

issues, I always knew him to be a man of principle and decency, and I never doubted his commitment to the people of his State and to doing what he believed was right.

One of the few times we found ourselves on the same side came when our mutual friend, the late Senator Ted Stevens, asked us both for help when his character was called into question. Politically speaking, participating in Senator Stevens' trial held no benefit for Senator INOUE. It would have been easy for Senator INOUE to deny his friend's request, and few would have blamed him for it. But that wasn't how Senator INOUE operated. Rather than letting a friend fend for himself, Senator INOUE showed great loyalty and characteristic integrity in his willingness to testify to his friend's good character, and put his own reputation on the line in service of a friend. And I had a similar privilege.

Both Senator INOUE and I were mystified by what happened in that trial, and we were justified in our mystification when, finally, they had to admit it was a trial that should never have been brought. All I can say is I remember him testifying and I testified after he did, and I would mention that Colin Powell also testified as to Ted Stevens' character. All three of us felt this was a besmirchment of a truly honorable and decent man.

Once again, I am proud to have been Senator INOUE's colleague, but I am more proud and more pleased to have been his friend over all these years. He actually showed me a great deal of concern, showed me a great deal of friendship, and spent time with me when I needed particular help, and was there in many ways for not just me but for others as well, one of the kindest, most decent, and honorable people I have ever met. I express my deepest sympathies to his wife and family and their many, many friends.

DANIEL INOUE left an indelible mark on the Nation he loved so much and he will surely be missed. Aloha, my friend.

SENATOR PAT LEAHY

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I wanted to compliment Senator LEAHY, who now is the President pro tempore of the Senate.

I have served with PAT LEAHY all my 35 years. He is a strong, intelligent, hard-working Senator, and I am sure he will fill this position in every way it can possibly be filled.

I know he, like I, is sad that we lost Senator INOUE, but Senator LEAHY will be a worthy successor and he will have my support. I hope everything goes well for him in this transition and in this new opportunity he has.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maryland.

REMEMBERING SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I too rise to pay tribute to the great Senator DANIEL INOUE.

First, I want to express my deep and most heartfelt condolences to Senator INOUE's family, his wife Irene, his daughter Jennifer, his son Ken, Ken's wife Jessica, and their lovely little granddaughter Maggie. And to the people of Hawaii, also our condolences, because he loved them dearly, and they reciprocated by sending him time and time back to the Senate. I also want to express condolences to his very able and capable staff, the other INOUE family, many of whom were among the longest serving staff in the Senate, who were devoted to helping him help the people of Hawaii and helping the people of America. Hawaii and the Nation have lost a great hero and a true patriot, and I have lost a real good friend.

Senator INOUE was one of the great men of the Senate who welcomed me and helped me get started when I first came to the Senate. It is well known that I was the first Democratic woman elected in her own right. When I came to the Senate there was only one other woman, Senator Nancy Kassebaum of Kansas. But I said this, and I say today, though I was the only Democratic woman, though I was all by myself: I was never alone because I had great men in the U.S. Senate who helped me get started and mentored me and taught me how to be an effective Senator.

Senator INOUE was in a group of those men who in the warmest, most generous, most helpful way welcomed me to the U.S. Senate. He helped me get on the powerful Appropriations Committee. He was my teacher. He was my mentor.

He also had a wonderful way of communicating with all of us. And as each new class of Senators—and each new class of women Senators arrived—he welcomed each and every one of us with the same warmth and generosity he showed to me.

We have a saying among us, the women of the Senate, which is that men of quality always stand up for us women fighting for equality. And DAN INOUE was there every step of the way. When we wanted equal pay for equal work, he was there. When we wanted to be included in the protocols at NIH and establish an Office of Women's Health, he was there, issue after issue.

Last year, I had the wonderful honor of traveling to the Middle East with Senator INOUE, and he admired the pin that I have on today. It is an eagle that many of the women in the Senate wear. There are those of various styles, of which we have a little collection. This one is from the Smithsonian. He said, I love it. It is so pretty. I want to get one for my wife.

Well, I don't know if Senator INOUE ever got it for his wife Irene, but I say to my colleagues today, at an appro-

priate time, on behalf of the women of the U.S. Senate, I will present this pin to Mrs. Inoue in honor of her husband, our gift to her, because he gave so many gifts to us.

He was a lion in the Senate, a real American hero. Although gentle in style, he was a fierce warrior when it came to fighting for his Nation or standing up for Hawaii.

When he received his Medal of Honor, he was rising to the call of the sirens of Pearl Harbor, volunteering to serve his country, putting aside his own dreams to be a physician. But he went on to be a healer of many wounds. He was decorated in World War II for saving his fellow soldiers.

My experience with Senator INOUE as a friend was that he was a devoted, dedicated public servant. He was Hawaii's first representative of the Nation's newest State. He was the first person of Japanese heritage ever to be elected to the Senate. Imagine, he himself knew what it was like to break barriers and to break boundaries. When he came to the Senate, he cherished his love for Hawaii and its people. He fought tirelessly to improve their lives.

His style was one of absolute civility. He was the one who believed that the decorum of the Senate enabled the Senate to do the people's business. He was the essence of civility, and he showed that often good manners was good politics, and that led to good politics. He did not argue the loudest; instead, he worked diligently. He marshaled his arguments and with quiet determination won the day.

As a fellow appropriator, I saw that he loved his earmarks. He liked earmarks. And what did he do with those earmarks? I can tell you. He made sure that we looked out for Indian tribes. He made sure we looked out for the poorest of the poor in Hawaii. He cleaned up a superfund site that had been left by an old agricultural legacy. And he made sure that children who needed help were able to get the education they needed in a small community setting who might not have been able to do it.

Yes, he was the old school. And it was the old school that should teach us a lesson or two.

As a member of the Appropriations Committee for 41 years, he led us by example. He came in 1971 and became the chairman in 2009. Leading by example, he showed how we can accomplish great things by working together. He saw we could have a stronger country, a stronger economy, and yet have a sense of frugality. He treated the minority party with great respect.

All have spoken about his legendary friendship with Senator Ted Stevens, another World War II hero. But now, as Senator COCHRAN, serving as the ranking member—he called him his vice chairman, and I know he was ready to reach out to Senator SHELBY who assumed the role. He knew we needed the input of all Senators to not only enact our bills but to craft our bills.

He also served as chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, the Indian Affairs Committee; he was the very first chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence.

There will be those who will read his résumé. But when the history of Hawaii and this man is written, I hope they say he didn't come here to gain fame, he didn't come here to do press releases or to be on talk shows. He came here to govern. He came here to the U.S. Senate, having fought for his country in World War II while even members of his own family had been held in an internment camp because of their Japanese heritage. But he was loyal and faithful from the day he took his oath to defend the Constitution as a young private all the way to the day here now. He was a fierce defender of our military. For him, it was always about the troops. And he never forgot what it was like to be fighting in a foreign land. That is why he was devoted to our veterans and to our health care. And we are devoted to the memory of Senator INOUE.

So to an old-school war hero, let us give our final salute and a fond aloha. But let's take the lessons learned from his great life and incorporate them in our very day here today.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, Senator INOUE told me a story which I wish to repeat for our colleagues.

In 1973, George Gallup, the pollster, asked to come see him. This was at the height of the Watergate hearings. Back then, these investigations into President Nixon's Watergate break-in were consuming the country. Then there were only three major television networks, plus the Public Broadcasting System, and the Watergate hearings were televised from the Senate every single day, for several hours a day, on all four of those networks. So, almost everyone in the country watched the Watergate hearings for weeks. They got to know Sam Ervin, the chairman. They got to know Howard Baker, the ranking Republican. But George Gallup came to see Senator INOUE. And Senator INOUE said, I am glad to see you, but why do you come to see me?

He said, Senator, who would you say is the most recognized person in the United States today? Senator INOUE said, Well, I am sure President Nixon is. And Gallup said, That is right. But the second most recognized person is Senator DAN INOUE.

INOUE said, Well, how could that be? George Gallup said, Well, Senator, I suspect so many Americans have never seen a United States Senator of Japanese ancestry with one arm and a distinguished voice and presence, and you have made an indelible impression on the American people.

That was 1973. That was a long time ago. Since then, DAN INOUE made an indelible impression on a great many people around the world, and especially

on the 100 of us who serve here. He commanded our respect in a remarkable way, in part because of his service in the war.

He and Bob Dole, our former colleague, were wounded at about the same time in Europe and were in the same hospital recovering from tremendously serious wounds. Of course, Senator INOUE was later awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for that.

Senator PRYOR was telling the story that when Senator INOUE was finally elected to Congress, he wrote Senator Dole a note and said, I am here, where are you? Because both of them, when they were recovering from their war wounds, had determined that one day they wanted to serve in the United States Congress. INOUE got here first.

A few years ago, Senator INOUE and Senator Ted Stevens invited a number of us to go with them to China. It was quite an experience. Senator Stevens—of course, another World War II veteran—had flown the first cargo plane into what was then Peking, in 1944. Of course, Senator INOUE was well regarded in China for his service. So the group of Senators—there must have been a dozen of us of both parties—got more time with Mr. Hu and Mr. Wu, the No. 1 and 2 leaders of China, than the President of the United States nearly did. We were accorded every courtesy possible because of the presence of Senator INOUE and Senator Stevens. They were like brothers. They called one another brothers. They acted that way in private. They served that way in the Senate, as chairman and vice chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. Over a number of decades, they singlehandedly shaped our American defense posture, and they did it with skill and patriotism and knowledge of our structure that very few could have.

Several Senators mentioned how bipartisan DAN INOUE was. He was of the old school—not a bad school for today, in my point of view. He treated each Senator with courtesy, even the newer Senators. He treated each Senator with a sense of equality, even those who were in the minority and not on his side of the aisle. He was always fair, he was always courteous, and he always tried to do the right thing. He was a textbook U.S. Senator.

He announced for reelection after his last election. I don't know his exact age at the time—maybe 85, 86. He will not be able to run for that reelection now that he is gone, but he will be well remembered.

Not long ago, he spoke at our Wednesday morning Prayer Breakfast that we have here. Usually we have 20 or 30 Senators. On the day he spoke, we had maybe 60 or 70. We had Senators sitting on the windowsills, standing around the back, just to hear what he had to say. I won't repeat what he had to say because we don't talk about what goes on there in public except to say he talked about his war experiences—and in a quiet way. He stood

there for 10 or 15 minutes and explained those experiences to us, most of whom had never had that sort of experience. It gave us a new sense of him, and it increased our respect for him, if that could have been possible.

I join with my colleagues to say Senator DAN INOUE was a patriot. He set the standard, really, for a U.S. Senator. He set the standard for a man or woman in our military fighting to defend his or her country. And he set the standard as an individual who showed courtesy to everyone he met. We will miss him. We honor him. And we give his family our expressions of grief, but, more important, our great respect for our colleague who today is gone.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, I ask consent to speak until my comments are completed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a mentor of mine in the Senate, Senator DANIEL INOUE. The histories of my State and Senator INOUE's are closely connected. We both entered the Union at the same time, in 1959. As a matter of fact, I know as a kid growing up I was not sure if we had two Senators or three Senators because Senator INOUE's name was so well known throughout Alaska.

When our States were entered in 1959, there was opposition to both of us becoming States, but we have proven our opponents wrong. Thanks to DANIEL INOUE, Hawaii has become a modern, prosperous State. Many Alaskans have a special fondness for the 50th State, especially, I have to say, at this time of the year when it is 40 below in Fairbanks.

DANIEL INOUE began his public career and service at the age of 17 when he entered the Army after the attacks on Pearl Harbor. He served with incredible distinction, earning the Nation's highest medal for action in Italy. As a Member of the Senate, Senator INOUE continued his fierce defense of his State and his partnership with Alaska.

My predecessor, Alaska Senator Ted Stevens, knew Senator INOUE as his brother. They worked together and produced much good for both our States that will last for generations.

When I was elected to this office, Senator INOUE was one of the first Members to reach out to me to ask how he could help. The unique thing about Senator INOUE was always his quiet approach to all the issues. He provided me quiet advice and helped me learn how this place works. Many times I would be down in the well waiting for the vote to be tallied and Members to vote, and Senator INOUE would come in, stand at the edge there, and look up and just say: How is it going, Alaska? We would have a brief conversation. Usually his words would have incredible insight. They may not even have

been relevant to the topic we were voting on, but he would say something to me about something he knew I was working on and just share a few words.

I know the first people of Alaska will especially remember him for his dedication to their success. He met with Alaskan Native peoples during their visits to Washington as often—and I would say even more often—as the Alaskan Members of the House and Senate. They made a point to stop by his office on a regular occasion to talk to him about what happened in the past and what was going on today and what they looked for in the future.

Earlier this year, Senator INOUE was in Alaska at my invitation—his last trip to Alaska. He told a memorable story about his support of the trans-Alaska oil pipeline, which was controversial when he supported it and its construction. Senator INOUE has a unique style of how to tell stories. You have to just pay attention and listen. They are not wordy, just to the point. Senator INOUE told this story, told by opponents of the pipeline, that it would destroy the caribou that lived in Alaska's North Slope. This is what he was told over and over.

On his last trip, he was in front of a group of people. I was anxious as he started to talk. He said: I have this story to tell you. He talked about this time of controversy about the Alaska North Slope and the oil pipeline, the caribou and what was happening, the destruction that may occur based on what he was hearing. But he was a strong supporter of the pipeline. In his words, here is how he actually said it. In fact, he said, the warm oil going through the pipeline heats the ground, so grass grows year round. The caribou come around to eat the grass and, in his words, "make love," and the caribou population has grown threefold. Who was I to let facts spoil that wonderful story by Senator INOUE and get in the way of its telling?

But he has done enormous work for our Alaskan people and Alaska in total, the work he did that he described to me when he went out to rural Alaska many years ago and saw the deplorable conditions of our water and sewer, saw an important effort to preserve not only the languages of Alaska but also Hawaii. Yes, like Hawaii, Alaskans loved our earmarks and we still love them. He was an adamant proponent of earmarks, making sure that, as mentioned by Senator MIKULSKI, they went for the right reasons. As was also mentioned, in his defense of this country and his personal heroic actions, his ongoing everyday work he did to shape the national defense and really international defense, it was an incredible sight to watch him in action.

I will always remember DANIEL INOUE for his truly hearty laugh, ready smile, his partnership with my State of Alaska, and his dedication to his State—truly a silent giant.

My condolences go to his wife Irene and the entire Inoue family. We will

miss him greatly. When we come down to the Chamber every day, we get the calendar of business, this one dated today. You look on the list of all the committees, and you see the chairman and the Members. But today his name is not there after 41 years.

My heart goes out to him—truly the silent giant.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I come to the floor to pay tribute to an American hero, a great Senator, an amazing man, and a dear friend, Senator DANNY INOUE.

Senator INOUE dedicated his life to public service, and through his hard and faithful work, he has left his Nation and the State that he loved so dearly far better in so many ways.

We will all hear a lot in the days ahead about the barriers DANNY broke down during the course of his life. We will hear about his service in times of war and in peace, about his heroism, about his love for his family and State and country. We will hear about the admiration and respect he earned from so many of us here in the Senate, on both sides of the aisle, over the course of a long and very historic career.

What I want to focus on for a minute today is the DANNY INOUE who has been there for me as friend and mentor for the past 20 years, who has been a shining light in this Chamber and has set an example for all of us who measure our work not simply in words but in actions.

Senator INOUE was certainly not the loudest Member of this Chamber. He was certainly not the most verbose. He was not a Senator who spent his time making long-winded speeches. But through his quiet resolve, his understated strength, and his commitment to do the right thing no matter what, he was able to accomplish so much.

Senator INOUE led the Appropriations Committee through difficult times with grace and incredible effectiveness. The partisan rancor that too often dominates this city was unacceptable to him, and he made that clear to all of us. DANNY's focus was on people, on the infrastructure on which they depended in their communities, on the most vulnerable, on our military families, and on the State of Hawaii, for if DANNY INOUE was a giant here in the Senate, he was a mountain back home. Hawaii would not be Hawaii without DANNY INOUE. He fought for his State. He would not allow it to be ignored, and he made it a better place to live and work for generations to come.

As the Senator of another State far from Washington, DC, I learned a lot from Senator INOUE about how to advocate for the people who elect you and how to make sure they never get lost in the mix. Through his quiet and shining example, we all learned a bit more about bipartisanship.

I so remember DANNY huddling here on the floor, working closely with his

good friend Senator Stevens from Alaska. We all learned a bit more about effectiveness. He knew how to get things done, more than anyone I have seen before or since. We all learned a bit more about humanity.

You would never hear DANNY talk about himself. We all learned a bit more about respect, about kindness toward all, not just those who agree with you.

DANNY helped us all remember every single day why he came here in the first place. I cannot tell you how many times DANNY would stand his ground on issues that others would have given up on, simply because he knew the impact it would have on real people. He knew this was about so much more than politics or legislative games; it was about helping people and solving their problems and delivering for our communities and our Nation.

DANNY INOUE impressed me every day for 20 years, but nothing impressed me more than his love and commitment to his family. I just got off the phone a few minutes ago with his wife Irene and expressed my condolences. She is such a gracious lady.

DANNY will be missed terribly, but he has left so much for us to remember him by: his legislative achievements, of course, the roads that would not have been built had he not been here, the military bases that wouldn't have existed had he not fought so hard for them, the ports and bridges and trains that would have been less safe had he not been there to move legislation that strengthened them—so much more. But DANNY will be remembered far beyond his many tangible achievements. He will live on through the values he embodied and spread; through the principles he stood for and shared; through his family, who loved him dearly; through the people who will never forget his advocacy; through the country he sacrificed so much for; and of course through all of us who are forever better simply for having served with the greatest Senator of all, Senator DAN INOUE.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Georgia.

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, on behalf of the people of Georgia, the United States of America, and the 99 Members of the Senate, I want to pause to pay tribute to the family of DAN INOUE. When a great football coach passes away and players are interviewed and asked what kind of coach he was, they will say he was a player's coach. When great generals are lost and the people who go to the funeral ask what kind of general he was, they say he was a soldier's general.

I am here to pay tribute to a Senator's Senator. He was a great role model for me. He came here when Hawaii first became a State, and he was here ever since. He influenced the lives of not a few but of many.

I got an e-mail from Mike Mattingly, a U.S. Senator who was elected in 1980.

He said: Please remember when you are on the floor of the U.S. Senate to express the love and affection my wife Leslie and I have for a great American, DAN INOUE.

I share that same affection. I know I owe a lot of whatever success I have had in the Senate to learning from his patience, guidance, temperament, and also his determination. Yesterday, I was told his last word was aloha, but we have to remember that was always the first word we heard from DAN INOUE as well because he meant it in a welcoming, friendly way.

I want to follow up on what Senator ALEXANDER said earlier. I too was at the Prayer Breakfast when DAN INOUE was there. It was the largest crowd we ever had, and it was not because invitations went out but because DAN INOUE was going to be there. Everybody there was mesmerized by his candor, by his life, and by his commitment. We don't discuss what goes on inside those rooms, and I will not here, except to say that when DAN INOUE opened his heart, it was as big and rich a heart as the one we have all seen in the Senate.

To his loved ones, the State of Hawaii, and the people of America, we have lost a great man. We have all been better off for knowing him, loving him, and serving with him. I pay tribute to the life and times of a great American hero, DAN INOUE.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kansas.

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, let me associate myself with the remarks of Senator ISAKSON. I thank him and all of my colleagues who have come to the floor to eulogize Senator DANNY INOUE. The Senate and our Nation has lost an unsung hero. He was heroic in military valor, receiving the Nation's highest honor, the Medal of Honor. He was heroic as the one chosen to lead with dignity in inquiries seeking the truth during our most challenging times. He was a tireless guardian of our national security and champion to the men and women who put their lives at risk to protect the United States and whose legislative achievements have been simply remarkable. All this from a man who always gave others credit and never sought the spotlight.

Yesterday Senator JOHN MCCAIN from Arizona—a hero in his own right—reflected on the passing of Senator INOUE: Today, the Senate, America, and especially his beloved citizens of Hawaii, lost a unique, brave, and wonderful legislator. He was a man who brought the most unique credentials to this institution—I would argue—of probably anyone who has ever served in this very diverse body.

Senator MCCAIN certainly hit the nail on the head.

He went on to say: In Hawaii there was a group of young Japanese Americans who decided they wanted to serve their country in uniform. One of the most well-known, famous, and highly decorated units of World War II was

the battalion in which DAN INOUE served.

DAN INOUE was a proud member of his battalion. In fierce combat, he was gravely wounded on the battlefield and was brought home. He, as we all know, lost his arm as a result of one of the wounds he sustained.

Senator MCCAIN went on to point out that he went to the Veterans Hospital in Chicago where a person in the same ward was an American Army second lieutenant who had also been wounded seriously in combat in Italy, 2LT Bob Dole of Kansas. Bob Dole is a man who still represents the very best we have in Kansas, our country, and he did such a great job as leader of this body. Their friendship has lasted to this day.

Both men were gravely wounded, both were certainly dedicated to serve their country, and both served with distinction. The friendship and the bonds of friendship that were forged in that hospital between Bob and DAN were unique and also enduring.

Yesterday, Senator DANNY AKAKA also pointed out that his colleague from his native State was a true patriot and American hero in every sense and at this time in Hawaii, the greatest leader.

Then DANNY AKAKA said that it is an incredible understatement to call him an institution. This Chamber will never be the same without him. He also said DANNY INOUE leaves behind a list of accomplishments unlikely to ever be paralleled. His lifelong dedication and hard work in the name of his beloved country, the United States of America, influenced every part of his life and set him apart—even in the Senate.

Today will be the first day since Hawaii became a State in 1959 that DANNY INOUE will not be representing us in the Congress. Every child born in Hawaii will learn of DANNY INOUE, a man who changed the islands forever.

Senator AKAKA then went on to say he was praying for his wife Irene, his son Ken, his daughter-in-law Jessica, his stepdaughter Jennifer, and granddaughter Maggie, who was the apple of his eye.

Like so many, with DANNY's untimely passing, I have lost a very dear friend. In truth, as an institution, every Senator in the Senate lost a dear friend. We lost one of the last institutional flames of the Senate.

Upon reflection, the occasions I have had the privilege to be with DANNY also represented my personal career highlights. There were codels with Senator Ted Stevens, affectionately called Uncle Ted. DANNY always had T-shirts made that said "I survived Codel Stevens." He took us to Antarctica, North Korea, the Russian Far and wild East, and any number of places of national interest that nobody else would go. As the song says, through the bushes and brambles where a rabbit wouldn't go.

DANNY was the personification of those who get things done the effective way. He stayed in the background until it was time to take charge and then

gave others the credit. I will always remember his sonorous, basso profundo voice advising the North Koreans at one point during a trip to make P'anmunjom and the 38th parallel a tourist site—not a shooting gallery.

In the Russian Far East we traveled to Sakhalin Island, with mountains and raw materials that rivaled Alaska and where locals say there are still saber-toothed tigers north of the island. DANNY, while visiting with staff, went into detail about his many travels, with a little fact and fiction mixed in, all with a twinkle in his eye.

I also remember while in the city of Khabarovsk in the Russian Far East—we were at a hotel. Of all the hotels in the Russian Far East, this one had to be one of the last on the list.

As we went into our rooms, I discovered that my bed was a wooden frame with just straps—no mattress, one blanket, and no pillow. I thought, being a junior member of this codel, this was something they assigned to me. So I went down the hall with my special key in hand and my special ID that was required in that part of the world and knocked on DANNY'S door. He said: How can I be of service to you, dear friend?

I said that I wanted to look at his accommodations, thinking, of course, he would have a bed. There was a wooden bed with the same kind of accommodations—no mattress, straps, and just one blanket. He said: Why are you interested in that bed?

I said: Well, I thought being a junior Member that things might be better in your quarters.

He got a big kick out of that. He always reminded me of that at various times when I would get a little upset about anything.

At any rate, it is not an understatement with regard to his leadership, bipartisanship, integrity, and achievement. It would serve every Member of this Senate to ask: What would DANNY INOUE want us to do?

In today's Washington Post there was a reference to the keynote speech that Senator INOUE gave in Chicago. It was a period of unrest after the assassinations of Senator Robert Kennedy and Rev. Martin Luther King—troubling times, indeed. Speaking not as a Democrat but as a citizen disturbed by unprecedented violence, Senator INOUE described a "troubling loss of faith among Americans."

He went on to say: I do not mean a loss of religious faith, I mean a loss of faith in our country, its purposes, and its institutions. I mean a retreat from the responsibilities of citizenship.

DANNY called for Americans to rebuild their trust in government—an extraordinary statement from a man whose people had suffered grave injustices at the hands of government.

The article went on to say that Senator INOUE's remarks were immediately overshadowed by events at that convention, but his speech was truly remarkable. It was a speech that drew

little attention then and is even less remembered now.

My colleagues, DANNY'S speech should be required reading today given the recent tragedies. It was just last week that I was asked to speak on Senator INOUE's behalf at an event concerning the proposed Eisenhower Memorial. It is a joint bipartisan effort that has taken far too long to bring to fruition. In the cloakroom the day before we had one of our many discussions where he grabbed my hand and looked me in the eye and said: You and I probably vote differently 80 percent of the time, but in all of our mutual efforts and all of our travels, I have considered you a brother.

I didn't know what to do. I responded with a tear in my eye, and I said: I love you, DANNY INOUE.

And he said: I love you too.

What a wonderful thing to hear from a true American hero in every respect. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve with such a remarkable and truly humble man.

I also want to thank his wonderful staff in working with my staff on so many mutual projects.

Aloha, my dear friend. I will miss you every day.

I yield back the remainder of my time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Jersey.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak for 5 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, there are few times in the history of this institution when one Senator, a singularly iconic leader, comes along and reminds us of what it means to be a U.S. Senator and what it means to represent the very best of what this Nation stands for and to do it, as he always did, with the utmost dignity, honor, pride, and integrity.

I am deeply saddened to have to speak to the passing of a true American hero. He was someone who inspired so many of us in the Senate. His ideals and sense of justice were always on display.

The passing of Senator INOUE leaves a painful void in the leadership of this body. In so many ways, the life and sacrifice of Senator INOUE embodies the essence of the "greatest generation."

Even when faced with the suffering, indignity, and humiliation of an internment camp, he did not allow his heart to be turned or his love and commitment to his country to be diminished. Justice was a constant theme in his life. He represented the challenges faced by his Hawaiian people since statehood, when he became its first representative in the U.S. Congress.

We had a close bond when it came to our concern for minorities in our country. Because of the struggles in his life, he understood the struggles in both of our communities. He felt a kinship to

the Hispanic community and shared the community's hopes and aspirations. In recent conversations, I know from his comments that he understood the growing importance of the Hispanic community and the benefit of advancing their interests within American society. He lived it, he understood it, he knew.

We worked together on the recognition of Filipino veterans—something he was very passionate about—and he thanked me most graciously, as always, for my interest and for my commitment to working with him on an issue so dear to his heart.

These are just a few stories of a man who led a quintessentially American life. I know there are thousands more stories to be told, some of which have already been told on the Senate floor, but the real story is that this was a man who sacrificed for his country, met the challenges it presented, but ultimately, because of a kind heart and loyalty to the ideals we profess as Americans, he became one of the most important, yet most humble, leaders in the U.S. Senate.

Senator INOUE and his life and deeds remind us what it means to be an American hero, a war hero who carried the burden of his service with him all of his life. His courage, his patriotism, and his respect for the values he fought for informed his views and his votes in this Chamber.

The Senate is sadly diminished today with the passing of one of our most respected and iconic leaders—a hero, a powerful voice for reason, rationality, and common sense when reason, rationality, and common sense are too often in short supply. He will be missed not only by all of us who had the privilege to serve with him but by a nation that needs more leaders like him.

We, all of us, remember his lasting influence, his way of making us look into the heart of the matter without prejudice or preconceived political impressions. He knew how to get to the crux of an issue, and he led the way so many times for the rest of us. We followed his lead, and the Nation is better for it.

All of us who worked with him as chairman of the Appropriations Committee respected his word and his commitment to fairness. He was always willing to listen, always willing to hear your side, always willing to reach out across the aisle for what he believed was right.

Most recently, he was the voice of support and wisdom in our efforts to secure disaster relief for my home State of New Jersey. He empathized with the needs of New Jerseyans, just as he addressed the needs of Hawaiians for decades. There is no more gracious man than DAN INOUE, no one who was as dignified and respectful than the senior Senator from Hawaii.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife and his family and to the people of Hawaii today. We have lost an incredibly great man.

Mahalo, my friend, until we meet again.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 2:15 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:33 p.m., recessed until 2:15 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. WEBB).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maryland.

EXTENSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to extend morning business until 3 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Texas.

REMEMBERING DANIEL K. INOUE

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I rise this sad day to comment on the passing of a great patriot, Senator DANIEL INOUE. He fought for his country as part of the Greatest Generation and served his State with distinction for more than 50 years.

We were all honored to know him and blessed by his sacrifice in defense of American freedom. We served together on the Armed Services Committee and later on the Appropriations Committee as well. DANNY'S insight was invaluable to our Nation's defense and military policy. He did make America stronger.

I had the pleasure of working with him when we traveled together to Bosnia to visit our troops in the very early stages of that conflict. We later went to the Middle East on a CODEL with Senator Stevens as well. One of the pictures in my office is of Senator Stevens, Senator INOUE, Senator SNOWE, and myself in our helmets and flak jackets the first time we flew into Sarajevo in the early 1990s, when the Serbs had still been shooting from the hills into the airport.

In 1995, on the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, Senator INOUE and a number of other World War II veterans gathered at the Smithsonian to reminisce about their time in battle.

Senator INOUE recalled the morning of December 7 at Pearl Harbor, when he recognized that the men in the Japanese planes looked like him, and he said he knew then his life would never be the same.

As soon as the Army permitted Japanese Americans to volunteer, he signed up and ventured to the mainland of the United States for the first time in his life. He and his fellow Hawaiians of Japanese descent worried about how they would be treated in the United States but, as he recalled it, they encountered kindness and respect at every stop their train made.