

products. According to some press accounts, the EU would be able to impose 100 percent tariffs on around \$4 billion worth of U.S. goods. These would be the largest sanctions ever imposed in a trade dispute. In other words, this inadequate reform of export subsidies will open up the U.S. to retaliatory action by the EU, which will harm exports as much or more than any perceived benefit that would be provided by H.R. 4986. Of course, the exporters that will be hurt by retaliatory sanctions probably won't be the same businesses that will enjoy the tax windfall provided by this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, ADM is not suffering. Cisco Systems is not suffering. Raytheon is not suffering. Microsoft is not struggling mightily to keep its head above water. But, the American people are. Schools are crumbling, 45 million Americans have no health insurance, individuals are working longer hours for less money with the predictable stress on families, millions of seniors do not have access to affordable prescription drugs, and poverty remains stubbornly high, particularly among children.

Rather than debating how to preserve billions in tax subsidies for some of our largest corporations, we should be figuring out how to address some of these issues. How many times over are we going to spend projected, and I stress projected, surpluses, if we want to pay down the national debt, provide prescription drugs, shore up Social Security and Medicare, and increase funding for education, Congress cannot keep showering wealthy corporations with unjustifiable tax subsidies.

I will end with a quote from a newspaper I'm not normally inclined to agree with editorially, the Washington Times. In an editorial on September 5, 2000, the Washington Times wrote, "The Ways and Means Committee boasts that support for its revised FSC bill was bipartisan and near unanimous. It remains a bipartisan and near unanimous blunder."

I urge my colleagues to vote against H.R. 4986.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my concern about the impact of H.R. 4986, The FSC Repeal and Extraterritorial Income Exclusion Act of 2000, on the U.S. territories, particularly the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam.

Since the WTO decision last fall on Foreign Sales Corporations (FSCs), I know that the Administration has worked closely with House Ways and Means Committee Chairman ARCHER and Representative RANGEL, the ranking member, to ensure that the United States passes legislation to meet the October 1, 2000, deadline set by the WTO to comply with its ruling.

As many of you know, the WTO panel issued a ruling last fall that subsidies for Foreign Sales Corporations under U.S. tax laws violated the WTO Subsidies Agreement. U.S. negotiators have since worked in good faith on a proposal to retain many of the tax benefits of the FSC structure, while establishing a new structure which would be responsive to the European Union's challenge.

However, I simply want to express my concern over the impact that H.R. 4986 would have on the U.S. territories. Under the current FSC system, U.S. territories have been able to benefit through tax exemptions for U.S. exporting industries. With the repeal of the FSC system, we will no longer be able to offer this incentive although I understand that current contracts will be honored.

In Guam, there are around 211 FSC licensees, generating around \$170,000 to the Government of Guam. However, license fees are only some of the direct benefits from FSCs. Other direct benefits include compensation for Guam attorneys and other professionals, bank deposits, and funds generated through the hotel and restaurant industries that host FSC corporate meetings. Indirect benefits would be the cumulative effect that FSCs and other tax incentives have on attracting U.S. businesses to Guam.

Be it as it may, the writing is on the wall for FSCs as we now know it. Therefore, I am appealing to the Clinton Administration, particularly the Treasury Department, to offset the economic impact of today's legislation with the means necessary to allow the U.S. territories to promote economic self-sufficiency during any negotiations with the Congress on any final omnibus budget or tax package.

Apart from H.R. 3247, which would provide empowerment zones for the U.S. territories, I have worked closely with my colleagues to enact legislation that I authored which would level the playing field for foreign investors in Guam through the passage of the Guam Foreign Direct Investment Equity Act (H.R. 2462/S. 2983).

My legislation would provide Guam with the same tax rates as the fifty states under international tax treaties. Since the U.S. cannot unilaterally amend treaties to include Guam in its definition of united States, my bill amends Guam's Organic Act, which has an entire tax section that "mirrors" the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

As background, under the U.S. Code, there is a 30% withholding tax rate for foreign investors in the United States. Since Guam's tax law "mirrors" the rate established under the U.S. Code, the standard rate for foreign investors in Guam is 30%.

The Guam Foreign Direct Investment Equity Act provides the Government of Guam with the authority to tax foreign investors at the same rates as states under U.S. tax treaties with foreign countries since Guam cannot change the withholding tax rate on its own under current law. Under U.S. tax treaties, it is a common feature for countries to negotiate lower withholding rates on investment returns. Unfortunately, while there are different definitions for the term "United States" under these treaties, Guam is not included. Such an omission has adversely impacted Guam since 75% of Guam's commercial development is funded by foreign investors. As an example, with Japan, the U.S. rate for foreign investors is 10%. That means while Japanese investors are taxed at a 10% withholding tax rate on their investments in the fifty states, those same investors are taxed at a 30% withholding rate on Guam.

While the long term solution is for U.S. negotiators to include Guam in the definition of the term "United States" for all future tax treaties, the immediate solution is to amend the Organic Act of Guam and authorize the Government of Guam to tax foreign investors at the same rates as the fifty states. Other territories under U.S. jurisdiction have already remedied this problem through delinkage, their unique covenant agreements with the federal government, or through federal statute. Guam, therefore, is the only state or territory in the United States which is unable to take advantage of this tax benefit.

Section 3 of H.R. 2462, which I introduced last year, and has bi-partisan support, passed the House on July 25, 2000. Senators AKAKA and INOUE introduced a companion measure, S. 2983, on July 27, 2000.

As we consider today's measure on the repeal of FSCs, I simply ask that my colleagues support my legislation on equal tax treaty rates for Guam and I implore the Clinton Administration to also support such economic relief for the people of Guam. Please include equitable tax treatment for foreign investors in Guam during any final omnibus budget or tax package.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STEARNS). All time has expired.

The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARCHER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4986, as amended.

The question was taken.

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed until tomorrow.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE HERBERT H. BATEMAN, MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 573) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 573

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable Herbert H. Bateman, a Representative from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Resolved, That a committee of such Members of the House as the Speaker may designate, together with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of applicable accounts of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BLILEY) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness we are here today to honor our late colleague, Representative Herb Bateman of Newport News, Virginia. Herb represented the First District of Virginia, better known, as he used to say, as "America's First District," because

of the important role it has played in our Nation's history.

Herb lived to serve his country and fellow citizens. After receiving his bachelor of arts from the College of William and Mary in 1949, he taught at Hampton High School from 1949 to 1951.

Herb answered the call of duty by enlisting in the United States Air Force during the Korean War, eventually earning the rank of first lieutenant, and was discharged in 1953.

Herb attended law school and earned a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 1956. After a clerkship with the United States Court of Appeals in Washington, Herb joined a Newport News law firm, where he practiced for 25 years.

Prior to coming to Congress, Herb served 15 years in the Virginia Senate, where he gained a solid reputation for leadership and committee work on such diverse subjects as agriculture, energy, education, and the budget.

Herb will be remembered for the lifetime of service he gave to his country and his constituents. Herb dedicated his life in defense of our national security, because he realized America was the only true world superpower. He recognized America had global responsibilities, and he took America's responsibilities seriously because he worked tirelessly to ensure the naval superiority of the United States.

Herb's tireless efforts during his 18-year career in Congress helped preserve America's greatness, in which we all saw communism defeated and America stand as the last superpower. Herb's efforts behind the scenes helped to sustain his constituents working at Newport News Shipbuilding and the local military community.

Herb's long Congressional record included fighting for the authorization and construction of several aircraft carriers and submarines, including the U.S.S. *Ronald Reagan*, the U.S.S. *John C. Stennis*, the U.S.S. *Harry S. Truman*, and the Navy's next generation of aircraft carriers, 12 Los Angeles Class attack submarines and the new Virginia class submarines.

Herb's loss is truly a national loss. We mourn his loss as a House and as a Nation. I mourn his loss as a friend.

For Herb's family, we feel the loss his wife, Laura, and his two children, Bert and Laura, and his three grandchildren are enduring today.

A Nation is indebted to the unselfish work of Herb Bateman. You are in our prayers, and may God bless you and your family.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from the Fourth District of Virginia (Mr. SISISKY), a colleague of Herb's on the Committee on Armed Services.

Mr. SISISKY. Mr. Speaker, I have known Herb Bateman for many, many years. I served 9 years in the Virginia General Assembly with him, and, of course, 18 years in Congress. He was a great friend and a great leader for Virginia.

We will miss his leadership on the House Committee on Armed Services. He was a staunch advocate for the readiness of our Armed Forces, and he was a strong supporter of the shipbuilding industry, not only in Virginia, but throughout the United States.

One of the greatest reasons for his success and achievements was his bipartisanship. Make no mistake, Herb was a man of his party, but, even more than that, he was a great patriot, who first and foremost stood for this country.

He believed in a strong military and a strong Navy. He always understood the need for adequate training before sending our forces into harm's way. He was relentless in the pursuit of military excellence, and he could work with anybody on any side of an issue. He worked with the Depot Caucus and was fair and evenhanded with private and public employees. Most importantly, when meeting the challenges faced by this great country, party reality made no difference.

So we, personally, and this country will miss Herb Bateman. He had such a precise and logical way of thinking that sometimes listening to him was like hearing someone dictate a legal brief. But, most important, his sense of humor and the warmth of his friendship are things for which I will always be grateful.

He was a close friend of mine and, of course, my wife; and we extend heartfelt condolences to Laura and their family.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from the Tenth District of Northern Virginia, (Mr. WOLF).

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I join the fellow members of the Virginia delegation in remembering Herb Bateman, a true gentleman and a dedicated public servant.

I had been planning to come to the floor later this month to pay tribute to Herb, to talk about his long and distinguished record of service to Virginia and the Nation, and to wish him Godspeed as he retired from the Congress at the end of the session. His untimely passing yesterday reminds us all of our own mortality and how important it is to live our lives with honor and integrity and to make the most of every opportunity we have to serve our fellow men.

Herb Bateman lived his life that way. It was a privilege to serve with him the entire 18 years he was in Congress.

While we grieve today that Herb is no longer with us, we can find comfort in knowing that at the end of his days, he could hear the voice of God saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Herb loved being a Member of Congress. He was a decent, hard-working, and likeable man who reached across the aisle to work together for the best interests of America. He loved representing the people of Virginia's First Congressional District, and beamed with pride in calling his district "America's First District."

He worked tirelessly for his district. As Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Readiness, he was a diligent champion for the defense interests, not only of the Tidewater area of Virginia, which he represented, but for a strong defense for our Nation.

He was a protector of our national defense, and he initiated the practice of listening to the field commanders of our Armed Forces, the captains, the colonels, the majors, and not solely relying on the Pentagon brass to get the real picture of the Nation's defense. He worked to protect the welfare of the men and women in uniform and their families, and those who have retired from the service and their country.

Herb was deeply concerned about the deterioration of our military readiness; and if we can do anything to honor his memory, it would be to heed the warnings he gave about the need to invest in improving and maintaining our nation's defense readiness.

Herb worked for the commuters in the First District. Through a seat on the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, he focused on improving highways and bridges in Tidewater and in protecting the Chesapeake Bay.

This Congress, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and this Nation have lost a faithful servant and wonderful man, but our lives are forever enriched for having had Herb Bateman as our friend and colleague.

In closing, our deepest sympathies are extended to Congressman Bateman's family: his wife, Laura Yacobi Bateman; his daughter, Laura Margaret Bateman; his son, Herbert H. "Bert" Bateman, Jr., and his wife, Mary, and their three children, Emmy, Hank, and Sam; and also to his Congressional family, his staff here on Capitol Hill and in his district offices. We all share in your loss.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Newport News, Virginia (Mr. SCOTT), a member of the Virginia delegation who has had a long association with Congressman Bateman, who succeeded Congressman Bateman in the Virginia State Senate, and who now is with us in the House.

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues in the Virginia delegation and the House in support of the resolution and to praise Herb Bateman for his hard work and dedication to the constituents of the First Congressional District of Virginia, which he always referred to as "America's First District."

Herb and I served neighboring districts in the House, and during my service in the Virginia Legislature, he was either my State senator or my congressman, so we had many opportunities to work together to represent the interests of the residents of the Hampton Roads, Virginia area.

Having worked side-by-side, I can tell you that Herb Bateman was a decent, hard-working, and effective legislator.

During his many years of public service, he conscientiously promoted the needs of a district with a strong military and Federal presence.

As a Member of the Committee on Armed Services, he made military readiness and concerns of military families his highest priorities. Because of his total dedication, America enjoys a strong military, and school districts with a large military presence receive additional Federal funding through Impact Aid.

In the Hampton Roads area, we have been particularly grateful for Herb's leadership because we continue to build aircraft carriers and submarines. NASA budgets reflect a higher priority for the aeronautics research proudly done at NASA Langley Research Center, and the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility continues to excel.

The Virginia delegation is particularly saddened by Herb's passing. He was well thought of and highly respected by all of us. The delegation has always worked cooperatively and in a bipartisan fashion on issues affecting Virginia, and Herb steadfastly contributed to that spirit.

I want to extend my deepest sympathies to his wife Laura; his children, Laura and Bert; and his grandchildren, as well as to his staff in the Washington, D.C. and Newport News offices.

America's First District and the United States House of Representatives have lost a friend.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Rocky Mount, Virginia (Mr. GOODE).

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

Mr. GOODE. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to pay tribute to a valued friend, a patriot, a veteran Member of this body, a distinguished Virginian, and a devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

When someone dies, floods of thoughts and recollections about that individual come to mind. Such it was yesterday morning when I learned of Herb Bateman's passing. I remember vividly how Herb helped me over the years. When I was elected to the State Senate of Virginia, Herb gave me valuable insights into how the Senate worked and how I might work within the Senate to help my district. Four years ago when I came to this body, Herb was one of the first to extend his knowledge and guidance to help me on my way.

Herb Bateman loved this country. He enlisted in the Air Force during the Korean War and was discharged as a lieutenant. In the Senate of Virginia and the House of Representatives, Herb represented areas that have significant military installations. He worked tirelessly on behalf of a strong military and the needs of America's service men and women.

In the Senate of Virginia and in this the Congress of the United States, Herb

always worked for fiscal restraint, making the best use of money available.

It was he who sponsored legislation in the Senate of Virginia to establish J-LARC—the Joint, Legislative, Audit and Review Commission. This commission has served over the years to eliminate waste and abuse in Virginia government and to uncover overlapping in the work of agencies. J-LARC is the model upon which other states have created their own similar commissions.

Throughout his years of public service, Herb has been supported faithfully by his wife, Laura, and their union was blessed by two children, both of whom are grown and leading successful lives. And, the children have given Herb and Laura three grandchildren, who were the apples of Herb's eyes.

Herb, we will miss you. I will miss you. Be assured that the light of your legacy will continue to shine through your family and the many people whose lives you touched and guided.

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Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON).

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, this is a sad moment for me. I know it is a sad moment for Virginians, and it is a sad moment for Americans who serve in the Armed Forces of our country. Herb Bateman was a friend. He was a colleague. We served on the Committee on Armed Services together, and I saw him through the years apply his considerable knowledge and his considerable efforts in the pursuit of maintaining a strong national security. He was the chairman of the Subcommittee on Military Readiness and took that position quite seriously. We have, as a result, considerably more readiness; and the men and women of our uniformed services are all the better for his work.

Herb was a man of integrity, a man of knowledge, a man of ability who gave his country his best. We have enjoyed serving with him here in the Congress of the United States. We have enjoyed being his friend. My wife, Suzie, and I join with Members today in extending our sincere sympathy to his wife, Laura, and to his family, and to that very, very fine staff that he has, especially those who are across the hall from my office in the Rayburn Building. Our sympathy and condolences go out to them.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. COBLE).

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Virginia, my friend, for yielding me this time.

Just last week, Mr. Speaker, back on the back rail, I said to Herb, you will be missed, in response to his announced intention to retire from this body. He said, oh, I will be back. This tells us, Mr. Speaker, how fragile, how indefinite, how uncertain life can be.

As has been said by other speakers, Herb's congressional legacy will be for-

midable and impressive. One of his most salient contributions was his steadfast advocacy for a strong national defense. His district, after all, is home to one of the nerve centers of our defense community. I say to the gentleman from Richmond, Virginia (Mr. BLILEY), my friend, I fondly recall an occasion when I delivered the OCS graduation address at the Coast Guard Reserve Training Center in Yorktown, which is in Herb's district. After the ceremony, Herb came to me and said, I so much enjoy coming to this place. It is beautifully located on the banks of the York River, and Herb expressed such pride in that Coast Guard installation; but he was equally proud of all of the military installations in his district; and as has been indicated by the other speakers, they are numerous.

Herb was, indeed, proud of our defense family. He was proud of his district. He was proud of his State. I am not sure the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BLILEY) mentioned this, but he was, in fact, born in North Carolina. He may have said that early on. He was proud of this House, the people's House. Herb often referred to it in those words, the people's House, the Chamber closest to the people.

Finally, he was proud of his family. I know that my colleagues will join me in extending to Laura and Herb's children our expressions of sympathy during this time of their bereavement. I again thank the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BLILEY) for having taken this time out in honor of Herb.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Alexandria, Virginia (Mr. MORAN).

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the very distinguished gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BLILEY) for bringing forth this resolution to pay tribute to our friend and colleague, Herb Bateman.

Mr. Speaker, Herb was a quintessential Virginia gentleman. He was unfailingly polite and gracious to the people around him. He always had a kind word for Members and staff, and he was easy to approach on any issue that one needed to speak with him about. Herb embodied the spirit of civility and bipartisanship that we strive for but too seldom achieve. These personal qualities help to explain why Herb Bateman was so well liked on both sides of the aisle.

Beyond his simple decency, Herb was a very effective Member of Congress. He was particularly a champion for the Navy, for its shipbuilding program, for the men and women who serve in all of our Armed Forces. As a ranking member of the old House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, Herb was a forceful advocate for a strong U.S. merchant fleet and its role in our national security and economic livelihood. Generations of Virginians will long appreciate his work to promote economic development throughout our State, both as a Member of Congress and as a member of the Virginia State Senate.

I happened to host the congressional luncheon we had for the congressional delegation last week, last Thursday. Herb was the first one there. Every Member that came in, he greeted them warmly; he was fully cognizant of all of the issues that each of us was concerned about in our own districts. He was just a warm and terrific guy. He will be sorely missed, and we extend our condolences to Herb's wife, Laura, their children, and their many friends.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPENCE), the chairman of the Committee on Armed Services, a committee on which Herb served so faithfully.

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, it saddens me deeply to speak of the passing of our good friend and colleague, Herb Bateman. I have known him for a long time, he and his wife, Laura. We have traveled to many places together, experienced many things together. He meant a lot to me personally and to this Nation. Our Nation has lost a respected legislator and a stalwart defender of the men and women of our Armed Forces.

During Herb's time in the Congress, he devoted his full time and energy to addressing the needs of the United States military. Without exception, his actions always reflected his sense of duty to the United States and to our Armed Forces.

When I became Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services, one of the first acts on my part was to ask Herb to chair the Subcommittee on Military Readiness, and also a panel concerning our sea power. Under his leadership, the Subcommittee on Military Readiness has addressed countless difficult issues, including the declining state of the United States military readiness. One of his most enduring efforts as chairman of that subcommittee was a series of field hearings he held throughout the world on military readiness that he chaired in an effort to personally evaluate readiness problems throughout the force.

He went to the source of our problems and got it firsthand and brought it back to us and to our military and the Pentagon. Thanks largely to his efforts, the administration and the senior Pentagon leadership finally admitted to significant readiness problems in 1998. We owe a lot to Herb for doing that. As a Nation, we owe him thanks for his role in exposing the truth about our Nation's military.

As his friends and colleagues, we will miss him and mourn the passing of Herb Bateman. He touched the lives of thousands in his quest to improve our Nation's Armed Forces. Our country has lost a true patriot; our Congress and our committee will miss his counsel, and I have lost a good friend.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Roanoke, Virginia (Mr. GOODLATTE).

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman of our Virginia

delegation for yielding me this time and for bringing forth this resolution to pay tribute to my friend, Herb Bateman, who I have known for 20 years.

I first met Herb when he was a member of the Virginia Senate and campaigned for the Office of Lieutenant Governor of our State, and I remember meeting him in Roanoke 20 years ago and being impressed then with the conviction of his beliefs and his dedication to public service. Herb did not win that nomination for lieutenant governor; but shortly thereafter, with the election of Paul Tribble to the U.S. Senate, Herb ran for and won the election to the first congressional district seat. He was so honored to represent the people of that district, which he called not Virginia's First Congressional District, but because it included Jamestown and Williamsburg and Yorktown, he called it America's First Congressional District.

He was a man of great courage and convictions. I serve on the whip team here in the House, and Herb was one of the individuals that I would go to before every major vote to find out how he planned to vote and Herb always had a well-founded reason why he was voting for whatever it was that he was going to vote on, and an independent spirit and streak that made him more than happy to stand up and disagree with the majority on an issue if he felt it was straying from the principle that he felt should be adhered to. He was one that I was proud to go to for advice on many occasions, and he always took a deep interest in whatever it was that I was doing or other Members of the House were doing, and always tried to be helpful.

So I am going to miss my good friend, and I know everyone else here will as well, someone who stood up for our Nation's defenses, was a strong supporter of our space program, and a good friend to all of us.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON), the chairman of the Committee on Government Reform.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BLILEY) for bringing forth this resolution for our good friend, Herb Bateman.

Herb and I were elected to the Congress together back in 1982, and I can remember right down the hall the night that we had dinner with the leadership, the candlelight dinner with the Marine Violin Corps playing for us, and all of us who were elected, 26 Republicans at that time, how touched we were by being Members of the United States Congress for the first time in our lives. I remember Herb and Laura were really touched by the way we were received by the leadership and what a thrill it was for all of us to be Members of the 98th Congress of the United States.

Herb was very well aware of history, as has been mentioned by my colleagues. He was so proud that he represented the "First District of America" where Washington and Monroe and others came from and who later became President of the United States. He was a man of integrity. He was a man who, if he gave his word on anything, you could take it to the bank. Herb was not one of those guys that played both sides of the fence. He was a man of integrity, impeccable integrity, and one that all of us respected. He really had a grasp for the law; and when he came down here to speak in the well, we knew that he knew what he was talking about because he researched it very, very well and spoke from the heart.

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He spoke from the heart. He was always patriotic and concerned about what was best for America first.

One of the things about Herb that I liked was he loved the game of golf. He was not the best golfer in the world, but he sure did like it.

As a matter of fact, he and Laura and I were together the day before yesterday down at Leesburg playing golf, and we had a great time together and had dinner together. He was in good spirits. He went over to the hotel where we were going to stay for the night, and I can recall vividly as we checked in, I said, "Herb, we have to be up early tomorrow morning because the gentleman from California (Mr. PACKARD) is having an event and we have to be there at 8 o'clock." He said, "I will see you then. I will see you tomorrow." But unfortunately, he was not with us the next morning.

So all I can say in closing is that we have lost not only a great friend but a great American, a man who was above reproach, a man we all respected.

I would like to say to his wife and his family, to Laura and his family, we send our deepest sympathy to her, and we are going to miss Herb.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN), the chairman of the Committee on International Relations.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Virginia (Chairman BLILEY) for arranging this opportunity for us to pay our respects to our good friend, Herb Bateman.

It is with a great deal of sadness that I join my colleagues this evening in mourning the passing of a dear friend and a dedicated Member of the Congress, the gentleman from Virginia, Herb Bateman. Herb was first elected to Congress in 1982, but very quickly became known to all of us for his expertise in the field of military expenditures, and often reminded many of us of the need to do much more in that direction.

Representing the defense-dependent Tidewater region of Virginia, Herb's knowledge of the budgetary needs of

the Pentagon made significant invaluable contributions as chairman of the Committee on Armed Services' Subcommittee on Military Readiness.

It was Herb Bateman who began the practice of having field commanders testify directly before House committees, in addition to their Pentagon superiors, which has had a direct and lasting impact on the manner in which this body conducts its business.

Herb Bateman was also a senior member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, where he accomplished a great deal to make certain that the future of our Nation's commercial waterways was going to be attended to. As an Air Force veteran of the Korean War, Herb was well positioned to assume a leadership role in the field of military preparedness.

As a graduate of William and Mary College in his own region in Virginia, and as a graduate of Georgetown University Law School, Herb brought with him an extensive, impressive background with which to grapple the issues facing the Congress and our Nation.

Upon his discharge from the Air Force at the conclusion of the Korean War, Herb worked both as a practicing attorney and as a teacher, instilling in him both a love for the legal traditions and an appreciation of the importance of a strong education for our young people.

Herb brought with him to the Congress 15 years of experience in the Virginia State Senate. Legislative experience is an important aspect of congressional life today, as we all know. We are fortunate that Herb Bateman brought with him that kind of an insight into the legislative process.

My spouse, Georgia, joins with me in extending our heartfelt condolences to Herb's widow, Laura, with whom we traveled, both Herb and Laura, on many trips; to their daughter, Laura; to their son, Herb, Junior; to their daughter-in-law, Mary; and to their grandchildren, Emmy, Hank, and Sam. The Bateman family can console itself with the knowledge that many of us here in the House share their sense of loss, and that Herb Bateman was a true gentleman, an outstanding public servant who is going to long be missed.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. GILCREST).

Mr. GILCREST. Mr. Speaker, we rise here today to say good-bye to Congressman Herb Bateman, and to extend the depths of our condolences to Mrs. Bateman and to his family.

Mr. Bateman was known around here, the House floor, simply as Herb. He was a quiet statesman. I served on the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment with Herb, and also on the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and I can tell the Members that Herb was very generous with his opinions. In fact, I can tell the Members that there are few people who are more pleasantly opinionated than

Herb Bateman, and we endured and enjoyed each other's company through the legislative process.

But Herb was also generous with something else. This is what I will always remember him by. That is, his smile and his greeting on the House floor. When we came up to Herb, he would smile, put his hand on our shoulder, and say good morning, and then use our name. Then we would say good morning back.

Herb was, and will always be, a quiet statesman who has done great things for America.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Fairfax County, Virginia (Mr. DAVIS).

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great friend, statesman, and colleague from Virginia, Herb Bateman, who served this body with dignity, honor, and dedication since his election in 1982.

I first met Herb Bateman in the 1970s when he was a Democratic State Senator from Newport News and I was a young legislative aide in Richmond. I met him at a meeting where I was on staff and we were revising the Juvenile Code of Virginia.

I will never forget the first meeting. He said, "I don't know anything about this subject. They put me on it." Everybody else was instant experts in the room. At the end of the study, Herb Bateman wrote most of the revisions of the Code. He was a doer. He was a detailed legislator. He wanted to understand all the ramifications of what happened.

Many times when we would have tough votes here on the floor and we would go to Herb, he would talk about how things were being implemented, how the bill would affect different people, how it would play out, how it would work. Never did I hear him say, what are the politics of this? This was a man who rose above the politics of the moment. This body could use a few more people like him, who never engaged in the harsh partisanship that sometimes characterizes this body, particularly now that it is so closely divided.

Herb was a gentleman always, a great patriot. I will never forget his kind and valuable tutelage when I first came here to the House, his leadership on the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and of course, his leadership on military affairs, something many of my colleagues have spoken about here, and his undying support for the Newport News shipyard, where he was just a staunch defender here in the House of Representatives, and the teamwork with Senator WARNER I think has saved that institution and made it much of what it is today, through some very trying times.

On a political and ideological level there was much to learn from Herb: his fiscal conservatism, his commitment to restraining big government and protecting the taxpayers' interests. I will never forget, one year the national tax-

payer groups came out with a rating of what Member of Congress, not just in their votes but in the bills that they cosponsored, what was the total cost, and Herb Bateman was the frugalest of all of the Members.

Never one for fanfare, to put his name on a bill to get him votes here and there, he was always conscious this was the people's money, not his own money to spend. His record bore that out. It did in subtle ways, never with a big press release, but the groups that came in and examined this could confirm Herb's commitment to the taxpayer.

His unwavering support of a strong military and the men and women who dedicate their lives to protecting our Nation seemed to be a part of everything he did here. He was very concerned about what has happened to our military over the last decade. Always first and foremost in his mind is what can we do for defense.

There was his dedication to cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay, his leadership on these issues, and so much more.

I mourn his loss as a friend and colleague, but in truth, the loss of Herb Bateman is a loss to the national landscape. This body could use more legislators like Herb Bateman. More than just a Member of Congress, he will be remembered as a father, a husband, a teacher, an attorney, an Air Force lieutenant, defender of freedom around the world.

I want to extend my deepest sympathies to his wife, Laura, and their children. One of his sons is a Newport News city councilman today. I cannot tell the Members how very much I will miss this great man.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. RILEY).

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me, and for organizing this.

Mr. Speaker, when I first heard of Herb Bateman's death, it reminded me again never to put off things that we need to do today.

I have had the privilege of serving on Herb Bateman's subcommittee for the last 4 years. The one thing that I wanted to do before his retirement was have the opportunity to take Herb to lunch and thank him for all he has meant to me personally over the last 4 years.

Herb is one of those really unique people that I have met in life that I really think made me a better person, and I know made me a better Congressman. Herb had a way about him on our subcommittee. He had a way of working with new Members to make us feel comfortable, but to also teach us about dedication, teach us about patriotism.

Herb has been a great influence on my life and on the lives of so many other Congressmen here. I only wish that I had had the opportunity to take Herb and specifically tell him how much he has meant to me in my 4 years here.

I will miss Herb Bateman. Virginia has lost a great son. America has lost

a great patriot. I have lost a great friend. I want to tell Laura and the children and all of his family that we will continue to remember them in our prayers, and we thank them for the opportunity of knowing him.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Jacksonville, Florida (Mrs. FOWLER).

Mrs. FOWLER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to join my colleagues in paying tribute to an accomplished legislator, a genuine patriot, a true gentleman, and a valued friend. Representative Herb Bateman of Virginia departed this world yesterday, but his legacy will endure for many years to come.

Herb's life was one of distinguished public service. Upon graduation from the College of William and Mary, he enlisted in the Air Force and served during the Korean War. He went on to receive a law degree from Georgetown University, and served as a clerk with the United States Court of Appeals.

After returning to his hometown of Newport News, Virginia, to practice law, he ran for and secured a seat in the Virginia Senate, where he served for 15 years, and subsequently he ran for this great U.S. House of Representatives, serving for 9 successive terms.

During that time, Herb emerged as a leading supporter of our men and women in uniform, and a staunch defender of America's national security interests. As chairman of the Subcommittee on Military Readiness of the Committee on Armed Services, on which I served, his judicious approach, his gentlemanly demeanor, his careful attention to detail, and his strong hand helped that subcommittee navigate often rocky shoals.

His chairmanship of the subcommittee in the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure was marked by a similar focus and dedication. Herb's unshakable commitment to our Nation's servicemen and women, ensuring their readiness, enhancing their working conditions, and improving their quality of life, was a lodestar for our committee.

Much public discussion of late has focused on the readiness challenges facing our military personnel, and this Congress has been moved to augment the resources available to our military to address those woes. Much of the credit for that belongs to Herb Bateman.

As one who served with Herb on both the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and who was fortunate to get to travel with Herb and his wife, Laura, on several occasions and get to know them really well personally, I am truly going to miss him deeply.

Our Nation, the commonwealth of Virginia, and his constituents in the First District have lost a true statesman and a strong champion. I extend my most heartfelt sympathies to

Laura, to his children, Herbert Junior, and to Laura, and his beloved grandchildren, whom I know he cherished most of all.

Herb, we will truly miss you.

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Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. PICKETT).

Mr. PICKETT. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness and grief that I rise in this Chamber today. Herb Bateman was a long-time friend, and someone I enjoyed working with. We began working together when he was in the State Senate and I was in the House of Delegates in the General Assembly of Virginia. I also had the occasion to work with him in the practice of law.

Herb was a talented, thoughtful person who believed that the public's business should be conducted in an open and an objective forum with dignity and respect, both for the process and the individuals participating in it.

He was a thoughtful and articulate man who presented his views with eloquence in a logical, persuasive, and convincing way. But he was not only a knowledgeable and effective advocate, he loved his family and was generous and firm in his support.

He and his wife, Laura, were an entertaining and engaging couple. They were great companions and loved to travel and played golf. They were both genteel and understanding in their friendship and in their willingness to support and help others in times of adversity.

Herb Bateman was a man of character and stature who earned our respect and left a record of hard work and accomplishment. He will be missed by his friends, but he will also be missed by his community, his State, and his Nation.

Herb was a man of ideas and vision. For more than 25 years it was my pleasure to work with him on legislative issues in the General Assembly of Virginia and in the House of Representatives of the United States. I will miss his comfortable friendship, his wise counsel, and his dedicated leadership.

I extend my profound sympathies and condolences to his family with the knowledge that God's grace will see them through this difficult period.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Chief Deputy Whip.

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Virginia for yielding to me and for taking time to recognize the great service today of our friend, Herb Bateman. Herb, in so many ways, served our country so well, as a Member of the General Assembly, as a Member of the Congress, as a serviceman during the Korean War, and felt so strongly about our country and felt so strongly about his State and felt so strongly about our institutions.

When Herb Bateman talked about the First District, he did not like to talk

about Virginia's First District, he liked to talk about America's First District, as he really enjoyed the tremendous heritage of Newport News and Williamsburg and the great foundation building of our country.

I was able to work with Herb as we worked hard to make some arrangements that helped preserve the original, the boyhood home of George Washington, Ferry Farm, in his district.

Recently we were talking about what we could do to more appropriately honor the memory of James Monroe whose law office was in Fredricksburg in his district.

I had a chance to be part of the delegation to the NATO Parliament with Herb Bateman, a group that is headed by the gentleman from Virginia (Chairman BLILEY) as the president of that group. Herb's support of our country was always so strong and so well presented in those forums where people from other countries came together. He was a man of gentle persuasion, but a man of strong feelings; and he was a man who enjoyed life.

As we talk at my house about our good friends, Herb Bateman and Laura Bateman, we always talk about the superlatives he was able to use to describe almost every event or every day or every happening or every friendship. I do not know that I was ever around anybody who would more frequently use words like magnificent and fantastic and splendid to describe what we have as Americans or to describe his opportunities.

I am glad to be able to join with those here today who remember him as we will continue to work for civil aviation and research and the military in his memory in the remainder of this Congress and the years ahead.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA).

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BLILEY) for yielding me the time and for introducing a resolution on a very special man.

Herb Bateman represented the First District of Virginia. Well, he is first in the hearts of the people of this Congress and the people of his district and the people of his Nation.

Herb served for 30 years in elective office and then very reluctantly, because of his health, said this would be his last term. Little did he realize it would be his last opportunity to be with his family, with his wonderful wife, Laura, and all of his family and friends, to just relax and not worry about schedules.

He was, in the truest sense, a gentleman who was a patriot. He served in the military. He, in Congress, paid attention to those issues. He was also a gentleman in terms of how he treated others. He was always very fair and compassionate with a sense of humor, the kind of thing that we need, as Lincoln said, to bring out the better angels of our nature; and Herb Bateman did that.

We will all miss him. I hope that we will all look to him as a role model, particularly when we deliberate issues and recognize that there are issues that really require us to all come together.

So to Laura and to his family, he will live on in love. We will miss him.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from California (Mr. PACKARD).

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I did not come here to the floor with the intention of speaking, but I could not help but participate in this discussion to honor Herb Bateman and his wife and family. They came to Congress with me. We were classmates together. We quickly became very close friends. My wife, Jean, and Laura Bateman became close friends quickly. I have been into his district many, many times, at least once a year, and saw the love and the appreciation that his constituency had for him and the work that he was doing.

But he was one of those who I would consider one of the real gentleman of the Congress. He got along with both sides of the aisle. He worked with all people. He was gentle in his approach. He was my kind of a gentleman in the Congress. He was a statesman. I learned to love him a great deal and appreciate the work he has done and his commitment and loyalty to America and the principles that we stand for. He will be sorely missed.

I was shocked yesterday to find that he was scheduled to be involved in an event that I was sponsoring only to find that he was taken to the hospital and later died. I want to pay tribute to him as a gentleman, a man of conviction, as a great American, and one that I love dearly.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BUYER).

Mr. BUYER. Mr. Speaker, while it deeply saddens me to stand in the well here to pay tribute to my dear friend and former colleague, Mr. Bateman, I can do so with fond memories, as I pass the love and thoughts and prayers from Joni and my family to Laura and Herb's family.

It is individuals like Herb Bateman that give the American system of government, indeed this legislative body, honor, dignity and respect. His character embodied by faith, hard work, discipline and commitment serve as an example to us all.

He distinguished himself with a sense of justice and sound judgment. He was known for his superior knowledge, ethics, and both physical and moral courage. Above else, he was a man of integrity.

As a Member of Congress, he possessed the political prowess and saviness that is necessary in the legislative process. But he did it to help ensure this Nation's military readiness was the best in the world.

As a young veteran in Korea, in the war, he demonstrated the unselfish commitment and sacrifice, like many of our great forefathers that have come before us.

As a colleague, he was a mentor and confidant and a true inspiration as I served with him, junior, on the Committee on Armed Services. Most importantly, though, he was a friend; and he will be missed.

Many of us shared Herb's values and beliefs of duty, honor, and courage; commitments to God, country, and family and our fellow man. He will be greatly missed but his legacy will live on.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ORTIZ).

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

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, with a heavy heart, I rise and support this resolution before the House today to commemorate the life and service of our colleague, Herb Bateman and, at this time, would like to offer my condolences to his lovely wife, Laura; his children; and his grandchildren.

I will never forget the special memories I made with Herb when we were in Europe just a few weeks ago. We were of the legislative delegation visiting our troops in Scotland, Italy, and Germany. As always, Herb was investigating whether the people in the field were getting the equipment which we had paid for.

In Herb's service, one of the things that always impressed me was the attitude towards the soldier in the field.

This institution can be rightly proud that the Chairman of our Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Readiness, of which I was his ranking man, was led by a man so completely immersed in the needs of the everyday soldier and sailor in the military.

He was an effective advocate for the interests of his district, to be sure, but that quiet advocacy was always applied to seeing to the basic needs of those who wear our military's uniform.

Herb was a real gentleman. Again, to his friends and family, Laura, I offer my condolences.

Herb was a real gentleman, and he treated people with great respect—from presidents to generals to Capitol Hill staffers to new recruits in the field.

While he was a Republican and I am a Democrat, our partisan affiliations never affected how we went about our work.

One of the things that I loved most about Herb was the way he conducted his business without partisan rife.

When the defense authorization bill was in conference, he was always careful to tend to the needs of individual members on the committee—which I appreciated very much.

We did business the same way that way—the national defense of the United States is not a partisan endeavor.

Neither of us are strident partisans, and working toward a larger purpose on our national defense was our common goal.

When we were in the field, he was dogged about seeing that the taxpayer's money was well spent.

Tonight, I am thinking about my friend, Herb Bateman, but my sympathies are with his beautiful family, particularly his lovely wife Laura.

Laura always traveled with Herb and I got to know them as a couple, away from the rigors of Capitol Hill and the legislative grind we face each day.

There will be one legacy that should be forever associated with Herb Bateman—his passion and his commitment to keeping the troops who wear the uniform of the United States ready for war.

Together, we tackled a host of issues that affected the readiness of the U.S. military.

I hope that in Herb's memory, this chamber can celebrate the non-partisan patriotism that his example brought to us.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER) who leads our delegation to the North Atlantic Assembly, with whom Herb traveled frequently.

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

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, when the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BLILEY) called my office yesterday to inform me of the passing from this life of our colleague Herbert Bateman, my wife Louise and I were shocked and profoundly saddened by his departure from this life, and we want to convey to Laura Bateman and to the family of the Batemans and their close friends our most sincere condolences.

Herbert Bateman is one of those colleagues that I had great pleasure to serve with. He was, in the modern sense of the word, a patriot. He took great pride in representing the people of the First Congressional District of Virginia. So much profound historical importance, so many important personalities came from that part of Virginia that our friend Herb never tired of citing the examples for us to live up to as a result of the heritage of the District that he represented.

It is true, as mentioned by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BLILEY) that, in fact, Herbert Bateman was a very active, a very involved Member of the delegation that met with the North Atlantic Assembly, now called the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. He represented the House very well in that capacity, as I am sure he did in all of his activities, especially the Committee on Armed Services, which was very important to Herb, very important to his District.

I admired Herb Bateman for many, many reasons, but among them is the fact that he would, after examining an issue, be true to his commitments. Herb could be the only person voting for an issue if he felt that was the right way to vote.

When one says integrity, when one says conviction, with respect to Herb Bateman, that is not an exaggeration. He provided great service to his District. He provided an example for all of

us to live up to in the course of our service here in the U.S. House of Representatives.

We will miss greatly Herb Bateman. I wish he had had a chance to enjoy his retirement which was upcoming. I know he thought he spent his time well here, and so did all of us.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. ROGERS).

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, when they write the book on the model congressman, I think Herb Bateman should be chapter one. Here is a gentleman who, although soft spoken most of the time, when he saw a wrong-headed position being taken or he saw the Nation's interest being flaunted, there could be no more forceful speaker than Herb Bateman. We have all seen him in our caucus and on this very floor. He would take the floor infrequently, but when he did, we knew something was on his mind, and he spoke it very, very well; and he was forceful.

He was a man, a Representative who I think, in the truest sense of that word, represented his people extremely well here in this body. He paid attention to the needs of his people back home. He knew their problems. He worked their problems. He tended to his people's business here in a most efficient way. He truly was a representative of his people.

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Then on national issues, Herb was one of the House's experts on military matters, of course a very forceful advocate for a strong national defense in the Committee on Armed Services and on the floor of this body, and indeed, as the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER) has said, in places like the NATO Council and the international bodies that he attended overseas, representing this House and representing our country in a most effective and heartfelt way.

There is no more reasonable person than Herb Bateman. There can also be a Herb Bateman that could let you know exactly how he felt from the tip of his toes all the way up. This body will miss this great statesman. We will miss this personal friend. We wish for Laura and the family all the very best.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. HASTINGS).

(Mr. HASTINGS of Florida asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, when I came to Congress in 1992, among the first committees that I had the pleasure of serving on was the Merchant Marine Committee; and at that time Herb Bateman was the ranking member.

I knew very little about the process, and it may come as a surprise to some that a person like Herb would take time to walk me through a number of

the issues that were critical both to Virginia and the State of Florida.

I join our colleagues in offering condolences to his family. I got to know him in the way that he is, a quietly effective person who, obviously, is a tremendous patriot and statesman and will be missed by all of us here in this Congress.

I am grateful that I had the pleasure of getting to know such a distinguished gentleman as Herbert Bateman.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. REYES).

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

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Virginia for yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, during these difficult times where we truly understand the relationship that we have with each other, whether or not we agree politically, whether or not we sit on the same side of the aisle, I had the opportunity to learn from Herb Bateman, an individual who served this country in so many different ways.

Earlier when I found out that he was in fact going to be retiring at the end of this term, I asked him, I said, Herb, how do you know when it is time to retire? He said, "Every individual knows individually when it is time to go. For me, I want to go home and I want to spend time with my family and with Laura."

This evening, as we pay tribute to Herb, I want Laura and his two children and his grandchildren to know that Herb was a man that we all deeply respected, a man that we loved, and that, although at times we might have disagreed with him politically, we are truly all in this together, and we feel your loss every bit as much as you do.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. WELDON), a member of the Committee on Armed Services.

(Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in shock and disbelief. I never would have imagined last Wednesday and Thursday as we sat on the conference committee between the House and the Senate working out the differences between our two bills on defense sitting next to Herb Bateman, where Herb was aggressively vocal on issues that were important to our military personnel, important to the readiness of our troops, that we would be eulogizing today Herb on the floor.

Just 6 short weeks ago, Herb and Laura were guests of ours in Philadelphia at the convention where we entertained 100 Members of Congress for the entire week at our former military base. Herb was in great spirits and looking forward to his retirement so he

could spend more time with his family. He was planning the kinds of things that he was going to do when he no longer had the pressures that are obvious here in this body.

Unfortunately, today we have to acknowledge Herb's leadership and his passing and he never got to enjoy that retirement with his wife and his family. But what a legacy Herb left for all of us.

He was the ultimate in terms of what a Member of Congress should be. He had integrity. He was hard working. There was not a dishonest bone in his body. He was dedicated both to his Virginia district, but he also was dedicated to the people of America who serve in uniform. He was always looking for the right way to make sure that our troops who were serving around the world were properly prepared and trained and protected to represent this great Nation.

Herb was the consummate Member of Congress. When he got into an issue, you knew that Herb would stay with that issue because he believed it to be the right issue and the right side of that position whether or not our party was for it or against it. Herb had conviction.

Herb was someone you could always count on to be presenting the right thing in terms of our military but for other groups. He was a strong supporter of our fire and EMS community, looking for ways to help support the volunteers and the paid firefighters down in Virginia and around the country. He was someone who all of us could use as a role model, as I did for the years that I have served in this body, having first met Herb as a junior member of both the Merchant Marine Committee and the Committee on Armed Services.

He will be sadly missed. And to Laura and his family, we say, Laura, our thoughts and our prayers are with you. Herb has done a great deed, and he truly is a statesman.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. TANNER).

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, when Betty Ann and I came to Congress in 1989, Herb and Laura were some of the first people we met. I was on the Committee on Armed Services at the time. And he was a good and decent man. More than that, he was a gentleman and a friend to me, he and Laura to Betty Ann and I.

We traveled many times on CODELS to the NATO meetings with I see the gentleman from Nebraska (Chairman BEREUTER) over there and the gentleman from Virginia (Chairman BLILEY). And I could just simply go on and on.

I am going to say this about Herb Bateman: he looked for the best in others, and he gave us the best he had. He always put his constituents and his country first. And if there were more Members of Congress like Herb Bateman, this place would be a better place

and our country would be the better for it.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. EHLERS).

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

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to speak about Herb Bateman, although, there is little I can add to all that has been said already.

I am a junior Member of this body and have not worked with him for long. But I have been with him on the Committee on Transportation and the Infrastructure and always appreciated his forthrightness, his capability, and the attitude with which he attacked the work, particularly that work dealing with the military.

But, in addition to that, I do have to say that Herb was the consummate Virginia gentleman. I always found him to be extremely gentlemanly, very helpful, very thoughtful, very thorough.

My best knowledge of him comes from the trips we have taken to Europe as part of the NATO parliamentary assembly that has been ably led by the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER). Herb was a regular on those trips, along with his wife Laura; and he always had a major contribution to make.

He was much more diplomatic than I am, because I tend to ask very direct questions and hope for direct answers; but Herb was at his best in dealing with individuals from foreign countries. He would ask those same questions and, hidden underneath the way he asked it, it was still a very direct question; but asked in a very diplomatic and very statesman-like way. In his behavior, in his actions, and particularly in his interaction and questioning with leaders from foreign countries.

I will never forget the lessons that I have learned from him. I deeply appreciated Herb in all aspects of his life that I dealt with him. It is with great sorrow that I learned about his demise this past week.

I certainly wish his family, and especially Laura, God's blessings and comfort at this sad time; and I can only say that Herb was a wonderful man and you can be proud of him as a husband, father, and grandfather.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the House of Representatives suffered an enormous loss yesterday with the death of our colleague Herb Bateman. Herb was the consummate gentleman and a fine American. I had the honor to serve with him for the past fifteen years and have never known a more caring and capable Member.

Herb's list of accomplishments is seemingly never ending. Here are just a few examples of Herb's contribution to this body and this country. As a member of the Military Readiness Subcommittee and the House Merchant Marine Panel, Herb was a leader in helping America make the right decisions in regard to commercial and defense related maritime

issues. He was instrumental in the clean-up of the Chesapeake Bay, bringing more than \$200 million from the federal government to preserve the Bay. Finally, Herb always held steadfast in his fiscal discipline and I have long admired his work on behalf of the nation's taxpayers.

America also lost one of its cherished veterans yesterday. Herb enlisted in the Air Force during the Korean War and for his service, we owe him a debt of gratitude.

My heart and my prayers go out today to Herb's wife Laura, his two children and his extended family. My thoughts also go out to the citizens of the First District of Virginia, to which Herb affectionately referred as "America's First District." They will sorely miss his outstanding leadership.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened yesterday to hear of the death of my longtime colleague, Herb Bateman. I had the pleasure of serving with Herb on the former Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee from the beginning of his first term in Congress in 1983 until the Committee was dissolved in 1995, and since that time on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Having seen his work firsthand on these Committees, I can tell you that the United States maritime and shipbuilding industries have had no greater friend. He not only received the Propeller Club of the United States Maritime Industry Salute to Congress Award in 1995, but after announcing his retirement earlier this year, he was awarded the first ever Herbert H. Bateman Award by the American Shipbuilding Association and the Helen Delich Bentley Award by the Propeller Club of the Port of Washington. In his own district, he worked hard to see that the port of Hampton Roads remained competitive, and introduced legislation, which ultimately became law, to deepen the channels there to 55 feet.

During his tenure on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, he served as the Ranking Member of the Oceanography and Merchant Marine Subcommittees. On the Oceanography Subcommittee, he successfully shepherded through legislation that created the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Chesapeake Bay Office, and authorized the Sea Grant oyster disease research program. That research has led to the first small steps that are now being taken to restore oyster populations in the Chesapeake Bay. Much of that work is being done at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science at Gloucester Point. On the Merchant Marine Subcommittee, he authored legislation that established the National Shipbuilding Initiative.

During his freshman term, he served on the Science Committee where he worked to support the interests of the space and aeronautical programs at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia. His wife of 46 years, Laura Yacobi Bateman, worked at Langley before their marriage. He also used those two years to assure that the Department of Energy's Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility would be located in Newport News, Virginia. He was successful in that effort, and the completed facility is now conducting cutting edge research that will help us understand the most basic structure of the physical world. He also led the efforts to rename the facility for his personal political hero,

and it is now the Thomas Jefferson National Laboratory.

For the last 16 years, he served on the Armed Services Committee. On that Committee, he served as the ranking member of the Military Personnel Subcommittee for three terms, and later as the Chairman of the Military Readiness Subcommittee. He also chaired the Armed Services Committee panels on Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the Merchant Marine. In addition to working to assure that U.S. troops were treated fairly, and that the readiness of U.S. forces was maintained, Herb fought to secure construction of new nuclear aircraft carriers and new attack submarines. The construction of these vessels not only meant jobs for the largest employer in his district, Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, but more importantly assured our ability to project force throughout the world, when needed, and to protect our shores from attack.

While he served on the Committee, two attack submarines were named for the two largest cities in his district, Hampton and Newport News. He was very proud that Laura served as the sponsor of the U.S.S. *Hampton*, which was named for her hometown. In keeping with maritime tradition, she conferred luck on the vessel by christening it on the first swing of the champagne bottle. The U.S.S. *Newport News* was named after Herb's hometown, where he had moved to as a child.

Herb also worked to protect the numerous other military facilities in his district, and was proud that none were closed during the base closing process. The facilities in his district included the Army Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Monroe, the Army Transportation Command at Fort Eustis, the Naval Weapons Center at Dahlgren, the Aegis Training Center at Wallops Island, on Army training facility at Fort A.P. Hill, and Langley Air Force Base in Hampton. Not only did he support military facilities when in Congress, but he also served in the Armed Forces as an Air Force intelligence officer.

Herb was proud to represent Virginia's First Congressional District, which he liked to call "America's First District". The district included not only Jamestown, where American representative government was founded, but also Williamsburg where America's democratic tradition was nurtured and matured, and Yorktown where our country's freedom was finally won. During his first term, a resolution that he sponsored was adopted to commemorate the signing of the Treaty of Paris that formally ended the Revolutionary War. In fact, Herb was honored to represent the U.S. Congress when he joined the Speaker of the British House of Commons, the Honorable Betty Boothroyd, in 1994 to celebrate the 375th Anniversary of the first meeting of an elected representative body in North America, the Virginia House of Burgesses. The House of Burgesses was the predecessor of the Virginia State Senate where Herb served from 1968 until he came to Congress.

At different times, his district also included the James River plantations, the birthplaces of both George Washington and Robert E. Lee, and many Civil War battlefields. These include sites of the two Peninsula campaigns, Chancellorsville, the Wilderness, and the battle of Fredricksburg. He was successful in gaining Federal assistance for the privately-owned George Washington childhood home

site, and funds to acquire additional historic property that was threatened by inappropriate development at the Fredricksburg and Spotsylvania National Battlefield Parks, and adjacent to the Colonial National Parkway.

In addition to the founding of Jamestown, and the defeat of Cornwallis at Yorktown, another major historic event occurred in the waters just off the Virginia Peninsula, the battle of the Monitor and Merrimac, or as the confederates called it, the Virginia. This one-day battle changed the course of Naval warfare forever. Unfortunately, the Monitor was lost soon afterward off the coast of North Carolina. The Monitor was located in 1972, and became the first United States National Marine Sanctuary. The Sanctuary headquarters is located at the Mariners' Museum only a few blocks from Herb and Laura's Newport News home. At Herb's request, Congress required the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to prepare a report on the long-term conservation of the MONITOR. As a result of that study, a multi-year project is underway to stabilize the wreck, and recover, conserve, and display historically significant portions of the vessel. I am sure Herb will be pleased to know that these important historic artifacts will be protected and displayed so near his home.

Also near his home is the Monitor-Merrimac Memorial Bridge Tunnel. He helped secure the funds and permits for this important transportation project as well as the widening of the Coleman Bridge and I-95 improvements in the rapidly growing northern part of the district.

In addition to its military, historic and scientific research facilities, Herb's district includes important natural features. He represented most of Virginia adjacent to the Chesapeake Bay, including much of the James, York, Rappahannock and Potomac Rivers. His district also includes the last significant chain of underdeveloped barrier islands which run along the Atlantic Coast from Chincoteague to Cape Charles. These islands lie off the Eastern Shore of Virginia, a rural area of great natural beauty that Herb was particularly proud to serve. In addition to supporting funding for the federal Chesapeake Bay Program, he also authored legislation that was adopted by Congress to create the Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge, supported the creation of the Rappahannock National Wildlife Refuge, and successfully sought funds to expand the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. This year, Congress is expected to approve funds he sought to begin construction of a new education and administrative center on Chincoteague, one of the most frequently visited refuges in the country. Herb also authored legislation to ban the use of highly toxic tributyltin paints in shallow waters. That ban has now been in effect for over a decade.

Herb was educated and worked in the historic areas he was so proud to represent. After attending Newport News High School, he, like Thomas Jefferson, graduated from the College of William and Mary. While in the Air Force, he completed a law degree at Georgetown University Law School at night. After leaving the Service, he joined the Newport News, Virginia, law firm of Jones, Blechman, Woltz and Kelly. He retired from the firm as a partner when he was elected to Congress. After coming to Congress, he received an honorary doctorate from his alma mater in 1997. He also received an honorary degree from Christopher

Newport College in 1992 and Mary Washington College in 1999.

This is not a comprehensive list of Herb's work and achievements during his time in Congress, but it shows you how his life and work were intertwined with the parts of tide-water Virginia that he so ably represented for 18 years. I know his constituents will miss him, and it saddens me to think that he will not be able to enjoy the retirement that he planned to begin in January. My sympathy goes out to Laura, his children Bert and Laura, Bert's wife Mary, and Herb's beloved grandchildren, Emmy, Hank and Sam.

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, Herb Bateman was more than an outstanding Congressman. He was an outstanding American and a fine gentleman. We contributed mightily to his District, his state and the nation. He served together on the Transportation and Infrastructure committee where his wise advice was sought and followed. We travelled together on several Delegation trips around the world, and he and his wife, Laura, were a delight to be with.

America is less bright today because of the passing of my friend and colleague, Herb Bateman. But America is better today because of his life. May he rest in peace.

Mr. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness and a heavy heart that I come to the floor to pay tribute to our colleague, Congressman Herb Bateman of Virginia.

Herb was a great gentleman and an excellent Congressman. Herb spent much of his life dedicated to the career of public service, serving his country in the United States Air Force during the Korean War, representing the people of Virginia in the Virginia State Senate for 15 years, and representing the First Congressional District of Virginia in the United States Congress for 18 years.

Herb was a man of honor and integrity who was respected by colleagues on both sides of the aisle. He fought for the principles of the people he represented, and he never wavered in those efforts. I am honored to have had the opportunity to work with Herb Bateman over the past four years. He was a good friend and a great Congressman. The United States House of Representatives was a better place with the service of Herb Bateman. I know that I share the entire sentiment of the Congress in offering the condolences of the Congress to Herb's family and friends. He will be sorely missed by all of us.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on House Resolution 573.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHAW). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to recommit was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

XX, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

- H.R. 2090, by the yeas and nays;
- H.R. 4957, by the yeas and nays;
- H.R. 3632, by the yeas and nays;
- H.R. 4583, by the yeas and nays; and
- S. 1374, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

EXPLORATION OF THE SEAS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 2090, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SAXTON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2090, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 390, nays 8, not voting 35, as follows:

[Roll No. 460]

YEAS—390

Abercrombie	Cardin	Everett
Aderholt	Carson	Ewing
Allen	Castle	Farr
Andrews	Chambliss	Fattah
Archer	Clayton	Fletcher
Armey	Clement	Foley
Baca	Clyburn	Forbes
Bachus	Coble	Ford
Baird	Coburn	Fossella
Baker	Collins	Fowler
Baldacci	Combest	Frank (MA)
Baldwin	Condit	Frelinghuysen
Ballenger	Cook	Frost
Barcia	Cooksey	Gallegly
Barrett (NE)	Costello	Ganske
Barrett (WI)	Cox	Gejdenson
Bartlett	Coyne	Gekas
Barton	Cramer	Gephardt
Bass	Crane	Gibbons
Bentsen	Cubin	Gilchrest
Bereuter	Cummings	Gillmor
Berkley	Cunningham	Gilman
Berman	Danner	Gonzalez
Berry	Davis (FL)	Goode
Biggart	Davis (IL)	Goodlatte
Bilbray	Davis (VA)	Goodling
Bilirakis	Deal	Gordon
Bishop	DeFazio	Goss
Blagojevich	DeGette	Graham
Bliley	Delahunt	Granger
Blumenauer	DeLauro	Green (TX)
Blunt	DeLay	Green (WI)
Boehner	DeMint	Greenwood
Bonior	Deutsch	Gutierrez
Bono	Diaz-Balart	Gutknecht
Boswell	Dickey	Hall (OH)
Boucher	Dicks	Hall (TX)
Boyd	Dingell	Hansen
Brady (PA)	Dixon	Hastings (FL)
Brady (TX)	Doggett	Hastings (WA)
Brown (FL)	Dooley	Hayes
Brown (OH)	Doolittle	Hayworth
Bryant	Doyle	Hefley
Burr	Dreier	Heger
Burton	Duncan	Hill (IN)
Buyer	Dunn	Hill (MT)
Callahan	Edwards	Hilleary
Calvert	Ehlers	Hilliard
Camp	Ehrlich	Hinchey
Canady	Emerson	Hinojosa
Cannon	English	Hobson
Capps	Etheridge	Hoefel
Capuano	Evans	Hoekstra