

legislators, has had a number of women Governors, and that the first woman appointed to the Supreme Court, Sandra Day O'Connor, is a proud Arizonan. He would surely be proud to know of Gabby Giffords, daughter of Arizona and one of this Nation's enduring symbols of hope, who served this Nation's House of Representatives so ably.

Over the past 100 years, Arizona has been home to a number of colorful and transformative figures: Carl Hayden, Barry Goldwater, Mo Udall, and JOHN McCAIN.

With so many unsuccessful Presidential candidates, it's often joked that Arizona is the only State where mothers don't tell their children, Some day you can grow up to be President. In fact, mothers get to tell their children something better: You have the privilege of being an Arizonan.

One thing is certain. Because of the hard work and sacrifice of those who have gone before, Arizona's next 100 years promise to be even better than the first because in Arizona, the beauty of the sunset in the evening is only eclipsed by the sunrise in the morning.

I yield back the balance of my time.

HONORING JOE PATERNO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) is recognized for 52 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of my Special Order.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with colleagues from Pennsylvania to recognize the accomplishments of Joe Paterno, the longtime Penn State football coach who passed away last month.

Paterno's accomplishments as a teacher and a coach rank him among the very best in the history of the country. His accomplishments were both on the field and on the campus.

I'm pleased today to be joined by a number of my colleagues from Pennsylvania and pleased to yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KELLY).

Mr. KELLY. I'm glad to be here with my colleagues from Pennsylvania.

My thoughts of Coach Paterno go way back to the time when I was a really young guy in Butler, Pennsylvania, and Coach Paterno at that time was an assistant coach for Rip Engle. Coach Paterno would come into our high school, and he was very close friends with my high school coach, Art Bernardi.

But the thing I remember most about Coach Paterno, he had the ability to

inspire you to do things that maybe you didn't think you could do. He had the ability to get you to go beyond being tired into being better. As a young guy growing up, he would come into our study halls and he would come into our halls, and I had the chance to go to Penn State many times to see him as an assistant coach, and always enjoyed the moments we had, and then go over to his house with Mrs. Paterno, and he would say to Mrs. Paterno, Hey, these guys are hungry. Can you get them a sandwich? Can you get them something to eat? They were always so nice to us, and the kids were small then.

So I can understand the sense of loss that not only the Paterno family has but the State of Pennsylvania, and in particular, Penn State University, because Coach Paterno was part of the fabric of that which is Penn State. He was the leaven that held Penn State together. He was the man that transcended not just football, because football was only a very small part of our life, but it was that game that taught us about life that was to come and the adversity that you would face and the problems that you would have to solve, and the idea that, yeah, well, you may not have done it real well on that last play. The only sin was not getting up off the deck and getting ready for the next play.

So I join my colleagues from Pennsylvania, and there's a deep sense of loss for all of us in Pennsylvania, and especially all of those folks at Penn State who have lost a true leader and a true icon—not just for college football and not just for athletics, but for the American life.

So I am deeply indebted to Coach Paterno for what he taught us. I also am grieving with the family and with the rest of the State of Pennsylvania for the loss of a truly great American, Joe Paterno.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. I thank the gentleman for his comments, for joining us and honoring and remembering a great individual in Joe Paterno.

It's now my honor to recognize Mr. GERLACH, another colleague that I've had the privilege and honor to serve with since coming to Congress.

I yield to Congressman GERLACH.

Mr. GERLACH. I appreciate this opportunity to join you here today.

Mr. Speaker, I'm joining my colleagues from Pennsylvania in recognizing Coach Joe Paterno and the legacy he forged during more than 60 years at Penn State University.

Most major college football programs measure success solely on what happens on a hundred-yard patch of grass on Saturday afternoons in the fall. If you measured a career only in wins and losses, what Coach Paterno achieved is historic: 409 times he walked off the field victorious, the most wins of any coach in Division I college football.

However, what set Coach Paterno apart was that he demanded excellence

from his players every day of the week. Success with honor was what Coach Paterno expected, whether his players were performing in front of a hundred thousand fans in Beaver Stadium or taking an exam in a classroom.

As someone who played football through youth league all the way through college, I fully appreciate the special role that a football coach can play in the lives of his players. A coach is, above all, a teacher, and one who can build his players' character and instill the values of hard work, persistence, and teamwork—lessons that last a lifetime. Coach Paterno did just that.

Football was the means by which he molded players into leaders and forever transformed a university. He prepared his players to be winners in life, not just on Saturday afternoons.

That is why when Joe Paterno passed away on January 22, Pennsylvania lost a legendary football coach who graciously used the spotlight that he was given to help his players, Penn State University, and our great Commonwealth.

May he rest in peace.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. I thank the gentleman for participating today and this remembering and celebrating.

Mr. Speaker, in the times of my life I have had opportunity to reflect back on and think of as special times, there is one time in particular when I was a senior in high school. I grew up in Center County. I went to Penn State, I'm a proud Penn State alumni. I grew up in the shadow of the Nittany Lion and Joe Paterno. One of my most meaningful memories having played high school football was the day I got word that Coach Joe Paterno had asked for game films to look at me as a prospect for that great team. That was going well until he saw that as an offensive guard I was less than 200 pounds.

But today, I still treasure that, that he looked at my performance and at least saw something there.

Joe Paterno grew up in Brooklyn, the descendant of Albanian and Italian immigrants. He derived a toughness from that heritage, describing his father and Albania as a land of quiet, hardheaded people. His toughness was seasoned by a deep appreciation of the classics.

Virgil, which he read in the original Latin, was a key source of inspiration for Paterno. He wrote, "I'll never forget the majestic ring of the opening lines of 'The Aeneid': 'Arma virumque cano, Troiae qui primus ab oris,'" which he translated as "Of arms and the man I sing."

Paterno drew inspiration from Virgil's hero Aeneas. Of Aeneas he wrote, "He yearns to be free of his tormenting duty, but he knows that his duty is to others, to his men."

He attended Brown on a football scholarship, where he met and combated prejudice—prejudice from those who thought that football players lacked the intellectual firepower of other students, prejudice from those

who thought birth gave status instead of personal excellence and hard work, prejudice based on religion.

As a player and later as coach, Paterno gave everything to his men, his players, and his team.

I'm now very proud to yield to my good friend from Pennsylvania, also a Penn State alumni Nittany Lion, Mr. DENT.

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Mr. DENT. I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) for organizing this Special Order hour in order to discuss the life of Joseph Vincent Paterno. As has been said, there have been many eulogies said about Joe Paterno, and he was an extraordinary man by anyone's measure.

As has been mentioned, he came to us via Brooklyn and Brown University. I believe he studied English literature, and he always took great inspiration from the books he read and the classics. In fact, he turned down a life in professional football in order to stay at Penn State and stay in this university, academic environment. He actually liked meeting with the faculty and enjoyed discussing English literature and other weighty matters. This man was quite complex. He was more than just football, although certainly that was such an important part of his life, and a big part of his life.

We should also note that some of us would always watch Joe Paterno over the years. My mom is a Penn State alumna and I'm a Penn State alumnus. Our family goes back many, many decades, so we have some acquaintance with Joe Paterno. Many people fondly remember him—the guy with the thick Coke-bottle lenses and the khaki pants—flood pants—with athletic shoes. That's how they'd see him out on the field, getting a little agitated from time to time with the officials, but he was much more complex than all that.

A few things: first, if there is a theme about Joe Paterno's life, it was that he was about setting clear standards, as one of his children had told me. He has five wonderful children and a wonderful devoted wife, Sue Paterno. He often said that Joe said things like this:

Take care of the little things, and the big things take care of themselves. You either get better or you get worse. You never stay the same. Most importantly, he said, Make an impact. That was the wisdom that his father passed on to him and that Joe passed on to his children—make an impact.

So when you think about it, Joe Paterno's life was about making an impact, and football was just a means to that greater end for him. He and his wife, Sue, would see a need, and they would meet it one small thing at a time until the big things, a legacy of philanthropy and caring, took care of themselves. They gave a lot of their own time as well as their own money.

His son said something to me, and I'm just going to read this. One of his

children sent this to me. He said that, over the years, Joe attended hundreds of dinners and functions, raising billions of dollars for Penn State, for the Special Olympics—I know his wife, Sue, was particularly devoted to the Special Olympics—for the Catholic Church, and for education at all levels.

He said, I once asked him why he did it, why he smiled when he signed his 30th autograph while getting a paper, and he said with that twinkle in his eye, The moment they don't care about Penn State football, we can't do the things that matter.

He understood that, as a symbol and as a person, he had to let people own a piece of him to get them to buy in to the larger vision. They did, and the results were spectacular. From the Paterno Library to scholarships to what's called THON, the dance marathon where they raise so much money for children with cancer, he said, My dad helped them all. He made an impact.

That's really what it was about. It has often been stated, too, that Joe Paterno really wasn't supposed to go to Penn State at all. He was supposed to go from Brown University and become an attorney, as his father had expected. Basically, he told his dad at one point, No, I'm never going to be a lawyer. He was enjoying Penn State. He enjoyed the football program. He said his father took it all right, but closed with a mandate that drove him his whole life.

His dad said, It's not enough for you to be just a good football coach. You need to make an impact. So that was imparted from his father on to Joe.

There are a lot of people out there who played football for him. Some of these were young men who had a lot of talent in many cases, and some of them were maybe a little bit pampered, as some athletes are at the high school level who are quite good; and Joe could be a pretty strict disciplinarian for a lot of them. In fact, one of his former players, Kenny Jackson, who attended Penn State when I did, still calls him "teacher" first. Hundreds of players called him a surrogate father. The lessons they learned translated across the whole spectrum of their lives, creating a living legacy, and that will make an impact decades past his passing.

There are so many people who spoke of him. Since his death and just prior to his death, I spoke to some of his former players and friends who knew him well, and they often talk about the impact he made on their lives and how much they cared for him all these decades after playing for him. In fact, there was one story, too, that I want to share.

I remember back in the 1980s there was a player named Bob White. He became an All-American and was on the national championship team. I think he even played in the NFL for a while. I just remember how the Paternos took him under their wing. Apparently, he was a fairly marginal student. He had some trouble reading and, in fact,

wasn't very good at it. So Sue Paterno would basically give him books, and he would have to read the books and then give her a book report. I mean, this is the coach's wife taking an interest in one player who was academically not very strong at the time. Today, he is quite successful and does quite well.

I just wanted to share that story. It's one of those stories you really don't hear about or about the anonymous contributions that have been made by him that have been discovered recently because people have spilled the beans, so to speak. He didn't want people to know that he was helping them. He did all of these things without any recognition.

He was an extraordinary man, and he will be deeply missed. All I can say is that he was a great Pennsylvanian even if he did spend the first few years of his life in Brooklyn. He was very proud of that by the way. I just wanted to say that I'll always have very fond memories of him. The university is a better place because of what he has done throughout his life, and I think we will always remember him.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. I thank the gentleman.

Winning was important for Joe Paterno, and he won a lot. Last fall, he achieved a record, becoming with 409 wins and 136 losses the winningest coach in Division I college football. His wins record surpassed legendary coaches, including Bear Bryant in 2001, Bobby Bowden in 2008, and Eddie Robinson in 2011. Penn State is one of just seven teams with more than 800 wins in its history, and Joe Paterno was active with the program for 704 of those games, over 61 seasons, with an amazing record of 514, 183 losses, seven ties—or 73 percent.

It is my pleasure and privilege now to yield to another great Pennsylvania Congressman, Congressman LOU BARLETTA.

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it's easy to judge Joe Paterno's career by the numbers—409 career wins, which is a Division I coaching record; 37 bowl game appearances with 24 wins; five undefeated seasons; 62 years at one university, 46 of them as the head football coach.

Many of those numbers will never be equaled or passed, but those numbers weren't the most important things to Joe Paterno. JoePa coached the greatest players in Penn State football history—Franco Harris, Shane Conlan, LaVar Arrington, Curt Warner, John Cappelletti, Kerry Collins. More than 350 of his players signed NFL contracts—79 first-team All-Americans. Again, those numbers weren't the most important things to Joe Paterno. Here is what mattered to JoePa:

Forty-seven academic All-Americans, 37 of them first team; an 87 percent player graduation rate in 2011—20 points higher than the national average—and according to the New America Foundation, no achievement gap between its black and white players.

Joe Paterno loved coaching at the college level because he loved preparing young men to succeed in life. He turned down several offers of coaching in the NFL. He made far less than any other college football coach. During the memorial service for JoePa, a native son of my district, Jimmy Cefalo of Pittston, captured the essence of his coach.

Cefalo said, "He took the sons of the coal miners, and he took the sons of steel mill workers and of farmers in rural Pennsylvania with the idea that we would come together and do it the right way, the Paterno way. Those thousands, literally thousands, of young men taken from generally small communities, looking for direction at a very young age, this is Joe Paterno's legacy."

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That sums it up perfectly. Without Joe Paterno, thousands of young men from the smallest towns and townships of Pennsylvania might not have received a quality college education. He saw all of these young men as his sons, and he wanted the best for each and every one of them.

Outside of college football, JoePa lived a life as plain as Penn State's uniforms. He lived in the same simple ranch house for 45 years. His home phone number could have been found in the White Pages. For years, he drove a Ford Tempo. His trademark rolled-up pants were not a fashion statement but a practicality. He rolled up the cuffs to save on dry cleaning bills.

But when it came to the university he loved, the university that educated his five children and thousands of his players, Joe Paterno was exceedingly generous. Joe Paterno and his wife, Sue, and their five children announced a contribution of \$3.5 million to the university in 1998, bringing Paterno's lifetime giving total to more than \$4 million.

Joe Paterno's personal life was humble, his humanitarian life was remarkable, and his professional life was legendary.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. I thank my good friend for sharing his thoughts on Coach Joe Paterno.

You know, among Joe Paterno's accolades in 46 years as head coach were two national championships, seven undefeated seasons, 23 finishes in the Top 10 rankings, and three Big Ten Conference championships since joining the conference in 1993. Joe Paterno had 24 bowl wins and 37 bowl game appearances, both of which are the most of any coach in history.

In his many decades as a coach at Penn State, Paterno built a team dedicated to excellence on the field and off the field, as you heard many of my colleagues refer to today. He saw football as important, but he kept even football in perspective. In his view, the players who have been most important to the success of Penn State teams have just naturally kept their priorities

straight—football, a high second, but academics, an undisputed first, in his words.

Paterno said that he hounded his players to get involved. Don't let the world pass you by. Go after life. Attack it. Ten years from now, I want you to look back on college as a wonderful time of expanding yourself, not just 4 years of playing football. The purpose of college football is to serve education, not the other way around.

He understood that education required an effort by both students and teachers. Another of his quotes:

Even the most talented teacher can try what he or she thinks is teaching, but it won't really take unless the student takes charge of the most important job, learning.

Thus began Joe Paterno's grand experiment at Penn State, where players would not just be model athletes but model students and model citizens. His players responded, consistently ranking at or near among the top of the leading football programs in graduation rates.

Under his tenure, the Penn State football team had 16 Hall of Fame Scholar Athletes, 49 Academic All-Americans, and 18 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship winners. Penn State had more Academic All-Americans than all other Big Ten schools and ranked number three among all 120 football bowl division schools.

In 2009, the graduation rate of Joe Paterno's players was 89 percent, and the graduation success rate was 85 percent, both of which were the greatest among all football programs in the final 2009 Associated Press Top 25 poll.

I am now pleased to yield back to my good friend, Mr. DENT.

Mr. DENT. I thank the gentleman.

And as we wind down this Special Order this hour, talking about Joe Paterno, we should also probably note one other thing, too.

Of course Joe Paterno was about success with honor, he was about making an impact, but he was also about family. And also, I just want to say, too, that many players over the years, their children would come to the school. In some cases, three generations have played with him. It's a remarkable story.

I think of a guy from my hometown, Mike Guman. Many of my colleagues from Alabama will remember Mike Guman for the famous goal-line stand, Penn State-Alabama Sugar Bowl, 1979. I wish the end result had been different. But nevertheless, Mike Guman was a running back. I had so many kind, wonderful things to say about him. And his son, too, Andy Guman, played at Penn State. That was the kind of program that I think Joe wanted. It was very family-oriented.

I also wanted to mention, too, that one of the eulogies about Joe that is probably worth sharing—I believe it was given by his son Jay. He often talked about his sense of humor and that of his wife. Joe and Sue were utterly devoted to each other, very inde-

pendent-minded people, but very much dependent upon one another. I am going to read an excerpt from that eulogy:

Humor was a large part of my parents' marriage. My mom and dad, speaking together, was always entertaining. My mom would jump up with a smart comment when he was talking, and you'd get a glimpse of how the two of them interacted. Neither one of them took themselves too seriously.

And he says:

One of my favorite lines that they had was about how they stayed married so long. They had a deal—whoever leaves the marriage first had to take the children. So neither one of them ever left.

And that was sort of the sense of humor they had, but they were so utterly devoted to each other, to their five children, and to their many grandchildren. That's something we don't speak much about Joe Paterno.

He didn't have a whole lot of hobbies either. He was devoted to family and his football program and his university. That's what he was about. So it really speaks volumes about him. He will be deeply missed.

At this time, I yield to the gentleman from Altoona, Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER).

Mr. SHUSTER. I thank the gentleman from Allentown for yielding.

It's a great privilege for me to be here on the House floor today talking about someone whom I had the highest regard for, and over the years I was able to watch just what a tremendous thing he did at Penn State University. It's not just about winning football games. Of course he won 409 games in his 46 seasons, five undefeated teams, and led Penn State to two national championships. But he did more than that. He did more for the university.

And I know my colleagues have already talked about—it's the only Division I school in the country that has a wing of the library named after the head football coach. That's because of his and Sue's dedication and contributions to building not only that library but that institution. And a lot of that building came about because he built those football teams and brought national attention to Penn State.

But for me, on a personal level, probably one of the proudest moments I had was to stand on the House floor when—I believe it was when he surpassed Walter Camp's winning record of 309 victories, I think it was, about 10 years ago. And John Peterson, the Congressman from Pennsylvania who represented that part of the country at that time—G.T.'s predecessor—we had a Special Order on the floor. John Peterson started first, and then the great coach Tom Osborne—which I don't know if many people know, but Tom Osborne served in Congress in the early 2000s. So Tom Osborne then got up and spoke about Joe Paterno and his respect for him. So then I got to follow Tom Osborne. I'm following a legendary football coach talking about a legendary football coach, which really, even to this day, I'm getting

goosebumps remembering that time because it was really an exciting moment that I will always remember.

But again, what Joe Paterno did, which stood him apart from many other coaches, was his dedication to education and academic excellence. Unlike many other schools with Division I programs, Paterno recruited players, speaking first about Penn State's academic excellence. And during that time in the early 2000s, when I served with Coach Tom Osborne, those were lean years for Penn State and for Joe Paterno. And when we would come to town on a Monday or a Tuesday night for votes, Coach Osborne would summon me over on the floor and talk to me about what was going on in central Pennsylvania, how was the media treating Joe; and there was a real concern that Coach Osborne had for Joe Paterno and a real respect came through.

So after several of these meetings, I finally asked Coach Osborne, I said, It's obvious you have this great respect for Joe Paterno. Is that because you thought he was a superior coach to you? And he said, Oh, no, absolutely not. I have a higher winning percentage than Paterno. But I do have a great respect for Joe because Joe could do something that nobody ever was able to achieve; and that is, year in and year out, Joe Paterno would graduate roughly 85 percent of his players, but always the highest graduation rate in Division I. And on top of that, he had quality football teams and he recruited quality players and he could compete at a national level. So, he said, that's something none of us could do.

Then Coach Osborne went on to tell me about how he would talk to Joe in the off-season and try to understand the programs and the discipline and the things he did, because he wanted to be able to get to that level with Joe. And Coach Osborne told me that, I believe, the highest he ever got was a 79 percent graduation rate.

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So that's from one of the great all-time coaches, the great respect he held for Joe Paterno. And again, it was not just about his football; it was about what he was, about building young men, about instilling in them the need to educate themselves and to be excellent when it came to their academic efforts.

He often said you have to start with the idea that a kid has to be a student first. Paterno said in a 1982 Gannett News Service interview: We preach there are three things in a student's life when it comes to Penn State: studies, academics, and social life, and you must keep them in that order and you can never back away from that.

So again, Joe Paterno's education-first mindset paid off for those thousands of young men that came to Penn State. I don't know if you watched the ceremony, the dedication to his life and his funeral, but you saw that come

clear through, not just from superstars but from kids who couldn't even play after a couple of years because of injury, but Joe Paterno stuck with them and encouraged them and instilled in them the performance of academics in their life and making sure that they get that education. Because as we know full well, when kids play Division I sports, whether it's football, it's basketball, it's baseball, they don't always—99 percent of them never make it to the pro level. But they got an opportunity to go to college.

And places like Penn State and other universities, when you have coaches like Joe Paterno and coaches who aspire to be like Joe Paterno, they instill in those kids that those 99 percent who can't make it big in the pros, they still can get an education. They still can graduate from college and go out and get a good job and provide for their families and become productive citizens. Again, that's something that Joe Paterno always preached, to be productive, to be a good citizen, to give back to your community. He lived that life, and he will be sorely missed, not only in Pennsylvania, but I believe throughout the college ranks and throughout the Nation. He'll be one of those people you can look to and say: That's the kind of coach I want to be. That's the kind of program that I want to build, and those are the kind of kids that I want to turn into young, productive citizens of the United States of America.

So again, I'm pleased to be here with my colleagues from Allentown and—Bellefonte? Close to Bellefonte.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Howard.

Mr. SHUSTER. That's even smaller. And I'm actually from Everett, CHARLIE. Altoona is a big city to me. I don't even know my way around Altoona.

But again, thanks a lot for you guys doing this. I appreciate it greatly.

Mr. DENT. I have to apologize for making that error. I knew you were from Everett, not from Altoona. But Blair County, the whole of Bedford, it's a wonderful area. We love it.

I wanted to say one other thing my friend, Mr. SHUSTER, just reminded me of: how Coach Paterno, Joe Paterno, recognized that most of his players were not going to become pros, and he celebrated the accomplishments of his players off the field. In fact, I remember one fellow who went to school with me, a guy named Stu McMunn, Stewart McMunn, I think he was captain of special teams. They won the national title the year after I graduated. He talked with pride about that young man. He's not going to be a pro, but he's all of this spirit, all this fight in him, he's a smart kid, and all that. And he became a dentist. He was very proud of the fact that was one of his players. That was kind of the way he was. He wanted to see his players succeed. He wasn't so concerned about the next 5 years after graduation, but the next 15, you know, 20, 30, 50 years, to see what they're

doing with their lives. So I think that's something they shouldn't lose sight of.

I did read from a eulogy given at the celebration of Joe's life by one of his children, and I submit it for the RECORD.

Again, I just want to conclude by saying that Joe Vincent Paterno, a great Pennsylvanian, a great American, a strong leader, a mentor to so many, a mentor even to many people who never met him, but he had an impact on their lives. So, Joe Paterno, you did in fact make an impact.

MOM AND DAD. I don't know much about Greek Mythology, so forgive me if I botch this reference. But in the past few months I've been reminded of some kind of Greek myth. Apparently, we were once one body with a male head and a female head and we were all happy. Some angry god, as punishment for some slight—sliced all of the happy two headed beings apart—forever dooming us to run around the world looking for our other half. Anyone who knows my parents also knows that they were among the lucky people who were able to find their other half: their soul mate, their best friend.

We've stated over these past days just how blessed and lucky my Dad was—and he knew it. One of the stories you won't hear from a former Letterman is the time that Coach Paterno became smitten with his girlfriend and didn't ask her out. No, sneaky Joe waited until Sue realized that this player was not for her and went in for the kill. After a courtship that involved reading Albert Camus, walking on the beach, and pretending that he had money, they married and soon started their family.

Over the years when my Dad would talk about retirement or getting older, he would remind me, "You know, your mother is a young woman." It almost became a joke. Whenever she was late coming back from a meeting or something, I'd say "Well you know, your mother is a young woman." He'd always chuckle. But he did worry about her and always wanted to make sure that she would be OK once he was gone.

They were absolutely devoted to their family: my Dad was comfortable letting my Mother handle the more traditional roles of diaper changing, but he loved to bounce us around on his knee, try to teach us table manners, have discussion-filled family dinners, and take us for walks; walks that would continue into our adulthood and would be one of his primary ways of sharing his wisdom and insights with us. I shared some of those walks in late November and I am forever grateful for having that opportunity.

Their relationship was unique in some ways. Two fiercely independent and strong people, yet two people utterly devoted and dependent on each other. Best friends who challenged each other to be better, who supported each other yet reminded the other when they might be mistaken, who knew each other so well that they knew what the other was thinking before they even said it. This was a relationship that started with respect and friendship and remained strong with faith, love, and commitment to each other. They made each other better.

Humor was a large part of my parents marriage. My Mom and Dad speaking together was always entertaining—my Mom would jump in with a smart comment when he was talking, and you'd get a glimpse of how the two of them interacted. Neither one of them took themselves too seriously. One of my favorite lines they had was about how they stayed married so long. They had a deal—whoever leaves the marriage first had to

take the children, so neither one of them ever left.

But that was really not the reason. They were devoted to each other without fail. The compassion and love they showed for each other during these past few months was indescribable. Weaker marriages may have splintered at the incredible amount of pain they endured. Yet theirs only grew stronger.

My Mom's only concern these past few months was for my Dad, and my Dad's was only for my Mom. just a week ago, I was talking to him and I didn't want him to get discouraged. I said to him—Hey, you've got to keep fighting. For Mom. He barely had his voice then but he nodded and whispered back "fight, for Mom." And he was. And he did until the end when we assured him that we would take care of Mom.

Like my mother, we are all heartbroken at the days and years ahead when we continue our lives without being able to pop in on him for a quick visit, ask him for advice about our children. Or, in my case just to see him and be reminded of what a great father I've had. We have faith in God and his plan for all of us, and I can only be grateful that I was a witness to a beautiful marriage and that I had the best father and role model I could possibly ask for. I love you and will miss you Dad. And don't worry—we will take care of Mom. I do know that my mother is a young woman.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, Joe Paterno claimed that the long run success of his teams was in the contributions his players made to society after graduation. Joe Paterno decided not to accept lucrative NFL coaching offers because he loved being an educator as a college coach. He also criticized NFL teams that took too much of his players' time during their senior years. Paterno pushed the NCAA to adopt rules requiring higher levels of academic performance from college athletes, pushing higher standards for both high school and college graduates. Paterno's dedication to education extended far beyond the players he coached.

In the early 1980s, he pushed Penn State leadership to expand fundraising from alumni in order to advance academic programs. Paterno and his wife donated several million dollars to Penn State University, and he helped them raise many millions more.

Coach Paterno once said: When I'm gone, I hope they write that I made Penn State a better place, not just that I was a good football coach.

Well, Coach, that is what they're writing today.

He envisioned that increasing the resources available to the university through fundraising would help its students attain academic excellence. And the great things that Penn State has attained over the years are in part a testament to his vision and his dedication to that cause. Often universities name athletic facilities after great coaches. Penn State named a new wing of its library after Paterno.

Paterno's contributions extend beyond Penn State. He was heavily involved, he and his wife, Sue, in the Special Olympics, and was also a national spokesperson for the Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association.

Mr. Speaker, just yesterday I had the opportunity to visit with one of the Special Olympic athletes, an ambassador for that program from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Chris Jagielski. And the first thing Chris did in coming to my office was to express his sorrow for the loss of Coach Joe Paterno.

Paterno wrote that he had been strongly influenced by this line from St. Ignatius: "Always work as though everything depended on you. Yet always pray knowing that everything depends on God." Over the years, that dynamite thought has exploded to something larger and larger in my life. It means to me now, Never be afraid to accept your own limitations or the limitations of others. Accept that we're all pretty small potatoes. Yet always know how great each of us can be."

So the winningest coach in college football history was, I think, among the most humble of men based on those remarks that he made. The enormous positive impact that Joe Paterno has made on thousands of players, hundreds of thousands of students and millions of fans and admirers across central Pennsylvania and around the world cannot be understated. He was a man but his legend continues. For combining humility with a dedication to greatness, Joe Paterno stands as a model for all of us. With the passing of Joe Paterno, we're all Penn State, and we mourn his loss. Thank you, Joe Paterno.

With that, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, as a Penn State graduate, I would like to add to this evening's special order on the career of Joe Paterno by sharing a column by Bill Kline that ran in newspapers across the country following Paterno's death.

[From the Tribune, Jan. 23, 2012]

PATERNO BUILT PENN STATE ON, OFF THE FIELD

(By Bill Kline)

Every great man has a flaw.

Critics of Joe Paterno, who died Sunday at 85, will cite at least one flaw of the legendary Penn State football coach—what they will call his poor moral judgment in the Jerry Sandusky sex-abuse scandal involving the Second Mile charity and Penn State.

That assertion might be argued for decades, as JoePa's proponents will say that he did nothing wrong and did what he was supposed to do a decade ago when he received information about his former assistant coach Sandusky—Paterno told his superiors and asked them to look into it.

But whatever side of the argument you support, know this about Joseph Vincent Paterno: No one did more for Penn State University and, in turn, its hundreds of thousands of students—not just for the athletes—over the past six decades. And likely no one ever did more for Penn State in the 157-year history of the institution built on former farmland in rural central Pennsylvania.

You see, rightly or wrongly, Penn State had an image of an agricultural college when Paterno arrived on campus in 1950—and even to some degree when he became head coach in 1966.

Paterno not only raised the profile of the Penn State program, he raised the profile of the university itself. And it was not just

wins on the football field that helped Penn State become the national university it is today.

Paterno helped in many other ways, too, most notably leading the charge to raise money for Penn State's library, its endowment, to pay for professors, to pay for academic scholarships, to pay for new buildings and just in general for academic purposes. And Joe and his wife Sue donated their own money, too, having given more than \$5 million to Penn State over the years.

JoePa's support of academics and the success of his team combined to make Penn State a desirable place for students—not just athletes. Penn State's enrollment has exploded over the years to 85,000, including those at its satellite campuses. Some years, 70,000 or more high school seniors apply for the 7,000 or so freshman-class openings at Penn State's University Park campus.

Penn State has become a strong academic institution—not just a strong football program—in large part because of Joe Paterno. For example:

Since 1966, when Paterno became head coach, Penn State's endowment has grown from practically nothing to \$1.67 billion as of 2007.

Paterno's fund-raising efforts have resulted in about \$2 billion for Penn State.

The University Park campus has nearly doubled in size since 1966.

He probably was the most underpaid coach, relatively speaking, in the history of big-time college football, last fall making less than all but one other coach in the Big Ten Conference.

He won the National Heritage Award of the Anti-Defamation League for his role as humanitarian and philanthropist.

Paterno was named Sportsman of the Year by Sports Illustrated.

He has produced 74 Academic All-Americans, and Penn State football consistently is a national leader in the percentage of its players who graduate—and that includes high graduation rates for minorities, too.

He measured the success of his teams not in wins and losses, but how those players later influenced society as teachers and surgeons and engineers and leaders.

And through it all, Penn State remained a force on the football field and was doing just fine.

Two of Paterno's last three recruiting classes were ranked in the top 11 nationally, according to the recruiting site scout.com.

Since 2005 Penn State's winning percentage under Paterno was better than his all-time winning percentage.

He captured two Big Ten titles since then and was unbeaten in conference play and in first place in the Big Ten's Leaders Division when he was ousted in November because of the Sandusky scandal.

And Paterno, of course, set yet another record last fall with his 409th career victory.

But victories and championships—and flaws—should not be how we remember Joe Paterno. He would not want that.

Joe Paterno should be remembered as an educator who truly placed academics before athletics.

He should be remembered for building 18-year-old boys into men and productive members of society.

And he should be remembered for building a university that benefits all.

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is easy to judge Joe Paterno's career by the numbers.

409 career wins—a Division I coaching record.

37 bowl game appearances, with 24 wins.

Five undefeated seasons. 62 years at one university. 46 of them as the head football coach.

Many of those numbers will never be equaled or passed. But those numbers weren't the most important things to Joe Paterno.

JoePa coached the greatest players in Penn State football history. Franco Harris. Shane Conlan. LaVar Arrington. Curt Warner. John Cappelletti. Kerry Collins. More than 350 of his players signed NFL contracts. 79 first-team All-Americans.

But again, those numbers weren't the most important things to Joe Paterno.

Here's what mattered to JoePa:

47 Academic All-Americans; 37 of them first-team.

An 87 percent player graduation rate in 2011—20 points higher than the national average.

And, according to the New America Foundation, no achievement gap between its black and white players.

Joe Paterno loved coaching at the college level because he loved preparing young men to succeed in life. He turned down several offers to coach in the NFL. He made far less than other college football coaches.

During the memorial service for JoePa, a native son of my district, Jimmy Cefalo of Pittston, captured the essence of his coach.

Cefalo said, quote, "He took the sons of the coal miners, and he took the sons of steel mill workers, and of farmers in rural Pennsylvania with the idea that we would come together and do it the right way. The Paterno way."

Those thousands, literally thousands, of young men taken from generally small communities looking for direction at a very young age . . . this is Joe Paterno's legacy." End quote.

That sums it up perfectly. Without Joe Paterno, thousands of young men from the smallest towns and townships of Pennsylvania might not have received a quality college education.

He saw all of these young men as his sons, and he wanted the best for each of them.

Outside of college football, JoePa lived a life as plain as Penn State's uniforms. He lived in the same simple ranch house for 45 years. His home phone number could have been found in the White Pages.

For years, he drove a Ford Tempo.

His trademark rolled-up pants were not a fashion statement but a practicality: he rolled up the cuffs to save on dry cleaning bills.

But when it came to the university he loved, the university that educated his five children and thousands of his players, Joe Paterno was exceedingly generous.

Joe Paterno, his wife, Sue, and their five children announced a contribution of \$3.5 million to the University in 1998, bringing Paterno's lifetime giving total to more than \$4 million.

Joe Paterno's personal life was humble. His humanitarian life was remarkable. And his professional life was legendary.

THE PROGRESSIVE MESSAGE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. ELLISON) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, there are a lot of important issues facing the American people, none more important

than their economic livelihood and viability. So we're going to be talking today during this Special Order about economic justice, economic opportunity, and the fight for the American middle class.

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Mr. Speaker, I'm cochair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus. The Congressional Progressive Caucus is that caucus that comes to Congress to band together to stand up for the American Dream, the idea that all Americans, no matter which color they may be, whether they are disabled or not, whether they are straight or gay, or what their religion is, have a right to full participation and opportunity to grab that American Dream as one of our core beliefs. The Progressive Caucus believes in clean air and a clean environment, believes that all Americans, all people across the world have a right to clean air, clean water, and food free of pesticides and toxins.

The Progressive Caucus is the organization that is four square for civil rights for all people. We believe that it's a national disgrace that women are paid 80 cents for every dollar a man makes. We think it's a national disgrace to not be able to love whomever you love and want to be with. We think it's a national problem that people in our society, which was founded on the idea of religious tolerance, sometimes find themselves the target of religious hate in this area.

And we are four square dedicated to the idea that peace should be the guiding principle of our Nation and that diplomacy and development are good things, and that war is almost always a bad thing. Although sometimes it's necessary, diplomacy is always better. We don't send our people into harm's way. That's who the Progressive Caucus is. That is what we are about, and I'm going to offer time tonight, Mr. Speaker, for a progressive message.

So let me begin with that progressive message. We are here to talk about the progressive message; and tonight, we're going to address the issue of economic viability. Working American families are getting crushed, and our middle class is shrinking every day. But here in Washington, our friends on the other side of the aisle, the Republican caucus, is in control of the House. And while millions of people are facing foreclosure and unemployment, sadly, we see Americans continuing to hurt, and their problems are not being addressed.

This week in Congress, if I could just talk about what we did this week, the Republican majority did not bring up a single jobs bill. We didn't talk about jobs this week. Here we are at the close of the week, and we're not talking about jobs. They did not bring up a bill to keep Americans in their homes and address foreclosure, nor did we talk about cleaning up our air and our water, or building our economy or our Nation's crumbling infrastructure. No, we weren't doing that. We were doing

something else, and it had to do with scoring points in an election.

One of the things we did today, which I think was important, but it was an idea that came from the Democratic-majority Senate and originated with great Democrats TIM WALZ and LOUISE SLAUGHTER, is that we voted on a bill to stop trading on congressional knowledge, the STOCK Act. Today, we voted on a bill designed to stop Members of Congress from profiting on confidential information they receive while doing their jobs. You would think that this goes without saying. But, sadly, that is exactly what some politicians have been doing. We voted on the STOCK Act today, the Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act, and I was happy to support this bill.

Although my colleagues, LOUISE SLAUGHTER and TIM WALZ, are pushing a bill which I think was a better version, we voted on the Senate version today. But the price for getting that bill in front of us, the price for fighting to get that bill in front of us was a carve-out for a special interest, and that is too bad.

The bill came before us today, and I voted for it. But the public should know a few things about the legislation. Only after stripping out a provision to stop the so-called political intelligence would the majority even consider voting to stop Members from making bets on confidential information. We wonder why Congress has a 10 percent approval rate. After months of calls for action by House Democrats, House Republicans have finally relented; and the House took up the STOCK Act today, clarifying that Members of Congress and congressional staff, executive branch officials, and judicial officers are subject to the same insider trading rules as everyone else.

Unfortunately, leadership in the majority House caucus took transparency and accountability measures and rewrote them in secret in the dark of night. And the majority caucus, the Republican caucus, weakened the bill, dropping a provision that will require those who peddle political intelligence for profit to register and report, and eliminating the anti-corrupting provision added by the Senate and unanimously approved by the House Judiciary Committee in December. Regarding the political-intelligence provisions, Senator GRASSLEY, Republican of Iowa, responded, It's astonishing and extremely disappointing that the House would fulfill Wall Street's wishes by killing this provision.

So Republican Senator GRASSLEY even had to admonish the House to say, why would we weaken the bill, dropping a provision that would require those who peddle political intelligence for money to register and report their activities? That's too bad. If Congress delays action, the political-intelligence industry will stay in the shadows—just the way Wall Street likes it.

It's time to act on this legislation and take a first step toward restoring