

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.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE HON. TONY HALL

(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.

#### TRIBUTE TO HON. TONY HALL

(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

new position, just as he has done in the House.

With the TONY HALL leading our government's effort to promote food security across the globe, the United States will be well represented in the international community. Most important, those who face each day with hunger will have his talents and energy focused on addressing their burden. He has always had passion for ending hunger. Now, as the ambassador, he can be single-minded in his efforts and fight for this cause with the full support and authority of the United States government.

Nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize three times, Mr. Hall's humanitarian efforts abroad are well known. However, I believe it is important to highlight the important work he has done on behalf of his constituents throughout his tenure in Congress. He has been a staunch supporter of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, his district's largest employer, and has been a leader in the House in support of the Air Force Science and Technology program, which is headquartered at Wright-Patterson.

He also drafted legislation that was enacted in 1992 which created the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park and established the Park as a unit of the National Park System. The law also established the Dayton Aviation Heritage Commission to assist federal, state, and local authorities in preserving and managing the historic resources in the Miami Valley that are associated with the Wright brothers and aviation. This park will serve as a reminder for generations of Dayton residents and visitors from around the world about the importance of Dayton as the birthplace of aviation.

More important and above all else, he 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 to serve with you as member of the Ohio delegation and as colleagues in this House for the past 16 years. I hope we will all join in wishing him the very best in his future endeavors.

#### TRIBUTE TO HON. TONY HALL

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I am very honored to join with my colleagues here this afternoon as we pay tribute to TONY HALL.

Mr. Speaker, in my opinion TONY HALL is not only a great Congressman, he is a great man. As all of my colleagues in this Chamber know, he has long been a leader on human rights issues, on hunger issues in this Congress.

I first got to know TONY HALL when I was a staffer for the late Congressman Joe Moakley, and I recall when I worked for Congressman Moakley receiving Dear Colleagues from Congressman HALL on the issue of East Timor. TONY HALL was the first voice to speak out on behalf of the people of East Timor. He was a courageous voice in

condemning the atrocities that were inflicted on the people of East Timor by the Indonesian military. He organized letters, he organized protests, he organized press conferences, and he fought very hard to help those people secure independence in East Timor. I believe very strongly that the independence that East Timor has ultimately achieved in large part and the support that the United States provided that independence movement in large part is due to the efforts of TONY HALL.

He also, and I have been very proud to work with him on this issue, has been a great leader in helping us with the global food for education initiative, the so-called George McGovern-Bob Dole Global Food for Education Initiative. TONY HALL knows that hunger in this world is essentially a political condition and hunger amongst children is immoral. We need to do something about it.

We have the ability to do something about it. He has steadfastly challenged this Congress and this country to do more to alleviate hunger around the world. I am particularly proud to have him as an ally on this effort because this whole effort is about making sure that every child in the world gets at least one nutritious meal a day in a school setting.

He knows that children who are hungry cannot learn. He also knows that when you introduce a meal in a school setting, more children actually go to school. And so he is committed not only to eliminating hunger amongst children, but to universal education, for all children. He knows that that is how we create a more tolerant, a less violent, a better world for all of us.

While he is well known for a lot of his international efforts, he has also been a champion to fight hunger and homelessness right here in the United States. We all recall his vigils and his walks with homeless people throughout this city. I remember one evening when he launched a hunger fast to try to get us to do more in this Congress to help the homeless and to help those who were hungry. He has been the conscience of this Congress.

I want to just say that I cannot think of anybody more qualified to go on to become the United States Ambassador to the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome than TONY HALL. It is a job that my friend and my teacher, my mentor, George McGovern, had for many years. I think TONY HALL will be excellent in that position and will use that international forum to not only compel the United States, but to compel the rest of the world to do more on these issues. I am honored to follow him on the Rules Committee where he served with such distinction for many years.

We will miss TONY'S passion and resolute commitment. I hope that Congress does not forget the hungry of the world when he is no longer here to speak out on their behalf. He has done

incredible things here in the United States Congress, and I expect that he will do incredible things in his new position. I thank him very much for his service and his friendship.

#### TRIBUTE TO HON. TONY HALL

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, TONY HALL has taught us well, and I want to be a good student. Though he is going to Rome, let me tell you that Afghanistan, Mr. HALL, cannot wait until you get to Rome. Sub-Saharan Africa cannot wait until you get to Rome. Parts of Texas cannot wait until you get to Rome. Because there is hunger in these places, in fact, famine, and we are delighted that Congressman HALL will be able to be not a soldier but a general in the war against hunger.

I guess I have had the privilege of knowing you longer than my tenure in this House, because in the 18th Congressional District, TONY HALL was like the other Member that represented us. Your good friend, Congressman Mickey Leland, made sure that we understood the issues of hunger and that we are, in fact, our brothers' and sisters' keeper.

I remember hearing about Bill Emerson. I remember hearing about the Select Committee on Hunger and now knowing the story of, before I got here, your hunger strike when efforts were made to dismantle that committee. What we learned is that hunger grows. It will not end on its own. And TONY you did not mind whether it was in style or was out of style, or that the issue was a popular issue today. He consistently stayed the course. The congressional hunger fellows that many of you may have had experiences with or may not, today are a steady force of trained, young, bright professionals, committed, passionate souls who today fight hunger because of their spiritual guru in TONY HALL.

He certainly spoke out and still speaks out against homelessness, but he finds causes and he never lets up. The blood diamonds that many of us may not have been exposed to, I remember traveling to Botswana and the issue was made known, "We are doing good things with our diamonds. What is that TONY HALL doing?" I am glad I joined his cause, because when you see the dismemberment of children or the amputation, the severe violence against children over these diamonds in countries in West Africa, you know that his heart and his mind and his message and his actions were in the right place.