

is we ought not to make that a part of the leveraging between our two parties.

Let me go quickly to the farm bill, the Violence Against Women Act, and the Sandy supplemental. Can the gentleman tell me which of those three, if any, might we see next week?

With that, I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. CANTOR. As the gentleman knows, on the farm bill we are committed to trying to address the issue of the farm bill prior to leaving for the year.

As far as the Violence Against Women Act, as the gentleman knows, I'm in discussions with the Vice President. I know it is of particular interest to him. There are many Members on our side whom I've met with today, as well as Members of the other body, who are interested too. We have met, and we are trying to work out the differences. I'm committed to do all I can, as the gentleman knows, to bring this to a conclusion so we can see its passage.

As far as the supplemental bill, I know that the White House—and the gentleman has heard me say this before—has submitted its request. Our Appropriations Committee is doing its review of the request to see that that supplemental aid gets to the victims that need it, to the localities and the States that need it, and is money that will be spent directly as a result of the very catastrophic storm of Sandy, and we hope to be able to resolve that as well.

We are operating in an environment of the post-Budget Control Act where we have put in place budget mechanisms for disasters. As the gentleman knows, FEMA has indicated it has the money it needs to operate for at least a little while, but we're committed to making sure that adequate funding does get to the victims of that very catastrophic storm.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for his intent there.

I would simply observe that the gentleman observed and he was correct, obviously, that FEMA indicated it has some resources to go through the beginning of the year. There are, as the gentleman well knows, a myriad of agencies that will be involved in helping the victims of Sandy that do not have those resources and need them. I appreciate, therefore, the gentleman's focusing on this and trying to bring this forth as quickly as possible.

Last, the miscellaneous tariff bill. That expires, as you know, on December 31, as well. Can the gentleman give me a view as to where that stands?

And I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. CANTOR. I think the gentleman is aware, Mr. Speaker, that the chairman of the committee, Chairman CAMP, is speaking with the ranking member to try and see what it is that we can do to go forward on that issue as well.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for his comments, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2012

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday next for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CRAWFORD). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN LEONARD BOSWELL

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

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous materials for the RECORD on the topic of my Special Order.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, those of us from Iowa and elsewhere would like to recognize today the service of my fellow Iowan, Congressman LEONARD BOSWELL, who will be leaving the House at the adjournment of this Congress.

I first want to thank him for his 20 years of service to our great Nation in the U.S. Army. No one has done more to secure our freedom and the promise of a bright future than our veterans and military personnel. I know that LEONARD counts his efforts to secure additional support for military families and veterans among his most meaningful achievements. I also want to recognize the gentleman from Iowa for his time in public service as a legislator. His distinguished career traces back to the Iowa State Senate, where he once served as president of that body.

Although we haven't always agreed on the issues before us, LEONARD's relationships with his fellow Members have enabled him to work with colleagues of all political stripes. His work on behalf of his constituents has exemplified what Iowans expect of their Representatives in Congress—those who are approachable, thoughtful, and hard-working.

I appreciate the many years of service LEONARD BOSWELL has provided to our home State of Iowa and its people. I know that he will continue to serve his fellow Iowans faithfully beyond the conclusion of this Congress—and in that, I truly wish him and his family the very, very best.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to my remarks today, I asked Iowans to pay tribute to LEONARD by providing their comments for submission into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. We do not have the luxury of time to read the numerous notes and well-wishes that came in, but I would like to highlight a few of those at this time.

Iowa Governor Terry Branstad sent the following:

I commend Congressman Leonard Boswell for his longtime dedication to public service. His selfless service to others has been demonstrated in many ways—as an officer in the United States Army, as president of the Iowa Senate, and as a Congressman from Iowa. Congressman Boswell should be proud of his public service accomplishments and for his personal achievements as a husband, father, and grandfather. I am heartened by Iowans like Congressman Boswell who have spent a lifetime serving the State of Iowa. We thank him for his service.

Iowa Senator CHUCK GRASSLEY wrote:

Representative Boswell has worked hard to represent his constituents. He did his job very well. While we disagreed politically, we never had a personal disagreement. We found plenty of common ground. I'll miss his camaraderie around Congress, but I have no doubt we'll run across each other because Representative Boswell is unlikely to avoid public service, which has been his calling for so long.

Thank you for your service, Representative Boswell.

Nancy Williams, president of AIB College of Business in Des Moines, wrote:

I wish to recognize and thank Congressman Boswell for his dedication to our country, to Iowa, and to his constituents. He has changed our world, our country, and our State with his personal service for so many years. Every life has a great purpose, and Congressman Boswell has had a wonderful calling for his. I will wait in anticipation to see what he chooses to do next. I just cannot thank him enough.

Ken Sagar, president of the Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, wrote:

Congressman Boswell was a Representative who would take the time to listen to Iowans. He paid special care and attention to all veterans. He was a friend of working people. When home visiting, he would make an effort to meet with the labor leaders in the State. He spent time listening to their concerns and would give honest answers on his positions, not always to the liking of the unions, but always honest and up front.

Then Jon Murphy, director of government affairs at PolicyWorks, sums up the assurances we all have that Leonard will continue to serve his State and Nation:

I would like to thank Congressman Boswell not only for his support of me, personally, but also for his service to our country. As a soldier and statesman, there are few people who have given more of themselves to our Nation. I wish him and Dody well as they move forward to their next adventure in life. I would ask them to take some time and get some rest, but I know that won't happen. That's not the Boswell way.

Mr. Speaker, at this point, I would like to recognize the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LOEBSACK).

Mr. LOEBSACK. Thank you, my colleague TOM LATHAM from Iowa.

This is my sixth year here in Congress. I'm just finishing it up, but this is only the third time that I've actually come to the floor to speak during Special Orders. That's how important it is for me to do this. The first time was when I was arguing for Boeing to get the tanker deal, when that was a big issue before our country. The second time was when I was pushing hard to make sure that the STOCK Act was passed so that Members could not trade on insider knowledge. Now I'm here for my good friend LEONARD BOSWELL. It's not that I don't come to the floor very much—I do speak for bills, what have you—but not during Special Orders. This is only the third time, and it's with very good reason.

I want to note at the outset here, too, how many Members of the Iowa delegation are here, including a former Member, Jim Nussle.

It is really fantastic that you're here today, Jim. This is really an honor for LEONARD. To think that you're here is just absolutely very special.

When you say "Special Orders," Mr. Speaker, it applies in this case.

I didn't know LEONARD BOSWELL very well when I first got elected in 2006. I knew him but not very well. I was not an elected official before I got elected in 2006, but I'd been involved in Democratic Party politics for a number of years in helping other folks get elected. I think it's fair to say that, when I got elected, neither Leonard nor I—and I think he would say this, I think he would admit this—had any idea what good friends we would become over the years.

LEONARD has been very helpful to me in sort of helping me navigate the ways of this Chamber, the ways of Washington, the ways of Congress—something that, I think, everybody knows is a challenge. Whether you've been in the State legislature or in any kind of legislative body prior to coming to the Congress, it is a challenge to get to know how to operate in this environment. LEONARD has been very, very good for me, and I appreciate everything he has done.

I could talk about his military service and all of these other things that Congressman LATHAM just mentioned, but I'm not going to go through that except to say that I'm on Armed Services. I've never served in the military myself. I have two marine children with whom we're going to be spending Christmas again this year. No matter what the Congress decides to do and what the President and Speaker BOEHNER decide to do, we're with them to honor them and to honor our military this Christmas. LEONARD has a distinguished past in the military, and there is absolutely no doubt about that.

There is one other thing I'll say about LEONARD BOSWELL. We talked about a lot of us being from Iowa, but I often refer to LEONARD BOSWELL as being "of" Iowa. He's an Iowan true and true in every possible way, and I think those of us who are from Iowa

know exactly what I'm talking about. The rest of you, I'll explain it to you at some point if you so desire, but it is very important that LEONARD BOSWELL is "of" Iowa.

I've had a wonderful time serving with him these 6 years. We're not going to lose touch. I do have six of his former counties, including his home county of Decatur, and I look forward to staying in touch with him and getting more advice from LEONARD as we go forward. He is a font of wisdom and advice for those of us who need it here in this body.

Thank you very much for having me, and thank you especially, Congressman LATHAM, for organizing this. I think that tells us something about what can happen if we put our minds to it on the larger issues of getting this country back on its feet. Thank you, TOM. I appreciate it.

Thank you, LEONARD BOSWELL, for your wonderful service.

Mr. LATHAM. I thank the gentleman.

I, too, want to recognize Congressman Nussle here on the floor in honor of Congressman BOSWELL, and we have the distinguished minority whip, Mr. HOYER.

Mr. HOYER. I thank my friend for yielding, and I'll be brief.

I had the privilege many years ago to get on the telephone and call LEONARD BOSWELL. LEONARD BOSWELL was then presiding over the State senate. He tells the story about how his executive assistant came on the floor and said, "There's a guy named Congressman HOYER on the phone. Shall I tell him you'll call him back?"

Fortunately, for me, President BOSWELL at the time said, "No, I'll talk to him now." He turned the podium over to one of his colleagues, and came on the phone and talked to me.

And I said, "Senator, this is STENY HOYER. I would very much like you to run for Congress. We think you'd be an excellent Member of Congress, we think you'd be a great candidate for Congress, and we think you could win this seat."

He said, "Well, what does Mr. Gephardt think about that?"

It so happened Dick was about 4 feet from me, so I said, "Well, let me turn this over to him, and he'll tell you what he thinks about it."

Of course, he echoed my comments.

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Now, I didn't know LEONARD BOSWELL at the time, but I'd heard wonderful things about LEONARD BOSWELL, not only about his skill as a legislator, but of his decency and his character as a human being; not only his experiences in war, but his service at home as a farmer, as a businessman, as a public representative and as a Senate leader in Iowa. And I want to say that nothing that has transpired over the years that he and I have served together in this body have disabused in any way the extraordinarily positive things

that were told to me of LEONARD BOSWELL and why I ought to ask him to come to the Congress of the United States.

He has been a dear and close friend of mine every day he has served. He will remain a dear and close friend of mine until he and I pass from this Earth. He is a salt-of-the-Earth human being. He is someone that the American people, if they knew personally, would say is the kind of person they wanted representing them in the Congress of the United States; or, frankly, in any other body.

LEONARD BOSWELL, thank you. Thank you for serving our country so well, so courageously, so ably, so conscientiously with so much character and decency. You have brought a greater degree of civility and understanding to this institution. It is better for your service. Godspeed.

I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. LATHAM. I would now like to recognize the gentleman from Iowa, Congressman KING.

Mr. KING of Iowa. I thank the gentleman from Iowa for leading this discussion to have an opportunity to say some things about my friend, LEONARD BOSWELL, across the floor.

I have reflected on a number of things. In 1996, I aspired to run for the Iowa Senate. I got there just as LEONARD BOSWELL was elected to come here to the United States Congress. I got to know a little bit about the area that he came from and traveled down to that area a good number of times. Little did I know that a few years later I would arrive here in this United States Congress, some 6 years later, representing not Congressman BOSWELL, not Lieutenant Colonel BOSWELL, but his cows.

I have stopped a number of times and looked across the landscape and wondered what makes a man the man that he is. Coming from Iowa, especially rural Iowa and growing up in the hills like I did, and walking through those hills and working in that soil and having my hands on a lot of things that are the origins of new wealth, you understand what makes a man who he is when you see the landscape that he came from.

And that landscape down there in Decatur County, it's a little hilly. It raises a lot of grass. We, where I come from, don't always think it's the best corn ground, but they're doing better down there with the new hybrids. Now I'm seeing the character of the man who served in this Congress these years, these 16 years, and served in the United States Army for I believe 20 years, the character of the man who took the controls of helicopters time after time as an assault helicopter pilot in Vietnam, was formed and shaped in the hills that today I have the privilege to represent and that feed those cows that wander out there in that pastureland and won't probably as often go down in that neighborhood to check on them, but I'm glad to know that Congressman LEONARD BOSWELL

will have some time to check on those cows because I know he loves them and takes care of them.

I also had the privilege to go to Vietnam as Congressman BOSWELL was going back to Vietnam for the first time since the end of his second deployment there. And he asked me if I would sit in front behind the glass with him as we went all around Vietnam, through Saigon, out through the streets of Saigon, out into the countryside, out on a boat on the Mekong River. And we looked at how the country had changed, how the population of Saigon had gone from 1 million to 7 million during that interim period of time since LEONARD so nobly, bravely, and patriotically flew over that landscape. Everybody that he served with didn't come back, but more people came back because of LEONARD BOSWELL, and I know that.

I heard some of those stories because I pulled a few of them out; but it is not something that he's brought out front, not something he's worn on his sleeve, as something within the character of the man that sits here with us today. It's part of the character of the man who served Iowans and Americans in the United States Congress these 16 years.

For this time I have had the privilege to serve with him, a decade for me, I'm grateful for those times. We've always been able to work together. We served on the Ag Committee together all of that time. There has been a certain communication that has gone on that was often unspoken even in committee when we'd look over across at each other, and somehow LEONARD BOSWELL would know what I was thinking and I think I knew what he was thinking. And that worked pretty good for Iowans, and it worked pretty good for Americans, and it worked pretty good for agriculture.

So I congratulate you, LEONARD BOSWELL, on your service to our country all of these years. It's been a stellar career, and it's not over. There's a future also of service that I know will continue every day, and I certainly will keep you in my prayers and in our memories here as I thank you for serving the United States of America and serving here in the United States Congress and serving Iowans the way that you have.

Mr. LATHAM. I thank the gentleman.

I would like to recognize the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. BRALEY).

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. I thank the gentleman for yielding and for organizing this well-deserved tribute to my friend, my colleague, my mentor, and my hero, LEONARD BOSWELL.

Now, we've been talking about how LEONARD is Iowa through and through. But, LEONARD, the secret is out: you were born in Missouri. That was a great day for America, but I think it has also been part of shaping the person you are because you know that we are much more than the State we come

from, the region we come from; and everything about your life of public service has reflected that.

LEONARD grew up on farms in both Ringgold and Decatur Counties and, amazingly, was drafted into the Army on his 22nd birthday. Quite a birthday present.

He served with distinction for 20 years, but the people who know him best can tell you that one of the things that made LEONARD BOSWELL unique was he went from a draftee serving at the lowest levels of the Army, to being encouraged to go to officer candidate school. What happens when you get commissioned, you actually have to resign from the United States Army in order to be commissioned. LEONARD did that and was commissioned as a second lieutenant on February 19, 1957. It seems like a long time ago.

After his commissioning as an officer, you've heard how LEONARD served two tours as a helicopter assault pilot in Vietnam. LEONARD, I know from doing a lot of interviews with Vietnam veterans for the Library of Congress's oral history project that everyone remembers that first day when they arrived in Vietnam. And for you, that was on April 12, 1965. I'm sure that you can tell us the sights, the sounds, the smells, the feelings you had when you arrived there.

One of the things that LEONARD never talks about because he's too modest of a person is the fact that he was awarded not one but two Distinguished Flying Crosses for his bravery and heroism serving our country in Vietnam. On November 1, 1968, on his second tour of duty, LEONARD became the assault helicopter company commander for the 336, and led that unit with distinction until he finally retired and came back to the State that he loved and started pursuing other things.

But LEONARD has always been about service to country, service to family, and service to his faith. So when an opportunity presented itself, he ran for office in Iowa. He was elected to the Iowa Senate, became senate president in Iowa in 1992, and then continued his career here, and we've heard the minority whip talk about how that all came about. And we're so glad that it did.

LEONARD has always been a strong advocate for military families. He has a lot of proud achievements in this body. But, LEONARD, your proudest moment was when the Joshua Omvig Suicide Prevention Act was passed in the House, passed in the Senate, and signed into law by the President. And the reason why that was so meaningful to me personally is I knew Joshua Omvig's family long before he took his life.

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And for you to take up that cause and to give voice to the thousands of Americans who were losing loved ones to suicide who had served this country with honor and distinction was the cause you were meant to lead. And to me, that day when we passed the bill

on the House floor was one of the highlights of my career in Congress, because one miraculous thing happened that day.

After you stood and talked about why we needed to do more for veterans like Josh Omvig to help them before they got to that point of taking their own lives, an extraordinary thing happened. After you spoke, Members on both sides of the aisle came down to the well and told the stories of constituents from their district who did the same thing that Josh Omvig did and put a human face on this crisis that was damaging our country. That happened because of you, LEONARD, and I have never been prouder of you. I've never been prouder of your leadership than the day that happened. And America owes you a grateful thanks for leading the charge and giving voice to that problem.

But LEONARD's courage and heroism just doesn't apply to his service to his country. Not long ago, when an intruder attacked his home and his family, LEONARD was there to stand up and protect them as well. And you shrug it off, LEONARD, but everybody who knows you knows that the outcome of that horrible moment was inevitable, that truth and justice were going to triumph because you were the one who was there at the right time and the right place.

We are honored to have the privilege of serving with you. We wish you and Dody and your entire family the best. Don't be a stranger. We're counting on you to continue to inspire us. And may God go with you.

Mr. LATHAM. Thank you, Mr. BRALEY.

I'd like to now recognize the Representative from northern Missouri (Mr. GRAVES).

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the distinguished service of my neighbor to the north, Congressman LEONARD BOSWELL. And as was just pointed out, he was born in Missouri's Sixth Congressional District, which is the district I represent, in Harrison County. I think that's a fact that has probably dogged him throughout his career in Iowa politics, but we're very happy to have him actually born there.

But I got to know LEONARD through his hard work on matters related to aviation. And as has been pointed out today, LEONARD is obviously a former military helicopter pilot, but he later got his fixed wing license, and most recently he's been flying a Comanche and a Zenith, but he's been a great advocate for all of general aviation.

I've worked with him on countless pieces of legislation, large and small, to advance the interests of general aviation. In the FAA reauthorization, which we just finished this year, or parts of last year, there was an important provision in it to allow residential through-the-fence agreements at general aviation airports, and this provision would not have survived the process without LEONARD's efforts.

He's been a leader in opposing user fees, which is one of the number 1 issues to those of us in general aviation and to general aviation pilots, and ensuring the continuation of programs such as the Block Aircraft Registration program.

He has been an instrumental voice and established something that's very important to me, and that's the General Aviation Caucus. He's been very instrumental in the process of getting over 190 members, which is one of the largest caucuses here in the House of Representatives. And whenever I needed somebody to have courage to stand up for good policy even when it wasn't necessarily good politics, LEONARD was always there, and I could always count on him to stand with me on those issues.

I was also thrilled that Congressman BOSWELL attended the greatest little air show in the country, which is in my hometown of Tarkio, Missouri. And he has come there as a friend and, obviously, an aviation enthusiast, but I am hopeful he will join us again this year, July 13, for the show.

LEONARD has served his country in uniform and, obviously, as a Member of this House of Representatives, and he's served capably and very honorably. And on behalf of general aviation enthusiasts across this Nation, I want to thank you for everything that you have done to help those folks out. It's been an honor to work with you, and it's an honor for me to be able to call you my friend.

Thank you very much, LEONARD.

Mr. LATHAM. I thank the gentleman.

I'd like now to yield to my good friend from West Virginia (Mr. RAHALL).

Mr. RAHALL. Thank you, Mr. LATHAM. I appreciate your yielding, and do want to join today in paying tribute to the illustrious career of a colleague, a very good friend, the gentleman—and I mean gentleman in every sense of the word—the gentleman from Iowa, Mr. LEONARD BOSWELL.

As the ranking member on the Surface Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on which Mr. BOSWELL has served, I can tell you that his expertise in so many issues that we've already heard discussed today have been critical to us in passing much-needed legislation.

Much has been said already, but not enough can be said to say thank you to LEONARD BOSWELL for his serving our country as he has in the U.S. Army, to have risen, like he did, from private to lieutenant colonel. To have run as many missions as he did as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam and to have won two Distinguished Flying Crosses is something that this Nation can never say thank you enough for what LEONARD BOSWELL has done, even before he came to the illustrious Halls of the U.S. Congress.

In the real world, LEONARD BOSWELL has truly combined a midwestern farm-

er's common sense with practical, everyday living. And it has been that experience that has proven so invaluable to us on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, his work to draft critical legislation.

As a pilot, LEONARD BOSWELL knows very well the tremendous issues facing our aviation community, and he served on that Subcommittee on Aviation for each of his 16 years in this body. And during the hearings and markups, LEONARD often spoke about the critical importance of aviation safety and as an advocate for his fellow general aviation pilots.

It was for that reason that LEONARD received an appointment to the conference committee that wrote the FAA bill that we passed last year. He served as a conferee, providing very valuable firsthand experience about what some of the irresponsible cuts being proposed at the time in FAA funding would have meant. And it's thanks to his deep, deep knowledge of these issues that we were able to get what we did, and that we were truly on the right side of this fight and came out in what circumstances at the time would call a true victory for our side.

As a strong advocate of veterans, of independent truckers, and agriculture interests, LEONARD BOSWELL brought that same experience to us as a conferee when we considered the MAC 21 transportation legislation of last year as well.

It was his amendment that was offered in committee that ended up in the final legislation that gave veterans preference for jobs with highway and transit contractors, again, putting his past experience to work, ensuring that our veterans, after they have put their life on the line for our country, that they have a job to come back home to when they return home.

And in addition, he's one of the few members of our Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure who has a commercial driver's license. LEONARD BOSWELL knows very well the very intricate, the very complex and critical issues involved in motor carrier safety regulations. And he put that experience, along with his agriculture experience, to tremendous work for our colleagues.

I know that on our Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, when LEONARD BOSWELL spoke, every member listened. You could hear the conversations, the side bars, the side conversations stop, and everybody listened to what LEONARD had to say when he spoke on our committee.

He played an instrumental role in the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative, establishing a new Amtrak route between Chicago, the Quad Cities, and Iowa City. This \$30 million project will be completed in 2015 and is creating more than 500 family-wage jobs each year. And that's just the start.

Whether Mr. BOSWELL's been advocating for high-speed rail or for ethanol pipeline, he's always been focused on

what is best for Iowa and for the transportation needs of this Nation. He's been an invaluable resource to our committee. I know we will miss him speaking on the committee, but we certainly will look forward to continuing to profit from his experiences and advice to us in whatever capacity he may follow in his many years left.

I would note that, again, before I conclude, as has already been noted, that it is the gentleman from Iowa that beat Mr. BOSWELL that is bringing this Special Order today. And I think that is worth special recognition, as well, because it shows the greatness of both of these individuals, how they can fight a very hard battle, political battle, yet both remain true gentlemen.

I would even submit that, in this day of critical fiscal cliff negotiations, that if Mr. LATHAM and Mr. BOSWELL were conducting negotiations, we'd be going home for Christmas by sundown today.

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Mr. LATHAM. I thank the gentleman.

I would like to now recognize the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI).

Mr. PETRI. I thank my colleague from Iowa.

I actually want to echo the words of NICK JOE RAHALL in commending both of you gentleman—especially TOM—for organizing this Special Order. I think it says something about each of your character and your respect for the process and for this institution. We hear a lot about how the camaraderie or the goodwill has deteriorated in this body, but I think, at least so far as Iowa politics is concerned and a lot of us from the Midwest, that's not the case. There's strong differences, but there's also strong respect and a recognition that we're working on something that's greater than all of us and we're trying to do our best for the American people and for our country.

I got to know LEONARD BOSWELL and his wife Dody—I don't know if you remember this, but I think it was in Hershey, Pennsylvania, in 1979. A new freshman Member of Congress, my wife and 8-year-old daughter and I went up to Hershey. They had a bipartisan conference there for a couple of days. It was really fun. We got to go on tours and had different sessions. They broke us down into different groups, and my wife and I happened to be the same group with LEONARD and Dody, and we hit it off right away, feeling that here was someone who was not your typical idea of what a politician is but someone who is in it for the right reason and doing public service and was a decent person.

LEONARD is, I think, a very, very low-key, very proud, and very tough person. Some people say you've got to be a firebrand and you've got to yell and holler and all that. I was raised with the idea that it's the empty can that makes the most noise. Sometimes the most noise is not the way you get things done or you make a contribution.

LEONARD has always been a strong, steady, responsible, honorable, honest participant in the process and someone I have looked up to. I have served with him for many years on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. He's honored us in Wisconsin by coming with his true love of aviation. I think he actually graduated first in his class back when he was taking both helicopter and fixed wing aviation back in the fifties. So he's been a good pilot of all sorts for a very long, long time. A couple of Bronze Stars and a lot of the other awards that he has received during his service in the military, there's a story behind each one of those, an important one. I know that a lot of people are very grateful for what you did during those 20 years in the military representing our country.

He's a natural leader. He was selected by his friends and neighbors to be a leader in a co-op movement in Iowa, and then elected to the State senate and became president of the State senate. He's always shown, as I have had the opportunity to work with him, a real concern for his constituents and their problems and personally has gone to bat to make sure that they're getting a fair deal and a hearing and not just going through the motions. His knowledge of aviation has been a great resource for this Congress and for the Transportation Committee.

I don't normally participate in these sort of things, but I did want to come down here today to just say, LEONARD, I respect you. You're the salt of the Earth, the kind of person that I think we would all like to be. I'm sure your family is proud of you and your neighbors are proud of you. We thank you for your service to our country.

Mr. LATHAM. I would like to now recognize the person who's the subject of all this, my colleague, Congressman LEONARD BOSWELL.

Mr. BOSWELL. Thank you, Congressman LATHAM.

This is the first day we've actually talked, except for election night when I called to say congratulations. Our little conversation we had a few moments ago before this started was kindly, and I think I appreciated you coming to me and saying what you did in this event that took place last November. So I wish you well, and I appreciate the cordial treatment you have given me today.

Some suggest to me, You may not want to do this; he was your opponent. I said, No. We're from Iowa. We don't do things like that. That's protocol. You made me proud today, and I thank you for it.

I've said this on other occasions, as you've heard me, I have a regret. I'm sorry my mother couldn't have heard this discussion today.

I owe a lot of appreciation to those of you left in the room. I realize most people had to flee for the airport, as we normally all do. Thank you for staying and doing this.

I do want to pay tribute to my wife, Dody. I think she's probably watching.

Sweetheart, I hope you have enjoyed this, as well as my children—Terri, Diana, Cindy, and Joe—and their families and many friends. I hadn't planned on this all coming to this kind of a closure, but it's caused me to reflect back over life, and I feel very blessed.

TOM, you heard it too many times. I started out in a tented farmhouse. You did hear that a time or two, I'm sure, in days past. But look what I've gotten to do, as you've heard about here today, when we talk about the American Dream and the opportunities that exist in America. It's been very rewarding to me. I can't say enough about that, but enough has been probably said.

I realize as I reflect back on what's happened over the last years that I couldn't have done it without the help of great staff. And some names—I shouldn't do this—but just to hit a few of them. A gentleman named John Norris—I think you knew him, TOM, at one time—we started out together. He's on the FERC Board now, and doing a good job.

I think back over many others. Sandy Carter, you're probably watching over there in our cube. Sandy, thank you for your service and your dedication to the people of Iowa in the Third District. I could go on and on. Back in Iowa, there's Jay Byers, Sally Bowzer, Grant Woodard, and all the rest. Frequently, I would stand before a group and invite Ted Tran to come and stand with me as a surrogate son from Vung Tau, Vietnam. He was one of those refugees, and what he went through to get to be an American and have the American Dream is very special. So the list is long, and I will stop. It's getting long for some of you. I know you've got travels to do.

But those here in the room, Bruce, thank you for your attributes. Jim Nussle, it's great to see you again. Tim, thank you for your remarks and the service we've had together. TOM, I wish you continued success. I know that you'll give your heart to what you believe in for our State. We both kind of come from the soil, really. That's probably a good thing.

So with that, I want to say a fond farewell. I will continue to respond to our constituents until we finally close this down, if no sooner, at least by the 2nd of January, when we change from the 112th to the 113th.

I'll just say it's been my pleasure and my good fortune to live this much of my life in the United States of America and to serve our country. It's the right thing to do. We've got lots on our plate, but we can do this because that's who we are. We can, and I'm sure we will.

Thank you and God Bless.

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Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I just want to say thank you to Congressman BOSWELL. I wish him and Dody the very, very best in the future.

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

Mr. Speaker, in addition to my remarks today, I asked Iowans to pay tribute to Congressman BOSWELL by providing their comments for submission into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, which follow.

REMARKS OF SENATOR CHUCK GRASSLEY ON REPRESENTATIVE LEONARD BOSWELL

Representative Leonard Boswell is a strong advocate for his constituents and many other categories of individuals who are not necessarily constituents but important members of our society, including veterans and farmers.

He saw the world as a 20-year veteran of the United States Army, returned home, and applied his broad perspective to public service, first in the Iowa state legislature, then in the U.S. Congress.

He made a big impression on me in the 1990s when he was president of the state Senate. When he had an issue on his mind, he tracked me down at my town meetings or whatever it took. At times, he rode with me from one town meeting to the next so we could talk. That persistence on behalf of Iowans is something I greatly admired.

His decorated military service, including two tours of duty in Vietnam, made him a natural for looking out for veterans' needs.

Representative Boswell did a tremendous amount to raise awareness of veterans' suicide and promote preventive services. He championed and shepherded through Congress the Joshua Omvig Veterans Suicide Prevention Act. This act, signed into law, is named for a soldier from Grundy Center, Iowa, who took his own life after returning from Iraq.

As the operator of a farm in Davis City that has been in his family for generations, Representative Boswell understands the challenges facing family farmers. He's been a vocal advocate for an updated farm bill and other policies critical to the nation's farmers.

Policy work to support economic growth in Iowa is another signature for Representative Boswell. He has promoted legislation that rebuilds the highways and other infrastructure that are necessary for job creation.

In closing, Representative Boswell has worked hard to represent his constituents. He did his job very well. While we disagreed politically, we never had a personal disagreement. We found plenty of common ground. I'll miss his camaraderie around Congress. But I have no doubt we'll run across each other because Representative Boswell is unlikely to avoid public service, which has been his calling for so long.

Thank you for your service, Representative Boswell.

STATEMENT FROM GOVERNOR TERRY BRANSTAD ON REPRESENTATIVE LEONARD BOSWELL

I commend Congressman Leonard Boswell for his long-time dedication to public service. His selfless service to others has been demonstrated in many ways—as an officer in the United States Army, as President of the Iowa Senate, and as a congressman from Iowa. In the United States House of Representatives, Congressman Boswell was a great ally for rural development, transportation infrastructure, and agriculture, and he championed legislation to help veterans across the nation. I enjoyed working with Leonard in a bipartisan fashion during his time in State government—just one example came in our joint work to bring IPSCO Steel to Iowa in 1994 which has provided hundreds of high-quality jobs for Iowans. Congressman Boswell should be proud of his public service accomplishments and for his personal achievements as a husband, father, and grandfather. I am heartened by Iowans, like

Congressman Boswell, who have spent a lifetime serving the State of Iowa. We thank him for his service.

On behalf of the Waukeke City Council and myself, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Congressman Leonard Boswell for his many years of service in the Iowa Senate and for the past 16 years, his service to the people of Iowa in the United States House of Representatives.

It has been a pleasure to work with Congressman Boswell over the years. In my communications with Congressman Boswell, he has always been friendly, receptive, and eager to work with and for his constituents. In particular, Congressman Boswell has been very supportive and helpful in the City's efforts to obtain funding and necessary approvals related to the Alice's Road/105th Street Interchange.

Congressman Boswell's many years of service in the military and in the halls of Congress are a testament to his love of home, state and nation. He is a true friend of Waukeke and I wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

—Honorable William F. Peard,
Mayor of Waukeke

One of Representative Leonard Boswell's most significant and enduring accomplishments during his long political career was the critical role that he played in bringing the World Food Prize to Iowa and in helping ensure that it would have a permanent home in Des Moines.

The World Food Prize, known around the world as "The Nobel Prize for Food and Agriculture," was created by Iowa's and America's greatest agricultural hero, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Dr. Norman E. Borlaug. However, when the prize's original sponsor on the east coast was lost and the Prize was about to go out of existence, then State Senator Boswell was part of a critical bipartisan effort, with Republican Governor Terry Branstad and John Ruan Sr. to rescue the World Food Prize and relocate it to Dr. Borlaug's home state of Iowa.

Since then, thanks to the highly supportive role Representative Boswell has played, The World Food Prize has grown in stature and now annually welcomes more than 1,500 people from more than 70 countries for an award ceremony and symposium which has been called "the premier conference in the world on global agriculture."

In addition, Representative Boswell worked hand in hand with all of the members of the Iowa Congressional Delegation on a bipartisan basis to help attain approval of Dr. Borlaug receiving the Congressional Gold Medal, America's highest civilian honor. For this achievement Representative Boswell has our heartfelt appreciation, as well as for all he has done to preserve and enhance the legacy of Dr. Norman E. Borlaug.

On behalf of the World Food Prize Foundation, we extend our warmest congratulations to Representative Boswell on his dedicated career of public service, in the US Army in Vietnam, as well as in the Iowa State Legislature and the US House of Representatives.

—Ambassador Kenneth M. Quinn, President of
the World Food Prize Foundation

CONGRESSMAN BOSWELL

On behalf of the Iowa Federation of National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), thank you for your years of support and service to not only Federal employees and retirees but all Iowans.

When first becoming an officer in NARFE, I was not knowledgeable about legislation and you took the time to visit with me and bring me up to speed. I will always be grateful for this guidance.

It has been a pleasure knowing and working with you.

—Darlene Freeman, Past President and
Legislative Chair of the Iowa Federation of
NARFE

Cousin Leonard: Congratulations on your successful careers of service in the Armed Forces, State Senate, and U.S. Congress. We wish you and Dody a happy retirement.

—Eldon and Marilyn Boswell

CONGRESSMAN BOSWELL: We want to thank you for your years of service and we admire and respect your views/contribution to all of us!

I know we have not heard the last from you and we encourage you to stay involved. We need you! Again, thank you so much for helping all of us!

—Tom and Nancy Courtney of Burlington

CONGRESSMAN BOSWELL: I admire your service to our country, from your time in the military to the halls of Congress. You have always been fair and willing to compromise for the overall benefit of Iowans and Americans. I appreciate that you always make efforts to hear from constituents and to work hard on our behalf. Your work will enrich Americans lives for years to come.

Thank you for your service to the people of Iowa.

—Michael Worrell

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE BOSWELL: Thank you so much for your years of service. Roxy and I are from Burlington and are now in the 2nd District, but we appreciate your work so much.

—John and Roxy Riessen, West Burlington

Congressman Boswell has been my representative personally, as well as the representative for AIB College of Business in Des Moines, where I serve as the President.

In his time in DC, Congressman Boswell has been a huge supporter of Education, from K-12 through private and public colleges and universities. He believes in students and recognizes that young people are the future for our nation. He is also very supporting of our active duty military personnel and our Veterans.

I wish to recognize and THANK Congressman Boswell for his dedication to our country, to Iowa, and to his constituents. He has changed our world, our country, and our state with his personal service for so many years. Every life has a great purpose and Congressman Boswell has had a wonderful calling for his. I will wait in anticipation to see what he chooses to do next! I just cannot thank him enough!

—Nancy Williams, AIB President, Des Moines

Leonard Boswell was truly a gracious man and a class act.

I retired from teaching in 2010, after 38 years. A number of years ago, I had a group of 5 or 6 students that competed in a Citizenship Competition in Des Moines while Mr. Boswell was the President of the State Senate.

We presented a plan for the public library in our home town—Creston Iowa—and how it needed to be remodeled, updated, made handicapped accessible, and just made safe in general. We had to present an action plan along with pictures before a group of judges. Our presentation won the competition and Mr. Boswell made himself available to present the award to my group of students.

He then invited us upstairs in the Iowa Capitol and took the students through different parts of the Capitol and showed us his

offices. He spent precious time with the group and throughout it was generous and patient and made it a very special day for some eighth grade students and their teacher. Mr. Boswell went above and beyond to be kind to us, when he could have easily either ignored the occasion, or made it a quick event.

I will always remember Leonard Boswell for his support for education and the time he took to support it.

Character is what you do when no one is looking and I felt that this experience with Leonard Boswell was a shining example of the true strength of his character.

We will miss him.

—Mrs. Lauris Heinzel, Creston

Leonard Boswell has a long and distinguished career of service to his state and to his country. He is a humble servant of the people, and we are going to miss him greatly in Congress. Congressman Boswell is a committed statesman, a dedicated family man, a courageous and decorated veteran, and a most trusted friend.

We extend our sincere and best wishes to Congressman Leonard Boswell and hope that the people of Iowa continue to enjoy his gifts of time, talent, and leadership in retirement.

—Myron R. Linn, Pella Corporation

CONGRESSMAN BOSWELL: We want to thank you for the years of dedicated service to our country, serving in Vietnam; and in the US House of Representatives. You did a great job of representing your District in Southern Iowa and voted your thoughts on the various issues. Your service in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot was far and away your greatest achievement, facing death on every mission. Your service to America should never be forgotten. Again, Thanks.

—Jerry and Beverly Wetzel, Indianola

Congressman Leonard Boswell . . . a quiet and thoughtful voice of reason, someone who saw the big picture, someone who always opened his door and his ear to his constituents, someone who sincerely worked for the betterment of his state and country, and someone who played his role as a servant leader with unparalleled dignity, honor and integrity.

I was so very fortunate to work with this dedicated public servant for more than 3 decades at the state and national level. I always left his presence with a keen sense of appreciation for the sincere commitment he had to our state, nation and the American people. Thank you Congressman Boswell for your friendship, service, and spirit of professionalism. Your legacy of leadership will live on through the lessons you taught to us while serving our country.

Thank you.

—Thomas R Temple, Former CEO of Iowa
Pharmacy Association, Des Moines

CONGRESSMAN BOSWELL: I appreciate the opportunity to thank you publicly for your service to our nation and state and for your friendship. The bond initially sparked by our common Vietnam aviator experience has led to a longstanding personal friendship that has endured despite our different political affiliations. I continue to hold your key leadership in the Iowa General Assembly in highest regard. In all of the capacities that you have served, you have put the greater good ahead of your self interest, beginning with your willingness to risk your life in military service. I honor your great record of public service!

I am retiring at the end of this year and hopefully we will have occasion to spend some time together. I have missed your presence at the statehouse, Leonard! There is a

lot of hangar flying yet to be done, my friend!

Best personal regards.

—Keith E. Luchtel, Nyemaster Goode, Des Moines

I served as a Congressional Page for the 108th Congress in 2003–2004 during my junior year of high school. Despite being a conservative Republican from southern Iowa, Congressman Boswell nominated me for this position and I cannot thank him enough for this amazing opportunity. During my year of service, I learned an incredible amount about the House of Representatives and the legislative process. This experience jump started my life in ways hard to imagine.

Congressman Boswell served with dignity and represented Iowa well in a place that seems foreign and out-of-touch to many Iowans. While I disagreed with him on most of his positions, I valued his working-man approach to representing ordinary folks in the U.S. Congress.

Again, thank you for your service. I know you will enjoy returning to your farm and family in southern Iowa—A place I will always call home.

Best wishes,

—Blake Yocom, Chariton

I owe Congressman Boswell a lot. In 1998, Congressman Boswell gave me an opportunity to work for him as a legislative assistant in his Washington, D.C. office. That opportunity evolved into other career opportunities throughout my career. Any of the successes I have achieved in my professional life are due in large part to Congressman Boswell. His willingness to place his trust in me to do an important job for the people of Iowa's Third Congressional District is something I will never forget.

I would like to thank Congressman Boswell not only for his support of me personally, but also for his service to our country. As a soldier and statesman, there are few people who have given more of themselves to our nation. I wish him and Dody well as they move forward to their next adventure in life. I would ask them to take some time and get some rest, but I know that won't happen—that's not the Boswell way!

Job well done, Congressman!

Jon Murphy, PolicyWorks, Des Moines

There is no doubt that Congressman Boswell was a friend of postal workers. He supported us on every front, as he has from the anthrax incidents to the recent financial situation the USPS is facing.

The Postal Workers in Iowa, and the country, want to thank Congressman Boswell for all his support and years of service.

On behalf of all the American Postal Worker Union Local in Iowa, thank you.

—Lance Coles, Iowa Federation of Labor AFL-CIO

CONGRESSMAN BOSWELL: The first time we met was in the year 2000 when the National Institute of Health asked me to contact the Iowa Congressmen to request their support of the Lupus Research and Care Amendment Act. Whereas most Congressmen were very polite, but spent no more than 10 minutes with me, you took me into your private office and spent more than 30 minutes asking me numerous questions about the disease and the prospective legislation. As it turned out, you were the only Congressman to co-sponsor the bill that would affect 15,000+ Iowans afflicted with the disease, lupus. At that point I knew we would be friends for life.

When my husband served on the Des Moines City Council, you were always the

first Iowa Congressman he would contact when he needed advice and assistance on an issue. He knew that he could always count on you. Not only were you the most accessible, but also the one who would truly "listen" to what he had to say.

These "friendships" have continued throughout your term of office. Whether it was a problem or concern with social security disability, immigration, social security, medicare, or numerous other topics, you and your staff were always prompt in addressing our concerns.

We shall truly miss your smiling face at the community events, as we always knew that we could count on you being there. We wish you the very best in the next phase of your life, and we hope that you, and your lovely wife Dody, will be blessed with good health and happiness.

Your friends,

—Sophie and Tom Vlassis

Leonard Boswell has been my friend for 20+ years and as I write this message my thoughts go back to all the roads we've traveled, the adventures we've shared, the laughter and tears we shed I just want you to know you are my brother.

To you and Dody my love and best wishes.

—John Flannery

CONGRESSMAN BOSWELL: I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your support for diabetes issues. I am proud that I have gotten to work by your side over the past 7 years to increase funding for diabetes research and on stem cell research. I will never forget the time when I was 13 and at an event listening to you speak. You pulled me up on stage and talked about how we needed to work to find a cure so that I wouldn't have diabetes anymore. That meant the world to me. Because of all you have done for me, you will always have a special place in my heart. You have taught me so much and I hope to someday impact my community as much as you have.

Thanks again!

—Karli Borcharding, Ankeny

Congressman Leonard Boswell is a name well recognized in Iowa. After years representing the issues important to Iowans in the U.S. Congress, many years addressing the concerns of Iowans at the state capitol, and twenty years defending the freedoms and rights that Americans hold dear as a member of the U.S. military, Congressman Boswell deserves the thanks of Iowans and Americans for his commitment to this country. This congressional recognition is well earned.

Congressman Boswell was a representative who would take the time to listen to Iowans. He paid special care and attention to all veterans. He was a friend of working people. When home visiting, he would make an effort to meet with the labor leaders in the state. He spent time listening to their concerns and would give honest answers on his positions—not always to the liking of the unions—but always honest and upfront.

The labor movement in Iowa has lost an ally in Congress, but we are grateful for all the years he was there for us. We hope he will not be a stranger to Iowa politics and will continue to support veterans and workers.

—Ken Sagar, President of Iowa Federation of Labor AFL-CIO

—Charlie Wishman, Secretary/Treasurer of Iowa Federation of Labor AFL-CIO

Leonard Boswell was my representative for 11 of the past 15 years he was in the U.S. Congress. Prior to that he distinguished him-

self as he represented Iowans for many years at the state capitol. Leonard has dedicated the majority of his life to public service and he is more than worthy of this congressional recognition.

Leonard was a decorated veteran of the Viet Nam war which has special meaning to me as I too had the privilege to serve during that time. I truly believe Leonard would have been just as caring for the Veterans of this land even if he hadn't served. Leonard is just that kind of person.

I have had the privilege of representing Union members in South Central Iowa for over three years and had the opportunity to partner with the congressman on numerous issues that affected working people. I can confirm that Leonard was receptive to all my concerns and he made my concerns his concerns in regard to working people and the citizens of Iowa.

I count Congressman Boswell as one of most trusted and beloved friends and look forward to partnering with Leonard in the future in whatever capacity.

Thank you,

—Mark Cooper, South Central Iowa Federation of Labor AFL-CIO

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS,

The Iowa Corn Growers Association would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude and extend special recognition to Congressman Leonard Boswell for his many years of service to his country, his home state of Iowa, and to agriculture. His background as a family farmer and his service in the Iowa Senate greatly prepared him to represent corn farmers in the U.S. Congress.

Because Congressman Boswell values the family farmer, our goals have often been lock step with one another's. He has served the agriculture community well with representation on the House Agriculture Committee and as Chair and Ranking Member of the General Farm Commodities and Risk Management Subcommittee. In these roles, he has worked to; protect and strengthen corn farmer's risk management, build a secure and stable crop insurance program, and build realistic farm commodity programs. Congressman Boswell also served Iowa and its farmers on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee where his work on numerous highway bills as well as the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) impacted Iowa's critical transportation systems.

During his years of service, the corn ethanol industry was developed. Congressman Boswell was instrumental in promoting the ethanol industry and shaping policies that allowed the industry to grow. From the Renewable Fuel Standard, to the Volumetric Ethanol Excise Tax Credit, to leadership on the Renewable Fuels Pipeline legislation, the ICGA could be confident that Congressman Boswell would work to support and defend one of the corn industry's top markets.

In closing, on behalf of the farmer members of the Iowa Corn Growers Association, we would like to again thank Congressman Leonard Boswell for his long standing support of Iowa agriculture and the corn industry. We are sincerely grateful for his tireless work to serve our state and our industry.

Sincerely,

—Bruce Rohwer, President of Iowa Corn Growers Association, Johnston

—Craig Floss, Chief Executive Officer of Iowa Corn Growers Association, Johnston

CONGRESSMAN BOSWELL,

On behalf of the Greater Des Moines Partnership, we extend our deepest thanks and appreciation to you for your service to the

citizens of Greater Des Moines, the State of Iowa, and United States of America.

First and foremost, thank you for the 20 years of service to our country as a member of the United States Army. And, thank you for your excellent work in representing Central Iowa in the United States House of Representatives over the many years. You and your dedicated staff have been a tremendous asset to our community.

Your leadership and efforts in securing federal funding for transportation projects, quality of life priorities, and other economic development initiatives have played a critical role in the rapid growth and prosperity of the Greater Des Moines Region. We cannot thank you enough for being such an important partner in these efforts.

And thank you for helping accommodate our group and taking the time to address our participants during our annual visits to Washington, D.C. We appreciate the great work in helping set up meetings, coordinating schedules, lining up speakers, and advising and meeting with trip participants.

Again, thank you for your efforts on behalf of the Greater Des Moines Partnership in our nation's capital. We truly appreciate your leadership and all the work you have done on issues important to Central Iowa's business community. We hope for, and wish you, the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

—Jay Byers, Chief Executive Officer of Greater Des Moines Partnership
—Eugene Meyer, President of Greater Des Moines Partnership

We residents of your hometown—Lamoni, Decatur County, Iowa—are privileged to join in paying tribute to you for your years of service to our community, our state, and our country. We can't list all of your achievements, but can mention a few:

Active sports player in High School
Farmer
Pilot in the skies of Vietnam
Senate President—Iowa Legislature
Father and Grandfather
President of Farmers' Coop
Member of U. S. House of Representatives
Problem solver for people immersed in "Red Tape"
Pastor of Lamoni Community of Christ
Devoted Husband
Thank you for your many years of selfless service.

—Lamoni Lions Club and the Town of Lamoni

Leonard Boswell has worked for his country, his state, and his community throughout a lifetime of public service. Lieutenant Colonel Boswell had a distinguished 20-year career in the United States Army. His service in the Iowa Senate, as President of that body from 1993 to 1996, was where he first took the lessons he brought from his military life, and brought them to bear in the political arena. Those lessons included focus on the mission at hand, and get the job done. Trust your team, and let them know they can trust you. And perhaps most importantly, leave no comrade behind. In 1997, Leonard brought those values to work for Iowans, and their neighbors across the country, in the United States House of Representatives. His work on transportation issues has changed the face of Iowa. But it has been his advocacy for his fellow veterans and their families, that has changed the heart of Iowa.

We are grateful to his wife, Dody, and his family, for sharing him with us these many years. We are proud of the work he has done, and we welcome him home with open arms.

—Sue Dvorsky, Chair of the Iowa Democratic Party

CONGRESSMAN BOSWELL: All Iowans stop from what they are doing today to say thank

you to Representative Leonard Boswell who has represented us well during his tenure as U.S. House Representative. We thank him for his leadership and courage dealing with issues of importance to the people of Iowa.

—Mary L. Madison

LEONARD: It is with gratitude that we thank you for being our Congressional Representative in the 90's and good friend in support of the issues that matter in middle Iowa. You always treated us with respect and desire to make things better for Iowans.

Thank you for your support of the Affordable Care Act. And we also thank you for always meeting with our delegation of Orthopedic Surgeons when we came to visit you each spring when Bob was on the Academy's Board of Councilors. We also appreciate your strong support for Israel, and your personal stories of facing the tragedies after the Holocaust. And thank you for serving in the US Army for many years. And also thank you for your support for women's reproductive rights and health care issues. I knew that you would always listen to us at Planned Parenthood and would do as much as you could to support us in Congress. And that was not an easy task these past few years.

All the best to you and Dody. We know that you will always be there for a good chat on issues and will always stand up for Iowans no matter what!!

—Debbie and Bob Gitchell, Ames

CONGRESSMAN BOSWELL: Your campaign this fall was full of energy, which is representative of your years of support. It is a privilege to honor your many years of serving Iowans both locally and in Washington, DC.

As advocates for working on behalf of vulnerable Iowans, we have found you to be loyal to these issues. I am appreciative of your willingness to listen to concerns from constituents and advocacy groups. I was especially delighted when you provided your support and signed on to the Social Work Reinvestment Act upon listening to our issues.

You have dedicated your time to working on behalf of Iowans and assuring policies were in place to support your constituents. Thank you Congressman Boswell for your years of service!

—Kelli Soyer, National Association of Social Workers, Iowa Chapter

REMEMBERING AN AMERICAN HERO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GOSAR) is recognized for 19 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. GOSAR. Today, I'm here to remember the sacrifice of an American hero and the bravery of those who served with him.

Two years ago this Saturday, our Nation lost one of our own who was serving to protect our country by securing the Arizona-Mexico border. On December 14, Border Agents Brian Terry, William Castano, Gabriel Fragoza, and Timothy Keller began patrolling an area west of the town of Rio Rico, Arizona, tasked with interdicting violent criminals sneaking into the United States.

At 11 p.m. on the following day, December 15, the team was alerted to five suspects in their interdiction zone.

After identifying themselves, they were fired upon and Agent Terry was struck and killed. The men who fought beside him that night were heroic in their efforts to provide aid and to protect Agent Brian Terry.

After the dust settled, that horrific night's details were brought to light about our government's role in supplying weapons found at the scene of the crime. Through Operation Fast and Furious—a fundamentally flawed gunrunning operation ran by the U.S. Department of Justice—weapons like those found at the scene nearly 2 years ago were allowed to be purchased by middlemen and passed along to some of the most dangerous cartels in Mexico without proper law enforcement interdiction and justice.

Subsequently, numerous hearings have been held to demand answers as to how this program came to be, who authorized it, and who knew about it. My goals are simple: justice and accountability, not just for Brian Terry, who lost his life, and the brave men serving him that night, but also justice for the hundreds of Mexicans who also lost their lives from the weapons from the Fast and Furious scheme.

As I close, please join me in a moment of silence for those lives who have been lost and the loved ones that they leave behind.

For my part, I will continue to demand answers from the Department of Justice. I will continue to stress the need for bipartisan support for getting those answers. I look to leadership not to relent. I also look to the Hispanic Caucus to break their silence and to take up this issue affecting everyone in Mexico.

Finally, I will not rest until we are certain that justice is served and that this atrocity can never happen again.

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

PROGRESSIVE CAUCUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. SCHAKOWSKY) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to be here representing the Progressive Caucus and talking about our fiscal situation now that I think a lot of people out there are worrying about, confused about, don't know how it's really going to affect them, wondering what the heck we're doing. Sometimes Members of Congress who aren't part of the negotiations are wondering what's going on too. But what I want to talk about today are the things that are at stake for ordinary people in our country, the things that are on people's minds as we deal with these economic issues that face our country.

I am Congresswoman JANICE SCHAKOWSKY, and I represent a district, a