

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.

The final thing that I think anyone ought to say about him, because I understand this is your birthday today, JIM, your 58th birthday. After all the years with him, when some people were trying to claim that he did not care about senior citizens, JIM's mother made a commercial saying she knows you can trust her son, JIMMY. By golly, after 58 years if his mother says that JIM LIGHTFOOT can still be trusted and is still an obedient, dutiful son, if it is good enough for mom, it is good enough for me. I am proud of JIM LIGHTFOOT.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, it's not often that a distinguished cardinal of the Appropriations Committee flies away to the other body. But JIM LIGHTFOOT has decided that he will take his common-sense, his great humor, and his great ability to the Senate.

The House's loss will be the Senate's gain. Serving with JIM LIGHTFOOT on the Appropriations Committee has been both an honor and a privilege.

He has fought hard to cut out wasteful Washington spending, while making certain that his constituents in Iowa are represented fairly. He has been a passionate defender of small business owners and farmers of his district.

Most importantly, JIM LIGHTFOOT is a man of his word. When JIM LIGHTFOOT makes an agreement, he sticks to it. That is a trait that needs to become more common here in the United States Congress.

JIM LIGHTFOOT is a great American and he will make an outstanding Senator when he wins in November.

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank our distinguished colleague, Chairman JIM LIVINGSTON, for reserving this Special Order. I am pleased to join in this salute to our colleague, JIM ROSS LIGHTFOOT, as he prepares to depart at the end of this legislative session.

JIM LIGHTFOOT was elected to the United States Congress in 1984. During his tenure, he has done an excellent job of representing the Third Congressional District of Iowa. His constituents and the Nation have benefited as a result of his strong commitment to public service. He has played a key role in deliberations that have helped to shape our society and the Nation.

JIM LIGHTFOOT earned the respect of his colleagues for his efforts as a member of the House Appropriations Committee. On that panel, he chairs the Subcommittee on the Treasury, Postal Service and General Government. JIM is also a member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations. In addition to these assignments, JIM LIGHTFOOT distinguished himself in his role as Chairman of the Republican Task Force on Health Care and Cochairman of the House Law Enforcement Caucus. His legislative record reflects his hard work on issues which include health care reform, crime and agricultural matters.

Mr. Speaker, as a senior member of the Appropriations panel, I have tremendous respect for JIM LIGHTFOOT. Our congressional delegation worked closely with him to secure funding for new Federal Court House Building. JIM is a conscientious lawmaker and a gentleman for whom I have great respect.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join my colleagues in saluting JIM ROSS LIGHTFOOT. We

wish him and the members of his family our very best in the years to come.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished representative from Iowa, the Hon. JIM ROSS LIGHTFOOT. For the past 12 years, JIM has honorably served the people of Iowa's Third District. Now I wish him the best in his attempt to represent Iowa in the United States Senate.

JIM has served this country in many different capacities, including in the Army, as a police officer, on the Corsicana, Texas City Commission, and most recently, as the Representative from Iowa's Third District.

While in Congress, JIM has made his marks on the Appropriations Committee, where he has served as the Subcommittee Chairman on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government for the past 2 years. Because of his work as Chairman, JIM deserves some of the credit for the savings achieved in Government spending during the 104th Congress.

JIM's humor and demeanor will be missed in this body. He is a fighter whose courage and tenacity have allowed him to outlive his political obituary written by many pundits.

On behalf of the citizens of Wisconsin's Ninth District, I thank the Hon. JIM ROSS LIGHTFOOT for his service to the House of Representatives and the United States.

Mr. MCDADE. Mr. Speaker, it is my very great pleasure to rise today to pay tribute to my colleague and dear friend, JIM ROSS LIGHTFOOT from Iowa who will be retiring from the House at the end of this Congress to pursue a seat in the other body.

We thank JIM for his years of distinguished public service in the House of Representatives and wish him well as he returns to Iowa—just as he has done every week Congress was in session—to stay in touch with the people of Iowa.

When he was first elected to the Congress in 1984, JIM brought with him to the House of Representatives a wide array of experience nearly as vast as his 27-county Congressional District.

A small businessman himself, JIM has long been a good friend to small business owners. After serving in the U.S. Army and Army Reserve in 1956–64, JIM was and is an outstanding spokesman for our Nation's veterans. As a former Tulsa, OK police officer, JIM was a valued leader in the Law Enforcement Caucus as its cochairman to pursue a seat in the other body.

His stewardship of the Treasury, Postal Service and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee was marked by a commitment to safeguard taxpayers hard-earned dollars and assuring that the Federal departments and agencies under his jurisdiction stuck to the good Government policies which were and are JIM's hallmark.

I wish JIM, his wife Nancy and their children Terri, Jamie, Alison and Jim Jr. the very best.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from Kansas [Mr. HUTCHINSON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

IMMIGRATION BILL STANDS TO BE GUTTED IN OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS MEASURE

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

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, President Clinton has been in California probably more often than Ronald Reagan. The fact is that he is out there visiting his billionaire buddies from Hollywood and, of course, these billionaire buddies, along with the millionaires, are the ones who bankroll the liberal left activists who control the Democratic party.

But being out in California so often, he has spoken to the people of California and made the promise that he would try to help us come to grips with the problem that threatens the social infrastructure of our State and, that is, the flood of illegal immigration that is basically destroying the education, health care and social service infrastructure of the State of California. He has made this promise on several occasions.

The fact is that this is the same President who people have learned to sort of when he promises something, to take it with a grain of salt. After all, he is the same one who, as soon as he became President, started referring to taxes as contributions and Federal spending as investment which seems a little crass in the use of words. He is not putting anything over on anybody.

He is the one who promised us a middle-class tax cut, then raised taxes on gasoline and, of course, raised taxes dramatically on senior citizens; and also promised to end welfare as we know it, but then vetoed welfare reform bills that made their way through Congress.

But he did promise California, to help us with this flood of immigration. The people of the State of California, and I think the people of the rest of this country, should understand what is happening in Washington today. Today the President of the United States is in negotiations with the Republican leadership. What is he demanding of us? What is he demanding of the Republicans who now control both Houses of Congress? The President who promised to help us stem this flood of illegal immigration that is destroying our schools and our health care, that same President is now threatening to close down the United States Government if the Republicans do not agree to gut the immigration reform bill that was recently passed in the House of Representatives with a substantial majority.

Yes, we were told that we had to remove that provision that said illegal