

senior vice president of Xerox Corporation and President of KBK Enterprises, a consulting firm located in Los Angeles, California. Bernard was a member of Our L.A. and instrumental in rebuilding Los Angeles after the 1992 uprising.

The other Kinsey children, teachers, executives, and operating an elderly care home, have all contributed to the progress in this great Nation.

U.B. Kinsey retired July 31, 1989, after 39 years of service as the principal of Palm View Elementary. While there, he watched more than 30,000 students enroll and graduate. The school was renamed U.B. Kinsey Palm View Elementary School, an unprecedented action in recognizing a living African American former principal.

Christine Kinsey has provided care, love, and support to her husband, her family, and her community for over 60 years. Among other organizations, Christine has been involved with the YWCA, the Tabernacle Baptist Church, and the Palm Beach County School District.

Mr. Speaker, U.B. and Christine Kinsey serve as a shining example of America's family values and ideals. This congressional tribute to the 60th wedding anniversary of the Kinseys exemplifies what is good in our country, and makes us, because of their contributions, the greatest country in the world. Congratulations and commendations.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN).

TRIBUTE TO HONORABLE DAVID S. BONIOR,
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I want to say a word about my friend, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR).

In 1965, a Mississippi civil rights leader said, Do not tell me what you believe; show me what you do, and I will tell you what you believe.

When I hear these words I think of the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR), I think of his 10 years as Democratic whip, and I think of his leadership on issues of Central America, on issues of trade, on issues of social justice.

He did not just pay lip service, as many in this institution do, to those issues. The kind of hard work, the kind of day-to-day effort, the kind of persistence, the kind of stick-to-itiveness that the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR) brought to this job, always in the name of social justice, always in the name of doing the right thing, standing on the floor doing special orders, doing meetings in his office, making calls to groups to encourage them to lobby this Congress, all that he did in the name of social justice, all that he did in the name of fair trade, meant so much to all of us.

Do not tell me what you believe; show me what you do, and I will tell you what you believe. That describes the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR).

THE RIGHT OF COUNTRIES TO SELF-DEFENSE AGAINST TERRORISM, AND RECOGNIZING BRAVE AMERICANS ON THE FRONT LINES, AT HOME AND ABROAD

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

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, as we depart for the Christmas and the rest of the holiday season, we all pray for peace and justice in the world. But I think that I have some concerns, as do others, that some people are having difficulty sorting the differences between terrorists and those who are trying to respond to terrorism.

The people who attacked the World Trade Towers and who blew Americans up are not the same as when people like us try to respond. We need to understand that same difference in Israel. For example, when a terrorist who attacks innocent people who are going about their daily routine with the sole purpose of causing terror, that is different than trying to respond with as much precision as possible, although there may be innocents killed, which is unfortunate, but it is still different. We cannot hold Israel to a different standard than we hold ourselves.

We now see the same problem in India. Once again, terrorists have stormed their Parliament and they have attempted to kill and assassinate the leadership of a democratic country. These are difficult times. They are difficult for us when we try to figure out how to respond, too. We all need to be carefully and prayerfully thinking of any response that might lead to more death in the world.

At the same time, it would be wrong for the United States to say that it is okay for us to respond to terrorists, and not for other countries. We all, including us, should be wise and careful in our responses, but respond we must.

I would also like to pay tribute to those brave Americans who are on the front lines protecting us all the time; not only our soldiers in Afghanistan and throughout the world, particularly those who are in immediate harm's way, but also to all the brave firemen and policemen who daily risk their lives to help us. We have all become more aware of their sacrifices.

I also want to thank all those on the front lines trying to protect us from future terrorist attacks: those in the Coast Guard, the INS, the Border Patrol, the DEA, the FBI, the U.S. Marshals, and the U.S. Customs Service. Every day they are trying to protect us from future terrorist attacks and from chemical and biological attacks, whether it be anthrax, heroin, smallpox, or cocaine.

Protecting our borders is not easy. It takes people of judgment, and daily they have to exercise that judgment.

I was recently along a number of the borders in Washington State. Diane Dean is one of our American heroes,

along here with Mark Johnson and Gerald Slaminski. In late 1999 at the Port Angeles Customs Station in Washington State, she thought one of the people were behaving suspiciously. She detained him. As they looked further, they thought he had stuff for a meth lab in the car.

It turned out they were handling nitroglycerine. He had enough weapons to blow up LAX Airport, where they had the information that that was where he was headed to rendezvous with another person.

Because one Customs officer detained and went through a thorough examination, and two other Customs officers basically violated orders and chased the person down the street, because we have this absurd position right now that if the person can get away from the immediate border, they cannot be chased, but they took it in their hands to chase him.

We saved LAX Airport, and we also have a suspect who has been one of the key people, or we have a convict, basically, at this point, who has been one of the key people in identifying the al-Qaeda network in the United States and around the world. That information hopefully will save and has already saved and will save more lives in America and around the world.

We need to thank these public servants who are so key in keeping each of us safe, not only during this holiday season, but all year long.

Before closing, I would also like to add a few words of tribute to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR). I came in as a fierce partisan in 1995. I have tremendous respect for people who are also fierce partisans.

I also know he is a good man, a dedicated Midwesterner who stands up for the working man. And whether or not Members disagree with each other at times, it is important to have civility in this body. I believe he has been a fierce partisan, and that helps lead us to the type of debate that we have to have in America if we are going to arrive at public policy.

Too often, it seems to be coming in this day and age that we are trending towards blow-dried cookie cutters, where we all sound the same, we all move the same. It is important that we have people of conviction and people that follow the patterns that many before us have set.

I, too, will miss him in a different way. I will not miss part of his abilities and I will not miss part of his enthusiasm for his cause, but it is always a tragedy when we lose dedicated leaders who spent their lives having such an impact.

I have appreciated his time here as one of the rowdy class of 1994.

IN APPRECIATION OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND IN TRIBUTE TO SUPPORTIVE AND CAPABLE STAFF

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

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, first of all, let me apologize to my friend, Elie Abboud, who has been waiting for me for an hour and a half to have lunch. I did not expect this to happen, and I am overwhelmed by the wonderful tributes and comments of my colleagues.

I want to thank the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. SOUDER) and the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER) for their comments, and for spending the time that they have here on the floor throughout this hour-and-a-half, 2 hours.

Mr. Speaker, I came to the floor this afternoon, or actually I came this morning, but it is afternoon now, to pay tribute to my staff.

Before I do that, I want to express my appreciation to all the Members who came to this well and spoke so lovingly and so wonderfully concerning my service here.

It means a great deal to me to, number one, have such wonderful friendships of people that I admire and respect, and to have them publicly express their feelings and their thoughts. It was quite an emotional and heartfelt experience and well received, I might say, and I thank them for it.

The gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI), of course, is going to be our next whip and a great leader of our country, and she already is, but more greatness awaits her; and my friend, the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER), who, with me, has had so many battles over so many years on education, labor issues, Central America; we go back a long time, and he is one of the best.

Of course, there is the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY), who I have come to admire and respect, and is about as genuine and as real and as committed to people as we can find in this place; and the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), who was here and has now left, who will commence the leadership on the trade issue. He is already a great leader in it, but he will be even more so in the days and weeks and months ahead.

Thanks to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. EDWARDS) and the chief deputy whip, the gentleman from California (Mr. FARR); the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAUR), who spoke with such eloquence and love; the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR); the gentleman from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), who always proves that I am bipartisan; the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. WU); the gentleman from Maine (Mr. ALLEN); the gentlewoman from Nevada (Ms. CARSON); the gentleman from Guam (Mr. UNDERWOOD), who is going to be the next Governor of Guam; the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN);

the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. FRANK); the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PAYNE); the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WATT); and the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. SOUDER), I thank him for his comments.

Thanks also to Harold Volkmer who came here, I saw him on the floor. Many of you knew him; he served many years in the House. He was a classmate of mine, and was very instrumental in getting me elected whip.

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So I thank them all and I look forward to a final year of service with them here. We are going to do wonderful things for our country together.

I take this floor tonight to express my appreciation to people who have made it possible for me to be the whip of my party and be a leader in my party, and that is my staff. They are an extraordinary group of people, some of whom I will miss dearly. Although I am sure we will be in contact with each other over the years and the months as they go by, but some of them are leaving now, and they have been part of my whip staff, and I want to express my thoughts and feelings to them today.

Briget Andrews will be coming over to the Rayburn staff with me for the next year and she is just a bright, thoughtful, caring, quiet but smart woman, and I am really honored to have her and look forward to working with her.

Brian Taylor, who is here on the floor as well, Brian has been with us a short time, but he has done a great, great job, and he has got all the abilities to be a great legislative assistant in this institution, and I wish him all the best. He has had the obligation of answering the phone when someone calls to find out what is going on and he does a great job. He knows how this place works now. He is a wonderful person.

Then Kim Kovach, who I will dearly miss. She started off not too long ago with us, a couple of years ago, several years ago, and she has done everything in the office, and she did our trade stuff for us on fast track. She has just progressed in such a wonderful fashion. She is caring, she is decent. She is going back to Pittsburgh. She got married. She is a lovely person, and whoever gets her in employment in Pittsburgh is going to be very, very fortunate. I wish Kim all the best in her endeavors.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Howard Moon, who came from the gentleman from California's (Mr. MATSUI) staff. Howard is one of our floor people here, and he will continue on in that capacity in the next session of this Congress. He and Kristen are very special people, smart, hard-working, thoughtful, competent, all the things someone would want in a staff person, and I wish Howard all the best and I will miss him. We will see him, though, on the floor. So I guess I

will not miss him that much. He will be around.

Jerry Hartz. Jerry has been with me now for, I do not want to get these things wrong, but it has been at least 15 years, since 1987. So let me do my math, about 15 years, and he will be continuing on serving this great institution, and he is an enormously talented individual, a floor person here who we relied on. Wonderful family. Jerry started in our offices when we were the chief deputy whip. There were just four of us in there Judy, my wife; Jerry, Kathy and then Sarah. I guess that is five, and he was so instrumental in our battles on Central America and disarmament issues and you name it, he is there. He is a great resource for this institution, and I wish Jerry all the best in his endeavors.

Sarah Dufendach and Kathy Gille have been with me the longest of the group. They worked on my first campaign 25 years ago. Sarah and Kathy and I, we all kind of grew up on the east side of Detroit, and as I said, they both worked on my first campaign, and Kathy came to work with me about 20 years ago, seems like 22, but she was in at the very beginning and she has been an enormous, wise consult to me. She has great instincts. She has great humanitarian instincts. She has great political wisdom and caring, and I am just going to miss her very, very much, but I know she is looking forward to the day when she can have a little bit of rest, as we all are, and I wish her and Doug much happiness. I know that it will be there in abundance for them. They put together well in their lives the different pieces that make life so profound and wonderful. The spiritual, the physical, the emotional, the educational, all those pieces they do very, very well, and she does extremely well.

Kathy traveled to Central America. She has been at all the battles that we have done over the years and the Vietnam veterans stuff, all the trade issues, worked on the Committee on Rules, as did Jerry, and she is just a very special person, and I thank her from the bottom of my heart for her service.

Then Sarah, who with Kathy, worked in that first campaign, has been with me in the office now for 25 years. She started in Michigan. She lived in the same community I did. She has worked in social services her whole life, and I consider this part of that. She has got enormous amounts of energy and optimism and can-do-it-iveness and is a deeply caring person and was the administrative and political part of our operation that was so very, very important. She did a great, great job for many, many years.

She is going on to wonderful things working for an organization called the Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation, which was an offshoot of the original Vietnam Veterans of America. I guess it really was not an offshoot, but it is Bobby Muller who was instrumental in forming both of those organizations, one which is now a national