

At Michael's funeral there were tears, particularly when the fire alarm sounded again in his honor. But more than sadness it was a celebration. Michael had lived a life of service to others. He put himself at risk of death every day for his fellow man. He is a man who we, while reflecting on his life, can honestly say made a difference.

What greater tribute can there be to a man than when his wife and family looked out at the huge crowd paying their respects, they may have asked themselves who in that crowd wouldn't be there today had Michael not lived. The incredible impact of saving lives has a power that far outlives the hero who makes it happen.

I'm sure some might find it trivial to pay respects to an Assistant Fire Chief from a small town in Illinois. But, Mr. Speaker, I would argue that there are few greater heroes we can praise from this noble House. I extend condolences and our thanks to the family of Michael Lehen.

COMMENDING CAPTAIN BRENT
DAVIS

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commend a resident of my district who has raised the bar for personal sacrifice on behalf of others. His name is Captain Brent Davis, and he serves as the chief of public affairs for the 910th Airlift Wing at Youngstown Air Reserve Station.

What impresses me most about Capt. Davis is his desire to serve above and beyond the call of duty. Already serving his country in uniform, Capt. Davis was approached to shore up support for the C.W. Bill Young Dept. of Defense Bone Marrow Program, and he accepted the task with enthusiasm. He registered himself in the program, named for my distinguished colleague who formally served on the Armed Services Committee, and when he received word that he was a perfect match to donate marrow, he was equal to the task. With the support of his wife, Sonya, Capt. Davis went through the rigorous screening process to ensure his compatibility with the recipient, and on December 8th of last year, he successfully donated bone marrow at Georgetown University Hospital.

The recipient was a 17-year-old young man who was suffering with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a type of cancer that afflicts the body's lymphatic system. A parent himself, Capt. Davis was determined to help this family. He was concerned first and foremost with the welfare of the recipient and was committed to helping him survive.

Mr. Speaker, our struggle with cancer in all its forms is one we must win. While we search for cures and effective treatments, I take comfort in the fact that there are men and women like Capt. Davis out there, volunteering and even risking their own health so that others may have hope of recovery. I commend Capt. Davis for his courage and sacrifice; he is a model citizen and exemplary officer.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT THE PRESIDENT POSTHUMOUSLY AWARD THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM TO HARRY W. COLMERY

SPEECH OF

HON. JIM RYUN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 6, 2004

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the vision and achievements of Mr. Harry W. Colmery, from Topeka, Kansas.

Because of Mr. Colmery's remarkable service to our country, I urge my colleagues to pass H. Con. Res. 257, calling on President Bush to posthumously award the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Harry Colmery. President Truman established the Medal of Freedom in 1945 as an honor for exceptional service in war, and President Kennedy reintroduced the Medal in 1963 for distinguished service in peacetime. Harry Colmery embodied both of these things and is deserving of this highest civilian honor.

After serving as an Army aviator in World War I, Mr. Colmery spent his civilian life actively promoting and defending the rights of America's veterans. In 1929, he was part of a coalition that worked to pass a major veterans' hospital construction bill. In 1936, he was elected National Commander of The American Legion.

In 1943, while staying in Washington's Mayflower Hotel, Harry Colmery wrote the first draft of what would later become the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, also known as the World War II GI Bill of Rights. This legislation provided historic new benefits to military veterans as they transitioned back into civilian life. Most importantly, the new educational benefit would revolutionize America's higher education system.

Since the enactment of the GI Bill, America has continuously provided educational support for our nation's veterans. Exceeding all expectations, more than two million eligible men and women went to college using these educational benefits in the decade following World War II. The result was an American workforce enriched by 450,000 engineers, 238,000 teachers, 91,000 scientists, 67,000 doctors, 22,000 dentists, and another million college-educated men and women.

Building upon the success of the original GI Bill, Congress subsequently approved the Veterans Readjustment Benefits Act of 1966 and the Veterans' Educational Assistance Program for the post-Vietnam Conflict era. Finally, in 1985, Congress passed the Montgomery GI Bill.

Awarding the Medal of Freedom to Harry Colmery would be a tribute to all veterans in 2004, as we mark the 60th anniversary of the GI Bill.

HONORING PENFIELD TATE III OF
DENVER, COLORADO

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to recognize

Mr. Penfield Tate III of Denver, CO, for his outstanding career of public service and his inspiring role as father and husband. I would like to thank him on behalf of all Coloradans for the depth and diversity of contributions he has made to ensure our public life.

Before my election to Congress, I served in the Colorado House of Representatives with a number of remarkable individuals who made a difference through their legislative excellence. I also served with some legislators noted for their warm, energetic personalities. However, in my experience there are very few people as gifted—personally and professionally—as Pen Tate.

Every day I worked with him reaffirmed the ideal qualities of a public official: idealistic, caring, optimistic, intelligent and principled. Spirited in debate, Pen was, nevertheless, always a gentleman, being open-minded and respectful to everyone with whom he worked. As a state representative, state senator, and mayoral candidate he was a tireless seeker for solutions to some of Colorado's most pressing problems, and a peerless advocate for children, seniors, workers, and civil rights, causes he championed both in and out of the State Capitol.

Since ending his tenure in the Colorado Legislature, Pen has returned to his law practice in Denver. He has also been given more time to spend with his wife Faye and daughter Elleana. Although he has returned to life as a private citizen, Pen remains as dedicated to his causes today as he was during his time in the legislature. He is active in many charitable organizations and gives generously to his community.

Not surprisingly, Pen's contagious combination of effective legislator and humanitarian has inspired members of his community to award him numerous civic distinctions. His unyielding pursuit of justice and equality was recognized with the 2003 Civil Rights Award given by the Anti-Defamation League. Most recently, Pen was awarded the 2004 Father of the Year by the National Father's Day Council and the American Diabetes Association. This impressive award is only a token of appreciation to a man who dedicates so much of his time to his family. I am attaching a newspaper report of this honor.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting such an honorable person and his distinguished career in public service. My family and I wish him, his wife, Faye, and their daughter, Elleana, good health and happiness in their future together.

[From the Denver Post, June 19, 2004]

A TIP OF THE HAT TO TATE THE DAD

MAYORAL ADVISER IS ONE OF SIX MEN HONORED AS REGIONAL FATHERS OF THE YEAR

(By Erin Cox)

For Elleana Tate, daughter of Denver lawyer and former state senator Penfield Tate III, it only takes a little task for Daddy to make her happy. "Tuck me in," said 14-year-old Elleana, flashing her smile at her father. Tate, nestled next to his disabled daughter on a couch in his 27th-floor downtown Denver office, looked at her with soft eyes. "Tuck you in still?" Tate said, beaming.

Tate, partner in a Denver law firm, adviser to Mayor John Hickenlooper, winner of a 2003 Civil Rights Award and former state senator, is first and foremost a father. The National Father's Day Council and the American Diabetes Association honored him as a 2004 Father of the Year, along with five

other Denver men. "It sometimes feels strange to get honored for the things you ought to do," Tate said in his acceptance speech Tuesday night. The diabetes association also named Jeffrey Campos, Thomas Dyk, Steve Kelley, Jay Leeuwenburg and Sam Pegues as regional Fathers of the Year.

The National Father's Day Council was established in 1931 to promote the then little-known Father's Day holiday and has been honoring exceptional fathers across the nation since 1942. Tate was selected for the award because of his ability to balance his personal life with a successful career, organizers said. Tate's list of qualifications for what makes a Father of the Year is a little different. "You have to be loving. You have to be patient, generous, consistent and persistent," he said. "It's a continual reinforcing of things."

Elleana, who has mild cerebral palsy and limited eyesight, spends a lot of time with Tate getting that reinforcement and fatherly support. Born premature, Elleana has made frequent trips to hospitals and surgery rooms during her life. Tate is always there. "I'm bouncing off the walls, and he's very reasoned, measured, thoughtful," said Elleana's mother, Faye Tate. The struggles with Elleana's health and its potential limits have brought Elleana and her father close. She has been by Tate's side on the campaign trail and at his law firm.

Little exceeds Tate's affection for his daughter, whose artwork hangs on the door of his office. "He spends a lot of time instructing Elleana," Faye Tate said. "He lets her do everything. He lets her try everything." Elleana was barely out of the toddler stage when she rode her first horse, with the urging of her father and despite her mother's fears.

Tate believes there is no other way to parent. "I don't know what she can or can't do until she tries. I don't know what she likes until she tries it," he said.

Tate's grandfathers and father shaped his approach to fatherhood. As a child, Tate spent summers with his three sisters and cousins at his grandfather Tate's farm, where his grandfather "was everybody's babysitter. He spent a lot of time talking to you. They really made sure you were connected to family," Tate said. Tate's maternal grandfather, an immigrant from Jamaica, taught him to keep contact with extended family, and Tate's own father, Penfield Tate II, taught him about friendship. "My dad was my best friend. He was my law partner and best man at my wedding," Tate said.

Tate and Elleana are best friends, too. "We keep secrets from Mom sometimes," Tate said. "We talk about boyfriends now, and boys." Elleana wiggled on the couch and gave an enthusiastic nod at the subject. She and her dad share a special language. "They talk in code," said Tate's sister, Paula Tate. "We'll hide under the pillows and just talk about stuff," he said. A father must be "firm and fair. And playful," Tate said.

Tate brushes off the feat of balancing an impressive public career and the role of loving father. "It's all a matter of scheduling," he said. "When you work, you work. When you're home, you're home," he said. Even though fatherhood is a job in itself. "You really have to enjoy being a dad," Tate said. "It's too much work not to enjoy it."

HONORING CARLA BARICZ FOR WINNING NATIONAL HISTORY DAY CONTEST

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Carla Baricz, a rising star at Springstead High School, for her achievements of winning the prestigious National History Day contest and earning a full four year scholarship to Case Western Reserve University in Ohio. Carla drafted a research paper entitled "Vincent van Gogh and the Exploration of Emotion Through Art: An Encounter With the Human Struggle." This lovely manuscript earned Carla second place in the State History Day Contest. Despite this wonderful accomplishment, Carla strived for perfection. She revised the paper and submitted it for the national contest, where Carla's commitment to education separated her from the rest of the competitors and brought her to the forefront of this prominent competition.

I would like to recognize the dedication and drive that Carla Baricz has displayed. As a former educator, I take pride in knowing that students continue to aspire to great dreams and realize that education is the key to success. Carla has used her interests and love for history to create a marvelous opportunity for herself. Carla Baricz is a model student and an inspiration to all. Young people like her fill America with joy and hope as we see the future generation embracing the merits of education and the values of history. Carla is a testament to hard work and dedication. She makes me proud to represent the Fifth District of Florida.

BOOK REVIEW ON PRESIDENT REAGAN BY JUDGE JOHN C. HOLMES

HON. J. D. HAYWORTH

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, yesterday was the official end of the period of national mourning for former President Ronald Reagan. During this month there have been many tributes to this great President, all of which were deserving.

Recently, I was given a copy of a book review by the well-respected Administrative Law Judge John C. Holmes, who is now retired. In August 1998, Judge Holmes reviewed Dinesh D'Souza's book, *Ronald Reagan: How an Ordinary Man Became an Extraordinary Leader*. It was an excellent review that summed up how so many of us view Ronald Reagan and his life. I would like to submit the review for the RECORD and I commend it to my colleagues.

[From the Free Press, 1997]

RONALD REAGAN: HOW AN ORDINARY MAN
BECAME AN EXTRAORDINARY LEADER

(By Dinesh D'Souza)

Dinesh D'Souza, who served briefly as a low-level advisor to President Reagan in 1987-88, is an open admirer of Reagan's accomplishments. Yet not even Reagan's

harshest critics are more revealing of his character flaws and human weaknesses. Rather than expressing scorn and derision, however, the author is in turn bemused, delighted, curious, and intrigued in candidly reporting the former president's character and personality idiosyncrasies. After careful examination, he concludes that Reagan's very real limitations in fact assisted as much as deterred this seemingly ordinary man in becoming an extraordinary leader. Beneath his apparent simplicity was a complex and sometimes contradictory person.

For example, Reagan's sunny personality and near continuous optimism masked a psychological curtain that could descend on even his most intimate friends and family, keeping them at a distance. There was also the contradiction that, while constantly extolling the virtue of the family and its values, Reagan exhibited a disjointed personal one, having been divorced from his first wife, Jane Wyman, and distant from his son, daughter, and stepdaughter. Reagan's acknowledged short attention span masked a tenacious adherence to those principles and policies that concerned him most. His good-natured jokes and story-telling, sometimes criticized as irreverent and irrelevant, served to disarm and win over adversaries from Tip O'Neill to Mikhail Gorbachev. His famous line in the presidential debate with Walter Mondale that he "would not use Mondale's youth and inexperience against him" caused an involuntary grin and chuckle from his surprised opponent, totally diffusing the increasingly serious campaign issue of Reagan's age, and propelling Reagan into one of the largest presidential victories ever. He loved pomp and cavorted with the wealthy, but had a singular capacity to connect with, and was beloved by, the common man.

The author dispels or modifies some public misconceptions. While Reagan himself self-deprecatingly joked about his nap times, he worked sometimes grueling hours, particularly for a man of his age, exhibiting strong discipline in doing homework on those issues he needed to know. His discipline in keeping physically fit probably saved his life early in his presidency when he was the recipient of a would-be assassin's bullet that lodged less than an inch from his heart. His character was revealed during this frightening time when despite the seriousness of the situation he could extemporaneously joke to his wife Nancy: "Honey, I forgot to duck!" and to his treating physicians: "I hope you're all good Republicans." Such good humor in the face of adversity won him a reservoir of good will by an appreciative public.

TAKING ON THE "EVIL EMPIRE"

Reagan was a naive, rosy optimist, thinking that, if he could only show Gorbachev how ordinary Americans lived, Gorbachev would recognize the differences between the two systems and make big changes for the better. Reagan was a foolhardy, almost comical belligerent, standing at the Berlin Wall and challenging Gorbachev to "tear down this wall!" He was an embarrassment, a blind, unsophisticated patriot who had the gall, bad manners, and political incorrectness to call the free world's adversary an "Evil Empire." He was an actor who knew nothing of foreign policy, a genial dummy who straddled between reckless action and somnolent inattention. Or so he was portrayed and so many believed.

But D'Souza recognizes Reagan's historic accomplishment in fostering the dissolution of the Communist empire, which emanated at least in substantial part from the man's own willful, steadfast purpose. This dissolution was not foreordained, as has become the fashionable view. The author demonstrates the transparency of Reagan's critics, quoting