

veto, they abandon things like disturbing the Constitution based upon every whim that moves along.

Not DAVID BONIOR. DAVID BONIOR believed in something, and for too many people that have come to this institution for the last few years, their beliefs are bland. Their beliefs are based upon the emotion of the moment, there is no long-held view of anything.

It has been an honor for me to serve with DAVID, and, most importantly, I supported you when you ran for these jobs and was glad to do it. The manner in which you carried yourself day in and day out, you could be as fierce a partisan as there was, but you loved this institution, and, most importantly, you loved the community that we call the American family.

Thanks for all the goods things you did, DAVE.

(Mr. FRANK asked and was given permission to speak out of order for 5 minutes.)

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
DAVID E. BONIOR, MEMBER OF
CONGRESS

Mr. FRANK. Mr. Speaker, I will begin by yielding to the gentleman from Guam (Mr. UNDERWOOD).

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me to speak on this.

Mr. FRANK. I will yield to the gentleman to speak anywhere he wishes, other than Guam.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. I wanted to take the time to pay tribute to DAVID BONIOR. In a way this is great, because, you know, you get to see all your friends. You do not have to wait until you pass away. This is a terrific opportunity to pay honor to our friend here.

But I have an office with a very not-so-eloquent title of Non-voting Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives. It is always a curiosity to me, because he is the whip. He is supposed to count votes, and he knows I do not matter in that count. But it is really a mark of his approach to politics and his commitment to every member of the caucus that he has taken the time and the energy to support me in the various projects that I have had.

When I first decided to run for this office, he received me very well and he took the time to try to understand some of the issues and some of the unique circumstances that we deal with. For a long time, and it is a mark of the high regard and the approach that DAVID has taken over the years, for a long time I thought I was the only one that had a special relationship with him, but, as it turns out, he has got hundreds of these special relationships, and that is really a mark and a testimony to the terrific job that you have done.

Mr. Speaker, despite all the trials and tribulations here, when people ask me who are some of the Members that you really admire, certainly he comes to mind.

Mr. FRANK. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I just want to make two points.

First of all, recently we did have a real eulogy for a Member who passed away, our late colleague Joe Moakley, and the outpouring of affection and respect for Joe Moakley was very impressive. I am in a position to tell you, as someone who was a neighbor to Joe Moakley's district, there was no one in this business that he admired more than DAVID BONIOR.

One of the things Joe Moakley made his goal was when DAVE BONIOR ran for whip was to get Massachusetts Members to vote for him. So let me just past on that if Joe Moakley was still with us, you would be hearing from him his enormous respect and admiration for DAVID BONIOR.

I want to thank him for one other thing. I am a great believer in free speech. I generally vote against it when we start telling adults what they can read and what pictures they can show of each other. But if I was going to amend the Constitution, I would make it illegal to use the words "pragmatism" and "idealism" as if they were in opposition to each other.

The notion that the world should be divided between people who have a strong set of values and people who are effective is really a disaster morally. In fact, the more you are committed to a set of ideals, the more you are morally obligated to be effective in implementing those ideals. Otherwise, they are just something you put on in the morning to make yourself feel good. They do not do anybody else any good.

I know of nobody else in politics who better exemplifies that synthesis. I know of nobody else who is equally a passionate idealist in politics because he has a vision of the world that he wants to have implemented, which would be a fairer and kinder and better world for people who are in need in various ways, and who, at the same time, understands that that gives him the obligation to be as effective as possible; fair but tough; understanding the rules and abiding by the rules; but putting everything every ounce of energy into it. And for his exemplifying that merger of pragmatism and idealism, for understanding that a tough-minded approach to political reality in fact is a necessary compliment to a commitment to a set of values you want to implement, I want to join in honoring DAVID BONIOR and thank him for what he has shown us.

(Mr. GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to speak out of order for 5 minutes.)

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Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, like my colleagues, I was actually over in my office and did not know that this was happening today. But I have had the honor to serve five terms in this

House and served with DAVID for many years as part of the whip operation, and for somebody who comes from Texas and sounds like I do, to get to know DAVID and to appreciate him and to realize he is a very low-keyed individual, but, as someone said earlier, very competitive, because I also have had the opportunity to play basketball with him, and not just try and pass or defeat legislation. So he is competitive, but he is very low-keyed.

Typically if I have something to say, I am not only out there and in your face, but DAVID is very quiet about it. So I appreciate that, and I think a lot of us could emulate what he does.

But working with him for these 9 years, I appreciate not only his inward strength, but also his dedication to the issues. It helps having, even though, again, a very urban district in Houston, and DAVID being from Michigan, having a lot of blue collar workers, some of the same demands are in Michigan on the economy as we have in Houston, Texas, a very industrialized district.

So I just appreciate, DAVE, your work here in the House. Like say, I have only seen you the last five terms, but the American people and the people of Michigan owe you a debt of gratitude for your work here in the House.

Obviously, if it does any good for somebody who sounds like me to come up and knock doors in Michigan, I will be up there.

So, DAVID, obviously we will be serving with you for the next year. But not only as our whip, but also just as a person, we will miss you, and I know I will too. Thank you, DAVE.

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(Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey asked and was given permission to speak out of order for 5 minutes.)

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Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I guess I did not think any Members looked at their screens in the office, at least after we adjourn, but I too was looking at the screen and I saw the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. NEAL) come and say that he was looking at his screen and saw that there was a program, so to speak, being held. I fussed at my scheduler, who was out to lunch, because I did not know about this, but I am so glad that I was listening.

I too want to simply add to what has already been said about a person that I have just respected for as long as I have been here in the House. I think that first connection, as I am from the 10th Congressional District too, of New Jersey, but I knew there had to be something good about the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR). We had the same number. And then looking at his high school achievements, I tried to play a little ball and I see where DAVE

was a quarterback on the championship team at the Catholic school he attended and earned a scholarship to college and just worked his way through the military.

But the issue that DAVE has really dealt with, I recall when I was in county government many years ago, we talked about a "bottle bill," and it was because DAVE sort of pushed that environmental concern ahead many years ago when he was in government in Michigan's State legislature. We talked about environmental protection for PCBs, in that DAVE was always worrying about people who might be afflicted by these diseases that many times went unnoticed because the big guys sort of kept things quiet, even though they knew they were injurious to the health of people, and it was DAVE who talked about these birth defects that were being created.

The statement of "let us separate the warrior from the war," taking the Vietnam era veterans and separating them from an unpopular war, and as people turned their backs, I think it was a disgrace the way Vietnam veterans were treated; but DAVE talked about that and sort of raised the issue, along with the whole question of the Nicaragua Contras in El Salvador, those brutal death squads, when we traveled down there together. It was DAVE always on the side of things that were for justice, for those who were down and out, the HOPE scholarships and increasing Pell grants, increasing minimum wage. These are the areas, the SAVE Act, which really went to help guidance counselors.

So I am just proud to say that I know DAVE. I had the opportunity to vote in 1991, and there was not even a question when he ran for his current position. I happen to pick winners in that, even in the new one too, DAVE; so one of my strengths in Congress is that I know how to pick the winners. It does not say much about me, but it does say that maybe I have good judgment.

I do wish the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR) well. I appreciate the courage that he takes when there are difficult votes to give, unpopular votes. We have talked about many of these issues. I think some of the things that we have talked about in the past, now others are seeing that there are issues that we should have been talking about all along which might have made a difference in where we are today.

It has been my pleasure to know you.

Mr. Speaker, as we draw this, what has turned into a Special Order, to a conclusion, I am pleased to yield to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WATT).

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding. I could not resist the opportunity to come over and say how much my good friend, DAVID BONIOR, has meant to me in my service in the U.S. House of Representatives. I came to Congress in January of 1993, and DAVID was certainly one of the people who

took me under his wing and taught me the process. He is a student of parliamentary procedure, and we had a little group called the parliamentarian group that we used to use, sometimes to our substantive advantage and sometimes to the chaos of the House, but when we wanted to try to get things accomplished that the leadership would not voluntarily accomplish.

It has been a great pleasure for me to serve with DAVID BONIOR. He has certainly been at the top of the list of principal people who have served in this House with strong beliefs in, and willingness to fight for, working people and the things that he believes in. This House is going to miss him immensely and wish him godspeed and the very best in the future.

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I yield time to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI).

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding and for our excellent words about our colleague.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all of our colleagues for coming. This was intended to be 5 minutes. Our phone is ringing off the hook in the office saying, why did you not tell us that this was going to happen, so we will need many more days, Mr. Speaker, to accommodate the words that people want to say about the greatness of DAVID BONIOR. I thank him for the vision with which he has led us, with his knowledge, with his experience, with his integrity. Every one of us who serves in this body has a great privilege to do so. One of our greatest privileges, though, is to have called DAVID BONIOR colleague.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The Chair will recognize Members for Special Order speeches without prejudice to the resumption of legislative business.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. FRANK. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman may state it.

Mr. FRANK. What legislative business?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. If there is legislative business that comes from the Senate.

Mr. FRANK. Well, I wonder, is any contemplated? I think the minority would have an interest in that prospect. Does anyone know if any legislative business is contemplated?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has been informed that there may be legislative business.

Mr. FRANK. Well, I have checked with our staff here who usually have good channels of communication. We did not know about any, and I would express some hope that there would be some communication so that we would

have some idea of what legislative business might be transacted with everybody no longer in Washington.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would suggest consultation with the leadership.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, if many of us had our way, DAVE BONIOR would never leave this House. No one can or would begrudge a man of DAVE's multiple talents another high office, as Governor of Michigan, or deny the people of Michigan the extraordinary leadership he will bring. Yet, the place DAVE has carved out here in public service to his district, his state, and his country is an unique as it is lasting and unforgettable.

DAVE is a modest man who possesses large personal gifts. You can bet, therefore, that he is embarrassed by the spontaneous, maximum praise usually reserved for eulogies that is coming forward for him today. But, DAVE is going to have to grin, or blush, and bear it.

DAVE BONIOR has managed to lead the Democrats on issues when he agreed and when he did not by using his good head without ever losing his own heart and soul on issues of principle to him and his own constituents. Where DAVE got his bewildering combination of great calm and fierce determination I cannot say. Perhaps that kind of versatility is honed in the success DAVE has had in two very different games, basketball, and football.

The hallmark of the game DAVE played in the House was fairness, strategic skill, and devotion to principle. I am personally grateful for DAVE's strong support and action when the Democratic House voted to allow a vote in the Committee of the Whole for the people of the District of Columbia, the first time District residents who are second per capita in Federal income taxes have ever had a vote on the House floor since the Nation was founded. Members of every variety can quote countless examples of thoughtful, critical support for their districts or their issues DAVE has gathered. However, the affection and respect for DAVE is not centered in mere individual gratitude but fundamentally in the way he brought the best of this institution to bear.

DAVE BONIOR's tenure as a member of Congress from Michigan and as whip has prepared him well to be Michigan's next Governor. Between these two roles, DAVE has shown a mastery of both executive and legislative skills. Add this unique bonus to DAVE's extraordinary personal qualities, and the people of Michigan are guaranteed to continue to get from DAVE what they certainly deserve but much more than they bargained for.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE U.S. NAVY TO OUR VICTORY IN AF- GHANISTAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) is recognized for 5 minutes.