

(3) includes all improvements and related personal property under the jurisdiction of the Secretary that are located on the property (including buildings, structures, and equipment).

(d) USE BY STATE.—

(1) USE.—The property conveyed to the State under this section shall be used by the State for purposes relating to fishery and wildlife resources management.

(2) REVERSION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—If the property conveyed to the State under this section is used for any purpose other than the purpose described in paragraph (1), all right, title, and interest in and to the property shall revert to the United States.

(B) CONDITION OF PROPERTY.—If the property described in subparagraph (A) reverts to the United States under this paragraph, the State shall ensure that the property is in substantially the same or better condition as the condition of the property as of the date of the conveyance of the property under this section.

(C) EXCEPTION.—This paragraph shall not apply with respect to use of the property under subsection (e).

(e) USE BY SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall require, as a condition and term of the conveyance of property under this section, that the State shall, upon the request of the Secretary, allow the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to use the property in cooperation with the Commission for propagation of any critically important aquatic resources held in public trust to address specific restoration or recovery needs of such resource.

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ESTABLISHING THE DATE FOR THE COUNTING OF THE ELECTORAL VOTES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT CAST BY THE ELECTORS IN DECEMBER 2012

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a joint resolution and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the joint resolution is as follows:

H.J. RES. 122

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DATE FOR COUNTING 2012 ELECTORAL VOTES IN CONGRESS.

The meeting of the Senate and House of Representatives to be held in January 2013 pursuant to section 15 of title 3, United States Code, to count the electoral votes for President and Vice President cast by the electors in December 2012 shall be held on January 4, 2013 (rather than on the date specified in the first sentence of that section).

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PRIVILEGED REPORT ON RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY TO ATTORNEY GENERAL

Mr. SMITH of Texas, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted an adverse privileged report (Rept. No. 112-704) on the resolution (H. Res. 819) directing the Attorney General of the United States to transmit to the House of Representatives, not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution, any documents and legal memoranda in the Attorney General's possession relating to the practice of targeted killing of United States citizens and targets abroad, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

MARC BOLDT, AN EXTRAORDINARY MAN

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

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated public servant, Marc Boldt. Through 18 years of public service, both as a State representative and as a Clark County commissioner, Marc has put the people of Clark County first.

Marc has been a business advocate, a tireless supporter of the farming community, and a friend of the people he was elected to serve. He is a current member of the Clark County Farm Bureau and has served 18 years as a local youth leader and Sunday school teacher. He has also served for over 10 years as a 4-H leader. In the month of August, there is one place you are going to find Marc, and that's at the Clark County Fair, serving up barbecue to support young lives.

He has deep roots in our community, and his dedication and work has earned the respect of people throughout our community of all political stripes. While his time as county commissioner will end in January of 2013, Marc will no doubt continue to serve the people of southwest Washington.

Today, I ask all Members of Congress to join me in honoring an extraordinary man, a public servant, and my friend, Marc Boldt.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE IS NOT ENOUGH

(Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, our hearts were broken over the senseless shooting deaths of 20 first grade children and their teachers in Newtown, Connecticut, and we wish that we could undue this unimaginable tragedy; but we know we can't do that. Instead, the House held a moment of silence. It is what the House does to show empathy, and it is a kind and sincere gesture, but it is not enough.

Last week, the House held a moment of silence for two adults killed by a gunman in a Portland, Oregon, shopping mall. Earlier, the House held a moment of silence after the horrific mass killings in an Aurora, Colorado, movie theater; and it held a moment of silence after our colleague Gabby Giffords and her staff and constituents were shot in Arizona.

A moment of silence felt like an honorable thing to do; but, clearly, a moment of silence is not enough. Americans don't need another moment of silence from the United States Congress. They need us to pass legislation immediately to ban automatic weapons, semiautomatic weapons, high-capacity ammunition clips, and to expand access to quality mental health services. Congress needs to act now. A moment of silence is not enough. It can not substitute for action.

HONORING JAY PIERSON ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

Mr. WOODALL. I thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I hope 60 minutes will be enough because we're here tonight to honor one of the great servants of this institution, Jay Pierson, who has dedicated the last 34 years to the service of us, particularly on this side of the aisle; but, it's noteworthy to say, to folks on both sides of the aisle.

I want to go ahead and get started with someone much more eloquent than I am. Actually, he is a gentleman who has served here on the floor with Jay. He is the chairman of the Rules Committee, the gentleman from California, DAVID DREIER.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for yielding. It is a great privilege to stand here to recognize and honor Jay Pierson for his stellar service to this institution and, by virtue of that, to the United States of America.

Two years ago this month, I stood in the well to honor one of Jay's greatest friends, Dean Hirsch, who was the president of World Vision—an amazing organization that has dealt with hunger and strife around the world. Interestingly enough, I was recognizing Dean Hirsch's 34 years of service to World Vision; and when I think about the kind of work that Dean Hirsch has done, in many ways, the issues that we

address and continue to pursue vigorously here in this institution are designed to do the exact same thing. We are focused on improving the quality of life and on recognizing societal needs not only here in the United States but around the world.

The reason I talk about this high-minded issue is that it's the kind of thing that our friend Jay Pierson has spent his life working on as well. Not everyone knows that he has roots in California. He is an alumnus of Westmont College, and he is someone who cannot be replaced and will not be replaced because he has this amazing skill on the House floor to ensure that things go smoothly. Now, things don't always go smoothly on the House floor, and you'll notice that when they're not going smoothly the reason is that Jay Pierson is not always at hand.

I will say that this institution is a greater place for his incredible service, and he has been a great friend to so many of us. As he heads into retirement, in recognizing that many of our colleagues want to speak, I just want to wish Jay well and congratulate him on his great service. I know that we are going to continue to hear and see great things that will come from this very, very patriotic American and committed public servant.

Mr. WOODALL. I thank the chairman.

I would like to yield to the minority leader, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER).

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for his observations as to who I am. It's not missed on me. I am pleased to join the gentleman from Georgia, my friend Mr. DREIER, and so many others who I know will speak.

I've had the privilege of serving in this institution since 1981, so I will soon be in my 32nd year of serving in this institution. For all of those years, I have served with Jay Pierson. For all of those years, he has been a presence on this floor. For all of those years, he has been like so many members of our staff—a number of whom we see here on the floor with us today—a critical component of the success of this institution. DAVID DREIER said that sometimes we do not have peace and harmony and good order on the floor of this House. He's absolutely correct on that. All of us know it.

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For that, we as Members are responsible, not our staffs.

Jay Pierson has worked on the minority side and on the majority side, the Republican side of the aisle. But like so many of our staff, they work not for a party but for an institution created by our Founders to be the people's House, the House that is most responsive to the people because we are elected every 2 years. We're closest to the people in that respect. We need to seek their affirmation on a biennial basis, and they send to this House their neighbors, people whom they ask to come and reflect their views.

Jay Pierson has been, for the 30-plus years I've served with him in this House, my friend. He's been somebody whom I respect, someone who treated us all with respect and was willing to help all of us irrespective of what side of the aisle on which we serve. Since 1978, Jay Pierson has been an intimate and an important part of the House of Representatives.

Jay, I want to thank you. I want to thank you for your friendship. I want to thank you for your always-present civility, helpfulness, good humor, and advice and counsel. Few in this House know as much about this House as you do; and, therefore, on your retirement, we will miss you. But we wish you Godspeed, good health, and much success in the days to come.

Thank you, good friend.

Mr. WOODALL. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, it is my great pleasure to yield to our chairman of the Budget Committee, my good friend PAUL RYAN.

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the career and the retirement of Jay Pierson. We've been hearing from both sides of the aisle accolades for Jay. Jay has been the floor assistant to the Speaker, and I want to thank Jay for his 34 years of service to this Congress.

He began his career in Congress in 1978 by joining the office of Republican Leader John Rhodes, and has served three Speakers of the House during his career. I've had the opportunity to see Jay's contribution to the House during my nearly 14 years as a Member of Congress; and while he may work in the Speaker's office, he helps us all with our essential duty as legislators and he makes this place run well.

As the chairman of the Budget Committee, I have a responsibility to manage the budget legislation on the House floor. That can be a little tricky sometimes. You can always count on Jay to greet you with a smile on the House floor and to make sure things go well. In addition to his demeanor and his dedication, his institutional knowledge and expertise on floor procedure will be sorely missed. It's irreplaceable, that kind of experience that we've benefited from.

For all of the outstanding work that he has done in his 34-year career, we deeply appreciate Jay Pierson's long service to the United States House of Representatives, to Congress, and to the American people. We wish him the best in his retirement and his new opportunity to spend more time with his family. We are all better served by his service.

Mr. WOODALL. I thank the chairman.

At this time, it is my great pleasure to yield to one of my Rules Committee colleagues, the gentleman from Florida, ALCEE HASTINGS.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Thank you very much. I appreciate very

much, ROB, you giving us an opportunity to speak regarding Jay's service. I am especially grateful to you, Congressman WOODALL, for asking me to participate.

I met Jay 19 years ago. I've been in this institution now, this is my 20th year. Nineteen years ago, I had quintuple heart bypass surgery, and during the period of recuperation and rehabilitation, I did most of my work here on the floor for a protracted period of time and came to know Jay during that period of time. As has been said by Congressman RYAN and Minority Whip HOYER, the institution that Jay has served is critical and important for all of us, and most of the people that work here on the staff—the police officers, the people who report on and transcribe our words—go unrecognized year in and year out, even sometimes when they retire.

In this instance, we could do ourselves no less proud than to recognize that Jay began, as PAUL RYAN just said, in the office of Republican Leader John Rhodes, but he also served as assistant manager for Speaker Newt Gingrich, the floor assistant for Speaker Dennis Hastert, and has served as the floor assistant for then-Republican Leader JOHN BOEHNER and now Speaker JOHN BOEHNER. Jay is loyal, knowledgeable, efficient, fair, and one thing that I don't know how many of you have observed, he's also swift afoot. He can get from that cloakroom to this floor or to the Speaker's rostrum faster than anybody I've ever seen.

During the 19 years I've known him, we pass each other here in the institution, but one thing that is important is that we are constantly recognizing each other, and Jay does that with all of us. And one thing that I'm going to miss—I don't have many people that I can turn to—was he was always fair about giving me a clue about when we were going to leave this joint. And I'd ask him now: Jay, if you know—I'm coming over there to shake your hand. If you know when we're going to leave, tell me, please.

We wish you well, my friend, and Godspeed.

Mr. WOODALL. I thank the gentleman.

At this time, it's my great pleasure to yield to the Judiciary Committee chairman, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SMITH).

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Georgia for yielding me time.

Today we say good-bye to a friend and colleague and a friend on the House floor who has served Congress for more than three decades. I have known and appreciated Jay Pierson for many years. He's sitting to my right back here on the floor right now.

Jay has been an integral part of the daily activities on the House floor, serving as floor assistant to Speakers Gingrich, Hastert, and BOEHNER. It seems there isn't a question to which Jay doesn't know the answer—except

perhaps when we leave this week. Each time I see Jay on the floor, he is always informed and gives good advice.

Jay has served the House of Representatives with a smile on his face for the last 34 years. His expertise and enthusiasm will be missed. And we all wish him the best on his well-deserved retirement.

So, Jay, thank you again for all you've done for so many of us.

Mr. WOODALL. I thank the gentleman.

At this time, Mr. Speaker, it's my great pleasure to yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI).

Mr. PETRI. I thank my colleague for organizing this Special Order and rise just to say a word of thanks and appreciation to Jay Pierson for his 33-plus years of service to this institution and for what he represents.

Members of Congress stand in the well of the House, and I don't know how many people watch C-SPAN on national TV, but, in fact, this institution is sustained by dozens of individuals who work very quietly and for many years behind the scene both in the Speaker's office, the minority leader's office, the Parliamentarian's office, the Clerk's office, and so on, people who really dedicate their life to helping to make this great democratic institution function.

I'm reminded of something that Lyndon Johnson said years ago. He said when he came to Washington, he discovered that the definition of an expert on Social Security—which was a big issue, and still is—was someone who knew Wilbur Cohen's telephone number, because Wilbur Cohen was the guy who actually understood the program and could answer any question about it.

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And I think the definition of an expert on behavior on the floor of the House of Representatives and how to handle debate and amendments and all that is someone who knows Jay Pierson's telephone number or where he is or can reach him. He's helped me on numerous occasions managing various amendments and bills, and that's true of every Member of this House.

Jay, I appreciate you and your service, and I wish you very many years of success to come.

Mr. WOODALL. I thank the gentleman.

At this time, Mr. Speaker, it's my great pleasure to yield to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. UPTON), the chairman of the Commerce Committee.

Mr. UPTON. Thank you so much. And I rise with so many to honor a really good friend, Jay Pierson.

Years ago I came to this Capitol Hill as a congressional aide. I had the pleasure of working as a legislative aide at the White House, and then I headed Congressional Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget. And my job was what's going on; make sure my boss, the President of the United

States, in essence, knew what was going on. That meant I had to have a direct line right here.

And this was before C-SPAN. You couldn't turn on the TV and watch what's going on. Sorry.

And by the way, Mr. PETRI, there are 30 million people watching tonight as they let us honor Jay Pierson. But you had to know what's going on, and Jay was my contact. He was my link. He would let me know what was going on.

I have to say that when I probably surprised a few people and became a Member and actually had a voting card here, he still had my back. He really did. And there's probably not a week, probably not a week certainly when we've been in session, but even when we've been out of session, that I haven't called his office to find out what's going on and be able to share with my colleagues and really do the people's business.

We've had a great relationship, we really have. And just like he had my back, he had the back of every Member in this institution. He taught us the rules and the procedures, time on amendments, how to get things done.

When we took over the majority and actually had to run the Speaker's chair, he knew the rules then and walked us and guided us through those procedures. And frankly, he did it the way that our Founding Fathers wanted it to be done.

On our side of the aisle, he really followed folks who loved this institution, who really knew its rules, people like Billy Pitts and Ron Lasch and Jim Oliver and J.L. Cullen, and Peggy and Tim, who are here tonight. They care about not only the institution, but the people on both sides of the aisle to make sure that this place runs the way that it should.

There's an old saying, "It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice." Jay, you're both. You really are. You care about the people's House, the U.S. House of Representatives, and we are so grateful for your decades of service.

And yes, Jay, you look just the same. God bless.

Mr. WOODALL. I very much thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, at this time it's my great pleasure to yield to the new secretary of the Republican Conference, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX).

Ms. FOXX. I thank my colleague from Georgia for yielding time and giving me the opportunity to pay a very small tribute to Jay Pierson.

Mr. Speaker, it's with mixed emotions that I rise to join my colleagues in recognizing Jay Pierson, who's served the House of Representatives with dedication and vigor, vigor for the better part of 35 years.

Jay Pierson is practically an institution in and of himself. Members, staffers, former pages and multiple speakers of the House know Jay by name and are in awe of the breadth of his devo-

tion to this body and to the people it represents.

The stressful and often thankless duties of a leadership floor team are difficult, at best, for mere mortals. That Jay has managed the task for decades with such professionalism and kindness is truly laudable and a testament to him as a person.

For Members and legislative staff trying to make sense of House rules and procedures, Jay is a lifeline. He's helped me on numerous occasions, and I'll always be grateful for his wisdom and willingness to help Members.

Regardless of the challenges or niche details propelling a legislative cause, Jay can be counted on to know the ins and outs and apply both his encyclopedic knowledge and unmatched institutional expertise for the good of this body.

Whenever the House is gavelled in, Jay can be seen buzzing around the floor putting out fires before they start and doing more than his part to keep the trains running on time. And even when action on the floor of the House is slowed by the glacial pace of our Senate friends, Jay is still on duty, though in down moments he may stop occasionally to trade gardening tips with me and any other green thumbs who may be on the floor, or give us advice on the best books to be reading.

At the conclusion of this Congress, the House of Representatives will be saying goodbye to Jay Pierson as he moves on to the next chapter of service in his life.

Indeed, when he told me he was retiring, my response was, Jay, you're too young and you have too much energy. And while we're sad to lose him and will certainly notice his absence on the floor, we recognize the length of Jay's investment.

As a body, we cannot adequately express our thanks for the years of contributions Jay has made to the House of Representatives. But as an individual Member who's been well served by Jay's hard work and consistency, I would like to thank him.

And to the entire Pierson family, I would like to extend my best wishes for what the future holds.

Mr. Speaker, Jay Pierson's contributions to this body and to our country will not soon be forgotten.

Mr. WOODALL. I thank the gentle lady for her words.

Mr. Speaker, at this time it's my great pleasure to yield to the gentle lady from Florida, Chairwoman ROS-LEHTINEN.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Thank you so much. And I thank the gentleman for arranging this for us.

And I also rise to commemorate the 34 years of Jay Pierson's career as a member of the Republican cloakroom, the Republican floor staff, the Speaker's Office. He's held many positions.

But the 113th Congress, Mr. Speaker, will suffer due to his retirement, and Members on both sides of the aisle will certainly feel his absence.

By the time I came to the U.S. House of Representatives, Jay was already a seasoned veteran of the archaic world of House parliamentary procedures. To this day, never far from Jay's side is his Jefferson's Manual of Rules, with its well-marked pages and notes written in the margins.

His historical expertise and institutional knowledge will not easily be replicated. Precious few know this House better, and what we are losing is substantial.

But Jay is far more than just a fountain of institutional knowledge; he is a familiar and comforting figure here on the floor, even though many of us still don't recognize him without his iconic mustache. I still see it in his face, John Bolton style.

But Jay is renowned for his personable nature, for his grace, for his patience, for his helpful nature. Jay's energy and vitality are hard to match, as is his deep love of classical music that is always coming from his office.

I consider myself incredibly fortunate for having had the privilege of working with Jay Pierson over these many years. And I thank you, Jay, for your service, but most especially, for your friendship. You are a true professional, and your shoes will be hard to fill.

And not only do I no longer leave my papers on our chairs because I have grown to admire your fastidious nature, but I now find myself chastising other Members who absentmindedly leave papers behind. So you taught me well, Jay. You taught us all well.

Godspeed.

Mr. WOODALL. I thank the chairwoman. I could see Mr. Pierson reaching out for his beloved Jefferson Manual as she was going through those words.

At this time, Mr. Speaker, it's my great pleasure to yield to the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BACHUS), the chairman of the Financial Services Committee.

Mr. BACHUS. I thank the gentleman from Georgia.

Someone has said that Congress is a place where, when someone gets up to speak, no one listens, but then everyone disagrees.

Well, there was one person that had to listen, had to listen the entire time, and that was Jay Pierson. He was selected by three different speakers—Speaker Gingrich, Speaker Hastert, and Speaker BOEHNER—to have what was really an awesome obligation. He is truly a man behind the scenes.

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As chairman and ranking member of the Financial Services Committee for the last 8 years, we have brought many pieces of important legislation to the floor during the financial meltdown, during the flash crash, during other times of financial stress. Our committee is known for working in a bipartisan way. But that doesn't work all the time. And when I show up and ask

for his advice, Jay often says, The Financial Services Committee is bringing a bill. Things are fixing to get messy. Let me say this. Jay, because you were here, things didn't get as messy as they otherwise would.

I, along with every Member of this body, have relied on you for your advice and your guidance; and I, too, along with every other Member, consider you not only a professional, but a friend. So thank you for your 34 years of wonderful service.

Mr. WOODALL. I thank the chairman, Mr. Speaker.

At this time it's my great pleasure to yield to a cardinal on the Appropriations Committee, my good friend from Georgia (Mr. KINGSTON).

Mr. KINGSTON. Thank you, Mr. WOODALL. And I certainly join everything that has been said about Jay Pierson already, but I'm going to say it from my point of view.

My daughter is in a rock and roll band, and one of her great frustrations is trying to get everybody in sync. Well, that's what Jay Pierson does here on the House floor. With all these 435 egos and all the parts and all the things that go on behind the scenes, he seems to be the conductor that gets everything running in a harmonious fashion. He's here early. I've never been able to beat him. I don't know what time he goes home at night. He stays very, very late.

Whatever the subject matter is, he seems to be on top of it from a legislative and substantive point of view, then from a parliamentary point of view. He seems to know what the timing is. He knows the history of it. If there's a meltdown, he knows how to get out of it, because it seems like he's been there before. He listens to the speakers even when no one else seems to be speaking. And 2 or 3 weeks later he will say, You remember that speech you made? Is that right? It appears that he remembers that. I just have to thank him for his professionalism in that manner.

I have to say this to Mr. Pierson. I want to say this on a very personal level. I've been married 33 years. I'm proud to be a Member of Congress, but I'm more proud that I've been able to be married 33 years and I've raised four kids. Jay, I have to say, you played a part in it. Because as a father of four, sometimes the most important thing that can take place on the House floor interferes with your most important role of being a daddy. And sometimes knowing if you're going to be out on Thursday on Friday, will we get out at 2 o'clock so I can catch that 2:30 flight, will there be a delay, and what votes are coming up, it means so much on those small but very important things called birthdays and anniversaries and school plays and football games. And, Jay, I can tell you, in my 20 years in Congress, my attendance at those things hasn't been 100 percent, but it's been a heck of a lot better than it would have been without your advice and counsel.

So on behalf of the Kingston family—my four kids and my wife, Libby—we appreciate your friendship and we appreciate the extra value added because of your public service to all of our families.

Thank you. May God bless you and the road that lies ahead for you.

Mr. WOODALL. I thank the gentleman for his words.

At this time it's my great pleasure to yield to my friend from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT).

Mr. GOHMERT. Thank you, Mr. WOODALL.

I know it's time to honor Jay Pierson, but it's really a sad time for me. Over my 8 years, I don't know of anybody I've spent more time with all these evenings on the floor. Of course, for the last 2 years, we were going until midnight most nights and I was usually here with Jay Pierson.

I know Jay was not a Boy Scout, but as someone who is an Eagle Scout, I know that we're taught that the ultimate in life is to be trustworthy. I don't know of anybody on Capitol Hill that is more trustworthy than Jay Pierson, loyal and yet courteous and kind. Jay Pierson has been a true friend. And to have somebody who knows what goes on, knows the rules, we can disagree about the rules, but I can come to him and know I have the institutional memory right there with me. That has been such a huge help, just knowing when I did need information, I could call Jay and I would have whatever I needed.

So, Jay, I know that you're going to be better off without us, but we're certainly not going to be better off without Jay Pierson. I also know that nobody serves in Congress without loved ones missing and suffering because of an absence of time with them. So we know it's kind of like when I was in the military: my wife knew well that it's not just one person who serves. So as Jay Pierson served all these years in Congress, there's no question his wife served as well. We'll be forever grateful to her and very thankful for the sacrifice that she's made all those nights when Jay would rather have been at home, would rather have been with her, and instead he's with some bald-headed goose down at the Capitol.

To Jay Pierson, there's not enough words, not enough times that we can say thank you that will cover all that you have done for us. Nonetheless, that's the word we come down to: thank you. May God bless you for blessing all the rest of us.

Mr. WOODALL. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, at this time it's my great pleasure to yield to my friend from North Carolina (Mr. JONES).

Mr. JONES. I thank the gentleman from Georgia.

I came here in 1995 with Newt Gingrich—at that time, the largest class, until this last one. I had served in the North Carolina House of Representatives for 10 years. I thought I knew a

little something about Congress, but those first few months that we were here we had the Contract with America and we were changing the way we did things in Washington and the things we did in this country. I got to meet Jay Pierson. Because, quite frankly, I couldn't figure out what I was doing up here.

We would come in and work until 10, 11, 12:00 at night and I would see this gentleman with a mustache that seemed to know the leadership, whether it was Newt Gingrich or another Speaker, and always seemed to have the ear of that Speaker. I couldn't quite figure out who this person was.

So over a period of time, I reached out and we started chatting and talked about the different things of what was happening on the floor and what Members were doing, especially we freshmen. But what really seemed to tie us together was we both played basketball. I didn't go as far as Jay did. I think Jay played varsity basketball at his college in California. I played a little freshman basketball at NC State. But the ACC got us together talking about basketball. You can't always talk about policy here on the floor of the House. If you did, you'd go crazy. So Jay and I had that little time together to talk about ACC basketball. He was always pulling for UCLA, and I was pulling for Duke or one of the other colleges.

Well, one thing that Jay did a few months ago, before I found out he was retiring, he actually showed me a photograph of him taking a jump shot. And it's pretty good form, I must say. And I was about the same age, a little bit older. In college, he wore the knee socks. It was a pretty fancy uniform at those times.

But, Jay, I appreciate the friendship that I think you've extended not only to me but to so many Members on the Democratic side as well as the Republican side. As LOUIE said just a moment ago, it's going to be a sad day when we come back in January and there's no Jay Pierson. I know that for you and your wife, JoAnne, it's time that you all decided that you wanted to do some other things than to be stuck here late at night so many times during a session. But I can say that you will sorely be missed. I don't think you can really be replaced. I say that from the bottom of my heart. Oh, yes, we can all be replaced. There's no question about it. But when it comes down to it, you are a man that has patience and that shows the ability to listen and to try to guide Members of Congress, whether they be freshman or senior Members.

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We will miss you sorely, as I just stated, but you will never be forgotten by those of us who have had the privilege to serve with you.

I hope and I pray that God will give you and your wife many, many more years of life and enjoyment because you have certainly earned it, because

you have served not only the United States House of Representatives, but you have served us, you have served the people of our district, as well as helping us be better Members of Congress.

So with that, I will close by asking God to please bless you and your family, and may God continue to bless the House of Representatives. Jay Pierson, you will be in our hearts until the day we die. God bless you.

Mr. WOODALL. I thank the gentleman for his words.

Mr. Speaker, at this time it's my great pleasure to yield to the gentleman from California, the chairman of the Ways and Means Health Subcommittee, Mr. HERGER.

Mr. HERGER. I thank my good friend.

How wonderful it is to be able to sit here and listen to all these incredibly warm remarks from people who, like myself, know and love Jay Pierson. And there's a reason for that. Jay, you're one of the best of the best.

It's hard to believe that 26 years comes and goes so very, very quickly, but it was 26 years ago when I first came here. Of course you come here and you're excited and you've come here with a dream because of our great country and to preserve our Constitution, but boy, there's a lot to learn. There's a lot of hallways to figure out. There's a lot of procedures to try to figure out how to work our way through. Jay, you were always there. You were there, for a guy like myself, that I could come up to on the QT. It seems like we were always someplace where we just asked Jay: What do we do with this? When are we voting next? What is this vote on? What are the procedures coming up next? No matter what the question, Jay Pierson had the correct answer in a way that even a freshman or one that was new learning could understand.

Of course, also, we have something else in common, the Pacific Ocean, California, another Californian like myself.

But Jay, you have been such a friend, not just to my colleagues, but to me. That says a lot about you. There isn't any way to express our appreciation to you enough but to say thank you, thank you, thank you. You have made my tenure here so much more successful and enjoyable because I had someone there, kind of a shining star up there. If I wasn't quite sure how to navigate my way around this floor, I could always go to Jay. You knew what was coming up next, when it was coming up, an estimate of when we were going to vote the next time, so on and so forth. So, Jay, thank you. Thank you for being a friend.

I'm sure each of us felt the same way I did. It was like, Gee, I think I'm Jay's best friend. I think every one of us felt that way because, indeed, Jay, that's how you did treat each of us because that's the way you are. So, Jay, thank you.

It's interesting. When we were both talking, I mentioned that I was retiring; you were letting me know you're retiring at the same time.

Well, anyway, best of luck to you. Thank you for serving this great Nation of ours in the way that you have. Thank you for assisting people like myself—and there has been hundreds, many hundreds of us whom you've assisted over the years—I should put that into perhaps the thousands. We will be eternally grateful. Good luck to you. God bless you. God bless your family.

Mr. WOODALL. I thank the gentleman from California.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, it's my great pleasure to yield to my friend from Alabama (Mr. ADERHOLT).

Mr. ADERHOLT. I want to thank the gentleman from Georgia for the time.

Mr. Speaker, I'd also like to rise this evening to pay tribute to one of our colleagues who's played a critical role—as has been said here tonight, a behind-the-scenes role—here in the House of Representatives for many years, of course, the man, Jay Pierson.

As it's been noted here tonight, Jay has been a floor assistant to the top Republicans here in the House since '86, serving Republican Leader Bob Michel, Newt Gingrich, Speaker Hastert, current Speaker JOHN BOEHNER, and even prior to that, of course, worked as floor assistant to the Journal Clerk for Republican Leader John Rhodes and assistant manager for the Republican Cloakroom. His experience has really been invaluable to all of us that serve here in the House of Representatives.

Jay is known for his vast knowledge of the rules, for his vast knowledge of the traditions and history and the procedures of the House of Representatives. He has been a teacher and a coach to so many Members of Congress over the years, and we are grateful to the dedication that he has given this institution over the past 34 years.

Jay was born in Santa Barbara, California, and of course graduated from Westmont College. Most don't realize that Jay has a master's degree and a Ph.D in English literature from California State University and University of Maryland, respectively. He and his wife, JoAnne, have two grown sons, Joel and Jeff. But Jay is also a man of faith, and he is a man who has his priorities in the right place.

Several years ago, he told his college alumni magazine that politics must be secondary to faith and to life. Ultimate answers don't lie in politics. No matter what we do or legislate, we won't solve all the problems. The issues are incredibly complex. Jay is someone who understands the importance of the legislative process; however, he also realizes that the ultimate answers are not found here.

Jay and JoAnne have been active members in their church, and that's where I've gotten to know both him and JoAnne even better over the years. I have found Jay to be, as mentioned

here by several Members here tonight, as the go-to guy when it comes to floor operations here in the House of Representatives. He is someone who is dependable and someone that, if he doesn't know the answer, can point you in the right direction where you can find the answer.

Thirty-four years is a long time to work in one institution, but I think his commitment to that 34 years tells you about his commitment in general and his dedication in general. All of us here in the House will miss Jay, but having worked in this place for over 34 years, I hope that he will be back to visit quite often.

So, Mr. Speaker, we wish Jay Pierson all the best in the next chapter of his life.

Mr. WOODALL. I thank the gentleman for his words about Dr. Jay Pierson.

At this time, it's my great pleasure, Mr. Speaker, to yield to the gentlelady from Illinois (Mrs. BIGGERT), a distinguished public servant.

Mrs. BIGGERT. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute one of the hardest working and longest serving staff members in Congress, Jay Pierson.

More than any other, Jay's is the face that I associate with the House floor. He is the man who keeps the debate moving, who tells us where to go and when to vote, and teaches new Members the rules of the road.

No one knows the procedures of the House better. He has kept the clockwork of the American democracy ticking ahead with the precision of a symphony conductor, and he has done it all with a steady, patient grace that has earned him the friendship and respect of everyone on this floor.

I know everyone who works on or watches the House floor will miss Jay's daily presence. He is an institution and a source of procedural wisdom that few, if any, could hope to match. I'm honored to have served alongside of him and thankful for all the time that he has helped me to make it to the floor on time, catch the votes, deliver a speech, or just know when the gavel is coming down.

Like me, Jay is probably looking forward to spending some quality time with his family and away from the daily grind of the legislative business, and I wish him a long and happy retirement.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I'd just like to thank him for his long service and for being a reliable friend behind the scenes to so many Members of the House.

Mr. WOODALL. I thank the gentlelady.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, it's my great pleasure to yield to a friend and mentor, the gentleman from the great State of Georgia, Dr. TOM PRICE.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. I thank my colleague from Georgia for the time as well as organizing this, and I rise to

join my colleagues in their praise of Jay Pierson.

What a great guy—thoughtful, knowledgeable, calm, respectful, resourceful. Whenever anyone needs anything to make this House run better, Jay is there.

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We are all so incredibly fortunate to have worked alongside Jay Pierson, a man whose commitment to our country is unquestioned. And as he starts on a new journey and chapter in his life, we thank Jay for his integrity and his commitment to serving this House and our Nation.

May your days be filled with joy and with accomplishment. Congratulations on your retirement, and God bless you.

Mr. WOODALL. I thank my friend from Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, it's my great pleasure to yield to a colleague on the Rules Committee, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. BISHOP).

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Thank you, the gentleman from Georgia. It's my pleasure to be here as part of this tribute to Jay Pierson and everything that he has done.

I met Jay Pierson the first day I was in the session when there were about three of us who came on to the floor and sat over I think where the staffers are sitting right now, just to watch what was taking place on the floor. Jay came over to us and said, if you all want to speak, you've got about 7 minutes left. I was shocked at that time to imagine that somebody would actually come on the floor and speak without any preparation or without knowing the complete details of any of the bills we're debating on the floor. I have learned much since that time, and much of what I have learned is by watching Jay's protection of this institution, this floor, the procedures, the protocols and the order that we have.

He also helped me out individually by introducing me to Chesterton and giving me a couple of books by him that I had the opportunity of reading. I hope I have given most of them back by now. But in addition to that, his book on orthodoxy, he once wrote:

Tradition means giving votes to the most obscure of all classes, our ancestors. There are many who object to being disqualified by accident of birth. Tradition objects to their being disqualified by accident of death.

The ideas that we have here are those that keep us going as a group. He also wrote in that same book that if you free a camel from its hump, he is no longer a camel. I am not saying that Jay Pierson is a hump, but my fear is that once this institution is free of Jay Pierson, we may not necessarily be the same institution that we were before.

I want to give my appreciation for everything that you have done for the House and for this country, and I want you to know that I am taking you up on the offer to go through this building and learn some of the history that you

know and I need to learn. Thank you, and God bless.

Mr. WOODALL. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, it's my pleasure to yield to a friend and colleague, the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. KING).

Mr. KING of Iowa. I thank the gentleman from Georgia for yielding and for leading this Special Order to honor Jay Pierson. I'm sitting here, I'm glad I've had an opportunity to listen to the other Members talk about Jay Pierson's service to this Congress and this country, and I'm wondering how do I make sense of this?

Thirty-four years. Well, Mr. Speaker, 34 years ago, there was a lady that opened up a convenience store in my little old town of Kiron, Iowa. She began accumulating knowledge about the community and what went on around that community. And if you want to know who ran for mayor in '78 or when the place burned down down the street or why there isn't a parking meter or a stoplight in the town, you can ask her, and she'll know. If you want to know contemporary actions, who's working in what field, she'll know.

It's the same thing here. There's one person that knows the organism of the House of Representatives, that understands it intuitively, that knows the history, has lived it, and it's one thing to catch up with things intellectually, Mr. Speaker, but it's another thing to feel it in your instinct and in your bones and in your guts. Jay Pierson's got all of that.

On top of that, he's had to listen to me as much as anybody over the last 10 years, and for that I do come to the floor to apologize, Jay, for putting you through that long, grueling night all the way up to midnight night after night after night. But I couldn't have done that without your excellent help.

Mr. Speaker, actually Jay would correct me and say I need to address you, Mr. Speaker. I couldn't have done it without Jay Pierson's excellent help. And I don't know that he has memorized every cell phone number of every Member of the House of Representatives, I just know he's memorized mine. And I know, Mr. Speaker, that when I'm off doing some of those things, as JACK KINGSTON said, family events and whatever, not only does Jay know what's said on the floor, not only does he know about the procedures, the amendment, the rules and the history of how we got to this place, but he understands the rhythm of the place, and he listens to all the words.

On top of that, he's got the voice inflections down where, Mr. Speaker, he knows when a speaker is winding down, when he's about ready to finish up and it's time to hustle to the floor before the gavel falls. He might also let you know, I think this person is going to go on quite a while, so take a deep breath, and there will be time. And he'll tell you just when. And you'd better listen,

Mr. Speaker. When I thought I could push those limits a little bit, I got here a little late. When I listened exactly to Jay Pierson, I got here with just the right amount the time.

That's an example in my little tenure here in these 10 years of how all of these Members of Congress have benefited so much from 34 years of accumulated knowledge—irreplaceable knowledge, irreplaceable service, irreplaceable spirit here—and I congratulate, Mr. Speaker, Jay Pierson for that 34-year career here in the House of Representatives, the impression he's made on all of us and his great respect for this institution of the United States America.

God bless you, Jay, and Godspeed.

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Iowa.

At this time, it's my privilege to yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. OLSON).

Mr. OLSON. I want to thank my colleague from Georgia for taking a leadership role and hosting this Special Order to thank our friend, Jay Pierson, for 34 years of service to the House.

In a prior life, I was a United States naval aviator. In that job, I needed a wingman, someone who is right behind you protecting you from threats you can't see. A wingman is always checking your "six," the spot directly behind. His job is not about him, it's about making sure I complete my mission.

For the 4 years I've been in Congress, my wingman on the floor has been Jay Pierson. It started out with simple jobs, like showing me where the restrooms were. It grew to much more important jobs, like advising me on floor procedure and giving me accurate information about the floor schedule so my wife and kids would know when Daddy was coming home.

I realized what a great wingman Jay was about 2 weeks ago. I stood right here on this floor paying tribute to a fellow Texan, RALPH HALL. I was flying solo without my wingman, Jay Pierson. I had this poster with me, and six others, notice the yellow post-it note on it that said "Olson." Every poster I had has a yellow post-it on it that said "Olson." Without my wingman, I took off with a flawed presentation. I didn't crash and burn over the post-it notes, but I got some flack from my staff for my ineptitude.

In 2013, I'll be flying solo without Jay. I'll miss my wingman. But I'm thankful for the 4 years I've had with him.

As we say in the Navy, Jay, Bravo Zulu, well done. May you and your family have fair winds and following seas.

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, at this time, it's my great pleasure to yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON).

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. I want to thank the gentleman from Georgia for hosting this hour and an opportunity to recognize and thank a

good friend, Jay Pierson, who started his work in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1978 in the Office of the Journal Clerk under then-Majority Leader John Rhodes, where he learned the intricacies of the House and legislative procedures while keeping official minutes in this Chamber.

In 1979, he began working in the Republican Cloakroom, where he remained for 7 years before beginning a new position as floor assistant to the Republican Leader in 1986. Since then, Jay has served, as many have said, as floor assistant to three Speakers of the House, including Newt Gingrich, Denny Hastert and the current Speaker, JOHN BOEHNER.

In a career that has spanned almost 35 years, Jay has served an invaluable role for so many Members in helping them to learn the ways of the U.S. House of Representatives, and I'm proud to be among those who have benefited from Jay's service and friendship and his leadership.

But Jay isn't just known for his expertise in parliamentary procedure. Jay is known to be an individual of substance and distinct professionalism. In fact, I personally would say he is the embodiment of a professional, which is why he is respected by Members on both sides of the aisle.

You wouldn't know it if you saw him in action, but Jay never expected to work in politics. He earned a B.A. in English literature from Westmont College, an M.A. in English literature from California State University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Maryland. But life works in mysterious ways. Regardless, the U.S. House of Representatives has been blessed to have such a talented professional to help guide this institution.

Thank you, Jay Pierson, for your life of service to the U.S. Congress. This body and all of its Members wish you well in your retirement.

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GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, I know there are so many Members who could not be here tonight and wanted to be here. So I'd like to ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of this Special Order.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, so often in this town, they say, Everything has been said, but not everyone has said it. That's not the case here with Member after Member after Member talking about Dr. Jay Pierson. The gentleman from California had it right: everybody on this floor thinks they're Jay's best friend; everybody on this floor feels that personal relationship and that personal bond; yet everyone who has come to the floor tonight has taught

me something new about Jay that I did not know.

When I first came to this Chamber, Mr. Speaker, just 2 years ago, I was a little nervous. It's an intimidating job to walk out on the House floor for the very first time. And my mentor and friend, former-Congressman John Linder, came to me and he said, RoB, if you get worried, if you get into trouble, don't worry. Jay will be there.

I think about how in one way or another, over 34 years, how many young, frightened, yet enthusiastic, public servants have been comforted with those words: Don't worry. If you get into trouble, Jay Pierson will be there. This new incoming freshman class is going to miss those comforting words, and this incoming freshman class, along with 435 of the rest of us, are going to miss Jay Pierson.

I want to thank Dr. Pierson, Mr. Speaker, for his long, diligent, but most importantly, cheerful service that is an example that we could all learn from, and I hope that we do.

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

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues in paying tribute to Jay Pierson, who is retiring after nearly 35 years of service to this institution.

What sets the people's House apart is its people—the dedicated staff members who give so much of their time and energy, and how they, too, reflect the diversity of this body. For instance, a PhD in English Literature who enjoys classical music may make for an unlikely fixture amid all the commotion on the House floor. But Jay Pierson has been patrolling these aisles like a natural for the better part of three decades, dating back to Bob Michel's days as Republican Leader.

As a floor assistant, Jay's primary responsibility is to make sure he can answer just about any question members may have about a particular bill or vote. When you think about all the business before this body, that is a tall task, and one Jay fulfills with grace, precision, and much-appreciated brevity. Each of us would like to think we have all the answers, but Jay actually does, and so seeking out his counsel has become second nature.

While the floor may sometimes die down, Jay's day never does. He has to keep track of papers, call committee staff to get them to the floor, track amendments, retrieve statements, assist members who are trying to request a vote or get the attention of the chair—Jay does it all. His work is the percussion of the people's House—that steady drumbeat of activity that keeps everyone together and on course.

The House owes a great debt of gratitude to Jay, and to his lovely wife of 43 years, JoAnn. Not only has she shared Jay with us through all the late nights and long sessions, but it was JoAnn who actually introduced this future English professor to Capitol Hill.

While this may not have been Jay's original calling, his record of service to the House is a testament to that most common bond among us: the call to serve Jay is a man of faith, an active member of his church.

When asked about his job, here's what Jay said:

Most of us are called to be in secular jobs where our performance is part of our witness. Instead of looking for a career in a specifically Christian field, graduates should look for careers which suit their individual talents and desires. Witness of God's work in their lives will come with a job well done.

Jay has certainly done his job well, and served this House nobly. I thank him for his service., and wish him and his family all the best.

PROTECTING MEDICARE AND REBUILDING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

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

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of tonight's Special Order.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. GARAMENDI. Before I get into the issues that I want to talk about, I want to also reach out to Jay. Since nobody from this side of the aisle has yet spoken, I'd like to do so.

About 3 years ago, I started doing Special Order hours, and always Jay would come up to me during the floor session and ask me what we had planned and share with me the Republican plans for the Special Order hour. And we'd work it out: Will you take the full hour, yes or no? Probably 40 minutes, maybe less. That was so we would have a smooth transition from the Republican Special Order hour or the other way around, Democrat to Republican. It has been a great pleasure to work with you, Jay. You do a great job here.

I could echo everything that's been said, but I really don't know all of the intricacies on your side. I do know that when they involve our side of the aisle, you're there to make it a smooth transition and to make it work. It was a pleasure working with you, and I'll miss you along with, I'm sure, every other Member of this House. So Godspeed and best wishes to you in your retirement.

Thank you very much, Jay.

Many things have happened over the last several days. We've got the fiscal cliff, but we've also had not only the retirement of very special people in the lives of the House of Representatives and the Senate, but also the recent death of Senator INOUE, which marks the passage of the generation that fought in World War II.

I've been asked, and I'll gladly yield whatever time our colleague, COLLEEN HANABUSA of Hawaii, would like to take in memory of an extraordinary Senator.

I had the pleasure of working with him in the mid-90s when I was the Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior. We were working on the Native Hawaiian lands issues. He was a remarkable individual, one that not only understood the intricacies of that very complex situation, but also had enormous passion for the Native Hawaiians.

So tonight I yield whatever time she might want to take to COLLEEN HANABUSA, our colleague from the great State of Hawaii.

IN MEMORY OF SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE

Ms. HANABUSA. Thank you very much to the gentleman from California.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary person who has shaped and defined what my home State, Hawaii, is today, a State which is unique and as special as the person I honor.

The person I rise to honor is DANIEL K. INOUE, a person who cannot be described by a single adjective, a person whose accomplishments would cause you to pause and ask, Is this one person? Is this one man? This is a person who was awarded the greatest honor anyone who serves in the military can achieve, the Congressional Medal of Honor.

But it was an honor about 55 years late from a country that questioned his loyalty due to the fact that he was an American of Japanese ancestry; a person who could not get a haircut after being severely wounded and giving his arm in battle because he looked like the enemy; a person who insisted that instead of being bitter, he would dedicate his life to doing all he can to right social inequities and discrimination of all kinds. To do this, he became a part of the Democratic revolution that took control of Hawaii's territorial legislature. Remember, back then, Hawaii was run by the plantation bosses, and it was the Democratic revolution that shifted the power base.

He is also a person who served his territorial government, his State, and his Nation for a period of time just short of 60 years; a person who came to Congress and was recognized by his peers to serve and chair various committees, the most recent the Senate Appropriations Committee, along with being President pro tempore and on historic investigation committees like Watergate and Iran Contra. Imagine, Mr. Speaker, what he has seen. Imagine more so what brilliance and skills he possessed to serve so effectively for all these years. He has left such a mark on Hawaii.

Hawaii is the home of the Pacific Command. There is no question in my mind that the pivot to Asia-Pacific is possible because of his vision, a vision shared by the President; a vision which is made possible by the Senator's strong commitment to entities such as the East-West Center and his placement of the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Hawaii so that the whole Pacific benefits.

Hawaii's military importance goes without saying, as the investments made to Pearl Harbor, the Pacific Missile Range Facility, PACOM, Schofield, Hickam, Kaneohe Marine Corps, Pohakuloa, just to name a few, were all part of his plan on how to stabilize Hawaii's economy and this Nation and the world.

The Senator recognized that the future for Hawaii is getting off our dependence on fossil fuels, a conversation, by the way, that we had at the last delegation meeting which he chaired where he made it very clear that this was his priority. He was, as you can expect, already ahead of everyone because he had been funding research and development in this area for years.

He also knew that education was critical to our success and insisted on ensuring that the University of Hawaii be the land, sea, and space grant institution that it is—one of the few institutions that has all three designations.

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But the person I will miss the most is the man who always said "Just call me DAN" to whomever he met. It didn't matter who it was. It was "just call me DAN"—the person who shared stories about the values he was raised with, which I think was his way of giving us a glimpse of what he was made of.

At his 88th birthday party—88 is a very significant birthday, especially among the Japanese community—he shared the story of his father and a carp—yes, the fish, carp. His father told him to be like a carp, fighting as hard as you can as the carp did, but when it was time to die, you died with dignity.

The Senator did exactly that, but then you would expect nothing less from the person of whom no one word can describe, a person who did not want buildings named after him. He just wanted to be remembered as someone who represented the people of Hawaii honestly and to the best of his ability. When asked for his assessment of how he did, he just basically said, "I think I did okay."

Senator, if what you did is just "okay," the rest of us are failing because not one of us can measure up to your standard of okay.

Mr. Speaker, you have no idea how we in Hawaii are so anxious because we do not know how to make up for our loss. We will not have him, Senator INOUE, to rely upon to make things okay. The Senator said "aloha" as his last word.

We can only say "aloha" and "mahalo" to you, Senator, and to Irene, Kenny, and Maggie for sharing you with us.

Mr. GARAMENDI. The eulogy that was just given is most appropriate. There are men and women of extraordinary talent that have served in this Capitol, and certainly, Senator INOUE fits that. There is also a fiscal cliff out there, and I know the Senator was