

S. 1756. An act to enhance the ability of the National Laboratories to meet Department of Energy missions, and for other purposes.

S. 2686. An act to amend chapter 36 of title 39, United States Code, to modify rates relating to reduced rate mail matter, and for other purposes.

S. 2804. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 424 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, as the "John Brademas Post Office".

S. 3062. An act to modify the date on which the Mayor of the District of Columbia submits a performance accountability plan to Congress, and for other purposes.

S. Con. Res. 145. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress on the propriety and need for expeditious construction of the National World War II Memorial at the Rainbow Pool on the National Mall in the Nation's Capitol.

MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 19, 1999, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 30 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to not to exceed 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. FRANK) for 5 minutes.

U.S. SHOULD BE RESPONSIVE TO ISRAELI POSITION IN MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I am here to express my disagreement with the decision of the President of the United States to have the United States abstain on a resolution that was unfairly critical of the State of Israel in the U.N. Security Council. I recognize that the administration worked hard using the threat of a veto to make that resolution less obnoxious, but it was still mistaken, and I want to express why I think so.

It was mistaken on two levels. First of all, on its own terms it was unfair. Yes, Israeli forces and Jewish residents of Israel have in this terrible turmoil, some of them, done things they should not have done. Violence is not easily controllable. But there have also been terrible acts of violence, unjustified and provoked, on the part of the Palestinians, and, in Lebanon, on the part of Hezbollah, and a resolution which puts all the blame on one side when there are mistakes made on both sides is wrong.

But it is even more inaccurate and inadequate because it focuses too much on the tactical and not on the central point. The central point is that the government of Israel has been for the past year engaged in the most forthcoming peace offers in the history of the Middle East, and the tragedy is that this outreach on the part of the Israeli government to make peace on

several fronts has been so overwhelmingly rejected.

We had the spectacle of an Israeli withdrawal in Lebanon which the Arab states had long called for being treated almost as if it were a further error by Israel. The effort by Israel to be conciliatory there brought the worst kind of brutal reaction.

With regard to the Palestinians, let us be clear what the situation is. Fifty-two years ago, when the U.N. declared that there should be two states in the area, a Jewish state and a Palestinian state, the overwhelming reaction of the Arabs was to reject that and to seek to destroy the Jewish state. Over the ensuing years, Israel was forced time and again to defend itself. In the course of that effort, it grew. It grew to try to get more defensible borders; but in every case, it was acting in self-defense.

What then happened was the government of Prime Minister Barak decided to build on previous peacemaking efforts of the government of Begin and of others and tried to make an ultimate agreement with the Palestinians, and the Barak government went further in its offer than anyone thought it was possible for the Israeli society to support. Israel is a democracy, and you need public support. But they obviously felt, those in power in Israel, and I commend them for it, that it was worth some extra push to try to get peace.

Unfortunately, the result apparently was not simply a rejection of the specific offer with the wholly unrealistic demand that a democratically elected government of Israel give up physical and legal sovereignty over parts of Jerusalem, an impossibility, but also now with an assault on the government of Israel by the Palestinians, which we are told is motivated by a distrust of the peace process, by a denial of Israel's legitimacy.

We are not here talking about tactical issues. We are not talking about a reaction by the decision of Ariel Sharon to be provocative, and I wish he had not decided to be provocative, but he had a legal right to do that, and certainly the reaction to it is not now a reaction to Ariel Sharon's visit; it is a manifestation of great hostility on the part of much of the Arab world to the very existence of Israel, and that is the ultimate tragedy.

Some in Israel and elsewhere thought the Barak government went too far in its efforts. I think the current situation vindicates them in this sense: it may well be that what we are seeing is an outburst of hostility towards the very existence of Israel as a Jewish state that was there and was going to come in any case. Had it come a couple of years ago, there would have been people saying, well, the Israelis should have been willing to try to make peace.

When it comes now, with the Barak government having been so forthcoming, so conciliatory, and, remember, we are talking here about a state

which was forced to defend itself in a war, which gained some territory in those self-defense wars, and is now voluntarily giving up much of that territory, I do not think there is an example in history of a nation forced to defend itself and picking up adjacent territory being as conciliatory as the Israelis have been. And if in fact this approach, such a willingness to make peace, is so bitterly rejected, if in fact what we are seeing, and we are told this is not just anger over Sharon, anger over a particular this or that or the settlement, but a frustration and a rejection of the whole notion of peace, then that is a sad lesson we have to draw.

I think the policy of the United States government ought to be very clear: Israel has a right to exist. It has a right to make policies in the peacemaking process that leave it defensible and that protect its right to maintain control and sovereignty in Jerusalem; and, if in fact, as good a settlement as Barak offered is met with this sort of rejection, our response should be to be totally supportive of the government of Israel's position.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject matter of the remarks to be presented by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

IN TRIBUTE TO RETIRING AND DECEASED VIRGINIA MEMBERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 19, 1999, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to rise today and to join fellow members of the Virginia delegation in paying tribute to two retiring colleagues and to honor the memory of our late colleague, Congressman Herb Bateman.

TOM BLILEY came to Congress with me in 1981. It has been an honor to serve side by side with him for the last 20 years. TOM has been a fitting match for Virginia's seventh district, which includes the city of Richmond, as it is a district replete with a tradition of true statesmen.

TOM will leave the Congress having served as chairman of the Committee on Commerce, a responsibility he has taken very seriously and has performed with incredible legislative skills and expertise. He has shown an amazing ability to deal with such complex

issues as the electric utility grid, Medicare formulas to home medical services, and discounts for veterans, as well as telecommunication legislation.

TOM's has been a diverse political experience before even making his way to Capitol Hill. He was first elected to the Richmond council as a conservative Democrat in 1968, then as Mayor of Richmond from 1970 to 1972, and eventually to the House of Representatives, this time as a Republican. His unique background has enabled him to work to achieve bipartisan results, while never losing sight of the issues which are important to his districts.

OWEN PICKETT has been a Member of this body for 14 years, having been first elected to Congress in 1986. OWEN has deep ties to the Commonwealth. He is a graduate of Virginia Tech and the University of Richmond Law School. He was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in 1971, where he earned a reputation as a fiscal conservative and he served as State Democratic Chairman in 1981.

Congressman PICKETT, the ranking Democrat on the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, has consistently placed the best interests of his constituency and of the country ahead of partisan differences. He has been a faithful watchdog on behalf of our Nation's military, and a consistent advocate of fiscal responsibility and a balanced budget, even when such notions were less than fashionable.

Finally, our dear friend, Herb Bateman, faithfully served the people of Virginia's First Congressional District, and beamed with pride in calling his District "America's first district."

Herb worked tirelessly for the first district for 18 years. He had deep ties to his district, having practiced law in Newport News and attended the College of William and Mary. As chairman of the Subcommittee on Military Readiness of the Committee on Armed Services, he was a steady champion for our men and women in uniform, not only in the Tidewater region, but throughout the Nation and around the world. He recognized that peace was best maintained through strength. As a loyal defender of those who defend us, he worked for the best interests of those currently in uniform, as well as for those who have retired from the service of their country.

It is with mixed emotion that I offer tribute to these three true Virginia gentlemen. I am thankful to have had the honor to serve with them in this distinguished body, but am saddened at the prospect of their departure. We shall all truly miss their wise counsel and unwavering commitment to high ideals. Each of these gentlemen epitomize the highest ideals of public service.

I wish TOM and OWEN godspeed in their retirement and thank them for their years of service to the Commonwealth of Virginia and to the Nation.

Mr. SCOTT. Madam Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues in honoring three members of

the Virginia Delegation, TOM BLILEY, OWEN PICKETT, and the late Herb Bateman for their many years of public service to Virginia and to this nation.

Madam Speaker, for over 20 years now, the 7th congressional district has been ably represented by Congressman TOM BLILEY. As the three term chairman of the powerful Commerce Committee, he has been dedicated to the task of ensuring that our system of free enterprise in the United States continues to lead the rest of the world in this ever changing global economy.

In addition to championing such legislative initiatives as the Food and Drug Administration Act and the Food Safety and Safe Drinking Water while chairman, TOM BLILEY was at the helm when the engine of economic growth switched from capital intensive brick and mortar facilities to electronic commerce. The result of his leadership was the landmark 1996 Telecommunications Act which removed regulatory barriers to competition in the telecommunications marketplace.

Madam Speaker, I have had the good fortune to work side by side with TOM BLILEY for the past 8 years. Because we represent neighboring districts and share the city of Richmond and parts of Henrico County, I have been privileged to work with him on several initiatives that have been instrumental in opening up new avenues for Virginia commerce.

TOM and I worked together to see that the James River and the Kanawha Canal river front project became a reality. This project restored a portion of the historic canal through the city of Richmond which is the main hub for the revitalization of the Historic Riverfront. And I am particularly grateful for his work on our bill which authorizes the Richmond National Battlefield Park. It includes the recognition of and support for a monument to commemorate the Battle of New Market Heights which was a landmark in black military history. We are both hoping that Congress will act on this important legislation before the end of the session.

Madam Speaker, we also rise today to say goodbye to another good friend and colleague, OWEN PICKETT who represents the 2d Congressional District of Virginia. For nearly 29 years, OWEN PICKETT has worked tirelessly and selflessly for the residents of this community and this nation. Fifteen of those years he spent in the General Assembly and for 14 years now, he has represented the 2d Congressional District of Virginia in the House of Representatives.

As a member of the Armed Services Committee, where he is the ranking Democrat on the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development and where he also serves on the Readiness Subcommittee, he has been a staunch advocate of military supremacy ensuring that our military has the equipment and programs necessary to carry forth its mission. And just as important, OWEN has been a champion of the quality of life issues affecting military families—recognizing that servicemembers cannot effectively do their job unless they know their families are well taken care of. The military community in Hampton Roads will miss OWEN and his steadfast advocacy on their behalf.

As a member of the Committee on Resources which has jurisdiction for environmental issues, OWEN has fought hard to remind his colleagues in Congress the protec-

tion of natural resources and the environment must be a national priority. Virginia Beach and the Chesapeake Bay are considered some of the finest natural resources on the East Coast because of his commitment to the environment. As we head into the final weeks of this legislative session, Mr. Speaker, OWEN will no doubt continue to demonstrate his leadership in the House of all the issues important to us in the Tidewater and across Virginia.

Madam Speaker, I would also like to take a moment to say a few words about our late colleague and dear friend Herb Bateman. If not for his untimely death late last month, we would be standing here today to also wish him well in his retirement with his departing colleagues—TOM and OWEN.

Herb was a conscientious and effective legislator during his service as a member of the Virginia General Assembly and for the past 18 years as the Representative of the 1st Congressional District of Virginia. Herb's leadership on the Armed Services Committee and in the area of aeronautics research funding will be sorely missed. His hard work over the years will have a lasting impact on the military readiness of our Nation's armed services and space and aeronautics program.

Madam Speaker, while we may disagree on certain national issues, the members of the Virginia Delegation has always been proud of our ability to reach across the aisle and work together in a bipartisan manner on issues affecting the Commonwealth. During the 8 years I have served in the House, we have met once a month for lunch to discuss those pressing issues such as Base Realignment and Closing, the ports, and funding for NASA. There is no doubt in my mind that Virginia has benefited from having us working together on these issues.

The loss of Representatives BLILEY, PICKETT and Bateman will be sorely felt. However, they have left the remaining members of the Delegation a legacy of bipartisanship and civility that will be long remembered.

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize two of my esteemed colleagues from the Commonwealth of Virginia who are retiring from the House this year, and to honor Congressman Herb Bateman, who we were not able to recognize before his passing last month.

Virginia has benefited enormously by their lifetime of public service. As a delegation, we are losing some of the finest Members of this Congress. I know I am accompanied by many other friends and colleagues who share a deep respect and gratitude for their years of friendship and service.

TOM BLILEY was first elected to this body in 1980, after a successful career as a businessman and serving on the city council and later as mayor of Richmond. Throughout his service in Congress, TOM BLILEY has been a strong advocate of fiscal responsibility, the free market and consumer choice. As chairman of the House Commerce Committee for the past three terms, he has steered some of the most significant legislation through Congress in recent years.

Chairman BLILEY has also served as the dean of the Virginia delegation and, true to this role, he has been a leader to all of our Members. We have all enjoyed his friendship and great sense of humor. I would like to share one small example of his leadership. Just the other day, I went to Chairman BLILEY

to seek his committee's support for a bill (H. Con. Res. 133) that I sponsored to promote colorectal cancer screening and prevention. The Chairman quickly offered his assistance and steered the bill to the House floor for consideration. It is this kind of initiative and leadership that has earned him great respect among his colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

It has also been an honor for me to serve with OWEN PICKETT during the past 10 years. Mr. PICKETT is a true gentleman. Throughout his service, OWEN has worked tirelessly and effectively not only for people in southern Virginia, but for our entire nation. He has championed the interests of our nation's military, and the men and women who wear the uniform of the United States. He has been a particularly strong advocate for the Navy and for our commercial maritime interests.

OWEN has also been uncompromising in his insistence that government be fiscally disciplined, a trait which he probably acquired during his long service in the Virginia House of Delegates. The fact that he is retiring at a time of record surpluses is something fitting. It certainly wasn't that way when he came to the House in 1987.

Madam Speaker, this special order would not be complete without also recognizing the lifetime of service by our colleague, Herb Bateman. He was the 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. Herb embodied the spirit of civility and bipartisanship that we strive for, but achieve too infrequently here in the House.

These personal qualities help to explain why Herb Bateman was so well liked on both sides of the aisle. Beyond his simple decency, Herb Bateman was a very effective member of Congress.

He was a champion for the Navy, for its shipbuilding program, and for the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces. As a ranking member of the former 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 in our State, both as a member of Congress and the Senate of Virginia.

Madam Speaker, all of us in the House will certainly miss the service and dedication of these three great Virginia legislators. We wish TOM and OWEN a bright and rewarding future and all the best to Herb's family.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today to honor our colleague, OWEN PICKETT of Virginia's 2d Congressional District. After 29 years of serving the citizens of Virginia Beach and Norfolk, as well as the entire Commonwealth of Virginia, Mr. PICKETT has decided to retire from the United States House of Representatives.

My colleague, Mr. PICKETT, is a member of the Armed Services Committee and is the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development and serves on the Readiness Subcommittee and the MWR Panel. The 2d congressional district is heavily dependent on the massive concentration of naval installations, shipbuilders and shipping firms in the Hampton Roads harbor

area, which ranks first in export tonnage among the nation's Atlantic ports.

The U.S. Navy Atlantic Fleet berthed in its home port of Norfolk is one of the greatest awe-inspiring sights in America, or anywhere. The aggregation of destructive power in the line of towering gray ships is probably greater than that of any single port in history. Over 100 ships are based here, with some 100,000 sailors and Marines, some \$2 billion in annual spending. For these reasons, Congressman PICKETT has been an outspoken advocate for a strong, technologically superior military and has been tenacious in supporting military bases in his district. Mr. Pickett, together with Senator JOHN WARNER and the late Congressman Herbert H. Bateman, have provided tremendous leadership on behalf of Virginia. Other issues on which he has taken a strong position are the U.S.-flag merchant fleet, private property rights, public education, veterans programs and a balanced Federal budget.

Mr. PICKETT was born in Hanover County, VA, outside Richmond on August 31, 1930 and was the youngest of three children. He attended the public school system and is a graduate of Virginia Tech and the University of Richmond School of Law. He was first elected to the U.S. Congress in 1986. With old Virginia roots, he was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in 1971, at the age of 41, where he was known as a fiscal conservative and for his hard work restructuring the State retirement system.

By the time Mr. PICKETT won the congressional seat vacated by retiring Republican G. William Whitehurst in 1986, Mr. Pickett had already served as chairman of the state Democratic Party, headed a Democratic presidential campaign in Virginia and served long enough in the state House of Delegates to be a senior member of the Appropriations Committee.

In the House, Mr. PICKETT showed his political acumen by getting a new seat created for him on the National Security Committee and getting a seat on the old Merchant Marine Committee as well—two crucial spots for any Norfolk Congressman. Much of Mr. PICKETT's work has been in supporting Hampton Roads military bases and defense contractors, and revitalizing the shipbuilding industry and merchant marine. That work has been successful. Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock has been building three Nimitz-class aircraft carriers in the 1990s, and has effectively ensured that there is no industry monopoly on building nuclear submarines. The Norfolk Navy Shipyard under Mr. PICKETT's guidance has survived four rounds of base-closings and calls for privatization.

Madam Speaker, I join with my fellow Virginian colleagues in thanking Congressman OWEN PICKETT for his service to the Commonwealth and to our Nation.

Madam Speaker, it is also my privilege to rise today to honor our colleague, TOM BLILEY, of Virginia's 7th Congressional District. After 32 years of serving the citizens of Richmond, as well as the entire Commonwealth of Virginia, Chairman BLILEY has decided to retire from the U.S. House of Representatives.

Mr. BLILEY has been chairman of the House Committee on Commerce for his last three terms. He was handpicked by Speaker Newt Gingrich over more senior members. He has declared himself a friend of big business and his agenda for the past 6 years has been, quit simply to promote commerce. As chairman,

Mr. BLILEY has been a pragmatist, willing to broker deals behind closed doors with ideologic foes and friends alike. The result of the Chairman's reign the committee has become one of the most constructive in Congress: Promoting free and fair markets, standing for consumer choice and common sense safeguards for our health and the environment, and keeping a watchful eye on the Federal bureaucracy. As chairman, Mr. BLILEY is an ex officio member of the five Commerce Committee subcommittees: Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection; Finance and Hazardous Materials; Health and Environment; Energy and Power; and Oversight and Investigation.

A pleasant, soft spoken mortician, the chairman started his political career in 1968 when civil leaders sought him out to run for the Richmond City Council. He served the city for almost a decade, not only on the city council, but also as vice mayor and then becoming mayor until 1977, when he retired to devote more time to his funeral home. However, the Chairman was not out of politics for long. He enthusiastically re-entered when Democrat David Satterfield announced his retirement from Congress in 1980.

Since his first election to Congress, the Chairman has been recognized by many organizations for his work. He has served in various roles with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. From November 1994 to October 1998, he was chairman of the Economic Committee. In November 1998, he became one of the four Vice-Presidents; and, with the resignation of its President in May 2000, the Chairman became Acting President. His commitment to balancing the Federal budget has earned him the National Watchdog of the Treasury's "Golden bulldog Award" every year since 1981. He has been named a "Guardian of Small Business" by the National Federation of Independent Business. He has been called the "Most powerful Virginian since Harry Byrd" and the National Journal called him "Mr. Smooth."

Born in Chesterfield County, VA, the Chairman is a lifelong resident of the Richmond area. He earned his B.A. in history from Georgetown University and immediately following served three years in the U.S. Navy, rising to the rank of lieutenant.

Madam Speaker, I join with my fellow Virginian colleagues in thanking Chairman TOM BLILEY for his service to the Commonwealth and to our Nation. He has been a friend and a mentor to me, and he most certainly will be missed.

Mr. GOODLATE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to three fine Virginia gentlemen—TOM BLILEY, Herb Bateman, and OWEN PICKETT. The United States House of Representatives is a better place because of their selfless dedication and service to their country, and it has been my high honor and great privilege to serve with them.

I would first like to mention my good friend, colleague, tennis partner, and mentor TOM BLILEY. I have been friends with TOM for more than 20 years. When I was first elected to Congress in 1992, TOM was instrumental in helping me obtain a seat on the Judiciary Committee, and has been a mentor to me ever since. For the past 6 years, he has served as chairman of the House Commerce

Committee, presiding over such landmark legislation as Securities Litigation Reform, modernization of the Food and Drug Administration, and the Telecommunications Act.

It would not be possible for me to list here all of the ways in which TOM has improved this House and the lives of every one of its Members. Suffice it to say that I owe a debt of gratitude to TOM BLILEY that I shall never be able to repay. I wish TOM, his lovely wife Mary Virginia, and their family all the best in the coming days.

The House of Representatives and our Nation as a whole suffered a great loss recently with the passing of my dear friend and colleague Herb Bateman. Herb represented what he referred to as America's first congressional district, and did so with great conviction and dedication. My thoughts and prayers remain with Herb's wife Laura and their children and grandchildren. He is sorely missed.

Herb was one of the most thoughtful Members of Congress with whom I worked. I thoroughly enjoyed discussing issues with him, as he always had well-founded reasons for the votes he cast. As a senior member of the Armed Services Committee and a former member of the U.S. Air Force, Herb was completely committed to strengthening America's national security. Our men and women in uniform around the world owe a great debt of gratitude to Herb Bateman.

And lastly, but certainly not least, OWEN PICKETT has been a very valued Member of the House of Representatives whose service will be missed. OWEN was first elected to the House in 1986, and has been a dedicated member of the Armed Services and Resources Committees. He has been a strong advocate for America's Armed Forces and has also served as a member of the Congressional Study Groups on Germany and Japan, as well as the Duma-Congress Study Group. I wish OWEN, his wife Sybil, and their family all the best in the days ahead.

The Commonwealth of Virginia has been very fortunate to have such valued Members of the House as TOM BLILEY, Herb Bateman, and OWEN PICKETT. They have set a standard of dedication and service that we should all strive to emulate. I will certainly miss their presence in the House of Representatives.

Mr. BLILEY. Madam Speaker, on September 11, 2000, our colleague, Representative Herb Bateman passed away before he could enjoy the fruits of retirement. Dan Scandling, Herb's chief of staff, delivered the following eulogy to his boss and friend of so many years. Dan's eulogy is a fitting tribute to our fallen colleague and I want to share it with you today.

EULOGY OF REPRESENTATIVE HERB BATEMAN
(By Dan Scandling, Chief of Staff)

So many things come to mind when you think of Herb Bateman. Congressman. State Senator. Colleague. Statesman. Virginia Gentleman. Devoted Public Servant. Boss. Golfing Partner. Friend. And lest no one forget: "America's First District." There also is the much more private side of Herb Bateman. Husband. Father. Grandfather.

One of the first things that struck me about Mr. Bateman when I came to work for him 10 years ago was his unwavering devotion to Laura. I can still vividly remember one of the first times she came into the office. We were just wrapping up one of those marathon meetings that all you Members so deeply cherish when Laura walked in. Herb

got up from behind his desk, walked over to her, reached for her hand, gave her a kiss on her cheek and then asked how her day was. I quickly learned this wasn't just a one-time thing. Nothing was as important as making sure Laura had had a good day. I only wish I was half as attentive to the needs of my wife.

Laura was the most important thing in Herb's life. The two were inseparable. Wherever Herb went, Laura went. Whether it was travel overseas, a trip to the Eastern Shore or back and forth to Washington, the two of them were always together. Laura was very important to Herb's political career—particularly when it came to keeping names and faces straight. Herb was terrible with names. He always insisted on name tags at every event he hosted. Laura, on the other hand, is the master of remembering names and faces. No matter where they were, or who they ran into, it is like instant recall. She can always place a name with a face. You politicians in the audience today should be jealous. I know one certain Chief of Staff who owes his congressional career to Laura because she remembered his name and face.

Bert and Laura, you have no idea how proud your father was of you. Not a day went by that he wasn't telling me about how one of you gotten a better job, or a promotion, or had landed a big, new account. Bert, he was particularly proud of your desire—and commitment—to make Newport News a better place to live and work. He was proud that you were willing to give so much of yourself to your community. And he also was proud of how good a husband—and father—you are. Laura, nothing brought a bigger smile to your father's face than for him to run into one of his former colleagues from the Virginia Senate and have them tell him how great a job you do in Richmond and beyond. He was so proud of how successful you have become.

Then there is "Poppy." Herb loved his grandchildren. Emmy, Hank and Sam—you were the apples of his eye. Just last week he was boasting how Emmy had won a tennis tournament at the club and was so pleased that Hank had taken up running cross country. Every summer I would get the updates on all the ribbons the two of you would win at swim meets. Hank, I think your grandfather has high expectations from you on the athletic field. I know you won't let him down. Emmy, I know your "Poppy" wishes for you the same success that his daughter has had. Sam, your "Poppy" was so excited about your first day at school. He was looking forward to getting home last weekend to hear all about it first-hand.

I know this week has not been easy. It wasn't supposed to happen this way. I know you feel somewhat cheated because "Poppy" was finally going to be able to spend more than just the weekends in Newport News. There would be no more of this nomadic life of leaving for Washington every Monday morning only to return home sometime Friday—then do it all over again two days later. But look around this church. Look how many people are here. Everyone here loved your "Poppy." It's like one huge "Thank you" for sharing him with us. Thank you for all those times he left you—his family—to go work an 80-hour week in Washington; To go to a parade somewhere at the other end of the District on a Saturday morning; To go to some god-awful chicken dinner fund raiser; To go shake hands at the shipyard gates at 6 a.m. on some rain-soaked morning in the dead of winter. Thank you for sharing him with us. Thank you for the sacrifices you made.

I worked for Herb Bateman for 10 years. Over that time we grew to be pretty close. I think it would probably be fair to say he

considered me part of the family. There aren't too many places in America's First District that he and I haven't been to together, and there aren't too many things we haven't discussed. Of all the things that have been ingrained in my head over the last 10 years, it's that credibility is everything. Once you lose your credibility, you lose everything. If people cannot take you at your word, then your world is nothing. Perhaps that explains why he was such an effective legislator, and why when he announced his retirement last January, letters, faxes and e-mails poured into his office thanking him for his dedicated service. He got letters from Admirals, Generals, captains of industry and politicians on both sides of the aisle. He got letters from long-time friends and associates. And most significantly, he got letters from hundreds of his constituents. All them were effusive in their praise.

Credibility meant everything to Herb Bateman. I know that first hand. I know it guided each of his decisions, whether it was on a controversial issue before Congress or a contentious political issue. He would have been pleased to hear how his colleagues described him during Tuesday evening's tribute on the floor of the House. I couldn't help but smile as I saw Member after Member get up and talk about his integrity. Perhaps Congressman Burton said it best:

"Herb 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."

More than anything else—any aircraft carrier, any submarine, any bridge, any Corps of Engineers' project—Herb would want to be known for his integrity. Obviously, he has. Herb had two vices in life. A good steak, and golf. Man, did he love a good steak. New York Strip. Medium rare. He always ordered french fries with his steak—extra crispy, please, or potato sticks if you have them. If I was invited over to Shoe Lane for dinner it usually meant a good steak on the grill—and potato sticks! If I was invited out for a steak in Washington, it usually meant someone in the office was in trouble. I used to cringe when he would come up behind me, put his hand on my shoulder and say, "Dan, let's go have a steak." He always enjoyed his meal. I can't say the same.

Then there was golf. Next to Laura, golf was his passion. Like most of us, he wasn't very good, but that didn't matter. He just loved to play. He loved being outdoors. He loved meeting new playing partners. And he loved mulligans! Herb played golf to relax. He didn't talk about work on the golf course. He didn't take a cell phone. He never carried a pager. Golf was for fun. If you were on the golf course, you were there to enjoy yourself. If Herb were ever elected President, I bet one of the first things he would do would be to issue an Executive Order prohibiting cell phones on the golf course. For all those golfers here today, I have one special request. The next time you play golf, as tribute to Herb, leave your cell phones and pagers in the car. Take the time to relax and enjoy the people you are playing with. I have made a promise to myself never to take a cell phone with me on the golf course again. I hope I can live up to it.

Oh, and take a couple of mulligans too. I want to close by touching on some of the things that Herb did that no one knew about, that never made any headlines, that never got him a vote. Herb liked helping people. He always stressed to his staff that constituent service was the most important part of his job—and their job. He always reminded us that he worked for the people of America's First District and it was his job to help them

when they had a problem. I could recount hundreds—if not thousands—of cases where Herb got personally involved. One that always comes to mind involved a woman from Williamsburg whose husband had died and was buried in Arlington Cemetery. The woman's husband had been an Air Force pilot and she asked that he be buried in the section in Arlington where you could have different types of tombstones. Soon after his funeral she went about designing a tombstone that she thought would be a fitting tribute. The cemetery approved the design and she had the stone carved. When the stone arrived at the cemetery several weeks later, cemetery officials did a complete 180 and told her she couldn't use the stone. Somehow, a columnist at the Washington Post caught wind of the situation and a story appeared in the paper. Herb saw it and asked me what I knew about it. After a few quick calls, it was evident the woman hadn't contacted us. But to Herb, that didn't matter. Within a matter of minutes, Herb, me and another staffer were in a car headed over to Arlington. We drove through the cemetery to where the woman's husband was buried, got out, looked at some of the other tombstones then headed back across the river. Upon returning to the office, Herb immediately called the Superintendent at Arlington and presto, the issue was resolved. When I called the woman to tell her the cemetery officials had relented, I asked why she didn't call us. She said she didn't want to burden the Congressman with her problem.

To Herb, it wasn't a bother; it was a pleasure. It was all about helping the people he represented. The Congress has lost more than an outstanding Member, it has lost a warm, caring individual who served his nation with great honor and distinction. God bless Herb, his family, and America's First District.

Mr. GOODE. Madam Speaker, I want to express my appreciation to TOM BLILEY, OWEN PICKETT and the late Herb Bateman for their service to the Commonwealth of Virginia and the entire nation. It has been a great pleasure to know and serve with these gentlemen in the House of Representatives. These men have served not only the people of their districts and the Commonwealth of Virginia, but the entire nation as well. Each has provided invaluable leadership, experience, and statesmanship to the people of their districts, state, and nation. I will miss their friendship and guidance and their districts, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the nation will miss their service, wisdom and experience.

TOM BLILEY's 20 years of service and his tenure as Chairman of the House Commerce Committee has benefitted his district, state, and country. TOM has led a life of public service and prior to his election and 20 years in the House of Representatives he was an outstanding mayor and leader for the City of Richmond.

OWEN PICKETT has always put the people, especially our military personnel, above partisanship. His many years of work and experience on the House Armed Services Committee and as Ranking Member of the Military Research and Development Subcommittee will be sorely missed by the 2nd District, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the nation.

The late Herb Bateman was a fine representative and a fine man. I appreciate his friendship as well as his service. We will miss his 18 years of service in the House and his experience on the Armed Services Committee and Chairmanship of the Military Readiness Subcommittee, but more than that we will miss Herb.

PNTR AGREEMENT WITH CHINA NOT GOOD FOR AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 19, 1999, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, today they are going to have a ceremony to celebrate the signing of the PNTR agreement with China downtown at the White House. It would be better if they held a wake to mourn the loss of U.S. jobs and complete capitulation of U.S. interests to the dictators in Beijing.

The 1999 trade deficit with China was \$68.7 billion. It is headed toward \$80 billion this year. The trade deficit with China currently reflects a 6 to 1 ratio of imports to exports, but they only talk about the few goods we export, not about the flood of imports and the value of those imports and the lost jobs from China.

The United States International Trade Commission acknowledges that with the adoption of PNTR, and if China joins the WTO, which is becoming very unlikely, they still estimate an increase in the trade deficit with China. Using their model, the Economic Policy Institute estimates the deficits will continue to grow for the next 50 years, reaching a peak of \$649 billion in 2048. Our trade deficit with China would not fall below the current level until 2060, 60 years from now, when every currently employed American worker is retired or dead.

Even if the trends predicted by EPI only persisted for a decade, our deficit with China would reach \$131 billion in 2010. The growth in exports would generate 325,000 jobs, but, unfortunately, the growth in imports would lose 1.14 million jobs. That is a net loss of 817,000 jobs, and those job losses would be reflected across the United States.

Let us not kid ourselves: PNTR with China was never about expanding U.S. exports to the Chinese, which would improve our global trade balance; it was about access by large multinational corporations to a low wage, brutalized labor force of 1.3 billion people, in a country with lax environmental standards.

The day after the vote, the day after the vote in the House of Representatives, the Wall Street Journal admitted this in a headline: "This deal is about investment, not exports. U.S. foreign investment is about to overtake U.S. exports as the primary means by which U.S. companies deliver goods to China."

They went on in the article to quote the chief representative of Rockwell International. "In China, that is the direction we are going. We are looking for predictability, reliability. With that, Rockwell expects to set up more factories in China."

The list goes on. GM expects to go from 40 percent Chinese parts to 80 percent Chinese parts. Procter & Gamble,

Motorola, Eastman Kodak, Compaq, Coca Cola, a who's who of American businesses are saying this was about them building plants in China with U.S. capital, not about exporting U.S. manufactured goods to China.

They talk about all the concessions China made to join the WTO. But China has, as we pointed out during the debate, violated every major trade agreement for the last two decades on trade; all the nonproliferation agreements that they have had; the memorandum of understanding in 1992 on prison labor; in 1996, the bilateral agreement on intellectual property; the bilateral agreement on textiles; and the 1992 memorandum of understanding on market access. Why do we believe them this time?

In fact, they are already backtracking. Just after the negotiations, their chief negotiator said that these were only theoretical opportunities for U.S. exports, explaining the incongruity by saying, "During diplomatic negotiations, it is imperative to use beautiful words."

China says they still intend to protect machine, electronic, chemical, medical, military, telecommunications, energy, transportation, automobile and agriculture industries, even if they get in the WTO, and now they are saying they will not join the WTO because we are actually asking them to make some changes in their exclusionary practices, to actually begin to allow foreign goods into their country.

No, this is a sad day, and not a day to celebrate. A few large multinational corporations based in the U.S. have tilted U.S. policy in a way that is to the detriment of our workers, our national security, the global environment and the people of China and their workers and their rights and any improvement in human rights and labor rights in China. This should not be celebrated; it should be mourned.

KEEPING SOCIAL SECURITY SOLVENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 19, 1999, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. SMITH) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Madam Speaker, a lot of problems face this country and certainly face our administration. One of those problems is keeping Social Security solvent. This affects everybody, not only existing retirees, but the young, middle age and future generations. What is going to be their future in terms of working and paying taxes and, maybe or maybe not, getting Social Security benefits when they retire?

Social Security probably is one of this country's most successful programs in terms of helping people retire with some security. When we started Social Security in 1935, when Franklin Roosevelt decided we should have a