

which says it represents 10 companies with manufacturing plants in 13 states.

Johnson said she had enlisted high-powered help from Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott and from the two lawmakers with the most say on trade policy: House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas, and Senate Finance Committee Chairman William Roth, R-Del.

Using the threat of a legislative mandate as pressure, the issue may well be resolved "in a side discussion with Customs," she said.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BURTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE RAY THORNTON AND THE HONORABLE BLANCHE LAMBERT LINCOLN ON THEIR RETIREMENT FROM CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Arkansas [Mr. DICKEY] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DICKEY. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this moment to honor two of my distinguished colleagues from Arkansas who are retiring from Congress; first, RAY THORNTON.

RAY has served a very honorable career in public service. He served 4 years in the Navy, during which he saw combat on the U.S.S. *Philippines Sea* during the Korean war. He served as deputy prosecutor in Pulaski and Perry Counties in Arkansas for 2 years and as the attorney general for 3 years.

In 1973, RAY was elected to Congress to represent the Fourth District of Arkansas and later in 1990 was elected to the Second District. During his 24 years in Congress, RAY sat on the Committee on Agriculture; the Committee on the Judiciary; the Committee on Science and Technology, serving as Chair of the Subcommittee on Science, Research, and Technology; and the Committee on Appropriations. This was a committee that I have had the honor of serving on with RAY.

With RAY's leaving and DAVID PRYOR's leaving, we also are losing two of the three people who are representing the Fourth District of Arkansas, or who have. I am doing that at this present time. He also served as president of Arkansas State University in Jonesboro and the president of the university system of the whole State.

It would be impossible to touch on all of RAY's accomplishments over his long career in public service, but I would like to relay some philosophies to which RAY adhered when legislating for our country.

RAY THORNTON once said: "I want America to be the mightiest nation on earth militarily, the strongest economically, and the strongest in terms of personal freedom, dignity, and de-

mocracy." RAY selflessly served with the goal of improving our Nation's productivity, education, and infrastructure and, I must say, in a very gentlemanly and respectful way.

RAY recognized the can-do spirit that makes our Nation great. He knew that in order to accomplish America's goals, the process must be aimed at stimulating the combined efforts of the States, the private sector, and the cooperative groups of individuals and institutions.

The second colleague I would like to recognize is BLANCHE LAMBERT LINCOLN.

BLANCHE and I both came to Congress in January of 1993, she being from Helena, AR. BLANCHE has been a role model for all of us in the way she has served, repeatedly going to bat for the First District of Arkansas, conscientiously serving on her committees and subcommittees, tackling complex legislation head-on, putting people above politics, handling her responsibilities with tact and grace and with a sense of humor and good spirit.

BLANCHE has served on the Committee on Commerce, where she has earned a reputation as a champion for rural causes, ranging from rural water to health care and telecommunications access. She has worked hard to eliminate the Federal budget deficit, claiming that she does not want to pass it on to the next generation, and she has worked to break the cycle of poverty and put welfare dependents back to work.

BLANCHE continues to be a role model as she leaves office. In this day and age when so many other priorities come before family, BLANCHE has made a very selfless decision to leave this demanding occupation and return home to rear her twin boys, Reese and Bennett.

I was impressed when BLANCHE was once asked when she would return to her career, and she answered, "When my boys know the difference between right and wrong." We all need to learn a lesson from BLANCHE LAMBERT LINCOLN in setting priorities. She will always be remembered as a trailblazer, whether in Congress or acting as a wife and mom.

I wish these two beloved Members of Congress all the best, and hope to see both of you in Arkansas from time to time. We will miss you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Illinois [Mrs. COLLINS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE JIM ROSS LIGHTFOOT ON HIS RETIREMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. WOLF] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Louisiana [Mr. LIVINGSTON].

(Mr. LIVINGSTON asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I will be brief but sincere in my remarks. I thank my friend for taking out this time.

Mr. Speaker, we are here to say bon voyage, good luck, and best wishes to our good friend, the gentleman from Iowa, JIM ROSS LIGHTFOOT, the distinguished Congressman from Iowa, who has been with us since he was elected to Congress in 1984.

JIM ROSS is running for the Senate, and we certainly wish him lots of success in that endeavor. We do not know why he wants to aspire to the other body when he has got a great life here, and he has a lot of friends, and we enjoy having him here. But the fact is, he has made that decision, and he has lots of talents that he will take with him.

He grew up on a farm in Iowa. He has a wonderful family. His wife Nancy and his four children I know are wishing him well and working hard for him in his current effort.

JIM ROSS and I, I went in the Navy after high school and he went in the Army. I guess that gives us some reason for our great friendship that we have had over the years. After he got out of the Army, he worked for IBM. He was transferred to Oklahoma, worked as a police officer, then a small businessman in Texas, and ultimately as a broadcaster in Iowa.

I really believe it was in that role that he kind of learned a trait that made him much like that fellow that wrote the book under the pseudonym "Anonymous," because I have suspected for many, many years that JIM ROSS LIGHTFOOT is really that voice, the anonymous voice, on Motel 6 ads.

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You listen to him, he is the same guy. But whether he is or not, I just have to thank him for his dedicated devoted service to the Committee on Appropriations and to the U.S. Congress. He served as chairman of the Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government over the last 2 years. He served on the Appropriations Subcommittees on Foreign Operations and Transportation, as I know my friend from Virginia will talk about, and he served as co-chair of the law enforcement caucus because of his law enforcement background.

He represented his constituents with great distinction and honor and dignity, and he will take that dignity with him wherever he goes. I personally wish him well. I want to express my sincere thanks to him for his wonderful work over these last 2 years in assisting, as part of a team to literally transform America, to show America that we do not have to have ever larger, bigger, more expensive government,

that we can do more for less and give efficiency to the taxpayer and also represent the taxpayer with great aplomb and honor.

Mr. WOLF. Reclaiming my time, the chairman might want to go to the Senate because he filibustered this entire 5 minutes.

Mr. Speaker, I will include my full statement in the RECORD. I am here to pay tribute to JIM LIGHTFOOT. I will say a couple of things and submit the rest for the RECORD. JIM is an honest, decent, ethical person. We got to know each other very, very well in our Bible study. He is great storyteller. He is a good family man.

I just say God bless you, we wish you well, we know you are going to be elected to the Senate, but, JIM, it is an honor and privilege to serve with you.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to take the floor this evening to honor Congressman JIM LIGHTFOOT as he retires from the House of Representatives and embarks on a campaign to represent the entire State of Iowa in the Senate. He will be sorely missed in this body and I wish him well.

Mr. Speaker, when Republicans assumed control of the 104th Congress, JIM LIGHTFOOT was called upon to steer the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government appropriations subcommittee through its difficult work. He guided the subcommittee with humor, heart, and conviction. The Nation is safer because Representative LIGHTFOOT stood by Federal law enforcement when they were under fire. He stood up for what was right and persevered in his convictions.

I don't mean to imply that JIM was cocky or overestimated his opponents. In fact, wary of the outcome of a potentially contentious subcommittee markup, Representative JIM LIGHTFOOT rolled up his sleeves, sharpened his pencils, and strapped on a flak jacket just to be sure. All turned out well, the bill was passed, Federal law enforcement emerged a bit stronger, and JIM was not shot at once. I was relieved because as vice chairman of the subcommittee, I had the pleasure of sitting next to him.

JIM, this body will miss your humor and good will. I appreciate your working with all Members in a bipartisan manner, working with me on a variety of issues of interest to Federal employees and other issues addressed by the subcommittee. JIM and I also worked on a number of transportation issues together, and I have always been thankful that he never once asked to have a field hearing aboard his plane.

The citizens of Iowa should be proud and honored by your work here. You have done your constituents proud. Good luck to you in the busy months ahead and godspeed.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. WOLF. I yield to the gentleman from Ohio.

Mr. REGULA. I thank the gentleman for yielding. I just want to echo the comments of my colleagues.

I have served with JIM on the Committee on Appropriations. What I appreciate about his approach is that it is very businesslike. He takes the challenge of stretching a dollar to give the people of this Nation responsible gov-

ernment. JIM is the epitome of what a good legislator should be. Certainly his record in the Committee on Appropriations stands as a challenge to all of us to manage the Nation's affairs well on behalf of the people we represent. I along with my colleagues wish him well in his new ventures.

TRIBUTE TO JIM ROSS LIGHTFOOT

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

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I too would like to rise this evening to pay tribute to my colleague from Iowa, JIM ROSS LIGHTFOOT. I came here less than 2 years ago now. As a freshman Member, I looked to certain individuals for leadership, for advice, for counsel. JIM has been there every time I have asked for anything.

Mr. Speaker, I knew he had a great start. He was born in Sioux City, IA, which is in my district, and was adopted by two very loving parents. I think he reflects very much what Iowa is all about, the honesty, the kind of values that I think this Nation needs today and has lived by those.

JIM, your wife Nancy and your family should be congratulated for putting up with you, but, also, your entire family has been a great inspiration to all of us here. I just want to thank you on behalf of the State of Iowa and especially the people in your district. You had several counties previously that I now represent. They love you very much in those counties. I wish you the very, very best in your run for the Senate and offer my total support. I want to tell you how much it has been an honor for me to serve with you in this body.

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. LATHAM. I yield to the gentleman from Iowa.

Mr. NUSSLE. I thank the gentleman first of all for taking the time and for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to join with my colleagues from Iowa in commending my friend and colleague from Iowa, JIM ROSS LIGHTFOOT. We have served during a very interesting time together. Not all of it together; you were here, of course, before I was. Interestingly enough, when I think of your service, I think probably of one of the most interesting commitments that you made, that you would serve for a period of time and then you were going to take off. That, if I am not mistaken, was 12 years. You are right at the threshold of crossing that 12-year mark, and you are ready to go on to hopefully bigger and better things.

The interesting thing that that brings to mind for me is that, as most Iowans appreciate, when you make a promise and you make a commitment and you make a pledge, you keep it. That has certainly been your mantra. That has been how you have served here in this body.

There have been disagreements, I am sure, with colleagues, whether it is across the aisle or even on the same aisle, but I have to tell you that when somebody sees they are going to do something and they do it, you have to have that kind of respect because around here your word is your bond.

When you leave here, there is going to be a CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of all these fancy speeches and everything, but when it comes right down to it, it is that kind of friendship in remembering, when somebody said something, they meant it, and it meant something because it was backed up by the people that they represent. We know those people because we all have the pleasure of representing those folks in Iowa.

I just want to say good luck to you. I thank you for your service, in being a mentor to so many of us who came after you. We are going to look for inspiration from you, hopefully, maybe from a different vantage point. We would like to see that vantage point not too far away, maybe just down the hall here in the other body, as we have to refer to it; we cannot say "the Senate." We have to say "the other body." So hopefully we will be able to go visit you over at the other building. Godspeed to you and to your wife Nancy. You will always be a constituent of ours because we represent all of Iowa.

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Oklahoma.

Mr. ISTOOK. I thank the gentleman for yielding. I like JIM LIGHTFOOT. I am very glad that in his working career he got to spend some time in Oklahoma. We are grateful for that, so we can consider him at least to some extent an adopted son of the Sooner State.

Essentially, when I was a freshman on the Committee on Appropriations and especially serving on the Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, JIM LIGHTFOOT more than anyone else took me under his wing, helped me to understand what was going on, comparing it with what should be going on instead. I have always been grateful for that and enjoyed the chance to serve with him on the full committee and on that subcommittee.

JIM has very patient with me, which is not always easy, as he well knows and a lot of other people do. He has been very attractive as well and interested in wanting to help listen to and act on other people's ideas.

It is nice to have something in common. JIM loves flying. I started flying lessons about the time I got into politics and never got to finish, so I am jealous of that. He served in law enforcement. I had a brief law enforcement stint. It is over.

I am glad, though, that he for many years as a farm broadcaster was up early in the morning because in my years in broadcasting, I only lasted a few months when I had to start a shift at 3 a.m., and he went on for years. So I am grateful for JIM LIGHTFOOT.