

House of Representatives, an Oklahoma icon and a national treasure.

Speaker Albert did love public life, however; and he counted hundreds of other officials, Democratic and Republican, as his friends. I recall here, I believe about 3 or 4 years ago, he had President Bush come to Carl Albert Junior College and give the commencement address.

Mr. WATKINS. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield, he has had what seems to be all of the Presidents down to Carl Albert Junior College, and a lot of them may be at his funeral tomorrow.

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Yes. Mr. Speaker, he was quite a fellow. During his tenure in this House, he also helped lead our Nation through several troubled times: as has been mentioned this afternoon, the assassination of President Kennedy, the fight for civil rights, the Vietnam War, the Watergate scandal that brought the resignation of President Nixon.

Speaker Albert's contributions to his home State of Oklahoma were numerous, but none was more important to our country than the statesman-like manner in which he presided over the Speaker's chair during the Watergate scandal. By his leadership and bipartisan approach, he is a man that truly deserves the title of statesman, a title he had earned well before the time of his death this past weekend.

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His legacy of dedicated leadership undoubtedly has and always will leave a lasting impression on our Nation's history. Former Speaker Albert is one of Oklahoma's greatest gifts to our Nation, and he will truly be remembered for his commitment to public service to Oklahoma and his country.

We all send our condolences to his family, and we are all delighted and proud, the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. WATKINS) and I and the Oklahoma delegation are quite proud to call former Speaker Albert an Oklahoman.

Mr. WATKINS. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague, the gentleman from Oklahoma, for his comments. As he indicated, actually between McAlester and Eufaula, the birthplace of the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. WATTS), is Bugtussle, so Carl Albert grew up between McAlester and Eufaula, in that small area.

I would like to note to a lot of people who are historians of this House that also in Oklahoma, in the name of Carl Albert, there is a Carl Albert Center for Congressional Affairs there at the University of Oklahoma, his alma mater. I think without question it probably houses more documents concerning the activities and the operations of this House than anyplace in this great Nation, maybe with the exception of the Library of Congress across the street. But we have that at his alma mater. It is a great honor and distinction for him to have it there.

Also, he has a college in the Third Congressional District, the Carl Albert

Junior College. It is so fitting, because he is a man who had a tremendous hunger for knowledge and great intellectual capacity, probably more so than any person that we have ever had in public service in Oklahoma.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my sincere condolences to the family of my respected colleague, the Honorable Carl B. Albert, who passed away this past Friday. I join my fellow Members of the U.S. House of Representatives in paying tribute to former Speaker Carl Albert's service in the Congress and to our nation.

I served with Speaker Albert in the House from 1965 through 1976. During these 12 years, I witnessed his dedication to his constituents, his sense of fair play, and his concern for the well being of the poor and disadvantaged. He was a strong, effective Majority Leader and played an important role in the passage of civil rights and poverty legislation. As Speaker, from 1971–1976, Carl Albert presided over a tumultuous period when the Vietnam War and the Watergate scandal divided our country. Throughout this difficult period, Carl Albert was a principled and effective leader, vigilant to the demands of conflicting viewpoints and to the civil strife that accompanied these crises.

Carl Albert, who rose from poverty to high national office, demonstrated that talent, hard work, and perseverance could overcome the humblest beginnings. He knew that not everyone shared his ability to overcome adversity. His compassion and concern for the most vulnerable members of our society was a hallmark of his 30 years in Congress.

I vividly recall how, on July 13, 1975, he took the well as Speaker to call for a re-vote on a damaging amendment to an appropriations bill (H.R. 5901) that would have left the historic Title IX provision deeply weakened. I was the floor manager of that debate on Title IX but was called away because my daughter had been severely injured in an automobile accident in Ithaca. Speaker Albert called the House together the next day to express concern for my daughter's recovery and saved Title IX as well in a call for a re-vote. I will always remember Speaker Albert for this noble and inspiring action, as should all women today who have enjoyed equity in educational opportunity.

I join my colleagues in giving profound thanks for the life of Carl B. Albert. Aloha, Carl, and thank you for your legacy of service to our nation.

Mr. WATKINS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska). Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the resolution.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. WATKINS. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6 p.m.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 18 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON) at 6 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.

REAPPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF BOARD OF FEDERAL JUDICIAL CENTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 629(b), the Chair announces the Speaker's reappointment of the following member on the part of the House to the Board of the Federal Judicial Center for a 5-year term:

Ms. Laurie E. Michel of Virginia. There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL URBAN AIR TOXICS RESEARCH CENTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to section 112 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7412), the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following member on the part of the House to the Board of Directors of the National Urban Air Toxics Research Center to fill the existing vacancy thereon:

Mr. Thomas F. Burks II, of Texas. There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HON. W.J. "BILLY" TAUZIN, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable W.J. "BILLY" TAUZIN, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 7, 2000.
Hon. DENNIS J. HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that a staffer in my Chalmette, Louisiana district office has been served with a subpoena duces tecum, directed to me and issued by the U.S. District for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

In consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I will determine whether compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

W.J. BILLY TAUZIN.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair

