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Pastor (AZ)
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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Two minutes remain in this vote.

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Messrs. LARSON of Connecticut, PASTOR, WELCH, AL GREEN of Texas, SCHRADER, Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas and Ms. MARKEY of Colorado changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Messrs. DONNELLY of Indiana and HOEKSTRA changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds not being in the affirmative) the veto of the President was sustained and the bill was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The veto message and the bill are referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Clerk will notify the Senate of the action of the House.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF FORMER MEMBER OWEN PICKETT

(Mr. NYE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. NYE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a former colleague today, the late Congressman Owen Pickett, who passed away on October 27 of this year. Congressman Pickett dedicated his life to service to our military, to our veterans, and to his constituents.

Mr. Speaker, Congressman Pickett served in Congress representing the Second District of Virginia for 14 years, from 1987 to 2001, prior to that serving in the Virginia House of Delegates. He passed away on October 27 of this year at the age of 80.

Owen Pickett will be remembered as a man of resolve who understood that the best way to get things done was to work with people from both sides of the aisle. Congressman Pickett always put his constituents first. He stayed out of the partisan bickering that so many politicians fall prey to and instead focused his energy on how best to serve the people he represented.

A member of the Armed Services Committee during his entire tenure, he distinguished himself as an outspoken advocate for a strong, advanced, and superior military, an improved quality of life for our military personnel and their families, and enduring support of military facilities for the Greater Hampton Roads region.

Congressman Pickett was a friend of mine, a mentor, and a champion for our warfighters, and there are some here today who had the honor of serving in this body with him.

At this time I would like to yield to my colleague from Virginia.

Mr. WOLF. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, we are saddened about the passing of our former colleague, Representative Owen Pickett, who served the Second Congressional District of Virginia from 1987 to 2001.

Owen was a respected and principled leader. Sometimes we really never get to know each other in this institution, and sometimes it is at the latest, sometimes almost never.

Owen was a good man, a decent man, very honest, very ethical, and very, very committed to the military. He was a tireless representative of the best interests of the Norfolk and Virginia Beach areas.

We extend our deepest sympathies to his wife, Sybil, his three daughters, and his family. I just want to say “Well done, thou good and faithful servant.”

[From the Virginian-Pilot, Oct. 29, 2010]

OWEN PICKETT: A PRACTICAL MAN

Tributes to Owen Pickett poured forth from members of both political parties after his death Wednesday at the age of 80.

That was testament to the respect that Pickett commanded from Republicans and Democrats across Hampton Roads and Virginia. For decades, he persuaded people of all persuasions to set aside their differences and accomplish important tasks with courage and good humor.

His ecumenical politics and practical bent attracted fans of every stripe and generation. No name comes up as consistently in Editorial Board interviews when candidates are asked which local leader they admire.

“I am deeply saddened to learn of the passing of my good friend Owen Pickett,” said Gov. Bob McDonnell. “Owen dedicated his life to public service. He was a patriot. He served the commonwealth in the House of Delegates and our nation in the House of Representatives. That was his passion: service.”

A centrist Democrat and fiscal conservative, Pickett spent 14 years representing Virginia Beach in the House of Delegates. In 1986, he won election to Congress as the representative for Virginia's 2nd District, succeeding the similarly moderate G. William Whitehurst, a Republican.

In Washington, as in Richmond, Pickett burnished a reputation for being steady and unassuming, courtly and nonpartisan. Colleagues described him as an effective legislator who toiled behind the scenes as an advocate not just for military service members but for all of Hampton Roads.

Proof isn't limited to the 2nd District. The U.S. Customhouse in downtown Norfolk, for example, wasn't even part of Pickett's territory, but that didn't stop him from securing the federal funds needed to renovate it. Today, the building bears his name.

After leaving Congress in 2001, Pickett devoted himself to the community, spreading around some \$200,000 in leftover campaign funds to local charities and causes.

In Virginia Beach, where he made his home for more than half his life, Pickett helped found the Meals on Wheels program, the Virginia Beach Hospice and the Oceana Lions Club. He was president of the Princess Anne Rotary and Ruritan clubs and in 2003 was honored with the Virginia Beach Jaycees' First Citizen award.

But even outside elected office, Pickett retained influence. He spent his final years offering advice to any who sought it, whether they were Democrats, such as U.S. Sen. Jim Webb and Rep. Glenn Nye, or Republicans, including McDonnell and state Sen. Jeff McWaters.

"When I was trying to decide whether to run for state Senate, I called Congressman Pickett and he encouraged me to do so," McWaters said. "Though we sit on different sides of the political aisle, this never seemed to matter as much to him as getting the job done."

For a practical man like Pickett, there may be no higher praise.

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FORMER 2ND DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN OWEN PICKETT DIES

(By Julian Walker)

The three offices that former U.S. Rep. Owen B. Pickett maintained during his 14 years in Congress—in Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Washington—shared this feature: a sign that read, "This office belongs to the people of the 2nd congressional district of Virginia."

That simple motto, said those who knew him, exemplified Pickett's modest approach to elected office as a full-time post in which addressing constituent concerns was a priority and principle took precedence over partisanship.

"He took his job very seriously," said Jeanne Evans-Cox, who worked for Pickett throughout his congressional career. "I used to call him the 'quiet warrior' because he didn't say an awful lot, but he took everything in. He was a great listener. He would size up the issue, figure out his strategy, give me directions, and we'd move forward."

Pickett, 80, died Wednesday due to complications from congestive heart failure.

The Democrat leaves behind scores of admirers on both sides of the aisle after a lengthy career as a lawyer, an esteemed state and federal legislator, and finally an adviser who provided counsel to plenty of political hopefuls.

A native of rural Hanover County in suburban Richmond, Pickett was raised in humble conditions. His father died when he was a young child, leaving his mother and an older brother to help support the family, according to friends.

It was evident early on that Pickett had a keen intellect, but he never used it to avoid hard work, recalled his lifelong friend George Campbell.

The pair attended Virginia Tech together, beginning in the late 1940s. Their paths separated when Pickett headed to law school at the University of Richmond, but the friendship endured. Campbell, who still lives in Hanover, routinely checked on a tract of land Pickett owned in central Virginia.

Campbell said that when they last spoke by phone about a week ago, Pickett realized the end was near and was at peace with it.

"We maintained a very close relationship, and I'd say he's the best friend I ever really had," Campbell said.

Many who knew Pickett had a similarly strong affection for him.

Ken Geroe, a Virginia Beach lawyer and longtime Pickett ally, called the late congressman a "dear friend and a mentor," adding "there's a hole in my life that won't be filled."

Geroe said he came to Pickett's attention through his work on Gerald Baliles' successful gubernatorial campaign in 1985, a contest in which the former congressman had a leadership role.

"He probably started talking to me because I was the only person at his desk at 6:30 in the morning he could talk to," said Geroe, a former Democratic chairman of the 2nd Congressional District.

Pickett failed in a 1967 run for Beach commonwealth's attorney, but election success didn't elude him for long. He won a House of Delegates race in 1971 and served 15 years in the state legislature before his election to Congress in 1986.

A Blue Dog Democrat with a sharp focus on military issues because of the nature of his district, Pickett often partnered with other House members regardless of party to protect local interests, said Evans-Cox.

Added former Pickett intern Walter Valencia: "He didn't mind crossing party lines if it benefited the district and the state. . . . He just took care of his people."

Pickett retired in 2001, in part because he'd become disenchanted with the growing rancor on Capitol Hill, Evans-Cox said, noting that Pickett mused about a Congress that had evolved from a place where "people did things the right way" to one where officials worked "against each other for partisan purposes, not a common goal."

Pickett was more pithy when he announced in 1999 that he would not seek reelection.

"When Washington, D.C., begins to look better in your rear view mirror than it does in your windshield, you know it is time to consider making a change," he said, according to an account in *The Virginian-Pilot*.

Stepping away from Washington didn't entirely keep Pickett out of politics.

He mentored candidates who sought his guidance, including former state Finance Secretary Jody Wagner, who unsuccessfully sought to succeed him, and more recently, 2009 Democratic gubernatorial candidate Terry McAuliffe.

Another post-retirement pastime was a weekly Saturday lunch with friends at Black Angus Restaurant in the Beach that featured lively discussions about everything except politics, said eatery co-owner Michael Savvides.

When the group met a few weeks ago, Savvides said, Pickett confided that "he had a wonderful life and he didn't mind if he died, believe it or not. It's ironic, but he did say that. . . . I guess he was ready. I guess he had enough."

Mr. NYE. I yield to the gentleman from Virginia.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, the citizens of Hampton Roads and the Commonwealth of Virginia lost a dedicated public servant. I had the honor and privilege of serving with Owen both in the Virginia House of Delegates as well as Congress, and I join my colleague Mr. MORAN, in stating that Owen Pickett was a true statesman and effective legislator who enjoyed great respect on both sides of the aisle.

As has already been pointed out, although he retired almost a decade ago, he remained an important, active voice on issues affecting Hampton Roads and the Commonwealth of Virginia. I thank my colleague from Virginia and all of my colleagues from Virginia for the great respect and admiration that they have shown to Owen Pickett.

Mr. NYE. I yield to our distinguished majority leader, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER).

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I want to join particularly with my friend FRANK WOLF, who is my good friend. We work very closely together.

Owen Pickett was the kind of Member that brought real respect to this institution. He worked on both sides of the aisle. He worked very strongly on behalf of our national security. He was a Member who was popular on both sides of the aisle. Owen Pickett and Norm Sisisky served together on this side of the aisle with Frank and me for many years.

Owen Pickett was someone who this institution could have justifiable pride in. We could look to him and say that is the kind of Member, frankly, that we all ought to be, showing respect for one another, working with one another on behalf of the American people and their security.

I rise to extend great sympathy to his family, but much more importantly than that, to give thanks on behalf of this institution and on behalf of our country for his extraordinary service.

Mr. NYE. Mr. Speaker, I would ask that the House now observe a moment of silence to remember Congressman Owen Pickett, a former Member who will be dearly missed in southeast Virginia.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will all Members please rise.

SERGEANT ROBERT BARRETT POST OFFICE BUILDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5758) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2 Government Center in Fall River, Massachusetts, as the "Sergeant Robert Barrett Post Office Building," on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.