

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. CLAYTON. I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for bringing this to the floor. I have considered it an honor to serve with the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HALL) on the Select Committee on Hunger for many years, and I know of the gentleman's dedication to try to rid the world of hunger. I know of no better man to take on the ambassadorship to the U.N. for world hunger. I commend the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HALL), and wish him well in his new endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO THE HON. TONY HALL

(Mr. HOBSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I came here about 12 years ago, and I know the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HALL) a little differently because you all know him from here. I know him from back home. We share a region called the Miami Valley.

I must tell Members from the day I was elected until this day, I believe that the gentleman and I have worked toward for the betterment of that area. We have not competed against each other, we have competed together for that region.

The gentleman has another goal that we have heard about with hunger, world hunger, local hunger. He has always worked within the district for the good of the people, the district, the State of Ohio, and the world as a whole. We are all better people because TONY HALL has served here. The world is going to be better because of the service he goes on to now.

I think there has been no one in this House that we can say any better is a true gentleman than the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HALL) and I wish him well in his new endeavor, and I thank him for working with me together over the years in our districts. Certainly he and Janet are on to a wonderful new experience.

Mr. Speaker, just a last comment. He is in great shape; I am not. To show you how far our friendship goes, he did 100 push-ups the other night on behalf of AT, and I did not do 100, but I counted for him.

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(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise along with my dear colleagues, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF), the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. CLAYTON), the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HOBSON), the gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. JONES), to pay lasting and precious tribute to our colleague

and dear friend, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HALL).

Without question, this is a gentleman of the House. I think his appointment to the Committee on Rules and to that particular position which governs our deliberations as a body is a testament to the talent that he brought to our institution and the manner in which he has executed it and risen in the esteem and effectiveness as a Member of Congress.

He has served honorably through the quarter century that he has given to the Congress and the people from his home district in the Greater Dayton, Ohio area.

At every fork in the road, he has elevated this institution as a person and also as a political figure. So rarely do those that really do good get their day in the sun. The newspapers tend to cover those who may have strayed from the straight and narrow, and it is particularly a pleasure today as an Ohioan to say that this man deserves our attention and appreciation.

I have watched the gentleman change over the years. Not that the goodness and the caring was not always there, but I have watched a depth of concern grow for the suffering of the world, in forgotten places, whether it is in our country or on another continent far from places where most Americans will ever travel. He has confronted the face of suffering. He has held dying children in his arms, and he has not walked away from that horrible, horrible thought of the fragility of life and what he as a person can actually do about it.

I have seen other concerns become less important. Some, in fact, of the unimportant moments that consume so many of the hours here sometimes in a day, the procedural motions and all of the paraphernalia that goes with holding together a large country like ours and its governing institutions, but for TONY, the depth, the passion that has grown because of what he has seen globally has transformed him and helped transform us through association with him to a greater understanding of our needs as a people; and, indeed, the people of the world.

As I watched TONY with some of his friends, Mickey Leland and Bill Emerson, also distinguished Members for so many years, I watched them travel together and bring back to us knowledge that we did not have. Through those efforts to change the way in which America feeds the world, to change the way in which we look at hunger, to create the Congressional Hunger Center here, to bring the young people of America to the Nation's capital and to get them engaged in one of the most perplexing and searing experiences one can have, and that is to meet people who do not even have enough food to survive for one day.

We see in Afghanistan and other places people eating dirt to stay alive, and it is difficult to imagine that any one of us in our own lives would ever

confront that and actually take on a position where that becomes the norm. Yet to fly in the face of that and to keep walking is what the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HALL) means to me.

I have seen the photos of his trips to Africa and North Korea; and I have also been with him in Dayton, Ohio, going through empty food pantries, trying to work with farmers that he tried to get to donate apples, and to bring those into these feeding centers, to try to find excess food that would be available in that metropolitan area and to make it available to the poor in his region and our State. He has been unrelenting in his commitment.

I think that the President has made an extraordinary appointment in nominating the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HALL) as our ambassador to the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations. He will do a stellar job.

I know that every single person whose life he touches and what he brings back to us and what he can tell us about how to be better citizens of our country and the world is something that he alone can do and will do for us. We will again be the better for that service.

I will say to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HALL) that I will miss him very much. As an Ohio Member, I have truly enjoyed serving with him, getting to know him and Janet, his family, the kindness and the gentlemanly behavior you have always demonstrated toward me, and I know is the same with every other Member in this Chamber. God bless you and keep you safe and healthy in your travels. It has been my honor to serve with you, TONY. Come back often. You are a great American. Some day that Nobel Prize, I hope, will find its way into your home.

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(Mr. WOLF asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, we come to the House floor today to pay tribute to our colleague, and Members will have an opportunity to put extensions in remarks, and we are doing this because obviously Congress is coming to a quick end tomorrow.

TONY was nominated by President Bush, and it is a credit to President Bush, too, nominated as the United States Ambassador to the United Nations Food and Agricultural Agencies located in Rome, Italy. He is awaiting final Senate confirmation which could come in a matter of days. Once confirmed, he will resign as a representative of the Third Congressional District of Ohio and take his post in Rome where he will be able to continue his passionate work as a leading advocate for ending hunger and promoting food security around the world. He will be greatly missed in the House, but I know he is absolutely the right person

to serve as the United States representative for the World Food Program, the Food and Agricultural Organization, and the International Fund for Agricultural Development, all of the agencies of the United Nations, which assist in international hunger relief.

This is a bittersweet time for me. I have had the privilege and honor to call TONY my colleague for two decades. He is my best friend in Congress. We have been part of a small group that has met for 20 years. Bill Emerson was in that group. Bill and TONY went to Ethiopia in 1994. A lot of what the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HALL) did, he got me interested in a lot of issues that I would not have been interested in. That group meeting every Tuesday for 20 years, almost like a band of brothers, has made a big difference in certainly my life.

TONY is one of the most decent, sincere, dedicated people that I know. And he finds his strength from his deeply held faith in God and by following the teachings of Jesus. In the Bible, in James, it says be not only hearers of the word, but also doers.

Micah 6:8 said, "He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." TONY HALL is a man of great faith, and he not only hears the word, but he does the word. He takes his faith into his every-day life, whether it be hunger in Sudan or Ethiopia, whether it is conflict diamonds in Sierra Leone or Liberia, whether it be human rights in Kosovo or Bosnia or anywhere else in Eastern Europe. I would say, and the RECORD should show, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HALL) is the best example that I know of what Jesus was talking about in Matthew 25 when he talks about feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, serving the poor. So as I said, it will be bittersweet to see my good friend leaving this body; but clearly I think everyone can say on both sides of the aisle, Republican and Democrat, well done. You have been faithful to all those principles.

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(Mrs. ROUKEMA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to associate myself with the remarks of the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF), and as the Republican on the Select Committee on Hunger, I learned to know and love and work with TONY HALL.

Mr. Speaker, I do not know if it was mental telepathy, but just about an hour ago I found TONY on the floor of the House to tell him how regretful we were that he was leaving us. I had no idea, however, until I watched television in my office that this was coming up today.

TONY, you are God's blessing for the world and we wish you well, and we know you are going to help all of the hungry children of the world.

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(Mrs. JONES of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the opportunity and the blessing that has been given to my colleague and the dean of the Ohio Democratic delegation, TONY HALL. Unlike some of the speakers who came before me, I have not known him 20 years. I have only known him the past 4 years when I came to the U.S. Congress as the Representative for the 11th Congressional District of Ohio.

I found him to be all of the things that the colleagues, my colleagues, have previously said, kind, gentle, hard-working, with a deep concern for people all across this world. Very recently I had an opportunity to travel to Egypt, and I traveled with the AED as well as USAID to look at educational opportunities in these communities for women and girls. It was an eye-opening experience for me to have that opportunity because I realized and saw for myself the poverty and the lack of living standards that these poor young men and women were living in, and children. The educational programs provided an opportunity for young girls to get educated, because in Egypt, that is not a place where education is something that is done for young women out in the rural areas.

I also had an opportunity to understand what we can do through education and education in providing food and shelter to people to deal with some of the hate that exists in this world. I am so pleased to have had an opportunity in my 4 years to have TONY HALL as my counsel, to have him as a guide, to have him as a model, to have him show the type of leadership, because we are going to come to learn in this Nation that we cannot just fight terrorism in this country by dealing with it by war. We have to fight terrorism by dealing with it with younger people and teaching them the importance of feeding the hungry, of giving water to the thirsty or giving clothing to those who do not have any clothing.

I just want to take my hat off to you, TONY HALL, and say it has been a privilege to serve with you in the House of Representatives. And since you are going to Rome, Italy, save me a bed. I am coming to see you.

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(Mr. SAWYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAWYER. Mr. Speaker, this is a happy-sad day that TONY brings to us.

For the last 33 years, the genuine gentleman from Ohio has been serving the people of his community and our State and our Nation in remarkable ways, first in the Ohio House and then in the Senate, then it was as a Member of the United States Congress.

I first met TONY, although he probably will not remember it, in 1974 when I was working on behalf of a gubernatorial candidate all over the State and he was all running all over the State seeking to become Secretary of State. Fortunately he did not succeed in that because he may never have gotten to the United States Congress and to the threshold of the enormous opportunity and responsibility that lies before him today. I am confident that he will continue to be a tireless voice for alleviating global hunger.

TONY has been nominated for the Nobel Prize three times. One of these days the recognition that that will bring, people will understand the value of what he has done and can do with that recognition, and we will not be talking about nominations anymore. I have got much more written here, but I know you are trying to get as many people onto the floor as you can, Mr. Speaker. I will put much of this in the RECORD.

I just want to say that his service to his constituents has been remarkable as well and his work on behalf of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and the whole history of aviation in Ohio has been a signal to the rest of the Nation of what the Miami Valley has meant in the course of this past century in going from the dune to the moon. It has been an amazing contribution.

But above all and more important than anything else, TONY HALL sets the standard for decency and integrity among us in the House. He models the behavior he expects of ally and adversary alike, and of each, he seeks to make a friend by being one.

Thank you, TONY. It has been an honor for all of us to serve with you as a Member of this House and for us from Ohio, in particular, as a member of your delegation. I hope we all will join in wishing TONY HALL the very best in his future endeavors because it will make our lives and our world a better place.

Mr. Speaker, for the last 33 years, TONY HALL, the Gentleman from Ohio, has been a true public servant for the people of Ohio, first, as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives, then as an Ohio State Senator, and for the last 24 years, as a member of the United States Congress. Through his dedication to improving human rights and ending hunger, he has served this institution, the Nation, and the world in exemplary fashion. I am confident that in his new position as the U.S. ambassador to the food and agriculture organizations in Rome, the Gentleman from Ohio will continue to be a tireless voice for alleviating global hunger. He will also bring honor and dignity to his