

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CORNYN). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DEWINE. I ask unanimous consent to proceed as in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO LEWIS AND JEAN MOORE

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to two Ohioans who dedicated their lives to serving their local community of Urbana. Lewis B. Moore passed away on October 21, 2002, at the age of 91. His wife, Jean, passed away on September 12, 2001. I would like to take a few moments to reflect here today on this couple's legacy of service and the mark they left on the people of Urbana.

Lewis Moore—Lew to his friends—was born in Paducah, KY, on July 23, 1911. He graduated from Cleveland Heights High School in 1929 and from Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland in 1933 with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. He married Jean Lillian Wenger in 1938, and they moved to Urbana in 1940, where Lew joined Grimes Manufacturing Company as a sales engineer. Later he served as chief engineer, sales manager, and vice president before eventually becoming president and board chairman.

Under Lew's leadership, the company grew from 12 to more than 1,300 employees. As president, he served as a mentor to many and as an example to all. If there were ever a disagreement with a customer, Lew used to tell his employees to always be honest with the customers. He would say: "Tell them the truth—tell them what happened." Indeed, Lew Moore was a model of integrity.

Together, Lew and Jean's values and visions for the future changed Urbana. Lew eventually ran for public office and served as Mayor of Urbana from 1980 to 1991. Under his leadership, Urbana underwent some big changes in the city government. Known affectionately as "Mr. Urbana," Mayor Moore transformed the City of Urbana from a statutory system into a charter form of government—one of the most important of his contributions to the city government, noted Larry Wolke, former director of administration. According to David Martin, former Grimes employee and current Urbana City Council president, "He had the best interests of the city and the citizens of Urbana in his heart and mind."

Working side-by-side with Lew to serve the Urbana community, Jean participated in the campaign that created the city's first youth center and organized and led her church's Prayer Connection. As one Prayer Connection member, Jack Neer, said of Jean, "She was there for anyone in need."

No better illustration of their commitment to the interests and community of Urbana is found, however, than in Lew and Jean's involvement with the University of Urbana, where Lew served as building fundraiser and Jean served on the board of trustees for more than 35 years. Through much of their lifetimes, Lew and Jean dedicated much of their time and resources to expanding and improving the institution. As Dr. Robert Head, Urbana University president said, "It is not an overstatement to say that if it hadn't been for Lew and Jean Moore, Urbana University would not be here today."

Together, Jean and Lew spearheaded several campaigns to raise funds to enhance the university. In one project, they helped raise \$400,000 to build the Warren G. Grimes Community Center. In the early 1990's, Lew co-chaired efforts to raise funds for the math and science center—a project totaling \$3.1 million. According to Dr. Francis Hazard, former University president, "When no one else stepped forward to head the campaign, they volunteered." He added that as the campaign neared its end and the structure had been completed, Moore cashed in a \$75,000 insurance policy to furnish its classrooms and laboratories.

Lew and Jean Moore were selfless. They loved their community—their family, their friends, and their neighbors. It is no wonder the Urbana community affectionately refers to Lew as "Mr. Urbana." Throughout their lives, they were devoted to their community. And through their service, Lew and Jean Moore provided a vision for Urbana's future. That is their legacy. We certainly miss them both deeply.

My wife Fran and I continue to remember Lew, and we continue to remember Jean. They were both great friends. Left to cherish their memories and to pass on this legacy are their sons, Keith and Greg, and their wonderful families.

We thank both Lew and Jean for their wonderful service to their community.

JUDGE WILLIAM AMMER

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I would like to pay tribute here on the floor of the U.S. Senate to a dear friend, a gracious man, and a wonderful human being. That man is former Pickaway County, OH, Common Pleas Judge William Ammer. Judge Ammer, of Circleville, Ohio, passed away January 30, 2003 at the age of 83.

William Ammer was born on May 21, 1919, to Moses and Mary Ammer. He graduated from Circleville High School in 1937, and then went on to receive a business degree from the Ohio State University. After serving in the U.S. Army for 3 years during World War II, he returned to Ohio State to get his law degree.

After law school, he quickly proved himself a skilled attorney. He served as Assistant Ohio Attorney General from

1951 to 1952 and then returned to Pickaway County as a prosecuting attorney from 1955 to 1957.

During this time, he was also Circleville's Assistant City Prosecutor, while finding the time to maintain a busy private law practice. He developed a reputation as a tireless worker and dedicated public servant.

In 1957, he was appointed to the post in which he would serve the rest of his career—he was appointed Pickaway County Common Pleas Court Judge and was re-elected to this post every six years until his retirement on December 31, 1994.

While serving on the bench for those 37 years, Judge Ammer handled more than 30,000 cases. Few of these cases were appealed, and most of those cases that were appealed were affirmed by higher courts. As a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I can tell you that this low reversal rate is one of the best indicators of a good, sound judge.

But I can also say that another great indicator is the man's reputation in the community. Anyone who knew Judge Ammer, and anyone who knew the attorneys who practiced in Pickaway County or the area certainly knew Judge Ammer's great reputation. And they knew how well respected he was in the Pickaway County community and the surrounding counties.

In addition to handling cases in Pickaway County, Judge Ammer often was assigned to preside in other counties by the Supreme Court of Ohio. This is also the mark of a good, well-respected judge. Only those capable of handling the toughest cases are sent on assignments to other jurisdictions. Once again, Judge Ammer's reputation for hard work and diligence clearly preceded him.

While Judge Ammer was frequently sent on assignment outside of Pickaway County, his heart remained in Circleville. Each year, Judge Ammer sent out memorable Christmas cards depicting Circleville landmarks.

Certainly my wife Fran and I each year were recipients of those Christmas cards as were so many other people. And we always looked forward to receiving them. These cards reflected his love for the community and were eagerly awaited each holiday season by those of us fortunate enough to be on his Christmas card list.

Judge Ammer was also involved with a number of community organizations. He was President of the Ted Lewis Museum, an institution honoring that great native of Circleville. He was actively involved in the American Legion, the Kiwanis Club, the Pickaway Country Historical and Genealogical Society, and the Masonic Lodge.

Perhaps the greatest testament, however, to his connection to the Circleville community comes now after his death. As the last member of the Ammer family in Circleville, Judge Ammer arranged to have much of his

estate go toward providing scholarships for Circleville High School students. This act certainly reveals Judge Ammer's generous and giving nature and his desire to help other Circleville natives succeed.

In tribute to Judge Ammer, who has been a true role model for so many of us in Ohio, my wife Fran and I say thank you. Judge Ammer was a kind human being who left an unbelievable print on the lives of so many countless people who he touched. He truly helped people. He changed lives. He made a difference. We all miss him. We miss him dearly. He will always be remembered by his beloved community.

TRIBUTE TO DELBERT LATTA

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, this afternoon I pay tribute to a dear friend and beloved Ohioan, a man who has been a great public servant for the last half century, a man who I served with in the House of Representatives for a number of years. I am talking about Representative Delbert Latta. Representative Delbert Latta devoted 30 years of distinguished service to Ohio's 5th Congressional District in the House of Representatives. In his honor, earlier this year, President George Bush signed into law a bill that renamed the Bowling Green Ohio Post Office the Delbert L. Latta Post Office Building. This is a well-deserved tribute to a man who inspires all around him to strive to be a better public servant.

This afternoon I will take a few minutes to explain to my colleagues why Del is so revered by the citizens of the 5th District and all the citizens of Ohio. Del was raised in McComb, OH. He graduated from McComb High School and later worked in a shoestore and put himself through Ohio Northern University from where he received his undergraduate and then his law degree.

Del practiced law in Bowling Green for several years before he successfully ran for an Ohio State Senate seat. After serving three terms in the Ohio State Senate, Del Latta decided to serve his community at the Federal level and was elected to the House of Representatives in 1958.

Before retiring from the House of Representatives in 1989, constituents of Ohio's 5th District showed Del their appreciation by electing him and reelecting him 15 times. He was the dean of the Ohio Republican delegation and as dean of the delegation was deeply respected for the leadership role he played for fellow Ohio Representatives as well as for the party. He was the person to whom, frankly, we all went.

I remember when I was first elected in 1982. I remember driving north to Bowling Green and going to see Del in his office and talking to him about committee assignments. I told him I wanted to be on the Judiciary Committee if that were possible. I remember Del sitting behind his desk talking to me about that and telling me he would see what he could do about it. It

was not too long after that I was on the Judiciary Committee in the House of Representatives. Del was the person you went to for advice, for counsel, and to get things done.

Del served as leader of the Rules Committee. Del was the ranking Republican in all the House on the Budget Committee. Del was not only recognized as a key leader of the Republican Party, he was a consensus builder who also earned the respect of Members on both sides of the aisle. The Honorable Democrat Senator and Representative Claude Pepper, of Florida, had this to say about Del:

Del's conduct as a Member of the [Rules] Committee and a Member of the House has exemplified the best and noblest traditions of this House. His integrity has been exemplary. His kindness, gentleness and graciousness of manner have endeared him to all of his colleagues. I shall always honor the service Del Latta has rendered to the Rules Committee, to the Budget Committee and the House because what he did, he did as an able, honorable patriotic American.

Del Latta had a significant impact on so many pieces of legislation and events over his 30-year tenure in the House. One notable example is the leadership he demonstrated during Watergate, but perhaps he is best well-known as a champion of balanced budgets and fiscal responsibility. In 1981, Del spearheaded President Reagan's economic recovery program in the House by sponsoring and helping to pass the Gramm-Latta bill. This bill is often cited as the single most influential measure in stimulating America's economic recovery in the 1980s. Del Latta was there. Del Latta led. It was Del Latta who got it done.

Expressing his admiration for Del's humility and work ethic, the Honorable Chip Pashayan, Jr., of California, said this about a dinner experience he had with Del after the passage of this momentous bill that bears Del Latta's name.

No gloating, no bragging, no brandishing. To [Del] Gramm-Latta was just another bill, just another day's work for the American people. . . . As usual, we finished dinner by 8:30 or 9 p.m. because Del had to get back to his office to do some constituent work. No constituency ever had a harder working Member that I ever saw.

I could not agree more. In 1982, when I first came to the House of Representatives, as I said, Del was instrumental in teaching me the ropes. What I admired most about Del was his ability to work with an unwavering commitment and passion for his constituents. He never forgot who sent him to Washington. He never forgot who he worked for. In everything he did, you could see how much he cared for the people he represented, the people of northwest Ohio. He understood how much he cared about our great country.

People have always come first for Del Latta. It is what drives him. He has said his greatest satisfaction comes from helping people find solutions to their problems, whether it is big prob-

lems or small problems, helping people find solutions to their problems, especially problems they could not solve on their own.

At his retirement Del said this:

Being a representative [of Ohio's 5th district] has given me and members of my family the opportunity to make untold thousands of wonderful friendships which we shall always treasure. I will also cherish the many friendships I have made over the years with my congressional colleagues.

And to be sure, Del Latta has not finished giving of himself, certainly not. To this day, he continues to do everything he can for his community. From local businessmen to neighborhood schoolchildren, Del Latta is there for them.

The dedication of the Bowling Green Post Office in Del's name—a post office that Del once helped secure funds to build—is simply a reminder that although it has been 15 years since he has retired from the Congress, Del has continued to work tirelessly for his community. The renaming of this post office, in many ways, is a symbol—a great symbol—of the civic spirit Del stood for as a U.S. Representative and still stands for today.

So I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Del for this great honor. He has done so much for the Fifth District, for the State of Ohio, and for our Nation. I have the highest regard for the example Del has set as a leader and public servant. My wife Fran and I cherish his friendship, and we wish him and his wife Rosemary and their children Bob and Rose Ellen and their families all the best in their future.

Del Latta is a great man. I said that he has worked tirelessly for his constituents, and it is always fun to watch him do that. But there has been one thing for me that has been even more fun, and that is to watch Del Latta with his grandchildren and to hear Del Latta talk about his grandchildren because this is a man who is also a great family man; he has never lost sight of the importance of family.

So, Del Latta, congratulations. You are a man who has served our country well. You are a great family man. You are a good friend. We appreciate all you have done for our country.

Madam President, I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. DOLE). The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. FITZGERALD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SUNUNU). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FITZGERALD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak as in morning business for up to 15 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FITZGERALD. I thank the Chair.