

loss as better citizens of the world than we have ever been. We've inherited the grace of the Grand Canyon, the mystery of the Everglades, the fertility of an Iowa plain; we could crown this good with brotherhood. What a vast inheritance for our children that would be, if we were to become a nation humble before our rich birthright, whose graciousness makes us beloved."

Mr. Speaker, I hope all Members take the time to read this.

#### A TRIBUTE TO A WONDERFUL WOMAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. JEFF MILLER of Florida). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I will not take the whole 60 minutes.

Mr. Speaker, every once in a while one of our colleagues here has a wife or a child or a husband that dies, and we express our condolences and we tell them how sorry we are; but our colleagues really do not know very much about those people who have passed on. If a Member dies, we have the flag on the Capitol that is lowered to half mast and Members fly out to the district for the funeral and there is a lot of attention paid to it. But behind the people in the Congress are husbands and wives and children that are never really known about, except when a tragedy occurs. They are there to help us get elected, to feed us, to bring us joy when we go home at night; but they do not get much attention.

Well, this is a picture of my wife. We were married 42 years. We laid her to rest yesterday morning. She was one of the most wonderful people that I ever met. I promised her before she died that I would make sure that she would at least be remembered as a footnote in history, if not a little bit more. I told her I would come to the floor and tell a little bit about her life, because it was a very interesting life.

She was born in Flat Creek, Kentucky, up in the mountains, the hills of Kentucky in a two-room shack. They had no water, running water, they had no plumbing, and they had no electricity. She and her grandmother and grandfather and her mother and her uncle lived in that two-room shack while she was a little girl. Her mother got pregnant and was not married, and her father would not marry her mother, so her uncle literally got on a horse, took the shotgun and went over to this guy's house and said, you are going to marry her or you are not going to come out of that house alive, so the proverbial shotgun wedding took place and he married my wife's mother, and he never lived with her again. He went to World War II and died while he was over there; not in combat, he died from some other kind of an illness. My wife's

mother literally had a broken heart, because she was really in love with the fellow.

She contracted tuberculosis. When my wife was about 6 years old, her mother died of tuberculosis and then she was left to be raised by her grandmother and grandfather. Her uncle had gone to the war as well. Her grandmother, from taking care of my wife's mother contracted tuberculosis, and she likewise died.

So now my wife was about 7. She had a grandfather, and the uncle came back from the war and said, we cannot let this little girl stay in this house with just two men. So they took her to an uncle who was a superintendent of schools. He had a nice home in Kentucky, but his wife did not like the wildness of this little 7-year-old girl because she had never had any formal training or education, and she said she could not stand having her in the house, so they kept her for about 2 months and then they shuffled her off to another relative.

She went to the other relative who was called her Aunt Jackie who had two children of her own, and she lived there until she was about 17 years old, and she matured and she became a very pretty lady. She was very popular among her fellow students because she was very quiet and withdrawn. I think it was probably because of the toughness of her childhood. She became what was called the band sponsor. She was elected by her classmates, and she was very proud of that. But what they did not know was she had contracted tuberculosis from her grandmother, which had been in her body all of that time.

So in her senior year in high school, she had to go into a sanitarium in London, Kentucky; and she was there for about 6 months, pretty much by herself because they kept people pretty isolated in those days because they did not know how to cure tuberculosis. She did not do too well, so they sent her to Louisville, Kentucky, where she had half of one lung removed, and she was there for about another 3 or 4 months, and she was alone again. But she survived and she got better and then she moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, and lived with another aunt and went to secretarial school.

I was studying for the ministry at the Cincinnati Bible Seminary when I met her at the Westwood Cheviot Church of Christ, and I asked her out and we started dating, and 6 months later we were married. Marriages that take place in 6 months they say do not last too long. We were married 42 years. She was probably, if not the best, one of the best things that ever happened to me.

I ran for Congress four times before I got elected. If my colleagues know anything about spouses, they have to put up with the heartache, the pain, the financial losses and everything else when somebody runs for office. When you have a husband or a wife that runs

and loses, you go through the pain with them. You go through the financial hardships with them. She did it once, twice, three times, and finally a fourth time.

I remember the last time I thought we were going to win and everything started going wrong, and I told her we would have to put some of our own money into the campaign, and I told her we would probably have to mortgage the little farm that I had bought and I sold my car and I took our savings in order to be competitive and ended up borrowing and everything else on my land and everything to the tune of \$91,000. I never will forget what she said when I told her we were going to have to do that, because I said, I can either do that or get out of the race. She put her arms around me and she said, Don't worry, we can make more money. It was the fourth time.

Anyhow, we were successful; and now I have been in Congress 20 years, but I do not have her anymore. The thing that is interesting about it is, and I wish all of my colleagues were here to hear this, is one never really appreciates somebody like that until it is almost too late. Thankfully, we had the last year and a half together. We went to Germany and went to Florida and the State of Washington and every place we could to try to get her cured, but it was too late. She had metastatic colon cancer.

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I would like to say to my colleagues, if you have not had a colonoscopy be sure to get one, because if we had done that earlier she probably would have survived. But nevertheless, we expect our spouse, our loved ones to be there when we go home at night. When we go away on a campaign trip we expect them to be there when we get back. We take them for granted, year in and year out, and we never think that one day we will come home and they will be gone.

Well, I would just like to say to my colleagues from one who knows there is a good possibility they will be gone. So whether you are in politics or whether you are not in politics, pay a little attention to your family and your kids and spend as much time with them as you can, because a car accident, cancer, something can come along real quickly and you will not have them any more and you will rue the day.

I remember I was talking to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE), who lost his wife a few years ago. We did not talk about that much on the floor either. I was trying to console him and he said, I would give 2 or 3 years of my life just to walk around the block with her.

That is how hard it was on him, and that is how hard it is on me and my family right now. So I wanted to come down tonight and extol the virtues of a woman that I loved for 42 years. I did not treat her as well as I should have. She deserved a lot better but she was

the best, the very best, and she will be missed. I hope that everybody takes a little inspiration from her because she was an inspiration to me, and I think she would be an inspiration to anybody who met her.

On her tombstone we are putting the words, "She was a wonderful wife and mother and an angel to everyone who knew her." And she really was.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. TANNER (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 2:00 p.m. on account of attending a funeral.

Mr. POMBO (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today through May 21 on account of attending an international conference in Japan.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINOJOSA, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHOWS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCGOVERN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. FOLEY) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly an enrolled bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1840. An act to extend eligibility for refugee status of unmarried sons and daughters of certain Vietnamese refugees.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 47 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, May 20, 2002, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

6863. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification

of the intention to reallocate funds previously transferred from the Emergency Response Fund; (H. Doc. No. 107-213); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

6864. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a request to make the subsidy budget authority necessary to support a \$429 million Federal credit instrument for America West Airlines; (H. Doc. No. 107-214); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

6865. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a request to make available funds for the Disaster Relief program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; (H. Doc. No. 107-215); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

6866. A letter from the Secretary of the Air Force, Department of Defense, transmitting notification that the Space Based Infrared System (SBIRS) High program exceeds both the 15 percent and 25 percent Nunn-McCurdy Average Procurement Unit Cost threshold, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2433(e)(1); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6867. A letter from the Director (FinCEN), Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; Anti-Money Laundering Programs for Operators of a Credit Card System (RIN: 1506-AA28) received April 24, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6868. A letter from the Assistant General for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards: Smoke Alarms [Docket No. FR-4552-F-02] (RIN: 2502-AH48) received April 24, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6869. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations—received April 25, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6870. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Final Flood Elevation Determinations—received April 25, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6871. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket No. FEMA-P-7608] received April 25, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6872. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Local Regulations; San Diego Crew Classic [CGD11-02-100] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received April 25, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6873. A letter from the Acting Chief, Policy and Rules Division, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Parts 2, 25 and 97 of the Commission's Rules with Regard to the Mobile-Satellite Service Above 1 GHz [ET Docket No. 98-142] received April 25, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6874. A letter from the Chief, Accounting Policy Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Fed. State Jt. Bd on Univ. Serv. [CC Doc. No. 96-45]; 1998 Biennial Reg. Rev.

Streamlined Contrib. Rept. Req. Assoc. w/ Admin. of Telecomm. Relay Serv., N. Amer. No. Plan. Loc. No. Portability, & Univ. Serv. Supp. Mechanisms [CC Doc. No. 98-171]; Telecomm. Serv. for Indiv. w/ Hearing & Speech Disab., & the ADA of 1990 [CC Doc. No. 90-571]; Admin. of the N. Amer. No. Plan & N. Amer. No. Plan Cost Recovery Contribution Factor & Fund Size [CC Doc. No. 92-237, NSD File No. L-00-72]; No. Resource Opt. [CC Doc. No. 99-200]; Tel. No. Portability [CC Doc. No. 95-116]; Truth-in-Billing & Billing Format [CC Doc. No. 98-170] Received to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6875. A letter from the Acting Chief, Accounting Safeguards Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—2000 Biennial Regulatory Review—Comprehensive Review of the Accounting Requirements and ARMIS Reporting Requirements for Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers [CC Docket No. 00-199] received April 25, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6876. A letter from the Acting Chief, Policy and Rules Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Part 15 of the Commission's Rules to allow certification of equipment in the 24.05-24.25 GHz band at field strengths up to 2500 mV/m [ET Docket No. 98-156, RM-9189] received April 25, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6877. A letter from the Assistant Bureau Chief, Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Establishing Rules and Policies for the use of Spectrum for Mobile Satellite Services in the Upper and Lower L-band [IB Docket No. 96-132] received April 25, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6878. A letter from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, MMB, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Cheyenne Wells, Colorado) [MM Docket No. 01-250, RM-10273]; (Flagler Colorado) [MM Docket No. 01-251, RM-10274]; (Stratton, Colorado) [MM Docket No. 01-253, RM-10276] received April 25, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6879. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Japan for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 02-25), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

6880. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting the Department of the Air Force's proposed lease of defense articles to France (Transmittal No. 04-02), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

6881. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. 15-02 which informs the intent to sign Amendment Number Three to the Project Arrangement between the United States and Sweden concerning Trajectory Correctable Munitions, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

6882. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. 16-02 which informs the intent to sign Amendment Number One to International Test And Evaluation Program For Humanitarian Demining (ITEP) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the United