

produce a transportation bill that will repair our Nation's infrastructure and get thousands of Americans back to work—not to try to challenge this administration because you don't like the administration. We want to see something that's real and something that addresses the real problem, and not skirt around with a lot of ideas and a lot of propaganda that simply does not relate to this bill.

I yield back the balance of my time.

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Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. I move to strike the last word.

The CHAIR. The gentleman is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Chairman, I find this debate rather interesting because the gentlelady from Texas who spoke, of course, did not speak on this bill. She spoke on another piece of pending legislation that dealt with jobs. That's good.

That pending piece of legislation, I might add, had two components to it. It had the energy component, and it had the transportation component which, of course, is pending. We know that expires at the end of this month.

But we did pass the energy component of that bill which creates tens of thousands of jobs. And I just want to point out, Mr. Chairman, the gentlelady voted against that piece of legislation. Sometimes we hear mixed messages here, but I just wanted to set the record straight.

This bill is another extension of energy production and, of course, creating American energy jobs. And with that, I find the gentleman from Minnesota's amendment really very interesting, because what he is saying by his amendment is, unless the bureaucracy decides, by giving all this authority to the Secretary—and by the way, I'm not sure which Secretary it is because it's not delineated in the amendment. But leaving that aside, he is saying there will be no jobs unless—what? The bureaucracy decides there will be jobs. Now, how ludicrous is that?

But that is precisely where we seem to be today. And I think this is, as I mentioned earlier, this is one of the reasons why I think Americans are so fed up with what's happening here in D.C. with this sort of back and forth.

Let me repeat, this is infrastructure that is in place. There is water running through this infrastructure. All we're trying to do is capture that energy, at no cost to the Federal Government, and create jobs and lower the cost of energy. There's nothing more simplistic than that, Mr. Chairman.

So I urge my colleagues to vote “no” on this amendment, and I urge my colleagues to vote “yes” on the underlying bill.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last word.

The CHAIR. The gentleman from Colorado is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Chairman, it's interesting, our colleagues do talk about

jobs. We want to be able to create jobs, to be able to facilitate that opportunity for Americans to be able to go back to work, to be able to create clean energy right here in the United States. As my colleague was pointing out, a commonsense piece of legislation.

We're going through existing conduits, what we call in our part of the world ditches, to be able to capture that energy, to be able to deliver it to allow local decisions to be able to be made.

But our colleagues seem to want to make sure that we're standing up, or they are standing up, for the status quo, and that just means say no—say no to clean energy. No, join with us and support clean energy and hydroelectric power.

You're saying no to jobs. Join with us to be able to create jobs right here in this country and be able to put our people back to work.

We have enough red tape. This amendment will simply grow more government. And as we saw from testimony in our committee and charts that have been shown during this debate, there's no need to put more expense on the backs of the American people, who simply cannot afford your stand to build more government.

This is an amendment that deserves to be rejected. I ask for that, and ask for a favorable vote on H.R. 2842.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. ELLISON).

The amendment was rejected.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCCLINTOCK) having assumed the chair, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2842) to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal reclamation law, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

DEVASTATION ACROSS SOUTHERN INDIANA

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

Mr. PENCE. We are told to mourn with those who mourn and grieve with those who grieve.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to do so today. Across southern Indiana, in small towns like Henryville, Marysville, Pekin, and others, Hoosier families and communities are picking up the pieces after one of the most devastating tornados in my lifetime swept through our State.

I come to the House floor today to pay tribute to the lost, and to those

who lost their homes and their businesses, and pay tribute to the first responders and to the countless thousands of Hoosiers who have come alongside their neighbors in this grievous hour.

As millions of Americans have witnessed on television, these violent storms left utter destruction in their wake across a three-State area. Schools, businesses, and homes were reduced to piles of rubble. Cars were flipped and thrown about as if they were toys. Some communities, as one local official said it, were “completely gone.”

In the Hoosier State we lost 13 lives, including an entire family from Pekin, Indiana. Yet in this dark hour, for so many families, as is always the case in the Hoosier State, we hear stories of communities coming together to rebuild. Despite the snow and cold that followed the storms, we see generosity, community spirit in full display.

Over the coming days, weeks and months the wounds will heal, debris will be cleared, homes and businesses and barns will be rebuilt. And as the Federal Government makes its assessment today about Federal support, we look forward to supporting all Federal assistance.

But I rise today to commend Governor Daniels, the Indiana National Guard, the Indiana State Police, all of our first responders and Homeland Security and community leaders for their decisive leadership in this moment.

But I also rise today to commend all of those who stepped forward to provide a helping hand, either with time or talent or treasure, volunteers donating food and clothing and labor. It is profoundly inspiring and humbling, and makes me proud to be a Hoosier.

May God comfort the families of the lost, and give strength and courage to those who will rebuild in the wake of these storms.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CONGRESSMAN DONALD PAYNE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FINCHER). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, today, as you heard, the House, the Congress as a whole, the 10th District of New Jersey, our Nation, the countries of Africa and the Caribbean, of Ireland, where he was an honorary citizen and, indeed, the world, has suffered a great loss. DONALD PAYNE was a friend and advocate for the world and all of its people, but particularly for the sons of Africa here and worldwide.

Tonight I am honored to chair this Special Order in his honor, and to recognize my colleagues from both sides of the aisle who will be coming to pay tribute to DONALD PAYNE.

I'd like to begin by asking unanimous consent that all Members might

have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of the Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from the Virgin Islands?

There was no objection.

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Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. I'd like to begin by yielding 2 minutes to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. ELLISON).

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, DONALD PAYNE played a very special role in my service as a Member of Congress. I didn't know him nearly as long as many other Members, and I guess I probably didn't know him as well; but there is no doubt that as a Member coming into Congress trying to figure out how to be the best Member I could be, DONALD PAYNE was one of the people who I admired and looked to, and no more so than when he was fighting for the human rights of all people.

DONALD PAYNE gave me a new and unique perspective on suffering in Darfur, explaining the complexities as it related to making sure that Darfurians not only got relief, but also eventually one day would get justice.

But he didn't stop there. I have a large percentage of my constituents who hail from Somalia, and DONALD PAYNE gave me historic perspective on Somalia on a regular basis, which I didn't have, and also, again, helped me understand how difficult it was and how important it also was that we stand for stability for the people of Somalia. In fact, his level of commitment to the people of Somalia was so great, he got into an airplane and flew there and, on his way out, was actually shot at when al-Shabab tried to take his life for showing concern for the people.

Yet he traveled many places and really went all around the world; but he also went into my district, as he went to many districts, and I'll never forget the day when we organized a community forum on east Africa. We had Somalis in the room, people from the Ogaden region of Ethiopia, people from Eritrea, all over, immigrants who made America their home either by choice or because they were refugees. For 3 straight hours, DONALD PAYNE answered their questions, gave them comfort and assurance and information.

He is a towering figure in my world, and I don't think we'll ever forget DONALD PAYNE. I just say, may he rest in peace, and God bless him and his family.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. I'd like to yield 2 minutes to Mr. WOLF of Virginia.

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Congressman DONALD PAYNE.

As a public servant, Congressman PAYNE has consistently stood with the forgotten people and causes. He has championed their plight and advocated on their behalf, perhaps none more so than the long-suffering people of the southern Sudan.

For years, Congressman PAYNE advocated for self-determination for the people of South Sudan, who had endured great hardship at the hands of the government in Khartoum. He was also the leading voice in urging States in the U.S. to divest from companies doing business in Sudan in light of the government's horrific human rights abuses.

Congressman PAYNE was the sponsor of the congressional resolution calling attention to the horrors unfolding in Darfur, a resolution which was rightly labeled as "tragedy," "genocide." The list goes on and on.

I had the honor of being with Congressman PAYNE in Nairobi, Kenya, in 2005 for the historic signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement which marked the end of a brutal civil war between the north and the south which spanned 21 years and claimed the lives of more than 2 million people. Congressman PAYNE labored for years to see that day arrive. No one did more than DON PAYNE to bring about the new country, which is now the country of southern Sudan.

He, fittingly, returned to South Sudan in July of 2011 to join the people of that land in celebrating their long-awaited independence, a fulfillment of the promise. Upon being chosen to be part of the official U.S. delegation, Congressman PAYNE issued the following statement. He said:

As a ranking member on the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, I have been committed to helping Sudan achieve peace and justice.

Indeed, he was committed. Congressman PAYNE worked hard. He traveled to the region countless times. He experienced the people suffering, and then he acted. Congressman PAYNE heard the people suffering and never chose to look the other way.

My thoughts and prayers are with Congressman PAYNE's family as they grieve, and Congress will profoundly miss his voice, as will thousands of others around the world.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. I would next like to yield 2 minutes to the Congresswoman from Texas, Congresswoman EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Thank you to my colleague from the Virgin Islands.

I rise to speak today about the loss of Congressman DONALD PAYNE. Congressman PAYNE lost his battle with cancer early this morning, and we in Congress lost an esteemed colleague.

My relationship and acquaintance with Congressman PAYNE came before I came to Congress and meeting him when he served on the national YMCA board and became the chair of the national YMCA board; and I know him as a devoted public servant who used his position in Congress to advocate for those less fortunate, first, as a teacher, and later, serving on the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. He was an advocate for children

and worked to make college more affordable.

As the highest ranking Democrat on the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, he worked to promote human rights around the world and helped secure billions of dollars in foreign aid for treating HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria.

It is difficult to lose a member of the Congressional Black Caucus family. We're small but very connected. And Congressman PAYNE served the 10th District of New Jersey with dedication and served as the chair of the Congressional Black Caucus as well.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family today in this difficult time.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. I would like to yield 2 minutes to the Congresswoman from the District of Columbia, Congresswoman ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON.

Ms. NORTON. I thank the gentlelady for yielding and for leading this Special Order for our good friend and colleague, DONALD PAYNE, whose passing leaves me shocked and deeply saddened after his 12 terms of outstanding service in the House of Representatives.

DON was a friend. He was more than a colleague. He was the kind of friend you could always strike up a conversation with about matters technical or just matters at hand because DON was easy of manner but strong of conviction.

DON was a real path breaker and history maker. He came to Congress as the first African American to serve in Congress from the State of New Jersey. He followed the great Peter Rodino, who had served Newark for decades. Newark had become a majority African American city, but DON grew up in a neighborhood that was as Italian as it was black and felt comfortable with people of all ethnic groups.

When Congressman Rodino, who was then chair of the House Judiciary Committee, retired—this was, of course, before I came to Congress, but it was much commented upon—DON, who had run against him several times and was the logical person to win that seat, plunged into his work for a city that needed a man of his depth of understanding and conviction of their problems, their education, their health care, their housing needs.

For Newark, when the Congressman came here 12 terms ago, personified, symbolized the great urban communities of our country and the upheavals that they were undergoing. He plunged into that work, and yet he was able, at the same time, to become perhaps the House's most expert Member on Africa and the Caribbean.

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DON was a leader on Africa, who did not work from the newspapers or the journals, but traveled the continent and came back with firsthand information. For the Congressional Black Caucus, DON was the go-to man. Nobody from the caucus moved on a matter affecting Africa without going to DON

first. Go to the expert first, find out if you're on the right foot, and then perhaps move forward.

DON was rigorous in his evaluation of the leadership of the various countries of Africa. He never withheld when an African leader needed the strong criticism of the United States and his own strong criticism. Thus, his leadership was trusted all across the Congress when he stepped forward with his views. He worked with every President because Republican and Democratic Presidents alike have been involved in the issues affecting Africa; and they, like us, turned to DON on those issues.

Where will we find such a Member today? Is there such a Member who has devoted so much of his life not only to urban America, but especially to Africa, who knew everything, knew everyone, and knew anything we needed to know?

DON will be greatly missed by this Chamber. He will always be remembered. I know I speak for us all when I say that his family has our deepest sympathy and our everlasting love.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Thank you, Congresswoman.

I would like to now yield 2 minutes to one of DONALD's colleagues from New Jersey, Congressman HOLT.

Mr. HOLT. I thank the gentlelady.

Mr. Speaker, all of us are saddened by the country's loss of DON PAYNE, and it is going to be hard to get used to the absence of DON.

DON has been a good friend to me, someone I've looked up to here in Congress.

No one in Congress has been a stronger advocate for equality of opportunity in education. No one in Congress has been a greater advocate for children services and youth development. No one has been more knowledgeable about Africa. No one has voted more consistently for peaceful and non-military resolutions to problems. No one has been more consistent in the fight to respect workers' safety and workers' conditions.

Throughout all of this, DON PAYNE was very attentive to the interests of the entire State of New Jersey and especially to the interests of his constituents.

He was instrumental in bringing international attention and condemnation to the genocide in Darfur, as we've heard already.

As a former educator, he brought an invaluable perspective to our work together on the Education Committee. He was responsible for getting many millions of dollars to the PEPFAR program for dealing with HIV, resistant TB, malaria around the world, and especially in Africa. I might add he did that with President Bush.

He was a strong advocate for an adequate minimum wage. He was a key player in writing the College Cost Reduction and Access Act to cut interest rates for college loans, to increase Pell Grants, and to provide loan forgiveness to public service employees with stu-

dent debt. It was a great pleasure and really a marvel to watch him on the Education and Labor Committee.

DON was, I think you would say, an unabashed liberal, recognizing that there are some things that we can do better together than separately. He was not a you're-on-your-own kind of guy. That was true in person too. He was very inclusive. He had good humor and dignity in everything he did. DON PAYNE was a good friend, a good Member of this House, and a great public servant.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family and his many friends, and I know his constituents will be hard pressed to find somebody to represent them as well as DON PAYNE.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Thank you, Congressman HOLT.

Now, I would like to yield 2 minutes to another colleague from New Jersey, Congressman FRELINGHUYSEN.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

DON PAYNE and I have been friends for over 35 years. We served together in county government as freeholders in New Jersey from our respective counties, Morris and Essex Counties, before he preceded me to Congress.

During his service in this House, he worked long and hard on issues that literally cried out for attention.

At home we all admired his steadfast commitment to ensuring that our Nation's children had the best quality education possible.

Abroad he focused on global public health issues like childhood survival and human rights on the continent of Africa and elsewhere. DON PAYNE took up the cause for suffering people around the world and gave voice to their plight even at great personal risk.

Mr. Speaker, DON PAYNE loved Congress, he loved public service, he loved New Jersey, and he loved his hometown of Newark.

I was proud to work with him to revitalize the Passaic River in Newark, that waterfront that for many years had remained inaccessible to the public.

DON will be sorely missed, especially for his dedicated service to his constituents over many decades. I'll never forget his valuable service and his enduring friendship. We've lost a great principled man who lived a life from which we could all learn something.

May the tributes and prayers of so many of his colleagues here this afternoon today be a source of strength to his family.

Thank you.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Thank you for joining us and for offering those words on behalf of Congressman PAYNE.

I would now like to yield 2 minutes to the Congresswoman from California, another dear friend of Congressman PAYNE, LYNN WOOLSEY.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a man I loved, a man I respected, a friend for life, and a mentor.

When I came to Congress, I couldn't have picked a better mentor: a public school teacher from New Jersey, someone kind and smart, dedicated, actually burning in his belly about issues of value and conscience.

I served on Congressman PAYNE's Africa Subcommittee. He served on my Workforce Protection Subcommittee. On both panels, I benefited from his wisdom, advice, and his expertise. On the Africa Subcommittee, I was always amazed at how much and who he knew.

This is a man who knew what public service was all about. He was, as he described himself, a mild-mannered man; but he was also tenacious, dedicated, and stubborn.

No one has worked harder to bring peace, democracy, and human rights to Africa. He almost gave his life for the cause a few years ago when his plane was shot by rebels as he prepared to come home after a Somalia mission that actually the State Department had warned him against.

As change continues and as change continues to come—particularly to Africa in the coming years—we'll all remember the role that DONALD PAYNE played in laying the groundwork in helping make that change happen.

A true statesman and a humanitarian, DONALD's death this morning already leaves an indescribable void. DONALD PAYNE had a huge heart and a keen mind. And believe me, I will miss them both.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Thank you, Congresswoman WOOLSEY.

I would now like to yield 2 minutes to another colleague from New Jersey, Congressman LANCE.

Mr. LANCE. Thank you very much, and thank you for yielding.

The Payne family occupies a fabled position in the history of Newark, New Jersey's largest and greatest city. The whole family has been involved in public service; and, of course, Congressman PAYNE's public service here is of almost a quarter-century duration.

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Congressman PAYNE succeeded Congressman Rodino, the distinguished chairman of the House Judiciary Committee at the time of Watergate, well-known in American history. Congressman Rodino succeeded Congressman Hartley, who was the Congressman from that part of New Jersey for a generation, he, the author, with Senator Taft, of the Taft-Hartley Act.

Over the course of the 20th century, in the district that has been represented by Congressman PAYNE for a quarter century, the provenance of that district is Fred Hartley, a Republican, of the Taft-Hartley Act; Peter Rodino, the distinguished chairman of the Judiciary Committee during Watergate; and now for 24 years, DONALD PAYNE. The character of that district is the character of this Nation and certainly the character of the great city of Newark over the course of the 20th and into the 21st century.

The Payne family not only includes the distinguished Congressman, but his brother, Bill Payne, with whom I had the honor of serving in the New Jersey Legislature. His brother, Bill, and I worked together in the creation of the Amistad Commission in New Jersey. Of course, that commission dealing with the work of the great Amistad trial based upon the mutiny in 1839 of a slave ship, so brilliantly defended by John Quincy Adams, whose portrait hangs 10 feet from the entrance of the House of Representatives. And in working with Congressman PAYNE's brother, Bill Payne, in the New Jersey Legislature, I got to know the Payne family and certainly, through his brother, Bill, I got to know the Congressman, and what a great honor for me to have served here in Congress with DON PAYNE.

Mr. Speaker, finally, several days before Martin Luther King was assassinated in Memphis, he was in Newark, and he was in Newark at the request of leaders there, including DONALD PAYNE and William Payne. Among the most prized possessions of the Payne family are photographs of Martin Luther King taken days before his assassination as the Paynes were attempting to bring about justice in the city of Newark. Certainly no Member of the House of Representatives was more committed to justice, not only here in this country, and within this country, in the city of Newark and the State of New Jersey, but justice across the world, so that children in poverty could have a decent quality of health care and, as has been cited, the Congressman almost lost his life in that regard.

The country is poorer for the loss of DONALD PAYNE, but this country is greater for his public service, his public service on the governing body of the city of Newark, his public service as a county commissioner—we use the term freeholder in Essex County, New Jersey—his public service to the entire State, and I respectfully suggest, to the United States of America. We mourn his loss, but we celebrate his life.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Thank you, Congressman LANCE.

I yield to the gentlewoman from California, Congresswoman MAXINE WATERS, who I believe succeeded DONALD PAYNE as the chairperson of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Ms. WATERS. I appreciate your organizing the time for us to come to the floor and speak about our friend, DONALD PAYNE. We are all so sad, and we are going to miss him, but we also know that the service that he gave to this country, even long before he came to the Congress of the United States, and the service that he has given to this country since being a Member of Congress, is unmatched by any Member of Congress.

DONALD PAYNE was a true servant who not only served his State of New Jersey, but DONALD PAYNE was someone who took care of his district. When

I take a look at all of the capacities that he served in in the State of New Jersey, I am just in awe, counting Democratic chairman, executive of the Prudential Insurance Company, vice president of Urban Data Systems, educating the New York and Passaic public school districts, a former national president of the YMCA, chairman of the World Refugee and Rehabilitation Committee—it goes on and on and on. And he brought with him to Congress the same attitude, the same commitment to service.

Since his service in Congress, of course, he left us as chair of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. He served as the chair of the Congressional Black Caucus immediately prior to my being elected to the chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, and I learned a lot from his service about how to chair the Congressional Black Caucus.

DON PAYNE was known for several things but certainly known and respected for his commitment to education, closing the achievement gap, making sure that we expand opportunities for the least of these with Pell Grants, making sure that he reduced the interest rates on some of the loans, the Stafford loans, for example. He was known because he understood that as a public policy maker he could influence education in this country, and he certainly did that.

I also would like to point to his record of achievement serving as the chair of the Africa Subcommittee of the Foreign Affairs Committee, where he was the expert, unmatched. As a matter of fact, DONALD PAYNE traveled to Africa, East Africa, West Africa, throughout his career, and he knew all of these countries on the continent, and he knew the leaders, past and present.

As a matter of fact, DON didn't wait for a codel of a lot of people to be organized to go to a troubled spot. DON would get on the airplane by himself, a one-person codel, and travel, set up his own meetings with the leaders of those countries, talk with them about what was taking place in those countries and get such an understanding of what needed to be done. He coupled all of this with the history of the countries of Africa.

DON was an educator, he was a teacher, he was a historian. So he knew a lot about the backgrounds of these countries because he had studied that. When he coupled that information with what was going on at the present time that he was visiting and working on issues in those countries, he made it all come together, and he helped us all to understand. He was our go-to person on Africa for sure.

When we wanted to know what was going on—and some people who were not that involved in foreign affairs and in Africa, they just followed his vote. When they looked upon that panel, they looked at how DON PAYNE was voting, and then they followed his leadership.

We are going to miss that leadership. We are going to miss this dedication. We are going to miss this mild-mannered man who loved his job, who loved his district. I'm always going to remember that he invited me to his district on several occasions. I went up with DON, I campaigned with him. I went about the community. He introduced me to the ministers, and he was well respected and loved in his district.

Of course, we all know why, because he was dedicated to the district, and he did so much for the district. The district is going to miss DON PAYNE. It will be hard to match the work that he did and his success and his achievements. We're going to remember each time we're involved in some of the same issues that DON was involved in. We're going to ask ourselves, what would DON have done, and we're going to follow the thinking of DON PAYNE on those issues.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Thank you, Congresswoman WATERS.

I yield 2 minutes to the Congressman from Texas (Mr. AL GREEN).

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. I thank the gentlelady.

Mr. Speaker, it is said that a politician will always rise to the occasion, and the Honorable DON PAYNE did rise to the occasion on many occasions.

But it is also said that a statesman makes the occasion. DON PAYNE was more than a politician, he was a statesman. He made the occasion in Darfur, where he went to make sure those who were suffering, among the very least, among the very last and the lost, that they would have an opportunity to have a better quality of life, and he was to this day still working to help the people of Darfur. He made the occasion when it came to AIDS, \$50 million, \$50 million to help those who are beset with this disease.

He made the occasion when it came to working with his colleagues, pulling us together, helping us unite to do things collectively that we could never do apart. He developed a symbiotic relationship among his many relationships. When I think of DONALD PAYNE, I will always remember that he was a person of honor. He honored his word. To his friends his word meant something, but more importantly, he honored his word to foes, people who disagreed with him. Once they had his word, they had a word they could count on.

I will remember that he was a person who respected this institution. This institution meant something to the Honorable DON PAYNE.

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What this institution stood for and how we could utilize this institution to make a difference in the lives of others was important to him. He was a person of valor. He would stand with you. He was determined. He was a fighter. He came under fire, I'm told, in Africa as he was trying to help others.

And finally, I will say this: I truly do believe that God is good all the time.

Even under circumstances such as these, I believe God is good because we didn't have to have him for 77 years. We didn't have to have him in this House for 12 terms. I didn't have to have him as a friend for 8 years. I believe that God is good all the time, and I am so proud that God allowed him to come this way and I had the benefit of calling him my friend.

DON, we love you, and I know that wherever you are, there is a statesman there who is making the occasion.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. I thank Congressman GREEN, and now I would like to yield to another colleague from New Jersey and friend of DONALD PAYNE, Congressman CHRIS SMITH.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. I thank you very much and appreciate the gentleness for yielding. Let me join my distinguished colleagues in expressing our deepest condolences to DON PAYNE's family. He was truly a remarkable man. I had the privilege of sitting next to him for about 15 years as I was the chairman or he was the chairman of the Human Rights Committee, the Africa Committee as well. I was his ranking, he was my chairman, and we always worked in a very cooperative way. We always had mutual respect, and he had such a deep compassion for the people who have suffered so much on the subcontinent of Africa.

DON PAYNE was quiet, but always determined. Extremely thoughtful, a humanitarian in the extreme, and he fought for so many important issues. You know, it was not a slam dunk or in any way a given that PEPFAR, the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, would become law. DON was there working in a bipartisan way to ensure that sufficient funding, sufficient authorities were given to the U.S. Agency for International Development to mount a massive effort to combat the pandemic of HIV/AIDS. He did the same thing with malaria and the Malaria Caucus, and he did the same thing with tuberculosis, which sadly is an opportunistic disease that afflicts so many people who have HIV/AIDS.

On the Sudan Peace Act, again when we were looking and working so hard to try to stop the slaughter in South Sudan, there was DON PAYNE working every day of the week to ensure that somehow peace would break out and the genocide would end there, as well as in Darfur.

Again, I know that he cared deeply because I was there having those conversations with him day in and day out. You know, very often in my Subcommittee on Human Rights when I chaired that and he was the ranking member, we would go on receiving testimony, debating for hours. There would be two Members left standing in the room, DON PAYNE and me, because he cared so deeply about human rights globally, as well as in Africa. He will be deeply missed. Again, a great man, a great friend, and his passing is mourned by everyone in this Chamber and everybody in the State of New Jersey.

God bless him, God bless his family; and thank you, DON PAYNE, for the great work you did in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. I thank Congressman SMITH, and now I'd like to yield to the gentleman from Michigan (Congressman CLARKE).

Mr. CLARKE of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands for yielding to me.

I am one of the newest members of the Congressional Black Caucus. Being a freshman here in this body, you become immediately aware of the traditions of the House. For example, male Members of the House are referred to as the gentleman from the State that they represent. DONALD PAYNE was a gentleman not because he was elected to Congress but because he was a good, decent human being. He welcomed me with open arms as a new guy from Detroit that very few in the House even knew about.

Less than 2 weeks ago, DONALD PAYNE returned a call that I had placed to him. We had a short, but gracious, conversation. And I knew after I hung up the phone that I would see him soon right here in the Halls of Congress, but that never came to pass. The lesson is clear to all of us: our time, our life here on Earth is very fleeting. Let's do everything we can to cherish each moment, not necessarily to pursue a wild ambition or do a lot of things, but just to be like DONALD PAYNE, respecting others, caring for others. That's what he stood for.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. I now would like to yield to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN).

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. I thank the gentlewoman for yielding me this time. Just a few hours ago, we lost a dear friend, an esteemed and honored and respected colleague, Congressman DON PAYNE of New Jersey.

DON was a proud member of the New Jersey delegation. He was a faithful servant to his constituents. For more than two decades, he served them in this body. He was also a committed member of our Foreign Affairs Committee. He was chairman and the ranking Democrat on the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health and Human Rights; and in that capacity he showed us his unwavering commitment to fighting diseases worldwide, but especially in Africa. He shone the light on human rights abuses throughout the world. DON's tireless efforts provided a voice for the afflicted and for the oppressed.

We are saddened as an institution, as a body, and as friends by the loss of such a courageous and loyal and conscientious public servant. DON will be greatly missed by our Foreign Affairs Committee because he was such a tireless advocate for the causes for which he felt such passion.

He will be missed here on the House floor because he was ever present whenever there was an important issue

to be debated. He will be missed in his home State of New Jersey where he was so revered and respected by his constituents whom he so faithfully served. He will be missed especially by the thousands and, indeed, countless people whom we will never know who he inspired and he impacted throughout his tenure and long career in public service.

So without a doubt, Congressman DON PAYNE's contributions will be remembered for many years to come, and our thoughts and prayers are with all of the Members of the Payne family and all of the people whom he touched in a very special way.

I thank the gentlewoman for the time; and in our Foreign Affairs Committee tomorrow, we will hold a special remembrance for Congressman DON PAYNE.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Thank you, Congresswoman ROS-LEHTINEN. And now I would like to yield to the gentleman from American Samoa, Congressman FALEOMAVAEGA.

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Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. I do want to thank the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands for managing the time for our colleagues in this Special Order that has been taken to honor our good friend who has just passed away, Congressman DON PAYNE.

Congressman DON PAYNE was my classmate. We sat next to each other for the past 23 years as members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. We were talking about the situation where it looked very interesting as proud Americans, and yet we knew something was missing here in terms of the activities of how our foreign policies have come about, in doing things about our relationship with other countries, so DON PAYNE was committed to looking after the needs of what are our foreign policies towards Africa. My commitment was to find out what are our foreign policies towards the Asia and the Pacific region.

I want to share this little interesting thought with my colleagues. When DON PAYNE and I first became members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, hardly any of the members wanted to be on the Asia and the Pacific or Africa subcommittees. The mentality here in Washington was entirely towards Europe and the Middle East. Being members of these two subcommittees was almost like the pits. They were not even on the radar screen, weren't even given any real sense of priority or interest.

I want to say to my colleagues that it has been truly an honor to be sitting next to my brother, DON PAYNE, and to commit to the idea that as a champion and advocate for the needs of the poor, the great champion of human rights throughout the world, not just towards Africa, but all other regions of the world, DON PAYNE and I worked on the plight, the needs of the people of West Papua, New Guinea.

I always have remembered DON PAYNE's admonition to me every time we discussed issues about fairness and equality. He said,

Eni, let me just remind you of what Martin Luther King, Jr., once said: "In the end, we will not remember the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

I think it's so true in terms of what he instituted in my own heart and mind: you can't just sit back and just let things go by. We've got to be out there being proactive and expressing ideas that will solve the many issues and the problems that we are faced with, not only in our own country, but throughout the world.

I want to express my deepest sympathies and condolences to the family of my brother, Congressman DON PAYNE. And I'm reminded of the saying, "blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." This truly was a peacemaker, whom I've had the honor and privilege of witnessing his life as an example not only to our colleagues, but certainly to the Members of the American people. Both in deed and by his conduct, DON PAYNE was truly a statesman, and his voice will be surely missed in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I am so happy to see that so many of our colleagues are here to pay special tribute to this great man, a gentle man, and yet by such great tremendous example showing us what we should be doing: going about and helping other people. I want to wish him well. We have a saying in my culture, "Ia manuia lau faiga malaga"—"May you have a good voyage."

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. I thank the gentleman from American Samoa.

I would now like to yield 2 minutes to the gentlelady from Illinois, Congresswoman JAN SCHAKOWSKY.

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Thank you for this opportunity to speak about a really good friend of mine, DON PAYNE. When I heard that his situation was grave, I gave a call to his brother, Bill, whom I had gotten to know on trips that he and DON took, and had the privilege then of speaking with DON. He was in hospice. This was just a couple of days ago. And I was able to tell him how much I loved him and able to tell him that I hoped that he found peace and comfort in the knowledge that he helped so many people in this world.

DON PAYNE was a real citizen of the world, a quiet and dignified gentleman, but he had a fierce commitment to justice and human rights everywhere. He was really the de facto ambassador to Africa. No one in this Congress knew or cared more for the people of Africa. He also personally knew the leaders, and they knew and respected him. His knowledge and his relationships will leave a big hole here. He was the go-to person. If you wanted to know anything about what was going on, the political situation, or who was who on the continent, DON PAYNE was the one to go to.

As I said, I was able to travel with DON and Bill to many places around

the world and always listened carefully, as everyone did, when DON spoke with the kind of knowledge that he had about all things dealing with foreign relations, about all things dealing with human rights. So my heart goes out to my good friend, Bill Payne, to the children and grandchildren and one great grandchild of DONALD PAYNE, my beloved friend, whom I'll miss so much.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Thank you, Congresswoman SCHAKOWSKY.

I would now like to yield 2 minutes to another colleague of DON PAYNE from New Jersey, Congressman BILL PASCRELL.

Mr. PASCRELL. Ladies and gentlemen, the House has lost a real advocate, a person who respected this institution and who understood what it was.

So I know I speak for all of us when I say our condolences to the family and our condolences to his constituents. He served most distinctly.

Rather than tell you some things I was going to prepare myself about my relationship with DONALD, I got a letter this afternoon, and I think it's appropriate if I read this letter on the floor of the House because it tells us that DONALD PAYNE was not just interested in Africa. His interests as a humanitarian went beyond that.

Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams has spoken of the deep sadness at the death of United States Congressman DONALD PAYNE. On behalf of Sinn Fein, and all of those in Ireland who met Congressman PAYNE on his many visits here, the Sinn Fein leader extended his deepest sympathy to Congressman PAYNE's children and his family circle and many friends. And this is what Gerry's own words are:

Donald Payne was a champion for the disadvantaged and the downtrodden in the United States and around the world. He devoted his life to promoting civil rights, equality and democracy.

My friends, just think who is saying this. A man of valor, a very courageous person, Gerry Adams. This is how close we are in the tribe of humanity and how many times we fail to recognize it.

I met Donald many times both in Washington and in Ireland. He was always very interested in Ireland and had visited the north before the cessations in the mid-1990s. Donald was very supportive of the Irish peace process from the beginning and was a regular participant in briefings which I and other Sinn Fein visitors gave to political leaders on Capitol Hill.

Many of us were there, many of us in this room.

He was also a frequent member of congressional delegations that visited Ireland. Donald will also be fondly remembered by citizens on Garvaghy Road, in north Belfast, and the Short Strand, which he visited at a time when efforts were being made to force controversial Orange marches through those districts.

His experience as a civil rights campaigner resonated with his audience in west Belfast when he spoke there during the west Belfast Feile on the issue of equality and anti-discrimination legislation.

During a debate in Washington on the McBride principles he remarked that: "I and

other members of the Congressional Black Caucus can easily identify with the Catholic minorities. I recognize many similarities in how they are treated with how people here were treated."

Donald was a thoughtful, generous and well-informed politician who was personally dedicated to improving conditions for others and who worked diligently on behalf of his constituents and of his party.

He will be remembered with gratitude and real affection for his support at difficult and dangerous times in Ireland—in difficult and dangerous times all over the world. He will be sadly missed by his constituents, by people the world over. I want to extend regrets and deepest sympathy to his family and his friends.

Go ndeanfaidh dia trocaire ar a n'anam dilis—may he rest in peace, and may all of his friends gather in this institution that he loved so well.

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Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Thank you, Congressman PASCRELL. And thank you for bringing the sympathies of Sinn Fein to the floor.

I would now like to yield 2 minutes to a person who served with DON for quite awhile on the Foreign Affairs Committee, Chairman DAN BURTON of Indiana.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. I thank the gentlelady for yielding.

You know, we judge, as Congressmen, our colleagues based upon their ability and how hard they work. But the thing I liked about DON PAYNE, as a colleague with whom I worked for 24 years on the Foreign Affairs Committee, was he was a nice guy. He was really a nice guy. Even when we had our differences—and there were many when we served on the Africa Subcommittee together—we would debate, and then we would walk together down the hall and talk as friends and still discuss our differences, but we did it in such a friendly way, and I really liked the guy.

One of the things I think is so important is we really don't get to know each other too much in this place. We have 435 of us. And people come who are wealthy and some who are very poor, some who came from bad beginnings and tough beginnings and some come from the top; and we don't get to know each other very well. But I knew DON PAYNE because he worked so hard for the people he represented in Newark, and he really fought for them.

He wanted a garage in Newark because of the business downtown. I remember I fought him on that garage and we were able to stop it. And I think one of the things I'll regret the day I leave this place is that I stopped that garage because I think DON PAYNE, as the kind of guy he was, really felt like it was needed for Newark. And DON, if you're listening, if I had a chance, I'd vote differently on that thing.

But anyhow, he was a nice guy. He was a credit to the Congress of the United States and to everybody who knew him. I'd like to say to his family that I extend my deepest sympathies, as the other speakers have said, but I'd also like to say that to his staff. I

know his staff is going through a difficult time right now as well as his family, so I want to extend my deepest sympathy to them as well.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Thank you, Chairman BURTON.

At this time, I would like to yield 2 minutes to another colleague from New Jersey, Congressman ROB ANDREWS.

Mr. ANDREWS. I thank my friend for yielding.

Sometimes the quietest voices are the ones that have the greatest impact. DONALD PAYNE always spoke quietly, humbly; but as we reflect on his life, the impact is monumental.

Tonight, there are villages in Africa where people have self-determination, human dignity, education, and health care because of the impact of his voice and his life. There are people working in the city of Newark, the counties of Essex and Union and Hudson because of businesses he helped to bring and schools he helped to build and progress he helped to make.

As we heard my friend BILL PASCRELL talk about, there are people in Ireland from very different heritages and backgrounds that DONALD brought here who are celebrating his life because of the reach of his voice and of his life.

I think, most importantly, the impact of his voice is the hollowness and sorrow that we all feel here in this institution because the quietness of his voice brought us together at times of discord and stress. DONALD believed passionately in his progressive ideology, but he believed with equal passion in tolerance for those who disputed it. DONALD fought fiercely for the causes in which he and I believed and he and others believed, but he never fought the rights of others to express differing views. He cared very personally about his causes, but he never took personally those who disagreed with him. This is a lesson that we should learn and abide by in this institution in years to come because it makes us better people and it makes our institution stronger.

Later this week, it is a remarkable thing that this humble young man, a school teacher, a leader in the YMCA who at the beginning of his career lost many more elections than he won—lost two elections for the county executive position, lost multiple attempts to become elected to this House of Representatives, and then triumphed—someone from those humble beginnings that world leaders will come to a place of worship in the city of Newark to commemorate his life.

But I think what's more indicative of DONALD's contribution is that as those world leaders come through Newark Airport into the city that DONALD loved, there will be janitors and school teachers and truck drivers and day care providers and laborers and electricians and Americans of all walks of life, people of all walks of life who will know and acknowledge the great impact of this quiet voice.

His voice has sadly been stilled; but let us celebrate the fact that his impact will live in our world, in our country, in our institution, and in our hearts forever. May God bless his family and comfort them at this time of affliction.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Thank you, Congressman ANDREWS.

At this time, I would like to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Troy, the gentleman from Georgia, Congressman JOHN LEWIS.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. I want to thank the gentlelady for yielding.

I rise today to honor the memory of our beloved colleague, the distinguished gentleman from the State of New Jersey, DONALD PAYNE.

Today we have lost a wonderful and good friend, and the people of the 10th District of New Jersey have lost a fearless leader and advocate.

Any American can be elected to public office, but not everyone can serve with dignity and great respect. DONALD PAYNE, my friend, my brother, enjoyed the admiration of his colleagues because he led by example, and through quiet, determined diplomacy he accomplished a great deal.

A deep sensitivity to the human condition was at the center of all he did. His work was an extension of the belief that each of us has a responsibility to serve one another, and that we must use the power and resources of a great Nation to relieve the burdens of the poor, the oppressed, the hungry, and the sick. That is why this former public school teacher wanted to unlock the power of education to free those who are struggling in the urban centers in America. And that is why he was a tireless advocate for the people of Africa because a heartfelt compassion guided all that he did.

In a time when the needs of the poor are hardly spoken, when the cries of the locked out and left behind are rarely heard, the Chamber will deeply miss a gentle statesman with a heart that was big enough to serve all humankind.

The thoughts and prayers of the people of the Fifth District of Georgia and many Members of this Congress are with his family, staff, and friends now as they move through a difficult time. Just know that DONALD PAYNE was loved, and he will be deeply missed, not only by the people of the 10th District of New Jersey, but by people around this Nation and all around the world.

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Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. We are coming close to the end of our hour. I think our colleague will probably yield us some time, but I would like to close out this particular hour, and I ask unanimous consent to extend the hour to allow the Members who are on the floor to speak.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair cannot entertain a request to extend a special-order speech.

Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman

from Tennessee (Mr. ROE) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. I yield to your next speaker.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. The next speaker would be Congressman EMANUEL CLEAVER, the chair of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, this is not one of the highlights of stepping into the well of the House. This is a moment that does not yield great joy, at least not for what just happened in terms of the death of my friend and my colleague, DONALD PAYNE. There is, however, some joy, and the joy is related to the fact that I had the opportunity to know DONALD PAYNE, and I believe that my life was enriched because of it.

During his final days here in Washington, I had a number of conversations with him at Georgetown Hospital where I tried to, and was successful at least on a couple of occasions, in getting him to laugh, even as he experienced excruciating pain in his hospital bed.

DONALD PAYNE can be observed by all Members of the House, and from that observation, we can extract something that can make this place better. DONALD PAYNE was about as good and decent a human being as has ever walked the Halls of this stately House.

At a time when many elected officials believe that acidic language, acrimony, and red meat discussions are the order of the day, DONALD PAYNE was firm, soft-spoken, and respectful. No matter what happened, you could count on DONALD PAYNE being calm through it, except on one occasion, which I will not talk about on the floor. We'll talk about it later, but not here.

But DONALD PAYNE was a man who was as peaceful in private as he was in committee or even on the floor. He had a passion for the diaspora. And I joked with him that everywhere I've ever gone in the diaspora, people asked about him.

Just 1 week before he died, 1 week, I met with a representative from Brazil who was inviting members of the Congressional Black Caucus to come to Brazil to meet with their caucus and they would send members here. Before the meeting ended, as I knew would happen, he asked about DONALD PAYNE. And I don't believe there is an elected official or a king or prince or a potentate in the diaspora who does not know the name of DONALD PAYNE.

And what I hope will happen is one of the Members will pick up the mantle and delve into the issues and matters of foreign relations as has DONALD PAYNE. Somebody needs to step up to the plate and do that.

My final comment is this: I hate cancer. I hate cancer. I can't think of a human being that I hate, but I hate cancer. And in my hatred of cancer, I have come to the realization that all of us are temporary, that we are not permanent creatures. No matter how

strong and healthy we feel we are, we are all temporary. And if we understand our temporariness, it might inspire us to be just a little better, a little kinder, a little nicer, a little more receptive to others, because we are temporary, at least in this place.

Now, I conclude by saying that life must end, but death is not a cul-de-sac. It leads somewhere. And if DONALD PAYNE is not there, that door must be locked and the rest of us can give up. He was about as good and decent and loving a human being who's walked these Halls, and I'm glad that God gave me the chance to know him.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. I now would like to yield time to the minority leader from California (Ms. PELOSI).

Ms. PELOSI. Thank you, Mr. ROE, for yielding. I thank you and I thank our colleague, Congresswoman CHRISTENSEN, for taking this Special Order today so that we can sing the praises of a great man, our colleague, dear friend, precious person, DONALD PAYNE.

I waited. I said I wanted to go after Mr. CLEAVER because I didn't know how I was going to even have the strength to come to the floor because this is a personal as well as official loss to many of us here. And he is always a source of strength to us, putting in perspective the fragility of life and the value that we must place on the contribution of all of our colleagues, especially when we are blessed with the life, service, and leadership of someone like DONALD PAYNE. There are very few people that you can say "someone like Donald Payne," because he was exceptional and unique.

When the distinguished Mr. CLEAVER and Reverend CLEAVER says that we have to fill in where and take his mantle, that would be almost impossible to do because, over a lifetime, in public service, and a long time in the Congress of the United States, DONALD PAYNE gained standing on issues that takes years to do. But he did teach us along the way. He gave us guidance on what paths to follow, what clues to recognize, and doing the right thing, whether it was in the continent of Asia, Africa, or Latin America, wherever it was, and in our own country.

I had the privilege of traveling with DONALD PAYNE when we were going to Darfur. He didn't want to go to the Sudan. He'd been there many times, Darfur, but he was at that moment boycotting the regime in Khartoum because of how they treated their people there. And while we were in Khartoum and in Darfur, he was in Ethiopia and Somalia and the rest, always working, always working to have policy advice to all of us and caring about what the impact of that policy was on people.

What was interesting to us, though, it was on that same trip to Africa, which many of the members of the Congressional Black Caucus were on, including our distinguished assistant leader, Mr. CLYBURN, when we went to Liberia it was a boiling hot day. And we all went to the AME college there,

the AME university, and they were honoring DONALD PAYNE for his everything, for what he knew about Africa, for his values and how he was concerned about, again, policy as it related to people, the encyclopedic knowledge that he had, the great wisdom that sprang from that knowledge, the plans that he always had to make things better, and the way people just flocked to him because they would learn, they would be inspired, and they would love DONALD PAYNE.

It was boiling hot. And we go there and they decide that we're all going to dress alike that day, so it even got hotter as we donned our robes. And here we were, seeing—not only telling them the esteem with which he was held in Congress, that was the least of it, because what we were hearing was what people from around Africa, the esteem in which they held him, named a library for him at that university in Liberia.

He was a schoolteacher, and he never forgot how important it was for us to put our students first. He called them the bright lights of our Nation's future, for investing in their potential, for inspiring them to succeed, igniting the sparks that they had within them to do their very best.

He was very proud of Newark and serving there. I remember when he first came here, his work on behalf of his constituents, his neighbors, the middle class, working people, people who were striving to reach up into the middle class, he was always working for them.

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He was New Jersey's, as has been mentioned, first African American Member of Congress. He remained a committed champion of equality and opportunity for all. His accomplishments, both on his committee, where he served with Congressman GEORGE MILLER, who holds him in the highest esteem, and now the Foreign Affairs Committee, where he serves with Congressman HOWARD BERMAN. Well, to hear the two of them talk today as if they have lost a brother, and we all have.

We all have an appreciation of his hard work ethic. The knowledge that he brought to his subject, the concern he had for the American people, and the love he had for our country.

Just think, last week we had a visit to our office from Bill Gates coming to our office to talk about the issue of global health, and he asked if DONALD PAYNE could be in the meeting. We had hoped that would be possible but then had to say that he was not feeling well that day. That was a week ago.

But up until the end, he was in demand, recognized for his, again, standing on issues that related to the alleviation of poverty, the eradication of disease, again, alleviation of hunger throughout the world. What more could be about the gospel of Matthew than ministering to the needs of God's creation, which the Bible tells us is an

act of worship. To ignore those needs is to dishonor the God who made us. DONALD PAYNE was all about worshipping God by ministering to the needs.

He was an expert on economic, political, and security situations throughout Africa, and I had the honor of nominating him, recognizing his extraordinary work around the world. I was proud to recommend that President George W. Bush name Congressman PAYNE, our representative of the House Democrats, at the United Nations. Usually it was just for one term. In the case of DONALD PAYNE, we went well beyond that in recognition of the extraordinary contribution that he makes.

So again, whether it was in his own district, whether it was Newark, New Jersey, or across the world, he was a powerful and passionate voice. I hope it's a comfort to his children—to Donald, Jr., to Wanda, and Nicole—and all who loved DONALD PAYNE, his dear brother, Bill, who traveled with him frequently and loved him so much, I hope it's a comfort to them that so many people who knew him well, loved him so much, mourn their loss and are praying for them at this sad time.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I again thank Mr. ROE and Congresswoman CHRISTENSEN for the opportunity to say just a few things about our dear friend who will be sadly missed and long remembered. His legacy lives on in the Congress of the United States.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. I would now like to yield time to the distinguished gentleman from Maryland, Mr. STENY HOYER.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

This is a sad day for America. It's a sad day for the Congress. It's a sad day for our African American brothers and sisters who have lost a real leader and an extraordinary friend.

I first met DONALD PAYNE when I was in my mid-twenties. He was active in the Young Democrats in New Jersey, and I was active in the Young Democrats in Maryland, and that's how we first met. DON was about 6 years older than I am. When you're in your middle twenties, somebody in their thirties is really old. But we all saw him as a very serious individual, serious about his activities, serious about his objectives, serious about the people.

He had an extraordinarily productive career. As the leader has mentioned and as I know other speakers before me have mentioned, he was a teacher. He was a teacher in the tradition of Frederick Douglass. Frederick Douglass, a fellow Marylander, said that it is easier to build strong children than it is to repair broken men. DONALD PAYNE was focused on that concept as a teacher.

Then throughout his life, he was focused on making sure that America kept the faith with people around the world; that its values, that its hopes, its visions for ourselves were also our hopes and visions for others.

DONALD PAYNE, before he came to the Congress, I think had traveled to more countries than perhaps any other Member of Congress. He cared about people, and particularly people who lived in Africa. I think there was no Member who knew Africa better than DONALD PAYNE, no Member who risked more for the welfare of those who lived on that continent.

My first trip as majority leader, I went to Sudan and to Darfur. I made that my first trip because, at that point in time, it was one of the most troubled—and still remains—lands in our globe. DONALD PAYNE, unfortunately, could not go on that trip. He had another thing to do.

But we had a briefing before we went, and DONALD PAYNE was there. It was clear from those who briefed us that DONALD PAYNE was obviously the person they looked to for knowledge and insight into how we could get from where we were then to the plebiscite, to what is now the independent South Sudan, and hopefully it will remain so, notwithstanding the violence of Sudan itself.

DONALD PAYNE was an extraordinarily conscientious Member of this body, but more than that, he was a man who cared about his fellow man and fellow woman. DONALD PAYNE was a serious Member of this body.

That does not mean he was always serious. He had a sense of humor. He was a wonderful, engaging person, but he was serious about what he did, and it reflected how deeply he cared about those whom he served and about his country.

We could all speak for Special Order after Special Order after Special Order and still not reach the magnitude of praise and thanks that he deserves. Suffice it to say that this body was a better place for his service. As Reverend CLEAVER so eloquently intoned, we were better people for having been his friend and his colleague and his co-worker.

I am pleased to join all of you who, like me, knew DONALD PAYNE as a Member of Congress, yes, but as a human being, as an individual, as someone who cared about us, and we cared about him.

I join Leader PELOSI and all of you and our friends on the other side of the aisle, because DON worked across the aisle. DON was not an observer of partisan differences, although he understood they existed. His objective was to work with all for the betterment of all.

So, I'm pleased to have this opportunity to join all of you in thanking God that He gave us DON PAYNE, that He gave him sufficient years to make an extraordinary mark here in this country and around the world.

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Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I would now like to yield time to the dean of the Michigan delegation, Mr. CONYERS.

Mr. CONYERS. I thank the gentleman for yielding to me. I also thank

DONNA CHRISTENSEN for her leadership in bringing us all together this evening.

This is a wonderful way, when this RECORD is read of this Special Order for DONALD PAYNE, for everyone to know the depth of the love and respect that we all had for this great and gentle human being.

He was a committed public servant and a true champion for social and economic justice at home and around the world. He had a global perspective that helped teach us that all of the 6.4 billion people on Earth are connected and related. So when I was asked to campaign for his first run for Congress that I knew about, which was in 1988, I was pleased to do so. I traveled to Newark and joined with him in that victory. I remember being struck by his deep desire to help people, and I had no idea that he would grow and develop into this leader whom we mourn and praise here today.

Through his work as a member of the House Education and the Workforce Committee and of the Foreign Affairs Committee, he led the fight to address inequities in every realm of existence. He was a great proponent for peace. I must say that I am convinced that he had the spirit and the philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that he lived and demonstrated every single day of his life. He is the one Member of whom I can say I never saw angry, I never saw upset. When I was able to take him away from his African commitments, I took him to Haiti, where he immediately understood the depth of the suffering and the tragedy that required us to go back again and again.

So, DONALD PAYNE, what has been said of you today is only a small token of the contributions that you have made during your life. You will be missed by your colleagues. You will be mourned by your family. You will be treasured by many people in many places on this globe.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. I will now take the opportunity to yield 2 minutes to the gentlelady from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE).

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. I want to thank my distinguished friend for your kindness and generosity in yielding the time and to the Speaker. I want to thank Dr. CHRISTENSEN for starting us on this journey, and I want to thank the Speaker for being educated by these powerful words of my colleagues.

I do want to say that, if you had to give a tribute biblically to DONALD PAYNE, you would certainly quote from Timothy in saying, "I fought the good fight." I am grateful to also say that DONALD PAYNE had a lot of fun in life. Some of us can trace our friendship to years past, to decades past; but I know that, as the world loves DONALD PAYNE, he loved Newark and New Jersey.

I had the good pleasure of joining him and his friends during the last Congressional Black Caucus. We had a variety of receptions to meet our constituents, and there was nothing but

love in that room. I had, I would call it, the humble privilege to visit him at Georgetown Hospital, where his brother and sister were in the room as well as the chief of staff, and to have him smile as some of our colleagues have said. In the course of being in the room, I heard that the former President of South Africa, President Mbeki, was trying to reach him.

There would be a long list of Presidents and former Presidents and others of great renown trying to reach him; but you cannot in any way doubt the fact that in his acceptance and acknowledgment by all of those iconic figures, President Mandela as well, that he as a progressive stood along with the family members he loved, whether it was his son, who was a council member, and his other children or Bill Payne, and epitomized the struggles of a generation of African Americans in Newark and New Jersey in the 1950s and the 1960s, and he was on the front lines of fighting for equal rights out of the North Ward.

Oh, leave it only to DONALD PAYNE to talk about New Jersey politics, and he loved it. He had an iconic presence, but he also had a leadership, boss-man presence—and I say that lovingly—because if you needed something in that area, as my good friends, Brothers PAL-LONE and PASCRELL out of that area, knew, no matter who you were in his district who needed something, you could get ahold of DON PAYNE. He loved the richness of his district and its diversity, but you can be sure that he was fighting for the poor and dispossessed.

Maybe that's what brought him to his affinity and kinship for Africa. One of my predecessors, Mickey Leland, whom DON PAYNE knew, we always said died on the side of an Ethiopian mountain while trying to feed those who could not feed themselves.

But DON PAYNE was everywhere, from Ethiopia, to Sudan, to South Africa, to Angola, to the Congo, to Ghana, to Liberia. He was in all of those, if you will, conflicts where he wanted to bring about peace. He counseled Presidents—Republicans and Democrats. I remember Bill Clinton's historic trip, and you can be assured that DONALD PAYNE was at the nexus of drawing him to making that historic trip. I believe, in 1998, he counseled George Bush and others, and he counseled President Obama.

I don't know if many of you know that DONALD PAYNE was a longshoreman who worked on many different places; but when reminded of his work as a longshoreman, he said, I loved the port. I heard a Member talk about that, I believe, but he loved the working person.

Let me just conclude, as I salute him for being the progressive who did not forget the poor as well as being one who could speak eloquently with the leaders of international positions around the world, albeit that he was coach and teacher and council member and ethic freeholder, that I remember

traveling to Africa on occasions, plural. In this instance, what I would say, beyond having known that in Somalia he was almost, in essence, taken down, is that many of you will remember the first Kabila, the father of the present President of the Congo, and you will know that that area has always been in conflict and that DONALD PAYNE never shunned going into conflict.

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Two places we went: Angola, when it was still in conflict. DONALD PAYNE said, Well, I know we can meet the President in his castle and office and the place where he is, but I'm going up in the bush, and if you all are with me, we're getting on this little one-propeller plane—not two propellers—it only had one—and we're going to go up there and meet with the opponent of the President.

We sat with DONALD PAYNE, encouraging this opponent to put down his guns and come and meet with this President, who through DONALD PAYNE had promised peace. I know that man wished that he had answered the call that DONALD PAYNE made. He never left the bush, and he died in that place. I got to see him up close and personal, where no risk of life was too much for him to bring about peace.

As I conclude, let me simply say to the peacemaker, to the intended noble peacemaker, to the man who didn't shun or didn't shy away from a conflict that might have taken his life, to the lover of Newark, to the lover of his family and his children, to the lover of his staff, to the lover of this institution: DON, may you rest in peace. Warrior, leader, hero, God knows that you never stopped working, and you deserve that angel's place in Heaven.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute of the life and service of my dear friend and colleague, Congressman PAYNE. Noted for his quiet gravitas, progressive issues advocacy and pioneering life story, Congressman PAYNE along with his older brother Bill Payne defined the struggles of a generation of Newark Blacks who in the 1950s and '60s fought for equal rights out of the North Ward.

By the dawn of the 1970s, the Paynes relocated to the South of Newark, where they built a political base on Bergen Street that served as the launch pad for Mr. PAYNE's historic campaigns for Congress in the 1980s.

DONALD PAYNE was a champion of the poor and dispossessed not only in Newark but in Africa, notably the Sudan, where he took one of this country's most forceful stands against the genocide he witnessed there. Congressman PAYNE was once arrested in Washington, D.C., for protesting against the Sudanese government.

As the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Africa for the Congressional Foreign Affairs Committee, Congressman PAYNE became a leading advocate for international human rights. "I would be remiss if I did not thank those who are personally responsible for making sure that I know about Africa," said then-President Bill Clinton.

After a 2009 trip to Africa, the congressman prepared to depart from Mogadishu when his

plane sustained small arms gun fire from the ground, according to CNN. The congressman had earlier that same day discussed the crisis of piracy off the failed state's coast.

DONALD PAYNE grew up in a section of the North Ward known as Doodletown and worked on the docks in his young manhood. "I love this place," he told longshoremen at a 2008 campaign stop at Port Newark. "I worked down here from 1952 to 1956, on Doremus Avenue, where they used to have about one ship a week, believe me. But we're so glad to see this port come to where it is today."

At the beginning of their careers, he and his older brother worked in tandem as they sought greater African-American representation within the Newark Democratic Party, with Bill Payne very early gaining a reputation as the aggressive activist and DONALD PAYNE showing skills as a diplomat. Never an obvious self-promoter, DONALD PAYNE as a public person embodied old school qualities of humility and toughness. He seldom sought out a microphone but commanded attention naturally by being a presence in the room.

In the aftermath of the Newark riots, the Payne brothers became the strongest South Ward political brand in the city, using the Bergen Street business district as their most visible base of operations. The congressman scorned conventional polling, preferring instead to gauge his own popularity by the number of beeps on the horn he heard as he walked along his beloved Bergen Street.

He was a former leader of the Congressional Black Caucus. DONALD PAYNE served as a Newark City councilman and as an Essex Freeholder. Congressman PAYNE was someone who knew presidents and kings but was more comfortable with the man in the street, that's just who he was.

America has lost a noble statesman, New Jersey has lost a brilliant and caring Representative and I have lost a remarkable friend and distinguished colleague. A skilled and compassionate politician, DONALD PAYNE represented his constituents well. An ardent supporter of educational opportunity, he worked to ensure college was within reach for everyone.

DONALD worked tirelessly for small business and had a focused passion for Africa. Because of his knowledge and dedication to the issues of human rights and peace—he saved lives all over Africa. He enjoyed the respect of his colleagues; his calm demeanor will be missed. DONALD dedicated his life to helping the less fortunate and expanding and protecting human rights everywhere in a strong and determined way. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. My thoughts and prayers go out to family, friends and constituents at this sorrowful time. The world has suffered a great loss.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I now yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, first let me say that I join my colleagues in recognizing not only the life and work of DON PAYNE, but I also wanted to add my personal words of support for what DON meant to me personally as a co-chairman of the Caribbean Caucus a number of years ago.

Speaker Hastert asked both DON and myself to become engaged in issues that would be considered in our hemisphere as a result of the war on terror.

The Speaker recognized that the Caribbean was a gateway not only for terrorism, but also a number of other issues. DON and I accepted that role, had a number of trips down to the Caribbean, but also met with Caribbean leaders here in Washington, D.C.

DON was always upbeat, DON was always looking for answers and responses to the needs of our friends in the Caribbean, and really found a way to cut some good friendships with people to where they became better friends of the United States Congress and the United States because of his personal involvement in issues and matters.

I enjoyed working with DON. He accepted not only his role and mine, us working together—I as a younger Member, he as a senior Member. He welcomed my advances or ideas and thoughts.

It was difficult for me also as I was walking into the Capitol a few minutes ago to see the beautiful flag that flies outside the United States Capitol at half mast in honor of our colleague DON PAYNE.

So I do want to thank this body for allowing me a chance to express not only my thoughts about DON, but also to recognize him as an outstanding Member of this body.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. May I inquire, Mr. Speaker, how much time we have remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has 26 minutes remaining.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. We have 11 speakers, so I would ask if you would limit your remarks. I want to have an opportunity for everyone who wants to speak to speak.

Now I would yield time to my colleague and one of DON's very dear colleagues from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE).

Mr. PALLONE. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I have a lot of DON PAYNE stories. I wanted to tell one which I think says a lot about the man.

I listened to what SHEILA JACKSON LEE said before about how he was always humorous and telling jokes, but also about New Jersey politics and how he was so well respected and had the ability to basically tell other Members or indicate to other Members what they should do.

I also listened to HANSEN CLARKE when he mentioned DON being a gentleman. DON was a gentleman, and people respected him as such in the city of Newark and throughout his district.

There was an occasion after the redistricting when I gained an area—I won't mention the name necessarily—in my new district that was mostly African American, and DON PAYNE was very well-known there, and I wasn't known at all.

I actually lived at the Jersey shore. Some of you may know that the people that are down at the Jersey shore, the people from north Jersey and Newark often refer to us with names like "clam digger" and other things to indicate

that we're not as sophisticated as the people from Essex County.

I was at a meeting with African American ministers in this new area of my district. And of course the purpose of DON being there was to tell them it was okay; in other words, it was okay that this guy from the shore, the clam digger, so to speak, was now going to represent you because he was okay.

As you know, DON couldn't take an occasion like that without making it into a joke and still getting the point across, but in a very humorous way. So he said to the African American ministers as we assembled:

Well, you know, this guy Frank Pallone is now coming up here and he is going to represent you. But he is down at the shore, and most of the time he spends his time talking about crabs and fish and the things at the shore. You know, I don't know if he can relate to this urban area now that he is going to represent where you all know me, but I'm going to tell you a story. You'll often see Congressman Pallone in pictures at the shore picking up the crabs, and he picks up the crabs and he talks about how the crab had been injured, and it was important to help the crab, and the crab needed some help and needed to be fixed, needed some health care so it can become a whole crab again and lead a good life.

Of course everybody was laughing at this point, figuring out what this is all about. But it was his way of getting across in a humorous way that it was okay to have FRANK PALLONE represent you, that he was going to relate to you. He could relate to a crab, so he could obviously relate to you.

I don't know if I'm saying this properly, but this is how DON was. He was just able to use humor to get a point across, a very serious point in a very effective way.

I will miss him so much because he made me laugh so many times when situations were serious, and there didn't seem to be much humor, but he always did it in a way that made me understand how important it was to be here as a Member of Congress. He really understood how important our jobs were and how they could make a difference in people's lives.

Thank you.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Now I would like to yield to a gentleman also from New Jersey, one of Mr. PAYNE's very close colleagues, Mr. ROTHMAN.

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. I thank the gentleman for the time.

Madam Speaker, today Newark, the State of New Jersey, and the United States of America lost a hero, and the world lost, especially those that needed help, those who were being persecuted, they lost a champion.

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DON PAYNE's family, they've lost their patriarch, the strong, gentle, warm, beautiful, handsome hero who held them together all these many years.

And like so many others, but in a very special way, I lost, we lost a dear, dear friend. I loved DONALD PAYNE. I know he loved me. We spent many

times together as dear friends, buddies, laughing and joking, but also many great times speaking about the very, very serious issues confronting our State, his district, my district, the country, and the world.

DONALD PAYNE led an extraordinary life. A young, African American man from very humble beginnings did not have it easy growing up in America and didn't have it easy acquiring political power that enabled him to help everyone, whether it was in Newark or Essex County or New Jersey, the United States or in the world.

History will record that this young man from Newark, DONALD PAYNE, literally saved tens of thousands of lives—he did—all over the world. In America, in Africa, and in Northern Ireland. And he was known throughout the world as a champion of the down-trodden, those in need, and a champion of human rights.

He was a longshoreman; he was a teacher; he was a waiter. He was an elected official from New Jersey who made us all so proud, but he was a citizen of the world. He was a leader in this world.

And he leaves behind a legacy, not only as a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, family man, but also as a dear, loving friend. Beneath that strong, serious statesman's demeanor was a warm, charming, funny, irreverent, smart, and great friend. I will miss him very, very much.

God bless you, DON PAYNE, my friend. God bless you, Congressman DONALD PAYNE, you iconic figure for America and the world. We will miss you dearly, but we will never forget you.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I now yield to the distinguished gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RUSH).

Mr. RUSH. I want to thank the gentleman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, in the book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, these words are recorded:

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose, and to everything under the sun, a time to be mourned and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted.

Madam Speaker, today a giant oak tree has fallen. There's a gaping hole in the forest. DON PAYNE has moved from an earthly life into an eternal heavenly life. A time, a purpose, a season.

DON PAYNE did not take his time, his season, nor his purpose for granted. Every moment, every season, the purpose for which he was created meant something to him and he gave his life. He spent his life working on his time, his season, and his purpose.

Last Thursday, DON, through his chief of staff, asked me to come to the hospital; and we talked for awhile and he whispered some words to me, some directions for me, some orders from his hospital bed. But what stands out to me on that occasion last Thursday was his last words spoken to me. We were

in the middle of votes, and he said: Make those votes. Don't miss those votes.

Here, a man who knew he was spending his last hours on this Earth, he knew that his life was coming to an end. He had told me some weeks before that he had pancreatic cancer and he didn't know what was going to happen, but his last words to me were not "Woe is me," but he was thinking about public service. He was thinking about this House. He was thinking about me and the vote that I was to cast. He was thinking about a time and a purpose and a season.

In the book of Micah, life really becomes quite simple. God asked the Prophet Micah:

What do I require of thee, O man, but to love mercy and do justice and walk humbly before your God.

Madam Speaker, I know that DON passed God's requirement. He lived his life with purpose. He was a son of Africa, but he was also a servant of Africa and a servant of the world.

We're all going to miss DON. We all looked to DON being a beacon in terms of public service. I will miss him, and my condolences go out to his entire family and his entire staff.

I might add that just this morning my staff and I went to his office, as others have. We sang a song together, "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross."

DON not only had the cross in mind, but now he sits in his heavenly home in a better place.

God bless you, DON. God bless you.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. I now would like to yield to the distinguished gentlelady from California (Ms. LEE).

Ms. LEE of California. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, it is with a very heavy heart that I rise tonight to honor and commemorate the life of a world leader, but more importantly, a grandfather, a great-grandfather, a father, a brother, an uncle, a boss, a dedicated family member to so many. I offer my condolences and prayers to DON's family, to his staff. They need our comfort during these very difficult days.

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DON was more than a colleague to many of us, myself included. He was a very good friend. We lived near each other in Washington, D.C., here, and I had the privilege to drive him home quite often. These were special moments for me which I will always cherish; for it was during these rides that he counseled me. He cracked so many jokes to cheer me up because he always knew what we were going through, and we talked about family, friends and what was really real in our lives.

DON loved children, and he relished his membership on the committee on Education and the Workforce. Of course, before coming to Congress, he was the national president of the YMCA and an elementary school teacher. But, yes, DON was also a global

leader. And I have traveled abroad with DON, and he was greeted as a head of state and a comrade. But DON didn't especially like traveling with large congressional delegations. He liked going by himself and with his brother to the middle of conflicts, sometimes in the bush and in the jungles, to meet with guerrilla leaders and freedom fighters. He helped negotiate truces; and all sides, everywhere in the world, loved and respected him.

Now, for many years, DON was the lone voice in the wilderness calling for a declaration of genocide in Darfur, Sudan. Finally, we all got it. And as a result of DON's persistence working with both sides of the aisle to address the atrocities of genocide, his bill passed, this declaration of genocide, with bipartisan support.

I was honored to serve on Congressman PAYNE's subcommittee for many, many years, the Subcommittee on Africa. He was a brilliant and a fair chairman, and he helped me shepherd and negotiate many bills and many of my legislative efforts.

Yes, I was blessed to have visited DON on Thursday afternoon. He smiled, we talked, he whispered a few words, and he gave me a thumbs up.

I met DON PAYNE through the mail in 1998 when my predecessor, who I know sends his condolences today, Congressman Ron Dellums, told him I was running for Congress. He sent me a wonderful note then—I didn't even know him—and a contribution. And when I was elected, he came up to me; he hugged me and he became my mentor on so many issues.

In closing, let me just say that I know—and we talked a lot about this, and I've been to church with him—that DON PAYNE was a humble man of tremendous faith. In thinking of DON this evening, I'm reminded of a Scripture taken from 2 Timothy, chapter 4, verses 6-8. It says:

As for me, the hour has come for me to be sacrificed; the time is here for me to leave this life. I have done my best in the race, I have run the full distance, and I have kept the faith. And now there is waiting for me the victory prize of being put right with God, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that Day—and not only to me, but to all those who wait with love for Him to appear.

May DON's soul rest in peace.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. I would now like to yield to the distinguished gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY).

Mr. CLAY. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, the untimely passing of my good friend and colleague, Congressman DONALD PAYNE, early this morning is a terrible loss for DONALD's family and friends, the House of Representatives, the people of the Tenth Congressional District of New Jersey, and our Nation.

DONALD PAYNE was a tireless advocate for his constituents at the local and municipal level before winning election to the House more than two decades ago. As New Jersey's first

and—until his death—only African American Member of Congress, he was the voice of working families from all backgrounds who called the Tenth District their home.

I am privileged to have known and worked with DONALD PAYNE. I will always be grateful to him for the warm way he welcomed me into this House and into the Congressional Black Caucus. I know that my father, who worked with DONALD for more than 10 years, joins me in extending our family's sympathies to DONALD's family, friends, colleagues, and constituents. As the people of Newark and across the State of New Jersey mourn the loss of their friend, DONALD PAYNE, the people of St. Louis, all of Missouri, and all across our country mourn with them.

His leadership, friendship, and passion for his work will be missed.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. I now would like to yield to the distinguished gentleman from New Orleans, Louisiana (Mr. RICHMOND).

Mr. RICHMOND. Thank you for yielding, and thank you, Madam Speaker, for the time.

It was once said that a politician worries about the next election, but a statesman worries about the next generation. DON PAYNE was a statesman.

To the Payne family, I offer my sincere condolences and prayers. Thank you for sharing your brother and your father with us. While I do not have as many personal memories as my colleagues of serving with Congressman PAYNE, I stand here as a beneficiary of his work over his 77 years. I can honestly say but not for DONALD PAYNE, I probably wouldn't be here.

I, along with others of my generation and the generations after me, not only in America but all across the world, stand on the shoulders of Congressman PAYNE. So I have the honor and the pleasure of serving with him, but I also have the obligation on behalf of those generations to say thank you to Congressman PAYNE for making this world a better place for us.

If we can remember anything with his passing, we can rest assured that DONALD PAYNE did what he was purposed to accomplish in his lifetime. So I can say right now without a doubt that DONALD PAYNE earned the right to say exactly what Paul said to Timothy, and that is, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have kept the faith."

So, Madam Speaker, this body, this country, and the entire world lost a true gentleman in DONALD PAYNE, and we lost a quintessential statesman.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I would yield now to my colleague and friend from Memphis, a fellow Tennessean, Mr. COHEN.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. ROE. I appreciate the time.

Everything has been said just about Congressman PAYNE, and by such wonderful gentlemen and gentleladies who pay tribute to the man. I had the opportunity to meet him early in my

entry into the Congress, and he made me feel at home from day one. He was, indeed, a gentleman, quiet but with a marvelous record for peace and for justice for the downtrodden people who needed a helping hand.

I had the opportunity through the auspices of CARE and the Gates Foundation to travel with Congressman PAYNE, his brother and others to Rwanda, to Goma and to Congo this past August; and I saw how he was beloved among people in Africa where he would travel on many occasions before. We shared the experience of going to the memorial to the victims of the genocide there, and Congressman PAYNE told me some stories about when he'd been there with President Clinton, and President Clinton had gone back and expressed his regrets of not having done more earlier to prevent the genocide, but was strong in supporting the nation of Rwanda and the people getting their country back together.

DONALD PAYNE had a progressive record. He was respected and loved by all. I was fortunate that my life intersected with his for he made me feel at home. And as so many other Members of the Congressional Black Caucus have done, he made it to where it wasn't necessary to be a member of the Congressional Black Caucus to be with the Congressional Black Caucus. I value my time with him.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. BUEKLE). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the Chair now recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE) for 30 minutes.

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I'd like to yield now to the gentleman from South Carolina, our assistant leader, Congressman JIM CLYBURN.

Mr. CLYBURN. I thank the gentle lady for yielding me the time.

Madam Speaker, I often quote the poet Robert Frost, who once admonished us that two roads diverged in the wood, and I picked the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference. I would not quarrel with Mr. Frost, but I would believe that it's the people that you meet as you travel the roads of life that really makes the difference with all of us.

Several years before I came to this body I met DONALD PAYNE. I was a bit in awe of him because he struck out to attain a seat here, and in that race, right after I met him, things did not go as he had hoped—as many of us had hoped. But DON did not lose faith. He gathered himself, and he tried again. And of course, upon his success, all of us know what a successful Congressman he made.

I traveled with DON often. We went to Africa together. Traveling with him on the continent of Africa, going in and

out of country after country, sitting with him as he called heads of state by their names, and to see the respect that all of them had for him was just a joy to behold.

I learned a lot from DONALD PAYNE. And I always, whenever I could, wanted to be around him. Just this past December, in my congressional district, DONALD came to Charleston to help me participate in a congressional panel, talking about sustaining good, healthy communities. DON, that particular day, was sort of the star, as he usually was. I had no idea at that time that we would be in this place today.

I think I can say without any threat of contradiction that if anybody has left his or her mark of service in this body, it was DONALD PAYNE. His record will never, in my estimation, be equaled. To know two continents as well as he did is something few people in this body will ever get to attain.

I want to join with my colleagues in wishing his family—his brother, Bill, who I got to know so well; his son, Donald, Jr.; and other family members—as much sympathy as I can muster. I hope that they will achieve real solace in the fact that their brother, their dad, their uncle gave so much and demanded so little in return.

Ms. LEE of California. I would now like to yield to the gentleman from Illinois, Representative DANNY DAVIS.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. I thank the lady for yielding.

We've heard a great deal about Representative PAYNE this evening. Some of the fondest memories that I have of DONALD was talking. He was a philosopher and a poet. All of the things that people have said that he did, he has done those. The last conversation we had was sort of a philosophical conversation. I believe that Tennyson framed DONALD PAYNE long before he was born, and he wrote this poem that said:

Sunset and evening star
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the bound-
less deep
Turns again home.
Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;
For though from out our bourne of Time and
Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

DONALD crossed, but he left a great deal behind.

Ms. LEE of California. I would now like to yield to the gentlewoman from New York, Congresswoman YVETTE CLARKE.

Ms. CLARKE of New York. I thank my colleague, BARBARA LEE.

Madam Speaker, today I'm here to pay tribute to a quintessential public servant, a person who tirelessly fought on behalf of his constituents of the 10th

Congressional District of New Jersey, and for all Americans of all backgrounds across this Nation. Today I pay tribute and celebrate the life of our beloved colleague, Congressman DONALD PAYNE.

DONALD made history as the first African American in New Jersey to be elected to Congress. He served as the former chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus and was recent chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, where I really saw him go to work on behalf of the people across this Nation.

Along with many others, I consider Representative PAYNE not just an accomplished colleague, but a role model and a dear friend. He was a relentless and iconic advocate for the continent of Africa, the African diaspora, as well as the Caribbean region. He spoke out boldly against genocide in Darfur and Rwanda, and fought alongside the Congressional Black Caucus to help Haiti recover from the devastating earthquake that struck the nation in 2010.

Congressman PAYNE was a representative of Newark, but his leadership was global. We are grateful for his world view. We will never forget his passion, zeal, and commitment to improve the United States diplomatic relations around the world.

I count myself fortunate to have established a real bond with Congressman PAYNE. He shared with me his quick wit, and we shared a lot of laughs together. We often joked about who was tougher, Newark or Brooklyn. And he was also very skilled on the dance floor. I had an opportunity to trip the world fantastic with Mr. PAYNE.

And so, I extend my condolences to his son, Councilman Donald Payne, Jr.; to his very devoted brother; his daughters Nicole and Wanda; his grandchildren; great grandchildren; his close friends; his devoted staff; and the people of the 10th Congressional District of New Jersey.

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Know that he has left us a great legacy, building blocks, if you will, for future generations of leaders. We will continue to celebrate the contributions of this great statesman. The stars in the heavens will twinkle just a bit brighter as Congressman DONALD PAYNE makes his transition to be with our Creator in heaven.

Thank you, Congressman, for all your commitment and sacrifice for the betterment of our global community.

Ms. LEE of California. I would now like to yield to the gentleman from North Carolina, Congressman PRICE.

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, it was with great sadness that I learned of the passing of my good friend and colleague, DONALD PAYNE. Few Members who've served in this institution have left a greater impression on their constituents, their colleagues, and their country's domestic and foreign policy than DON PAYNE.

From the moment DON set foot in Congress, he was a powerful advocate for the needs and interests of his central New Jersey community and of working Americans across our country. Bringing to bear his impressive and diverse record as a public schoolteacher, President of the National Council of YMCAs, and an elected official in Newark, DON quickly became one of the most forceful and effective advocates for public education in the Congress, playing a key role as a member of the Education and Labor Committee on virtually every major educational reform enacted over the last two decades. As the first African American elected to Congress from New Jersey, DON was an equally forceful advocate for the continued struggle for civil rights, eventually becoming chair the Congressional Black Caucus.

Now, these accomplishments in education and civil rights would qualify as a successful career for any Member, but DON didn't stop there. Driven by his early fascination with Africa and his adventuresome travels there, DON recognized that the struggle for civil rights and human dignity knew no borders, rising to become one of the most effective chairmen of the Foreign Affairs Africa and Global Health Subcommittee that we have ever had in this institution.

Our Nation's expanded focus on AIDS, malaria, and other pandemic diseases over the past decade would simply not have occurred without DON's visionary leadership and moral courage. It was fitting that USAID announced the launch of a DONALD PAYNE Fellowship Program last week, designed to help young people enter careers in international service.

I was fortunate to benefit from DON's knowledge and advocacy personally as he became a founding member of the bipartisan House Democracy Partnership, which I cochair with my California colleague, Representative DAVID DREIER.

DON's counsel and guidance and encouragement were invaluable as the House Democracy Partnership initiated partnerships with legislatures in Africa and conducted outreach in countries affected by the Arab Spring. Our frequent travels together in the region forged a deep and lasting friendship. He probably knew more about the ins and outs of Africa politics than all the other Members of this institution combined. He had strong and well-informed views about what our country's policies should be, and he was ready to articulate those views persuasively, no matter who the President was or which party was in charge.

He also insisted on investigating situations on the ground for himself, which led to quite a few one-man codels and some anxious moments for those who wanted to prepackage congressional visits or maintain airtight security. It was fascinating to talk to him about his diplomatic forays, which

offered a combination of high adventure and a remarkable, inspiring dedication to the freedom and dignity of the people of Africa.

Congress has lost a true statesman, a dedicated humanitarian, and a loyal public servant. We mourn his passing, and we will miss DON PAYNE's counsel and friendship.

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I would like to yield now to the gentlelady from Florida, Congresswoman BROWN.

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Often I say, God is good, and the audience says, All the time. But God has been good for giving us the life of DONALD PAYNE.

You know, when you're born, you get a birth certificate, and when you die, you get a death certificate, and that dash in between is what you have done to make this place a better place, and DON PAYNE has done his work.

When I think of what Paul said, You have fought a good fight, and he has. And you've finished the course, but there is still work for us to do.

We talk about DON, DONALD PAYNE, and all of his work in Africa, and I don't know anyone that knew the continent or the people more than DONALD PAYNE.

But I want to mention that my first trip as a Member of Congress was with Congressman PAYNE, and we went to Ireland and we went to other countries. He was an international leader.

I want to thank his family, the constituents that sent him here. You know that you sent someone here that loved. He loved the Lord, but more than that, he was what we want our public servants to be: someone that actually believes in serving the public.

So DONALD's work speaks for itself, and we are so grateful that we've had the opportunity to serve with him.

My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and staff. And in fact, I participate in a weekly prayer call, and I have asked all of the parishioners and participants to pray for him and his family, and all of the constituents who cared about him in the State of New Jersey.

Beyond a doubt, our Nation will mourn the loss of such a dedicated Member of Congress, who lived his life as a true symbol of an ideal public servant.

I feel privileged to have been able to work with Congressman PAYNE on a number of issues throughout the years. For me personally, within the Congressional Black Caucus, and for the Congress, he was a leader on all issues relating to the continent of Africa. He knew all of the leaders, and knew extraordinarily well the various countries' histories and domestic politics, and worked tirelessly throughout his tenure to resolve numerous deep seated conflicts on the continent, while leading many congressional delegations to war torn areas. Indeed, Congressman PAYNE always spoke out on behalf of people who struggled in many of the most difficult nations around the world: from Rwanda to Sudan and Haiti, to the peace process in Northern Ireland.

Congressman PAYNE will be deeply missed here in Washington. I will always remember his soft spoken manner, will power, drive, in-

telligence and energy. And as the first African-American to serve in the House of Representatives from the state of New Jersey, I am certain that he will serve as an inspiration for others to follow in his footsteps.

Ms. LEE of California. I would now like to yield to the gentlelady from the Virgin Islands, Congresswoman DONNA CHRISTENSEN.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Thank you, Congresswoman LEE. And thank you, everyone who's come out to pay tribute to DONALD PAYNE this evening; and thank you, Father Conroy, for being here with us.

I recently had the opportunity to introduce DONALD at an annual gala of the Mountainside Marketing Group, where he was being honored with the 2011 Congressional Minority Business Award, and it was really an honor to do that.

I talked then about his commitment to Africa and how I always told DONALD I would never travel with him. You see, he was as comfortable, as you've heard, meeting rebels in the jungle as he was meeting Presidents and chiefs. State Department warnings meant nothing to him. You heard about his plane being shot at in Mogadishu, and he also did some jail time here at home for protests on behalf of the justice here and abroad.

Because of the high respect in which he was held by everyone on all sides, he was able to bring peace to warring factions, to broker truces, and to ease the pathway to democracy for many. And his legacy as a peacemaker was not limited to Africa. He's considered an honorary son of Ireland for his contributions there.

I talked that evening about his commitment to children. As a teacher, he used his senior position on Education and Labor to ensure that educational opportunities are available for all children, but especially poor and minority children. He worked hard to close the achievement gap, and was also a key player in legislation to reduce interest rates on college loans and to increase Pell Grants.

I was able to tell those gathered how working families had no stronger supporter of labor and worker protections than DONALD PAYNE.

Last year the Health Braintrust and all of our partners honored DONALD with the Congressional Leadership Award.

I had the honor also of traveling to Newark every other year to the Donald Payne health summits and health fairs. He was just as determined that the people in his district have access to quality health care as he was committed to their education and economic opportunity. It was always an event that was looked forward to and attended by thousands who were then connected to the health care system, some for the very first time.

But his commitment to health extended beyond his district to our entire country, to Africa and the Caribbean. He made sure that global health was

added to the responsibility of the Subcommittee on Africa, which he chaired.

He led the effort to increase PEPFAR funding more than threefold. When President Bush signaled his willingness to go from 15 to 30 billion over 5 years, DONALD took that as an opening to push for even more and, with BARBARA LEE and others, parlayed that to \$48 billion. He also led in ensuring that, for the first time, all the countries in the Caribbean would be included.

So it's no surprise that condolences are pouring in from all over the world, and I want to submit one from Dr. Claire Nelson on behalf of the Institute of Caribbean Studies.

There were only a few of us that knew that DONALD was diagnosed with cancer and undergoing treatment. He was truly amazing. I thought he was even more feisty after his diagnosis than before. He would add his humorous commentary even more often at our meetings. He teased many of us mercilessly.

He led the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation with boundless energy which, of course, all of us on the board and the staff had to try to keep up with.

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His most recent boat ride, of which he takes pictures with everyone who comes, was lots of fun as always; and he thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it, as all of us did.

His work in this body, of course, never faltered, and I think he would have been a more formidable adversary or advocate, as the case might have been.

But above all, DONALD was a dear friend.

In the end, he succumbed to the cancer, but up until the very last, he lived his life to the fullest. The people of the U.S. Virgin Islands, and he visited us several times, my family and staff join me in extending our heartfelt sympathy to his family: his children Donald, Jr., Wanda, and Nicole; his four grandchildren and his great grandchild; his brother, Bill, and sister Kathryn; Laverne, and all of his staff, past and present here and in the district; and the people of the 10th District of New Jersey.

DONALD was not only a respected member of the Congressional Black Caucus, which he chaired. He was loved by all of us. We will miss him terribly, but we will remember him with such great affection and consider ourselves blessed to have known him, to have served with him, and to have him call us his friend.

So long, DONALD. Rest in peace. Until we meet again.

MARCH 6, 2012.

DEAR FRIENDS: "Every once in a while a GIANT walks the earth."

Over the past several years, I was privileged, to have worked with Congressman Payne who was tireless in his support for the Caribbean, as well as Africa. I remember well the first time I moderated a Task Force at the CBC Annual Legislative Caucus, that he

was Co-Chair of. He was so gracious, with my anxiety about following the appropriate protocol. As Chair of the Bi-partisan Caribbean Caucus, he led the way for us to have our voice heard and helped us to understand how we as Caribbean Americans may better impact the Congress he loved and served so well.

On behalf of the Caribbean American community, ICS will offer condolences to his family and friends as the arrangements become known to us . . . by way of our Advisors who were his personal friends.

In the meantime, I offer my prayers of thanksgiving for his life and legacy and my prayers of comfort to those he loved best. May he rest in peace.

DR. CLAIRE NELSON,
*President of the Institute
of Caribbean Studies.*

Ms. LEE of California. I would like to yield now to the gentleman from Indiana, Congressman ANDRÉ CARSON.

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, from my first days in Congress, I always considered DONALD PAYNE to be a mentor and a friend. He took me and others under his wing and showed us what it truly means to be a Member of Congress, not just a politician. He showed me, like he showed so many of us in this Chamber, how much more we accomplish through humility and cooperation than through bravado and partisanship.

He was brilliant, and he put thought into every word he said; and because of that, Madam Speaker, his words carried weight on both sides of the aisle and in both Chambers.

Most recently, I was privileged to serve under his leadership on the board of the Congressional Black Caucus, and I was able to see up close how he brought together the diverse personalities and opinions of the caucus in order to achieve a greater purpose.

Congressman PAYNE made our caucus strong and united; and while we attempt to fill the gap he leaves behind, I know we will never have another leader like DONALD PAYNE.

Madam Speaker, learning to serve in the House is truly an honor, but it also comes with many challenges. As a young Member, I am continuing to grow and find my place amongst my distinguished colleagues; but I feel just a little more confident, and I felt a little more confident because I had a role model in DONALD PAYNE.

As long as I am given the privilege to serve in this great House, I look forward to carrying that legacy, the one that he started—to fight for the underprivileged, to bring attention to the critical issues that don't make the front page, Madam Speaker.

I want to extend my deepest sympathies to his family and staff, and they know like I do how great a Member and how great a man he was.

I'm reminded of a passage of a conversation that Jesus had with his disciples in the Book of Matthew, and they were dealing with this notion of leadership; and Jesus said very succinctly and very clearly and very wisely, and prophetically to them, when he said: "He who wishes to be chief among you

shall first be your servant." Let us remember and honor DONALD PAYNE, a true public servant.

Ms. LEE of California. I would like to yield to the gentleman Oregon, Congressman BLUMENAUER.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Today we mourn the loss of a colleague and friend. Newark lost its champion. Africa lost its informal ambassador, as DONALD PAYNE exercised tremendous leadership and influence as a senior member and chair of the African Subcommittee.

But with the passing of DONALD PAYNE, I think it's important to note one other loss, because for millions of people around the world who never knew DON PAYNE, they lost a hero. DON knew that almost a billion of the world's poorest people lacked access to clean drinking water, that almost three times that number lacked access to sanitation resulting in the death every 15 seconds of a child needlessly to waterborne disease.

One of the great privileges of my career in the House was working with DON PAYNE on the Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act. DON PAYNE was a quiet Member of Congress, but he knew what was important. He was clear in expressing those needs, expressing what needed to be done; and his leadership, his work behind the scenes, as well as on the front lines, made it possible for the first time in our history for the United States to have a cohesive policy towards meeting the unmet needs of water and sanitation for these poor people, to set a very clear objective that within the next 4 years we would cut in half the number of people who lack access to this fundamental.

Because of the leadership of Congressman DONALD PAYNE, literally millions of lives have been touched, improved, indeed, saved.

We thank you, Congressman PAYNE, for your leadership and influence that extended far beyond your district in New Jersey, and we thank his family and constituents for sharing him with us and sending him back repeatedly so that he could do his important work.

Ms. LEE of California. I would now like to yield to the gentleman from Georgia, Congressman SCOTT.

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Thank you very much, Ms. LEE.

This is indeed a very sad and, at the same time, a very precious time because we're here to talk about a life.

A life is so precious. DONALD PAYNE was indeed a very special human being. I served with DONALD PAYNE on the Foreign Affairs Committee; and through his work on the Foreign Affairs Committee, I got to know him.

Let me just say to the people of New Jersey, to his family, you've lost a friend, you've lost a husband, a father, a public servant for the Newark area of New Jersey.

But I want you to know that DONALD PAYNE's life and his legacy go far beyond there.

There was a friend of mine who said, I don't want to hang around the shores

with the little boats. I want to go way out where the big ships go. DONALD PAYNE went way out where the big ships go. Nowhere was his impact more meaningful than in the continent of Africa. It was Africa that just pulled his heart, pulled his whole being. DONALD PAYNE became the champion and the foremost advocate for the people of Africa in the Congress of the United States.

What courage.

I remember the time I was over in Africa going to the Congo, going to the real heart of the matter, going into Kenya, and going into Somalia into Yemen. But there was DONALD PAYNE with the courage at a very difficult time, at a challenging time when al-Shabab was in control of the situation in Somalia. You hear on the news that there is a Congressman who's in harm's way trying to get on an airplane to get out of Somalia at a very hot moment. But he was there in the toughest, meanest, most difficult part of Africa bringing some reason.

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So all over this world, we can all say that we thank God for sending DONALD PAYNE our way.

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, how much time do I have remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, may we request an additional 10 minutes?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair cannot entertain that request.

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

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I am here this evening to thank God for the life of DONALD PAYNE—to thank God for a man who was focused, for a man who was a trailblazer, for a man who when he came to Congress knew what he wanted to do. People sometimes do not know what their purposes are in life. Sometimes folks get here, and they wander all of their lives to find that purpose. DONALD PAYNE knew what his purpose was. He fought and was determined to get to this House of Representatives so that he could make a difference in so many lives.

Once he came here, he never changed his focus, and he never changed his purpose. He knew that he wanted to deal on the international scale. He knew he wanted to take care of the people of Newark, and he knew he was focused on education. So when he had the opportunity to go on the powerful Appropriations Committee, he was so focused on what his mission was that he said "no" to Appropriations and stayed on Foreign Affairs and stayed on Education because that is what he wanted to do.

He paved the way for someone like me so that, when I came to Congress, I looked to him. It wasn't popular to be on Foreign Affairs when DONALD came.

DONALD did what he knew his purpose was.

So I want to just say, thank you, DONALD PAYNE. Thank you for your work and for your mission and for paving the way for someone like me so that I now don't have to have a machete to cut away the grass. You've done it for us.

Thank you, staff. Thank you, family. Thank You, God, for sending us DONALD PAYNE. I can see You now just saying to him, Well done. Job well done, my good and faithful son.

(Ms. MCCOLLUM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Someone was saying today that you remember your first and your last time.

The first time I met DONALD PAYNE was in my first term on the Education and the Workforce Committee. We were talking about the inequities in college funding for minorities, and they were talking about the Hispanic higher education institutions and about historical black colleges.

I spoke up, and I said, What about the tribal colleges?

Mr. PAYNE said, And we will never forget the tribal colleges again when we list off all of our colleges that serve our minority youth.

And he never did, so I thank him for that.

The last time—and it's fitting that Congresswoman WOOLSEY is on the floor with me—was at the State of the Union address. Usually, DONALD sat on this side. LYNN and I had the privilege of keeping him warm that night. So, with that, here are my remarks.

Today, the U.S. House of Representatives and the American people lost a statesman and a dedicated leader committed to human rights, quality education and social justice at home and around the world. It was my honor to serve with DONALD PAYNE on the Africa Subcommittee, as well as on the Education and the Workforce Committee. I will always remember DONALD as a friend and as a gentleman, a kind soul who spoke with authority and who legislated on behalf of those who were often too voiceless.

My deepest condolences to DONALD's family, to his staff, to his New Jersey constituents, and to people all over the world.

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

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, all the world is a stage, and all the men and women merely players. Each has his entrance and his exit. One man in this time may play many parts. So it is with DONALD PAYNE.

He was a son, a brother, a husband, a father, a grandfather, a great grandfather, a teacher, a coach, a mentor, a leader. He led the CBC. He led the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, and he was a friend. He was an extraordinary legislator. He represented the people of Newark, New Jersey, very well.

But one thing that I learned about DONALD from personal conversations was that he was truly a family man, that he loved his family. He spoke with love about the sacrifices that he made upon the untimely death of his wife, about how he had young children. He determined that he was going to take care of those children himself, not farm them out to other family members. So he sacrificed—he did the PTAs; he did the hair; he did all of the things so that his children would have a good life. It seems that DONALD's early life was difficult, and he was determined that his children would not have the difficulties that he had.

DONALD was a great man. We have lost him. The family has lost a great man. We feel your pain; but the joy we share because we knew him will sustain us because we were blessed to know, love, be a part, and to share the life, as you did, with this great, great man. He was a friend. We will miss him as you will.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mr. DREIER. Madam Speaker, I am deeply saddened by the loss of my dear friend and esteemed colleague, DON PAYNE. I was privileged to serve with DON for more than two decades. I always had enormous respect for his passion, dedication and encyclopedic knowledge of a range of foreign policy issues, particularly the 54 nations of Africa. He was one of the founding Members of the House Democracy Partnership, a commission that benefited tremendously from his expertise and commitment.

In November DON and I had the opportunity to travel together throughout Eastern and Central Europe to commemorate the post-Soviet transition to democracy of several nations. He endured with good spirits a number of speeches honoring Ronald Reagan, never failing to remind me that John F. Kennedy was the world's leading champion of democracy long before Reagan's presidency. We continued on to Egypt, where DON and I served as international witnesses in the first round of parliamentary elections. His enthusiasm and energy never flagged as he spent two long days traveling from poll to poll in Egypt's first true election in 7,000 years.

As DON always exemplified, our endeavor to protect human rights, promote the rule of law, create economic prosperity and eradicate violent extremism through the building of democratic institutions is a thoroughly bipartisan one. He will be greatly missed by all who were privileged to know him.

Mr. HINOJOSA. Madam Speaker, I rise with great sadness to pay tribute to and honor the life of Representative DONALD PAYNE, an esteemed colleague and devoted public servant.

Committed to social and economic justice, Representative DONALD PAYNE spent his life helping the most vulnerable in America and abroad.

During my tenure in Congress, I had the pleasure of serving with Congressman DONALD PAYNE on the Education and Workforce Committee. As a former public school teacher, Congressman PAYNE understood the needs of students, parents, teachers, and educators and the value of a good education.

As a senior member of the Education and Workforce Committee, Representative PAYNE

worked tirelessly to expand educational opportunity for disadvantaged children and youth, and to ensure that all children had access to a quality education.

Congressman DONALD PAYNE was a true champion for American workers and the middle class, always fighting to ensure that workers had safe working conditions and family-sustaining wages. In the area of Foreign Affairs, Congressman PAYNE was known around the globe for his outstanding leadership in promoting peace and democracy in Africa.

Representative DONALD PAYNE will be greatly missed in this chamber. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family, his staff, and the people of New Jersey.

Mr. LOBIONDO. Madam Speaker, I extend my deepest sympathy to the family of Congressman DONALD PAYNE, who served New Jersey with distinction and honor for more than two decades. His leadership was welcomed and respected at home and in the Congress. His passion for civil rights and stewardship of the Congressional Black Caucus will always be remembered. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Payne family and the residents of the 10th district who lost a champion of their interests.

Ms. FUDGE. Madam Speaker, on March 6, 2012, Congressman DONALD PAYNE of New Jersey passed away due to complications from colon cancer. Today, along with my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives, I pay tribute to the memory of Congressman PAYNE. While today marks the end of his work on earth, the results of his labor will live on for many years to come.

In 1988, DONALD PAYNE became New Jersey's first African American to be elected to the U.S. Congress. As a public school teacher, the first African American President of the National YMCA and most recently as a Member of Congress for over two decades, DONALD was a tireless advocate for children, working families and senior citizens. He was a leader and a role model, who dedicated his life to, among other things, closing the achievement gap, providing equitable funding for public schools and making healthcare more affordable. In the 112th Congress, he was a senior member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. He was a key player in the passage of the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, which cuts interest rates on Stafford loans in half, increases Pell Grants and provides loan forgiveness to public service employees with student loan debt. DONALD was also a senior member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, most recently serving as the highest ranked Democrat on the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights.

DONALD will always be remembered as a champion for human rights and a strong advocate for humanitarian aid for developing countries, especially African countries. Beyond his work in Africa, he traveled throughout the world serving as a voice on issues impacting the social conditions of the global community. He was a former Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus and, most recently, served as Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. The absence of his passion, leadership and compassion will not go unnoticed. He will be greatly missed.

I was blessed to count DONALD as a colleague, and as a dear friend and mentor. I will always treasure his support and guidance during the past few years. My heartfelt prayers

are with his family, staff, and constituents. May the thoughts and prayers of many give solace to his family and friends during this trying time.

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I cannot fully express my sadness over the death of my dearest friend and Congressional Black Caucus Colleague Congressman DONALD PAYNE. Today his constituents in New Jersey's 10th Congressional District, our Colleague in Congress, people across America and around the globe mourn the loss of a great man, leader and humanitarian. DONALD was a champion of the lesser among us who saw wrong and fought tirelessly to make it right.

DONALD sought to give every child a quality education and a fair chance at success no matter where they came from. For over 23 years in Congress, as former Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, and Member of the House Committee on Education, he advocated for low-income students across our nation. Moreover, as a Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, DONALD worked passionately to restore democracy and human rights in Africa and throughout the world. DONALD and I shared a vision in giving Americans from all walks of life the opportunity to serve and represent our nation abroad. His most recent accomplishment before he passed was the creation of USAID's Donald Payne Development Fellowship Program. Thanks to DONALD's efforts young Americans will have the opportunity to continue DONALD's legacy of promoting peace and compassion to the rest of world.

I will deeply miss my brother DONALD PAYNE whose kindness and commitment to humanity will forever be remembered. My deepest condolences go out to his family and loved ones.

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I come to the House Floor today to pay tribute to our beloved colleague, dear friend and one of our nation's preeminent humanitarian icons—the late Congressman DONALD PAYNE.

I first met Congressman PAYNE nearly two decades ago and I will always remember him as a kind, welcoming and intellectually gifted individual.

In serving in this distinguished body with Congressman PAYNE over the past few decades, I had the pleasure of seeing him excel in multiple rolls and often under challenging circumstances.

As a former Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus and more recently Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, I observed firsthand his relentless and passionate advocacy on improving the standards of living for disadvantaged and disenfranchised communities of color all around the world.

And anyone who knew DONALD PAYNE well, knows that one of his biggest priorities was doing all he could to improve the educational standing of our nation's students and young scholars. As a former teacher, he understood better than most in this body, the insurmountable tasks that our educators have in simultaneously instructing and mentoring our future leaders.

He used his senior position on the U.S. House of Representatives Education and the Workforce Committee to aggressively advocate on behalf of America's children. He remained engaged in exploring ways that we could close our nation's educational achievement gap; provide equitable funding for public schools; and make college more affordable.

As the Ranking Member of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, he worked extensively to protect human rights and provide vital humanitarian assistance to developing countries throughout the African continent.

Madam Speaker, today the world has lost an uplifting and inspiring public figure and a remarkable human being. Those of us who were fortunate and blessed to have known and worked with DONALD PAYNE have lost a nurturing mentor and widely-admired colleague.

Congressman PAYNE once said, "There is a lot of dignity in being able to achieve things without having to create rapture." This quote speaks not only to the symbolism of DONALD's civil nature but to the substance of his lifelong mission of accomplishing good deeds through consensus rather than conflict.

Madam Speaker, I would ask that all my colleagues take time out of their schedules today to pay tribute to DONALD PAYNE for all that he did and all the good things that his legacy will continue to inspire us to do.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3606, JUMPSTART OUR BUSINESS STARTUPS ACT

Mr. SESSIONS (during the Special Order of Mr. ROE of Tennessee), from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 112-409) on the resolution (H. Res. 572) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3606) to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

CLEARING THE NAMES OF JOHN BROW AND BROOKS GRUBER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 30 minutes.

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, thank you very much.

I was elected in 1995. Shortly after being sworn in, I was appointed to the Armed Services Committee. In my district of eastern North Carolina, we have Camp Lejeune Marine Base, Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station, New River Marine Corps Air Station, and Seymour Johnson Air Force Base.

At the time, I was familiar with the Marine Corps' desire and need to have the MV-22 Osprey. The Osprey is the plane that can go from a helicopter mode to a plane mode. I realized it was at that time very controversial. In fact, Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney was opposed to the plane's ever becoming a reality, and as a Member of Congress I was very supportive. I was a new Member, obviously, and I was very much supportive.

Madam Speaker, I am just going to hold up for a moment what the Osprey looks like, which is the plane I was just

describing. It is an unusual-looking bird, but the Marine Corps believes it's what it definitely needs to complete its mission of serving this great Nation.

On April 8 of the year 2000, a tragedy happened in Marana, Arizona. Colonel John Brow, who is to my left on this poster, was the pilot; and the copilot was Major Brooks Gruber. That night, 19 marines on a mission at Marana, Arizona, on Night Hawk 72, which was being piloted by Brow and copilot Gruber, flipped and crashed and burned, and 19 marines were killed. It was a very tragic, tragic happening, a very tragic night.

The wife of Major Brooks Gruber contacted me and asked me if I would please look into the fact that the Marine Corps had issued a press release, and I'm going to just touch on this very briefly.

The Marine Corps officials say that a combination of factors caused the Osprey accident. A report released by Marine Corps officials today confirmed that a combination of human factors—and that's a problem, Madam Speaker, those words "human factors"—caused the April 8 accident. General Jones replied: "Unfortunately, the pilots' drive to accomplish that mission appears to have been the fatal factor."

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Madam Speaker, again, from Marine headquarters, they sent out this press release nationally and internationally. Therefore, people started believing that the pilots were somewhat responsible for the accident.

About a year later is when Connie Gruber contacted me, and I would like to read part of her email to me, December 10, 2002:

I contacted you in hopes that leaders of integrity, free of bias, would have both the intelligence and the courage it takes to decide the facts for him or herself. If you do that, you will agree the "human factor/pilot error" findings should not stand as it is in military history. Again, I respectfully ask for your support. Please do not simply pass this matter along to General Jones without offering the support my husband and his comrades deserve. Please remember, these 19 marines can no longer speak for themselves.

Madam Speaker, that email from Connie Gruber started a 10-year journey. From that journey I continued to reach out to experts, which I am no expert, Madam Speaker, at all. But I had to believe the wife of Brooks Gruber that she and Trish Brow, the wife of the pilot, Major John Brow, that they told me that their husbands have the right to rest in peace.

So, Madam Speaker, from that I would like to read some comments. Rex Rivolo wrote me this in the effort of trying to clear the names of John Brow and Brooks Gruber:

I write in an attempt to help correct a great injustice perpetrated on Lieutenant Colonel John Brow, United States Marine Corps, and Major Brooks Gruber, United States Marine Corps, in attributing the cause of the MV-22 mishap in Marana, Arizona, on April 8, 2000, to aircrew error. At the time of the mishap, I was the principal