

the U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam.

After a tour in Washington, then-Major Waller began his career as an armor officer—a tanker in Army jargon. He attempted to stay assigned with soldiers and combat-ready units and served in the Federal Republic of Germany, Fort Carson, CO, Fort Stewart, GA, and Fort Bragg, NC. In those assignments, his natural leadership abilities blossomed. A former Army Chief of Staff Gordon Sullivan noted, "Cal Waller loved soldiers. He had a natural touch with soldiers, and soldiers loved him. I believe there are some men who have the ability, by their very presence, to calm the waters in crisis situations. Cal Waller was such a man."

In 1987, it was time to return to the Federal Republic of Germany and command of the 8th Infantry Division (Mechanized). It was there that I first met Cal Waller. I traveled with my staff director from the Senate Armed Services Committee, Arnold Punaro, and then-Colonel Frank Norton of the Army Senate Liaison, who I am now fortunate to have on my staff. We visited General Waller in Baumholder. After visiting soldiers and observing training on the multiple launch rocket system, we then had lunch together with some local German supporters of the U.S. Army. It was obvious they held Cal Waller in high esteem. For my part, I was greatly impressed with Cal Waller's professionalism and confidence, his technical acumen, his caring attitude for his soldiers and their families, and his wonderful, self-deprecating sense of humor. We developed a friendship, and I was grateful that our paths crossed on a number of occasions during his career and each time I was with Cal, I learned from him.

After his most successful tenure as Commander of the 8th Infantry Division, General Waller returned to Fort Lewis as the Commanding General of I Corps. He continued to be assigned to I Corps while deployed from Fort Lewis to serve as Deputy commander in Chief of the U.S. Central Command, with General Norm Schwarzkopf, for Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm. General Schwarzkopf writes of his relationship with General Waller in his autobiography "It Doesn't Take a Hero." He says (pg. 392):

In mid-November Lieutenant General Cal Waller had reported to Riyadh as my deputy commander in chief: now I had someone to help me ride herd. Cal was a friend who had worked for me in two previous commands. Shrewd, soft-spoken, and given to quoting sayings he'd learned from his grandmother in Louisiana, he was also tough and effective. He'd been my first choice for the job: he'd come up through the Army as an armor officer and understood logistics; also I knew I didn't intimidate him at all. We trusted each other to such an extent that he could walk into my office and say point-blank, "Hey, something's all screwed up, it's your fault, and you need to know about it."

After the success of Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm, General

Waller returned to command I Corps, Washington, and began making plans to retire. His Army service spanned 32 years; he had gone from a platoon leader commanding 40 soldiers to commanding general of I Corps and Fort Lewis, where he was responsible for over 100,000 personnel.

After retiring in 1991, General Waller returned to his love of science and was active in environment restoration efforts for a number of companies. I last saw Cal in August 1995 at a conference in Aspen, CO. He drove down from Arvada, CO near Denver, where he made his home. He was, as always, in a great mood and enjoying life. We played a round of golf, and had the opportunity for a lengthy visit. He noted how he was both enjoying and contributing in his second life.

But he never really left the Army, and the Army never left him. As Army Chief of Staff Denny Reimer notes, "The performance of our soldiers throughout the world * * * have their roots in (his) concerned leadership—making sure soldiers were properly trained for the task at hand and ensuring their families were well-cared for while they were gone. He was a patriotic American, a consummate soldier and a wonderful human being."

His friend and fellow soldier, Gen. Colin Powell says, "His ability to touch the lives of so many in such meaningful ways was legendary. We will miss him greatly." I certainly agree.

Mrs. Waller and her sons Michael and Mark know better than any of us the great loss our Nation has experienced. They bear their grief with dignity and courage—I know that Cal Waller is proud of them.

His unselfish service to the Army and our Nation is a testament to Cal Waller's sense of duty and honor. Our military forces have been strengthened by his contribution, and America has been enriched by his many accomplishments. I can offer no farewell to Cal Waller better than that extended by his son mark in his eulogy: "Ride swiftly, great Buffalo soldier."●

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1996

Mr. DOMENICI. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 16; further, that immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, no resolutions come over under the rule, the call of the calendar be dispensed with, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and the Senate then resume consideration of Senate Concurrent Resolution 57. That is at 9:30 a.m. At such time, the Democrat leader, or his designee, will be recognized to offer the President's budget.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DOMENICI. Tomorrow the Senate will resume consideration of the budget resolution. Additional amendments are expected to that resolution, and it is still the intention to complete action on the budget resolution this week. All Senators can therefore expect late night sessions and rollcall votes throughout the remainder of the week.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DOMENICI. I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period for morning business for Senators to pay tribute to our dear friend, the majority leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. EXON. Reserving the right to object, and I shall not object, I just want to emphasize what the Budget Committee chairman has said. There is great determination, especially on that side, to complete action this week on this budget. Whether or not that is going to be possible, we run over into Saturday or Sunday, as was indicated to me as a possibility by the chairman of the committee, I simply emphasize if people could get their amendments to us, as he has indicated, by noon tomorrow so that we would know at least preliminarily where we are on these things, then we can possibly allot and cut down some time on some of these things to expedite the proceedings which I think we all would like to do. So I endorse the statement that was made by the chairman of the committee and thank him for his cooperation.

Mr. DOMENICI. I say to all Senators, there is another full budget going to be offered by Senators CHAFFEE and BREAUX in behalf of themselves and many Members from both sides in due course sometime later tomorrow or Friday. They will have an opportunity to offer that also. So there will be three total proposals that we will have considered.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DOMENICI. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask that following morning business, which we have just agreed to, the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Who seeks recognition?

Mr. SIMPSON addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The distinguished Senator from Wyoming is recognized.

Mr. SIMPSON. I thank you, Madam President.

TRIBUTE TO BOB DOLE

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam President, apparently at this point in the order of the day, it is appropriate to make some remarks about a very special man who

has made a very dramatic announcement today. Let me just say that I speak from perhaps a little special vantage point because I served as the assistant leader to BOB DOLE for 10 years. Those were 10 of the finest years I have spent in public life, and I have had some very exciting times, and some less exciting times, in public life. But the 10 years serving as first lieutenant to BOB DOLE as he served as our captain were tremendously satisfying and gratifying years for me.

Let me just say that the decision he has made today is one that is typical of BOB DOLE in that he thought that thing through for a long time. He talked with people he respects and admires and cares for, and he came up with a decision which is going to be very good for him and very good for the United States of America because the greatest part of it will be that he will be out in the land and the people of America will see him and the people of America will see Liddy Dole at his side. BOB DOLE and Liddy Dole will be deeply impressive to the American people.

The greatest pleasure I have is knowing that they will get to know him in the same way that we here know him, in the same way that I know him as an extraordinarily deep, complex, competitive, compassionate, complete man, a steady man of great, great sensitivity. I have seen all those attributes. Many of us who have worked with him have.

So it is going to be a wonderful thing to see him go forward from this place where we will no longer have the usual stuff. We would pull the same tricks if we would have had the same lay of the land. It is no reflection upon the fine leadership of the minority, Senator DASCHLE. I wish to compliment him in a very class act in being there at the press conference today, along with Senator BRADLEY, along with Senator KERREY of Nebraska, along with Senator HARKIN and Senator WELLSTONE. Those were acts of political grace. We do that with ourselves and among ourselves.

You have to remember that when we do this act, and we do some of that—a little bit of theater—as I say, we would have been doing some of that had the tables been reversed, but finally it does get to be rather an exhausting process. It is like getting pecked to death by ducks and you want to get away from it as fast as you can. He has, and he is smart to do it, and now the show can start.

For me, it has a western vernacular. It is like taking the hood off of a hunting falcon and now the prey is being observed and the prey is right there at the end of 1600 Pennsylvania. That is a pretty dramatic reference, but it is like an eagle with the tether off. It is like a race horse without the leg irons, and that is BOB DOLE. Boy, I tell you, he is going to run quite a race, and the people of America are going to be very proud and very, very impressed by BOB and Liddy DOLE as they leave this par-

ticular arena and go out into the land, not as the Senator from Kansas or the majority leader of the Senate but as an American citizen from Kansas, who, as he said so very beautifully, is either headed for the White House or home. I intend to invest a great deal of my efforts in seeing that he gets to the former location rather than the latter. I thank the Chair.

Mr. LOTT addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The distinguished assistant majority leader.

Mr. LOTT. Madam President, I, too, rise to join in expressing my great respect and admiration for our majority leader, BOB DOLE. We all know here in this institution of his great leadership. We know that he already holds the record of being the leader of the Republican Party longer than any other man in the history of the Senate. We know he has been in the Congress some 35 years, I believe, and that he has been elected six times to be the leader of the Republican team, having already served 11 years in that very critical position.

But there is a lot more to BOB DOLE and his career than those records. His is a remarkable career that will go down in history, I think, as one of the ones who will be remembered and pointed to as exemplary as a Senator and a leader who really loved the institution and did the job magnificently.

There are some words that come to mind when I think about what I have observed in BOB DOLE serving these past 16 months as his whip, and I have come to really appreciate the tremendous insight and leadership that he does have. So leadership clearly is one word that BOB DOLE has exhibited over all these years. He has never shied away from the tough issues, whether it was bipartisan efforts to save Social Security, to tax reform, to critical foreign policy responsibilities our Nation has had to face. Many times he stepped up and endorsed a position which might not necessarily have been the popular position in the country or here in the institution with his own colleagues, but he did what he thought was right and the responsible thing to do for our country, particularly in foreign policy.

BOB DOLE is clearly recognized on both sides of the aisle as a man of his word and a man of fairness. When BOB DOLE tells you you can count on something, whether it is in the Finance Committee or between leadership, you do not have to worry about it. He will stick to his word. Fairness is a cornerstone that I have seen.

Certainly we all know of his courage, both on the battlefields in Europe and the rough and tumble of American politics. BOB DOLE has fought the good fights. He has been a local elected official. He was in Congress. He was head of the Republican National Committee.

As a young Senator he was the patrolman back in the back of this Chamber who was willing to get involved in the fights that sometimes it takes a

young Senator to wade into. Then he has had these distinguished leadership positions as minority leader, as chairman of the Finance Committee, and now as majority leader. But always he exhibited the will to fight and he showed the courage to get the job done.

Knowledge is a word that comes to my mind with BOB DOLE. I have been absolutely amazed at the awareness and the knowledge he has of the intricacies of this institution. They are not easy to understand and very difficult to master, but he has a sixth sense of how this body works, has worked, and, maybe even more important, should work. So I think his knowledge of this institution, his great reservoir of memory and experience, will be something we truly will miss.

And humor: Those across the country who do not see BOB as we see him every day may not be so familiar with that Kansas wit that he has, that crack, that moment when he says something that breaks the tension. He has a unique sense of humor and it has been greatly, mightily employed to help this place work over the years.

Now he has made another tough and courageous decision, to leave the life of public service that he has known so well and loved so much here in the Senate. As our Republican nominee, he has decided to leave the Senate and focus all of his time and attention on the quest for the Presidency, and that is as it should be. Up and out—he has taken the ultimate political risk. He has given up his Senate seat and his position of leadership to energize his efforts and to focus his attention on the needs of our Nation. It is an act of principle. He has made a personal sacrifice that we all know means a great deal to BOB DOLE and tells us so much about the man.

Serving his country in wartime and peace, BOB DOLE has sacrificed for America. He has taken a bold action and, as he said today in his speech when he announced that he was making this move: With all due respect for Congress, America has been my life.

I think that truly speaks well of what BOB DOLE has done today. I do not believe we have seen the last of BOB DOLE in the Senate or in service to our country. We will see and hear much more from him. And we all join in expressing our great love and appreciation for what he has done for us individually, for this institution, for our party, and for our country.

I yield the floor.

Mr. COCHRAN addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN). The senior Senator from Mississippi is recognized.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I am very pleased to be able to join my good friend and State colleague, and the distinguished Senator from Wyoming, in saying how sincerely and deeply we respect the decision that BOB DOLE has made and announced today, that he will resign his seat in the U.S. Senate to seek the Presidency of the United States.

I think this truly does signal the beginning of the race for the Presidency. Obviously, as majority leader of the Senate, BOB DOLE has had an enormous responsibility for the schedule of the Senate, for doing all the things that are required of a leader in the Senate to do. He has done them all with great skill and in a way that has reflected an enormous amount of credit on the U.S. Senate.

I am confident the decision to resign did not come easy to him. We have all had an opportunity to be with him today in meetings, first a small group in the leadership, then in the Republican conference, and then to hear his public statement that he made in the Hart Senate Office Building. Throughout all of those conversations it became obvious to us what a difficult decision it had to be. But I think it also shows the willingness of BOB DOLE to do what he has been selected to do and that is to be a candidate for President of the United States. His party has, in effect, nominated him as our candidate, and he has said, "You have my full commitment. All of my energy, all of my effort, without distractions, no more ambushes here in the U.S. Senate from our friends on the other side of the aisle, or from wherever—all of my energies and my commitment will be directed to achieving success and winning the election campaign." And I predict that he is going to win this election campaign.

We are going to miss him very much as our leader. He has been a true friend to so many of us, and certainly to me, during the time that I have had the honor of working with him here in the Senate, and even before.

I never will forget when he came to Mississippi as a new Member of the Senate to defend those who were in charge of disaster benefits after Hurricane Camille had struck our gulf coast in 1969. There were some in the Senate who were prospective candidates for President who were on the other side of the aisle who chaired the committees. They came down to investigate how our State was disbursing disaster benefits and suggested, with a lot of national attention, that we were discriminating in our State against some of our citizens in that process. And it really was blatant posturing and trying to take advantage of an emotional situation, to curry favor in the national political arena.

BOB DOLE, young, new U.S. Senator, could see through that and he defended our elected Governor and the other officials in Mississippi who were working very hard to try to take care of a situation and deal with an enormous disaster. Huge money damages had been lost, a lot of personal suffering; lives had been lost. BOB DOLE was willing to come down and stand up for what would have been a politically incorrect cause, defending the State of Mississippi. I remember that, and all of Mississippi remembers that. If they wonder why the numbers are like they

are in the Presidential polls right now, you look at our State. He is way out in front and he is going to stay way out in front.

But he has been a man of courage all of his life. We are familiar with his war record and what he suffered in World War II as a young man, and it just makes your heart ache to think about what he has been through and what he has overcome, to do with his life what he has done with his life and to really give it to the United States in public service—not to privately enrich himself in any way. He said, I am not a person where Congress is my life. America has been my life and it is my life. And it truly is his life.

So it is with a great deal of respect and some heartfelt remorse, too, that he will be leaving the Senate, that I stand tonight to salute him as a great American, a great Senator, a great statesman. We are all very proud of BOB DOLE.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Who seeks recognition? The distinguished Senator from Alaska is recognized.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, it is with a sad heart that I join these comments about the majority leader. I have known Senator DOLE for a long time and I have known him as a man whose is unquestionably a leader.

There are people who have mannerisms that come from various experiences in their lives. Whenever I think of BOB DOLE, I think of a great many men I have known in my life who were tested in war. He not only was tested but he was severely injured and really came back in a miraculous way, through the support that he got from his own townspeople in Kansas, through, really, the skill of a great surgeon in Chicago. But he came back and decided that the country that had given him that opportunity to recover from the effects of war was a country that he owed something to, and he has committed his life, really, to trying to make America a better place.

I really do not—it is not too often when I sort of puddle-up in public. When I think about BOB DOLE, I do, particularly after this decision today. I remember being with BOB DOLE when we met with people who were disabled. Everyone knows that BOB was disabled coming out of the war. But he has, because of his own experience in coming back, committed himself to help those, not only get a chance for recovery, but help those who did not have the same miracle of recovery that he had. And the disabilities laws we have now are laws that, as the preceding speaker said, future generations will look to. They will look to what we did during our watch here in the Senate and they are going to find a great many marks made by Senator BOB DOLE, even beyond being a leader.

The work that he did, along with others, in saving the Social Security System involving a bipartisan solution, although it is not totally permanent, was historic. What Senator DOLE did, work-

ing on the Finance Committee, and what that law did, in fact, preserved the Social Security system.

But Senator DOLE goes beyond that, in my mind, because I see him with the Secretary of Transportation, when she came to Alaska, standing on the back of a railroad car, the type of railroad car that former Presidents have used, or Presidents or candidates have used, as they made whistle-stop campaigns through the country. I hope BOB DOLE does that as a candidate.

Clearly, I saw the way that he met with our Alaska Native people, with Alaskans, and the way he enjoyed the outdoors and really has been quite supportive of those of us who represent our State.

The BOB DOLE I know is a man who you never have to ask him twice where he stands. You can take his word to the bank. And the decision he made today literally brings tears to my eyes, because I know that he has committed himself to service in the Congress and distinguished himself here.

He has been willing to set that aside and to tell the country, as he did, that he has two destinations after he leaves here on or before June 11: either to the White House or back to Kansas. I think that took great courage and real determination and commitment, the kind of commitment that other people may not understand, but we understand what it means to us.

I have been here when several people ran for the Presidency. They did not resign. They left their seat vacant and missed vote after vote, and there were decisions made here that should not have been reached if they had been here. I was thinking back to President Kennedy and his campaign. He was gone a long time. Lyndon Johnson was gone a long time. Many others had been out campaigning, and they had been gone and missed votes.

This candidate, as leader, has not missed many votes. But now he has decided he must commit his full time to his quest for the Presidency. He has made a very courageous decision. I salute him. I will say other things later after he does leave. Unfortunately, we sometimes wait too long to say them. But I think that BOB DOLE has a love for the Senate and the Senate has shown its love for him in responding to his leadership. We are going to miss that leadership, and I hope that those who follow him understand the Senate the way BOB DOLE does.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Who seeks recognition?

Mr. MCCONNELL addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kentucky is recognized.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, by any standard, this has been the kind of day that takes your breath away, one of those days that you will always remember.

Everyone on this side of the aisle had an opportunity earlier this afternoon

to sit down with the majority leader as he explained this momentous decision. I looked around the room, and I do not think there was a dry eye in the place. Not a one. Everyone sensed that this was a moment of historical significance, and, indeed, it is. We witnessed one of the great men of American history make a dramatic and important decision that virtually everyone I know thinks was the right decision, to put this magnificent congressional career behind him and to move on to the next challenge.

My oldest daughter happened to have been in town today, and I said, "Your timing couldn't have been better. Come with me. I'm going to let you experience something you will remember for the rest of your life." We walked over to this crowded room, 902, that we were all sort of huddled around in to listen to what one of the skeptical commentators, who usually finds no good in politicians, uttered tonight on the evening news was the finest speech BOB DOLE ever made.

So, Mr. President, we are here tonight to celebrate the end of a remarkable career and for many of us to look forward to the next challenge, which is BOB DOLE, unencumbered by past responsibility, stepping forward to present to the American people his plans for the next 4 years.

I would be less than candid if I did not say this is probably the most exhilarating moment that people on this side of the aisle have enjoyed in the last 3 months. It is no secret this has not exactly been the height for the Republican national campaign the last few weeks. So it has provided an opportunity to take a second look at what this man would do for America in the next 4 years.

So it is with a great deal of excitement, but also sadness, that we mark the movement of BOB DOLE on to a new plateau.

When the history books are written about this institution and they pick out the few Senators who really made a difference for America, there is not a doubt that the Senator from Kansas will be near the top of the list. We wish him Godspeed in the challenges ahead.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Who seeks recognition?

The Senator from Washington is recognized.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, on December 5, 1992, President-elect William Clinton resigned his position as Governor of Arkansas. On that date, of course, he was assured of another job, after having remained as Governor through at least the full year in which he devoted very little time and attention to that governorship. On this day, May 15, 1996, Senator ROBERT DOLE announced his resignation not only as majority leader of the U.S. Senate, but as senior Senator from the State of Kansas.

Mr. President, I cannot think of any two facts taken in juxtaposition which

illustrate better the respective characters of the two candidates for President of the United States, any statement of fact that can better illustrate the different direction in which ROBERT DOLE will take the United States as President.

So, for him, while some have characterized his action as principled, others as unprecedented, the word that comes most quickly to my mind is principles, the same kind of principles which have actuated his entire life—his childhood, his military service, his recovery from a terribly debilitating injury—and his entire political career.

Of course, Mr. President, from a strictly campaign point of view, this gives Senator DOLE the opportunity full time to share his vision of the future of the United States and his ideas about the widest of our public policy questions with the people of the United States who most unfortunately do not know him in the way in which you and I and our other colleagues here in this body know him. That, I believe, will be an advantage to his campaign, a clear advantage to the people of the United States and a terrible loss to all of us who serve here in this body.

We will miss his wisdom, his sound counsel, his never failing sense of humor more than any of us can possibly state on the floor of this body here this evening. But we give him up to a greater cause, the cause of sharing these qualities of character and personality and of purpose with the American people. This is the contrast, the contrast in character and the contrast in direction for America, that this day and this action have so magnificently illustrated.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Texas is recognized.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I rise to join my colleagues in paying tribute to our leader and in just saying from our hearts how much we respect the decision that he made, this bold and courageous decision, and how much we will miss him.

As has been mentioned, there was not a dry eye in our caucus today when he made this announcement. He and Elizabeth and Robin came in, and it was just the Republican Senators, and they said, "This is like family. It's like saying good-bye to family." But this is a man that America is now going to be able to see, who is deeply rooted in this country, and who knows exactly what he wants to say to the American people.

He made the decision by himself. But he could not speak on the Senate floor, talking about amendments to amendments and quorum calls and cloture votes, and get across to the American people how very important his goals and his mission and his vision for this country are.

He knew that he had to go out into America as an American, not as a Senator, and speak from the heart. He made that decision. As usual, he al-

ways livens everything with his humor. He said to us today, "I've been thinking about this for 2 months. I made the decision about 30 days ago. The reason that it didn't get out, in a town that is known for leaking, is because I didn't tell one U.S. Senator about it." Of course, we all laughed, because that was true.

He had kept his counsel. He had made this decision, as he so often does, by himself with his wife Elizabeth. He knew it was right. When we first started hearing about it today, many of us said, "Oh, no; that must be a mistake. He's going to step down from leadership, but not from his seat." Then the more we heard about it, we thought, "Well, of course. That is BOB DOLE's genius that he would see so far ahead of the rest of us that, yes, indeed, he was going to give up his seat because he began to see that this election is a crossroads, and he must show the American people who he is, what he stands for, and what integrity and character he has." He knew that he could not do it talking about amendments to amendments. He knew it had to come from the heartland and from the heart.

So every one of us are thrilled for him, thrilled that he has made this decision because we know the mission is the highest of all. That is to make the changes in America that will give every child in this country the same benefits and opportunities that BOB DOLE himself has had by having the great good fortune to grow up in this country.

He grew up in Russell, KS, in a working family. He has known hardship. He has known tragedy. He has stood the test of extreme injury and pain, being told that he probably would not walk again, being told that if he walked, it would be with a limp, knowing that he could overcome this with the grit and determination that the great upbringing in the heartland of America would give him.

He has never forgotten that opportunity. As I go on the campaign trail with him or as I walk down the hall with him, jauntily as he is, I always see that BOB DOLE knows his bearings. He has never had anything easy in his life. He has fought hard. He has stood the tests that have been thrown at him time after time.

He wants every American child to have the same opportunity that he did. His mission is to make sure that they do. So we love him. We are going to miss him. But every one of us are going to be with him on the campaign trail talking about the message that Americans want to hear: What are you going to do for our country? What he is going to do for our country is prepare for the future, to go into the 21st century without a deficit, saving Medicare, with welfare reform, making sure that we take care of the truly needy but making sure that we look to the future for our children and grandchildren.

That is what this man is going to do. He has put that ahead of his own career

and his own life, because he knows how important this is to the American people. God's speed, our friend.

Mr. THURMOND addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The distinguished President pro tempore.

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, today Senator BOB DOLE announced that he will be stepping down as a Member of the U.S. Senate. He has announced his resignation. I have been in the Senate for 40 years. I have been here with many leaders, majority and minority leaders. I can say that he is one of the ablest and finest leaders that this country has ever had serving in the Congress of the United States.

He is a man of principle. He stands for what is right. He felt it his duty, since he is going to run for President, to give his full attention to that campaign. He felt he could not do both, look after the Senate's work and run for President, too.

Unlike some people who have attempted to do both, he will give up all of the power in the Senate. He, as the majority leader here, has served the longest term, I believe, of any majority leader in history.

He has made a fine record. He will give all that up because he wants to do his duty and feels he could not run for President and also look after his duties here in the Senate.

Mr. President, he knows what responsibility means. He felt he could not be responsible to run in the campaign and run the Senate, too. So what did he do? Since he is going to run for President, he decided to resign from the U.S. Senate. He is giving up all of his power, as probably the most influential Member of the U.S. Senate, in his position as majority leader, and as an able Senator giving it all up. How many people would do that? Most people would hang on, say, "Well, I can run for the Senate, I can run for the President, and stay in the Senate and still do my job." Not BOB DOLE. He is not that kind of a man. He does not do things halfway. He puts his heart and soul into whatever he does. That is the reason he resigned from the Senate.

Now, in my opinion, that shows character. I do not know of any quality about any person, man or woman, that is better than that of character. His behavior in public life and in private life has been exemplary. He does not know how to do wrong. We are proud that he is such a man. We are proud that he has lived the life he has and one with such outstanding service to this country.

He is a man of courage. In World War II he served in the armed services in Italy. He was shot in the arm and other parts of his body. They thought he was going to die but he managed to survive. So many people felt he had no chance to recover but he would not give up. He is a fighter. He kept on keeping on until he finally restored his health and then returned to private life again.

Yes, not only did he have physical courage with the enemy but he has

moral courage. Sometimes I think moral courage is even greater than physical courage. He could stand up to people when he knew they were wrong and tell them so in a courteous way. I just feel that his courage was one of the strong factors in his life.

Then, too, he is a man of great capacity. He could not have done what he did here in the Senate as majority leader if he had not been a man of great capacity, a man of great ability, who has led this Senate so wise and so well for so long. Yes, his capacity has been a great asset to this Nation.

BOB DOLE is a man of conviction. He knew what he stood for and he stood for it. He knew right from wrong and he followed the right. A man whose ideals were high, a man we could all be proud of because of his exemplary conduct and ideals.

Also he is a man of compassion. He could walk with kings, yet he felt most at home with the common people. I have seen many instances in which he showed great compassion here with employees and with members of the public, with the unfortunate, with the disabled, with the troubled. Everybody at times has a problem. He took pleasure in helping people to solve their problems. He is a man of compassion and a man who loved people.

In all of these things he was courteous. In his position here as majority leader he could have been short with people and he could have said things and gotten away with it. That would not have been characteristic of BOB DOLE. He was always nice to people. He always tried to help people. For that reason, we highly respected him. Because of all these good qualities, the Senate has lost an ideal person. This country has lost a wonderful public leader.

I predict it will not be long until he will, in his campaign, be successful and become President of the United States and render an even greater service. I predict that history will record him as one of the great persons of this century and of history, known for what he has done in the past but also for what he will do as President of the United States. I am proud to claim his friendship. I am proud that he is an American. I am pleased that he took the step he did today which shows strength, courage, and principle. We look forward to his coming back to the Government as President of the United States.

BOB DOLE is blessed with a devoted and lovely wife, Elizabeth. She is a great person in her own right and serves as president of the American Red Cross, former Secretary of Labor, and former Secretary of Transportation.

She has been an inspiration in his life and will continue to be a great asset to him in every way possible in the years ahead. God bless her.

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I rise also to pay tribute to Leader DOLE and join my colleagues, the distinguished

Senator from South Carolina, as well as others who have spoken out.

Mr. President, there can be no doubt for those of us who listen to Senator DOLE's remarks today that this was truly one of the great events in American history. One had the sense and the feel that great things were taking place.

Great, I suppose, partly because we admire and respect BOB DOLE so much, but I think truly great because what he did is so unusual. Here is someone who has achieved more success in the Senate than just about anyone who has ever served in this body. Here is someone who has been elected Republican leader more times than anyone in the history of our Nation. Here is someone who was willing to risk it all for a higher calling. It is a little like a trapeze artist who goes up to the high wire then instructs the folks to cut down the safety net. Not many people do it.

Yes, there are some, but most political leaders are happy to be secure in a job, to have the paycheck, to have the staff, to have the strength of the office while they run for another. They are not shy about using where they are at to get where they want to go.

What was so unusual about today is BOB DOLE cutting the safety net and putting it all on the line. For those who remember Rudyard Kipling's great poem "If" you are reminded of the line "and risk it on one turn of pitch and toss." That is what BOB DOLE has been doing. He has put everything he has on the line. He said it best: "I'm either going to go to the White House or I'm going to go home." It is so typical of the kind of human being that BOB DOLE is, one cannot help but be thrilled and exhilarated by the sheer determination and the courage that he shows.

This is not a normal politician. This is an extraordinary American who has left the leadership of the greatest deliberative body in the world to champion and seek out the Presidency of the United States. He is different. One cannot help but recall Lyndon Baines Johnson running both for the Senate and for Vice President at the same time. The people of Texas elected him in both offices. They understood someone's desire to have a safety net, to be secure, to be safe, to have a forum before they moved ahead.

While we did not condemn those that seem to be safe, to take the safety route, to preserve their spot, strength of power and influence, we cannot help but admire those who are willing to risk it all, whose commitment to the American purpose and the American cause is so great they put that ahead of their own safety, of their own security, and of their own beloved career. No one should doubt that BOB DOLE loves the Senate. It shows in the way he conducts himself and the things he accomplishes.

Also, it would be a mistake for anybody, anywhere, to think that BOB DOLE is not serious about the Presidency. This is someone who has not

been halfhearted in his commitments. He was not halfhearted when he put his very life on the line in World War II. He was not halfhearted when he won a chest full of Purple Hearts. He was not halfhearted when he faced a lifetime of being handicapped. He was not halfhearted when he determined in his own mind and in his own heart that he would walk again and that he would move again and that he would overcome that handicap.

This is not the average person or the normal person who would take the safe way. This is someone of incredible commitment and dedication and personal courage. This is someone who threw down the gauntlet in the Presidential campaign today in a stronger, clearer way than I have ever seen before. This is someone who put behind him not only his beloved Senate, but all of his safety net, to say that what he ran for and what he sought to do for America was more important than anything that affected BOB DOLE.

It is very typical of the kind of human being that BOB DOLE is, because I believe BOB DOLE is a real thing. He is a Kansan—a Kansan who grew up in a way so that he never complains. He is a Kansan who has grown up in a way so that he does not seek excuses. He is a Kansan who grew up being taught to say what was on his mind, to say what he means and mean what he says. That is partly why he is so beloved in the U.S. Senate. Unfortunately, it is partly why he is somewhat unusual in modern American politics.

Some will say there is quite a contrast in the race that BOB DOLE has joined. I am one who thinks so. But anyone who has doubts about that race best look further than the current poll numbers, because BOB DOLE is the real thing. He was the real thing on the battlefield. He was the real thing when he faced a lifetime of being handicapped. He was the real thing when he rose to the heights of politics. Yet, he never let politics be his master.

I suppose I will remember him for his judgment, both now and in the campaign ahead. I recall, specifically, an issue that I think many of us felt very strongly about, and that is the President's commitment of troops to Bosnia. I opposed that with all my heart, and BOB DOLE opposed it as well. He spoke out frankly and honestly about the mistake of deploying American men and women in a way that we did not stand behind them. When the debate was done, and when public opinion was clearly on the side of us who were reluctant to deploy U.S. troops into that theater, and when the President, in spite of all of it, had sent American men and women into that zone, we had the chance to vote on the floor on a vote that would have embarrassed the President by undercutting the funding he would have for an action he had taken. I considered it a tough vote. I did not want to embarrass my President, but I did not want them to have to go and serve in an area where we had

not made a clear commitment. I believe BOB DOLE shared my concern about the deployment. He said so, frankly and honestly. But he also was concerned about America's influence and prestige and the President's ability to deal with others around the world. He passed up a chance to embarrass the President of the United States by voting for that resolution, by voting to sustain the President on a policy that he did not like. For BOB DOLE, it was more important to support this Nation and support its Commander in Chief than it was to gain a political advantage.

Some could disagree with his vote. I did. But none could disagree with his motivation. For him, what was important was America and the viability of the Commander in Chief, even though he was someone BOB DOLE disagreed with. That kind of integrity, that kind of honesty, and that kind of commitment to our Nation are surely qualities that are not only rare, but desperately needed.

I do not know what our Maker has in mind for BOB DOLE. He has tested him in ways that many of us have never been tested. But I cannot help but believe that BOB DOLE's service is not finished yet. In an hour when our country desperately needs his integrity and character, I am glad there is a BOB DOLE—the real thing.

Mr. CHAFEE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Rhode Island is recognized.

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I first got to know BOB DOLE well 18 years ago when I went on the Finance Committee and he was the senior Republican on the Finance Committee. The chairman at the time was Senator Russell Long, a Democratic Member, of course, from Louisiana.

During those early years on the Finance Committee, I was struck by several characteristics of BOB DOLE. I had known him to some degree when he had been running for Vice-President, but not intimately. During those early years in the Finance Committee, I had the privilege to get to know BOB DOLE and see him in action. I was struck by several things. First of all, he is very bright. Not only did he know the intricacies of the Tax Code, but when different matters would come up, it was obvious he was a quick learner.

Second, the characteristic that struck me was his seemingly inexhaustible energy. When he became chairman of the committee after several years, he would manage those bills on the floor—tax bills—and, as we all know, in those days, tax bills would sometimes last 2, 3, 4, 5 days, with all sorts of amendments coming from every direction. BOB DOLE had the capacity to stand here always looking fresh and fit, everybody else looking a little bit bedraggled as we would go late into the night, accepting amendments, rejecting those, calling for votes, tabling this, and moving on in totally admirable fashion.

And so, out of that, I came to have a great admiration for BOB DOLE as I saw him in action on the Finance Committee. Then came his leadership here in 1984, succeeding Howard Baker. And, again, BOB DOLE had exerted those extraordinary characteristics of leadership—paying attention to the needs of all of his members, his flock, as it were, and leading us with clear direction and with zest and always with good humor. I suppose there is nobody who made us, as Senators—whether we were in our caucuses, or whether on the floor here—laugh so much, with his quick wit and one-liners, as BOB DOLE.

And now, of course, he has announced this afternoon that he will be leaving the floor of the Senate, where he has served with such distinction for many years. As others have pointed out, he is the longest-serving majority leader in the history of our Nation. To me, it is not surprising that he is leaving. Yes, I was surprised, as everybody was, by the announcement that came today. But when one thought about it, there is no reason for surprise, because it seems to me that BOB DOLE's life has been marked by a sense of duty. And he saw a duty here.

He has received the nomination of the Republican Party for President. But he looked on and weighed the factors and saw he could not be serving the people of Kansas while he was still here trying to do two things at once. Nor could he serve the people of the United States in the fashion and style he felt they were deserving of. And so, in responding to this sense of duty that he give his best to the office he was seeking, while he could not continue to give his best to the people of Kansas and the United States, he chose to resign. It has been pointed out that that is a big decision. But it is a decision that I think we have all come to expect in the style of BOB DOLE.

So I join others in wishing him well, looking forward to doing whatever I can to help him, as he has helped each of us. He came to my State three times to campaign on my behalf in the different elections. I think each Senator on this side could say the same thing. So we wish him well. I share the sense of optimism that others have voiced. I know that with his tremendous energy, with his quick learning ability, with his ability of retention of matters that he has studied, and with the sense of duty I previously remarked on, he is going to conduct an absolutely marvelous campaign that is going to be a great credit to him, to all who nominated him, and a wonderful reflection on the people of the United States of America.

I thank the Chair.

Mr. MURKOWSKI addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska is recognized.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. I thank the Chair.

I know it is getting late and my colleagues would like to go home and have dinner, but I am sure that we all share

in this extraordinary opportunity to say a few words about our leader, Senator BOB DOLE, and his announcement today of his resignation.

I was there, along with Mrs. Dole and BOB DOLE's daughter. I think all Senators—all 53—there was not a dry eye in the house when BOB DOLE announced his transition from majority leader, relinquishing the office that he loves so dearly. Basically, he laid out for us an all-or-nothing campaign. I think it took a great deal of courage. It was a bold action, and one that indicated, clearly, to those of us who were privileged to be there, an expression of love for this body that he holds so dearly.

I think, too, he cleared the air on the issue of some of the partisanship that we have in this body. I think it is fair to say no longer can some on the other side of the aisle use the excuse of his candidacy and majority leader as a reason for some of the issues that have not moved before this body. It is my opinion that we have lost a great leader in the Senate, but the country has gained a great opportunity to know BOB DOLE as we know him.

Mr. President, over the next weeks and months BOB DOLE is going to be out in America taking his campaign to the American people. I think he is going to be laying out very clearly the differences between himself and President Clinton. He is going to provide, I think, mainstream conservatives and conservatism moral leadership and will be able to point out the differences between the big Government philosophy, which is currently emanating from the White House, and that of the best Government is the closest Government to the people and most responsive.

I have had an opportunity to know BOB DOLE over the 16 years I have been in this body. I first recognized him as a true American hero. He is one who has always put America first. When he was called to battle in World War II—and now, I think, as he leaves the leadership of the U.S. Senate—he certainly has shown sacrifice and what it takes basically to be President.

BOB DOLE has always been there when America has called him, and America is calling him today. He is a man of courage, strength of character, and patriotism. He is gracious.

He came to Alaska to campaign for me. He has been accommodating to me during my 16 years in this body. One of the things that I have always marveled at about BOB DOLE is his patience in trying to accommodate some 99 other egos that are relatively high from time to time. Some of us have encouraged that he discipline—like, perhaps, that which occurs in the 6th grade—those of us who occasionally fall off the turnip truck. But BOB has always maintained an evenhanded approach towards leadership, giving each one of us an opportunity to express ourselves regardless of how our feelings may be in conflict with his own. Instead of, in effect, chastising on occasions when leadership did not receive the support it was entitled to, BOB has always been above that and set, I think, an extraordinary example of what true leadership is all about. That is being subjected to the equivocation and the contradictions that we all have on various issues, but being able to hold fast and stand above it as tall as BOB DOLE has been and will be as he campaigns for the highest office in our country.

So where are we today? This Nation will now have the privilege of seeing and knowing the BOB DOLE that we have come to know and love and, in my own case, have been privileged to work with for the last 16 years. There is no question in my mind, Mr. President, that the electorate will soon be able to define the character of our two Presidential candidates and make the choice that is right for America.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Who seeks recognition?

The Senator from Georgia is recognized.

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I do not believe I will ever look at the desk directly in front of me, or the podium on it, ever again without thinking of the Senator from Kansas. Senator DOLE is a living American hero. He is a Senator of the century. Whenever I have been around Senator DOLE, somehow I always felt that I was close to the heart and the soul of America. I used to introduce him that way. I still introduce him that way. You cannot miss it when you are near him.

I want to thank the other side. It was great seeing them standing behind this

great American Senator—Senator DASCHLE, Senator BRADLEY, Senator HARKIN, Senator KERREY, and others. I think it signaled what the entire Nation feels about this man.

I loved what Senator SIMPSON, his great friend from Wyoming, said. He said: Now America will get a chance to know Senator DOLE like his colleagues do. And I think they are going to make him President of the United States.

This has really been a magnificent day—difficult but magnificent. I think on our side we feel a little bit like a family sending off a son or daughter to work on a higher mission. I know that is how I feel.

I have enjoyed so much this evening listening to the remarks of his friends and colleagues. I join them in saying bon voyage, God bless, safe journey, and much success to the Senator from Kansas.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR NO. 585 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that Executive Calendar No. 585 be referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. COVERDELL. I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m., Thursday, May 16, 1996.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 8:28 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, May 16, 1996, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate May 15, 1996:

THE JUDICIARY

CHRISTINA A. SNYDER, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA VICE EDWARD RAPEEDIE, RETIRED.

THOMAS W. THRASH, JR., OF GEORGIA, TO BE U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA VICE ROBERT L. VINING, JR., RETIRED.