER. I know Congressman QUILLEN will really appreciate those remarks.

Let me just conclude this special order by saying that in our book, tonight is JIMMY QUILLEN's night in the House of Representatives, a body in which he has served so proudly and with such distinction for 34 years.

As has been mentioned earlier, Congressman QUILLEN now has the all-time record, the record for longest continuous service in the United States House of Representatives for anybody from the State of Tennessee. Many great Tennesseans have served in this body, Davy Crockett. President Andrew Johnson was a Congressman from Congressman QUILLEN's district from 1843 to 1853. James K. Polk served here and, of course, our current Vice President, AL GORE, Cordell Hull served in this body; many other leading Tennesseans have served in the United States House of Representatives. But Congressman QUILLEN has a record that will never be broken and has served his constituents with kindness, compassion, with honor and dignity and has made his mark, certainly, coming up the hard way, coming up from I think what would be described as dire poverty today to reach this body and serve in the United States Congress.

As so many others have said tonight, Congressman QUILLEN, you deserve this night and this tribute and so much more for all you have done for the people of east Tennessee. All of us love you. We respect you. We admire you, and we appreciate the great service that you have performed for the United States of America. You are not only a great Tennessean but a great American. We thank you for your service to this Nation.

Mrs. MORELLA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure today to honor one of the House's longest serving and most highly respected Members. Congressman JAMES HENRY QUILLEN, of the first district of Tennessee, came to the House of Representatives in 1962 already a veteran of the Tennessee Legislature. Congressman QUILLEN holds the record for the longest continuous service by any Tennessee Member of the U.S. House of Representatives since Statehood in 1796, and is Dean of the Tennessee delegation in Washington. He became a member of the House Rules Committee in 1965, and is currently serving as Chairman Emeritus, and as such, is the first member to be bestowed with such an honor.

The vast popularity and support Congressman QUILLEN enjoys in his district has resulted in numerous accolades and awards, a variety of honorary doctorates and establishment of the Quillen Historic Tree Museum. He was named Tennessee Statesman of the Year in 1986. In 1996 Tennessee Governor Don Sundquist declared January 11th "James H. Quillen Day" in Tennessee to celebrate the Congressman's 80th birthday, a fitting tribute to a man who has devoted over half his life to serving both the State of Tennessee and this Nation.

Congressman QUILLEN has dedicated substantial time, effort, and money to further the course of medicine in Tennessee, even donating \$800,000 of his re-election fund to Tennessee hospitals and colleges. His most significant achievement in this area was the securing of a medical school for Upper East Tennessee, now named the James H. Quillen College of Medicine in recognition of his tireless efforts.

Congressman QUILLEN's dedication to his district is well illustrated by his "Open Door" sessions, which he has held every nonelection year since his election in 1962. These sessions were triggered when, on his election night, supporters took the door off the hinges at his campaign office in Kingsport to illustrate Quillen's election pledge to always be accessible to his constituents. This spontaneous symbolic demonstration of his campaign promise led the Congressman to initiate the practice of taking his entire district office to each of his congressional counties to endeavor to meet face to face with all those constituents who needed his assistance. This practice has proved a great success with constituents and has played a central role in developing the popularity and support that Congressman QUILLEN enjoys within his district.

In addition to his tireless efforts on behalf of his constituents Mr. QUILLEN is also well known for his anecdotes and unique sense of humor, with which he is known for enlivening house and committee sessions. A member of my staff who is a former teacher from the Congressman's district informed me of the time he brought his class group from Washington College Academy to meet with Mr. QUILLEN in the Capitol Buildings. When the children noticed his neon red tie emblazoned with ghost, cartoons, he replied that it was "to scare the girls away!"

When campaigning during his first race for the House in 1962, Congressman QUILLEN was fond of telling the "Redbird Story," a tale that soon became his classic trademark. He told of a very bright boy who took great pride in his ability to think intelligently. One day he found a small redbird and decided to test the wisdom of a local hermit who was the region's recognized Guru. The youngster completely enclosed the small bird in his hand and asked the hermit if the bird was alive or dead. If the hermit said the bird was alive, the boy would kill it. If the hermit said that the bird was dead, the boy would release it unhurt. When he asked the Great One the alive or dead question, the hermit simply replied: "Its life is in your hands". For Quillen the story had great significance, and after telling the story at campaign stops, he would add that "My political future is in your hands." This is an observation that has never been forgotten and is constantly reflected by Mr. QUILLEN's overwhelming commitment to his district.

Congressman QUILLEN has enjoyed the support of a highly committed and loyal staff—many of whom are constituents of mine. I would like to commend Dee Kefalas, Brenda Otterson, Ellen Phillips, Ben Rose, Sue Ellen Stickley, Richard Vaughan, and long time chief of staff Francis Light Currie for their years of support.

Mr. QUILLEN's professionalism, dedication, and humor will be greatly missed both by his constituents and this Congress. May I take this opportunity to wish Congressman QUILLEN and his wife Cecile the very best for a long and happy retirement.

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Honorable JIMMY QUILLEN, the distinguished dean of the Tennessee Congressional Delegation, who will be retiring at the end of this historic 104th Congress. Mr. QUILLEN's attributes and accomplishments are well known. We should all be proud of his outstanding length of service to the people of the First District, the State of Tennessee, and the Nation. He holds the record for having the longest continuous service by any Tennessee Member of the U.S. House of Representatives since Tennessee statehood in 1796. This is truly a record that will probably never be matched.

When you travel in Mr. QUILLEN's district, as I do when I drive back to west Tennessee, one cannot help but notice the beautiful mountainous region that he represents that was home to former U.S. President James K. Polk. In addition, one cannot help but notice the many wonderful tributes that have been bestowed upon Congressman QUILLEN and his family throughout east Tennessee. You literally cannot drive through east Tennessee without passing by a facility, or traveling on a road, that has been named in honor of Mr. QUILLEN and his family. He has served his constituency for 33 years and the institutions in Tennessee that bear his name are a testament that he serves with honor and dignity. Voters trust Mr. QUILLEN to be fair and to adequately represent their views in Congress. His famous "open door" policy that he began on election night in November of 1962 was not only one that he practiced with his constituents, but also was extended to every member of the Tennessee Delegation, regardless of party affiliation.

I have had the honor of serving with Mr. QUILLEN, and his wonderful staff, since 1989. Mr. Speaker, I know that you join with me, my staff, and the great people of Tennessee and the Nation in saying thank you to Congressman JIMMY QUILLEN for a job well done. I wish him and Mrs. Quillen Godspeed during his retirement. We all will certainly miss him.

EDUCATION CUTS IN THE 104TH CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas). Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, the gentleman from New York [Mr. OWENS] is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, we are moving toward adjournment. There is a rumor that we may be adjourning the 27th or the 28th of September. And there are some very important unfinished business items that relate to education which I would like to discuss to-

night. The session is coming to an end, and it is kind of hard to get information. We seem to be treading water, and I suppose behind the scenes there are some fruitful negotiations taking place.

This is the end of the 104th Congress, the Congress that came in like lightning in January 1995. We came in and we had sessions at one point every day of the week and for 6 months a nonstop agenda. Now as we draw to the end of the session, the close of the session, there is a great calm that has settled over us. I hope it is not the calm before the storm. But the last few months, things have been sort of slowing down.

I want to congratulate the American people for having made that happen. Things have slowed down. The rapidity of the movement, the extremism that characterized the first few months of this session, we can all do without. It is just as well that we do not have it anymore. It is the public; it is the people out there with the common sense that should take the credit.

Everybody in Congress, everybody who is in politics knows how to measure public opinion. They listen to public opinion, and what happened in this case is that the extreme agenda was not a subtle agenda. It was quite open and honest. I congratulate the leaders of the 104th Congress, the majority Republicans, they were honest with their agenda. They laid it out there and people knew just what was going on.

They knew that drastic cuts were going to be made in education, drastic cuts would be made in jobs programs, drastic cuts would be made in housing programs. They knew that Medicare, Medicaid would be cut. They knew the agenda and, with the help of some spokespersons from the Democratic side to get them to understand it, slowly public opinion began to manifest itself and the people who listened to it on both sides, including the Republican majority, have come to the conclusion, I think, that in certain areas they are not going to hold, they are not going to continue the kinds of contempt for public opinion that was manifested in the first half of the 104th Congress.

Public opinion had been out there all the time making certain things clear. It is not that this is some new development. The public has always made it clear that they prefer education to be a priority of the government at every level. The polls have shown that for the last 5 years. Education has always been one of the top five priorities. It moved to the top, last 2 years one of the top three priorities. So for the leadership of the 104th Congress to insist that drastic cuts were going to be made in education was to sort of hold the public opinion process in contempt and to turn their back on the common sense of the American people.

Finally they have heard. Finally, as we move toward the resolution of the first budget, the budget for fiscal year 1996, after the two shutdowns and a lot of drama, one of the things that happened was that the cuts in education