

Some way!
 Must show us all the way!
 And as we lay your fine bodies down to sleep!
 So very deep . . .
 So down to rest, we pray to our Lord God to
 all of these to bless . . .
 Let now our courage somehow crest . . .
 Give us the strength, to but so take just one
 more step!
 All in our faith this day . . .
 All in our gravest of all pain, so very deep!
 For one of America's very best, and his most
 beloved daughters oh so very sweet!
 As upon all of our faces our most swollen
 tears, we now so weep!
 Our faith this day . . .
 Must somehow, show us all the way!
 From such heartache, and such death!
 The way to hope and faith, so to our hearts
 to bless!
 The same kind of faith that which so led,
 as his loved ones at home cried and prayed!
 Who so left his greatest loves of all,
 to go off to war, to so answer that most
 noble of all calls!
 That call to faith and honor, and so death,
 that which so stands above all else, no less!
 Armed, but with only his fine faith . . .
 which so let him march off to war, him so
 led!
 As he walked through that valley of death,
 as his loved ones at home cried and prayed!
 As a most magnificent member of The Special
 Forces yet . . .
 7 tours no less!
 As Freedom Fighter, was but his most heroic
 course so stepped!
 And came back home to such a wonderful
 family . . .
 a wife and two beautiful little daughters, to
 be so blessed!
 Oh it's not fair, please Lord God but hear our
 prayers!
 How much more pain, can but one family so
 bear?
 Let somehow this pain give way from
 here . . .
 But, some answers to some questions can
 only be found but in our faith!
 So listen closely on the wind . . .
 Can you but not so hear our Lord from up
 above so then . . .
 As when there comes a gentle rain,
 all in your heartache, all in his love to so
 ease your pain . . .
 And you his lovely wife, must somehow let
 your soul burn bright . . .
 And for you and them somehow so carry on
 this night!
 And sometime into the future start a new
 life!
 And you his son, as thy will be done!
 Will grow up to be, such a fine man as he . . .
 For you have his heart you indeed!
 In you, him we will always see!
 For this you must believe!
 For a child not to live its full life!
 Is but the greatest of all curses, that which
 does not seem right!
 But, take comfort on this night!
 For these children lie in our Lord's arms,
 with smiles so very bright!
 For Heaven, don't we all pray for such the
 sight?
 So hush little babies, and don't you cry . . .
 For you are up with our Lord on high!
 And your Father is right there, all by your
 side . . .
 In The Army of our Lord, this very night!
 And one day too,
 your Mother and your Grandparents . . .
 My children, will so rise all to meet you!
 As they wipe those tears from their eyes . . .
 All because of their faith this day, so very
 deep down inside . . .
 Our faith this day!
 Is but the only way . . .
 To Heaven we shall all so rise!

And now as we lay them down to sleep!
 Daddy, and his little girls all in our souls we
 will so keep!
 As all in our hearts of love, now so buried so
 very deep!
 As on this day, because of all of this heart-
 ache we now so weep!
 And for them, and us . . . Our Faith This
 Day, we all shall keep! Amen!
 In loving memory of CW2 Edward "Duane"
 Cantrell, Isabella, and Natalia
 —by Albert Caswell

FOURTH ANNUAL NATIONAL ASSO-
 CIATION OF CHAIN DRUG
 STORES RxIMPACT DAY ON CAP-
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HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, this week is the Fourth Annual National Association of Chain Drug Stores RxIMPACT Day on Capitol Hill, where we recognize the pharmacy's contribution to the health care system. Hundreds of representatives from the pharmacy community—including practicing pharmacists, pharmacy school faculty and students, state pharmacy leaders, and pharmacy company executives—will visit Capitol Hill to share their views about the importance of supporting legislation that protects access to neighborhood pharmacies and utilizes pharmacists to improve the quality of care and reduce the cost of health care.

Pharmacists are the nation's most accessible healthcare providers, and are important providers in communities across America. Pharmacists serve an important role in our health care system as they help improve quality and lower health care costs. For over a century, they have made a difference in the lives of my fellow citizens in Nebraska, as well as Americans throughout the nation.

Pharmacists received specialized educational training that allows them to play a major role in our health care system. These important services include medication therapy management, disease state management, immunizations, and healthcare screenings. Pharmacists are also uniquely qualified to educate and help patients manage their medications, which is extremely important to helping keep our population healthy and control costs.

On this day, I hope you will join me in celebrating the value of pharmacy and support efforts to protect access to neighborhood pharmacies.

IN OPPOSITION OF H.R. 3606—THE
 JUMPSTART OUR BUSINESS
 STARTUPS ACT

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, on March 8, I voted against H.R. 3606, the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act. H.R. 3606 has the admirable goal of increasing access to capital for small businesses, a goal that I strongly support. Unfortunately, I cannot

support the legislation because, at the same time that it seeks to help small businesses, it takes away critical protections for investors.

In the wake of the Enron scandal, Congress acted to improve corporate transparency and give potential investors—particularly small investors—access to the information they need to make sound financial decisions. H.R. 3606 eliminates many of those provisions and, by doing so, leaves unsophisticated investors vulnerable. We can and should promote the interests of American entrepreneurs and small business owners without taking away recently passed rights for small investors. It is the wrong medicine for American small business growth.

The bill would give new companies up to five years to raise money from the public, eliminating the current requirements that an assessment of the soundness of the company's internal controls be included as part of the financial statement audit and made available to investors. That allows companies to raise money from unsophisticated investors without reasonable oversight of a company's operations.

It would enable crowd-funding, mass solicitations to investors who will now lack basic information about a company's financial soundness, a practice that is not currently allowed.

H.R. 3606 would increase the amount of capital that companies can raise from the public without triggering the full reporting and other obligations that are required under current law. That reporting includes compensation—including golden parachute compensation—of executives, making it incredibly difficult for even sophisticated shareholders to understand the status of their investment. In addition, it eliminates the Dodd-Frank requirement that shareholders approve compensation packages for emerging growth companies.

The JOBS Act would promote uncertainty, undermine capital markets, and therefore increase the cost of capital for the same small businesses it is meant to help. It would put us on a return course toward laissez-faire economics that previously led to the collapse of enormous companies to the economic ruin of their employees and investors. It is for these reasons that H.R. 3606 is opposed by the Council of Institutional Investors, the Consumer Federation of America, AARP, Americans for Financial Reform, the North American Security Administrators Association, and other consumer and investor organizations.

I urge my colleagues in the Senate to consider the ramifications of this legislation if it comes up for consideration.

HONORING REV. DR. CARL QUE
 HICKERSON

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank our guest chaplain, Rev. Dr. Carl Que Hickerson for dedicating his life to the faith and to his community.

Rev. Hickerson has been preaching the word of God his entire life and has made it his goal to share his passion with others.

Rev. Hickerson grew up in a religious household where he received guidance from

his father, Rev. Dr. Willis M. Hickerson and was called to become a preacher at a young age.

Through his ministry, he has many accomplishments. The Reverend helped revitalize the youth ministry of his home church in Pennsylvania, significantly increased church membership wherever he has served, established various mission ministries and invigorated the commitment to God in every community he has served.

Chaplain Hickerson is a proud husband of Mrs. Hickerson, where they live a happy life raising their daughter, Octavia Belle. He has learned, served, preached and taught nationally and internationally and is currently the seventh pastor of the historic Springfield Baptist Church of Washington, DC.

On behalf of Washington's Eighth Congressional District, it is my pleasure to introduce our Guest Chaplain for today, Rev. Dr. Carl Que Hickerson.

RECOGNIZING THE VICTIMS AND TRAGEDY CAUSED BY RECENT STORMS

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in solemn recognition of a tragedy that took place in my home State of Illinois and throughout the Midwest last week. On February 29th, storms ravaged homes and businesses leaving 39 people dead due to the severe weather that swept through the middle of the country.

I offer my condolences to the families who have lost loved ones in this tragedy. I know that my words offer little in the way of comfort, but I must offer them, for the families that have been affected are in my thoughts and prayers. The lives taken in these recent events are truly a misfortune to behold. I mourn the lives lost and feel heartfelt sorrow for the families that have been denied future time with their loved ones. I ask my countrymen for their assistance to help alleviate the anguish of the victims of this disaster, either through volunteering or by being there for your neighbor in their time of need.

While it is difficult to find positives amidst such a catastrophe, upon further examination, admiration and honor should be recognized. As we can see across the country, there are stories of courage, generosity, selflessness, and kindness. These acts deserve our praise. At this moment, there are people volunteering to help rebuild communities that have been damaged and destroyed. Such communities are a representation of a cause greater than one's self. By helping to rebuild a neighborhood people are demonstrating their belief in an altruistic form of living. I offer my admiration to the volunteers' courage and sacrifices made in the face of extreme adversity. I thank the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, Team Rubicon, and other organizations for their efforts during this crisis. Their support has proven to me that these storms may destroy homes, level businesses, and take valuable lives in the process, but they cannot destroy the human spirit. One person's willpower is stronger than wooden buildings, brick founda-

tions, and steel structures. During times of great hardship, Americans have routinely made a determined effort to move forward. So, to all those that have been affected by this tragedy: victims, rescuers, and volunteers alike, may God bless you all.

ON THE RETIREMENT OF C-SPAN FOUNDER AND CEO BRIAN LAMB

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Brian Lamb, the founder and CEO of C-SPAN, who recently announced his decision to retire.

Mr. Lamb founded the non-profit educational network 34 years ago and since then has worked tirelessly to bring live coverage of government and politics to the American people. Before Mr. Lamb created C-SPAN, most Americans had to rely exclusively on news reports about what their representatives said and did in Washington. Because of his vision, millions of Americans everyday can see and hear government in action for themselves. I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Lamb over the years and I am a proud supporter of his efforts to make government transparent and accessible.

I commend Mr. Lamb for his vision, humility and his commitment to educating Americans about history and the government. I wish him all the best in his future career endeavors. I commend the following article to my colleagues.

C-SPAN FOUNDER LAMB STEPS DOWN AFTER 34 YEARS

(By Paul Farhi)

Want to know just how purposefully unglamorous and resolutely non-partisan is C-SPAN, the pioneering public-affairs TV network founded by Brian Lamb in 1978?

Consider this: In countless appearances spanning thousands of hours of interviews and call-in programs, Lamb has never once uttered his own name on the air. Too showy. Too much like regular TV, which is what Lamb, a stolid Hoosier, has always sought to avoid.

"No one does that here," he protested on Monday. "We just don't do it. It's always been part of our mission not to make us the center of attention . . . We're the antithesis of everything you see on commercial television."

So Lamb, typically, also wasn't making a big deal about the news C-SPAN buried in the second paragraph of a news announcement it issued in the dead of Sunday evening: that after 34 years as C-SPAN chief executive, he's stepping down from running the Washington-based operation he conceived and built.

Lamb, 70, isn't fading away entirely. He'll continue as executive chairman of the non-profit organization and as host of "Q & A," his Sunday interview program. He also plans to continue teaching, primarily at Purdue University, his alma mater.

But he's handing over day-to-day operations to two successors-in-waiting: current co-presidents Rob Kennedy, 55, and Susan Swain, 57, both longtime C-SPAN hands.

"This has been something I've wanted to do for a while," Lamb said. "I wanted an orderly transition when everyone was ambulatory and standing up, with some thought behind it."

Lamb was a young naval officer in the 1960s who used to slip over to the Capitol from the Washington Navy Yard to watch floor debates in the House and Senate. He later served as a telecommunications staffer in the Johnson and Nixon administrations and as a press secretary for Colorado Sen. Peter Dominick (R).

As the Washington bureau chief of the cable TV trade magazine Cablevision in the 1970s, Lamb cooked up the idea for a network that would cover, with utter dispassion, the congressional debates that he'd witnessed during his Navy days. Lamb rustled up the money from some public relations-conscious cable barons and set about convincing the House to let TV cameras onto the floor.

C-SPAN, which stands for Cable Satellite Public Affairs Network, was among the first nationally distributed cable channels, following after the debut of HBO, Showtime, Pat Robertson's CBN Network, and WTBS, Ted Turner's "super station." It is now composed of three networks, plus a Washington radio station (WCSP, 90.1 FM), and a massive and historically rich video archive of congressional sessions, hearings, speeches, campaign rallies, think-tank conferences, author interviews and what-have-yous from C-SPAN over the years.

Lamb holds the distinction of being the only one of those early network founders not to become a billionaire from his creation. On the other hand, he says, "I never wanted to be rich. I wasn't the slightest bit interested in that."

He had to settle instead for helping to revolutionize the political culture of Washington. What MTV did for popular music—that is, helped make it theatrical and visual—C-SPAN did for Congress and the wonks who follow it.

C-SPAN's gavel-to-gavel coverage of the House changed the spontaneous, free-wheeling debates on the floor into more scripted and polished speeches played for the TV cameras, said Charles Johnson, a former House parliamentarian. Members became conscious that their words weren't just going into the Congressional Record; they now had an audience at home, leading to charts and props and camera-friendly displays that hadn't existed before.

It also led to an increase in grandstanding. In 1984, the fiery, after-hours speeches of a young Republican backbencher named Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) so angered House Speaker Tip O'Neill (D-Mass.) that he ordered the House cameras (then as now under House control) to pan the empty chamber in an effort to embarrass Gingrich.

Nevertheless, after disdaining to follow the House for more than six years, the Senate finally relented and let C-SPAN carry its proceedings live in 1986.

Having the cameras on hand "changed the quality of the oratory," said Johnson, avoiding direct judgment on whether it did so in a good or bad way.

Lamb says he doesn't care either way: "If there's a public meeting, there ought to be cameras there," he says. "Those meetings are paid for by we, the taxpayers. People should be able to see what [the elected officials] look like, what the buildings look like, what language they're using."

Through all those decades, Lamb has been the continuous thread: unflashy, unemotional, "a video Buddha, television's most stationary being," in the words of one magazine writer. In 23 years of hosting "Booknotes," his author-interview show, for example, he notes that he never missed a single Sunday night, for 52 weeks every year. In total, he's logged more hours on national TV than perhaps any person in America.

He's not bragging about that, of course. Or much else.