

He was a DFLer to the core of his being and an unapologetic liberal. If there are any Republicans here today you must have never told Rick your party affiliation or you endured a lot of political lectures.

Stop for a moment. Think back to the first time you met Rick.

I remember. I first met Rick thirteen years ago—June of 2000—at the DFL State Convention. I was running for Congress and Rick was in Rochester wearing a seersucker suit. As many of us know, it takes a special person to make a fashion statement at a DFL State Convention and Rick stood out!

At that time Rick was working for Bruce Vento, Bruce was living at Rick's house, and Bruce was dying of cancer. Rick was playing the role of friend, caretaker, and staff member. It was a heavy burden.

I got the feeling Bruce had sent Rick out to keep an eye on me and to provide advice. Rick was certainly not shy about sharing his opinions about what I needed to do on my campaign. After all these years I can't remember anything that Rick told me that day.

I just kept looking at his suit and thought to myself—is this what happens to Minnesotans who go to work in Washington?

Over the next six months Rick gave his heart and soul to help me win that congressional race. He spent the last month of the campaign in the office every day doing any job that was helpful. He helped with strategy, entertained volunteers with stories, chastised young staffers for sport, and prepared me for my new career in Congress. He was invaluable.

But there were some hard times. Bruce's death really hit Rick. The next year we evacuated my Washington office on September 11th, 2001 and my entire staff and I camped out with Rick at his house during that day of horror and tragedy. The following year in 2002 the tragic deaths of our friends Paul and Sheila Wellstone was devastating to Rick as it was to so many of us.

I really felt these three tragedies tore into Rick's being, into his soul. He internalized the losses, the pain, the grief and it seemed like he wouldn't let it go.

For any of us, there is no denying our faults, failures and frailties. Rick had his and at times imposed them on those he care for and those who cared for him. He had his vulnerabilities and many of us endured difficult episodes with him.

There were some dark times. But this was the very human nature of Rick. He so often gave of himself without holding back. He gave so much to others and to the causes and people he believed in. And, at times, he needed help desperately.

These last two years Rick needed help—especially as his physical health declined.

So many of his family and friends gave Rick the love and support he needed.

As Rick's condition became more debilitating he put his trust in his friends and family members. And their love for him was comforting and it allowed Rick to make the final transitions in his life that brought him back home to Minnesota. Ben VanderKoi and Cini and Denny McGrann, along with so many others, gave so much to help guide Rick through difficult decisions and towards a peaceful conclusion to his life.

What I always will remember about Rick, what is embedded in my heart, is that Rick never stopped loving, he never stopped believing in people, he never stopped hoping for a better tomorrow—even when he felt dark inside.

On Wednesday night this week, I was in Washington and we finished voting in the Capitol around 8 o'clock. I went outside to walk home and there was dark smoke in the air and a strong odor of something burning.

When I got home I looked on-line and the news said that there was a four alarm fire at Frager's Hardware Store which is on Pennsylvania Avenue about 10 blocks from the Capitol and about the same distance from Rick's house.

The first thing I thought about when I read the news was Rick. Rick loved Frager's. Rick really, really loved Frager's. It seemed like Rick would walk to Frager's every Saturday as part of his weekend routine. He had a Frager's tee-shirt I remember him wearing.

Frager's was the old school hardware store where everything you could ever want is packed into tiny isles and tall shelves. There is clutter and disorder and a sense of stepping back into a grittier, more personal time.

In fact, the hardware store looked a lot like the packed shelves and poster covered walls in Rick's house. And in both places, in spite of appearances, if you asked for a special window putty or a book about Trotsky's travels in Mexico, the respective proprietors could locate them almost instantly.

For 90 years Frager's was a Capitol Hill institution. And now it is gone.

Rick Jauert was a Capitol Hill institution for more than 30 years. And now he is gone.

Rick gave his life to public service and to the U.S. House of Representatives. He gave me his friendship and put his faith in me and for that I'll be grateful forever. He gave so much to so many of us.

Let us all give thanks that our lives were touched by Rick Jauert. Let us all pray for Rick that may God bless him and keep his soul at peace. Let us all remember that for 59 years a good man walked this Earth and we had the privilege of knowing him, caring about him, and loving him.

We will miss you, Rick.

RECOGNIZING TANNER AND DALLIN REED'S COMMITMENT AND SERVICE TO THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA REGION OF WASHINGTON STATE

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tanner Douglas Reed and Dallin Walker Reed, who recently earned the impressive rank of Eagle Scout and have a steadfast commitment to the growth and prosperity of the Olympic Peninsula region of Washington State.

It takes great effort, service, and determination to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. It is an honor to congratulate Tanner and Dallin on their awards.

Mr. Speaker, Tanner is a 17-year-old cancer survivor and Army ROTC Scholarship recipient who will be attending Brigham Young University this fall. Dallin is a 15-year-old student that attends Peninsula High School and volunteers his time and energy to helping the elderly and children. They are the 2nd and 3rd Eagle Scout recipients in their family.

Tanner and Dallin built a wooden trellis system for the Kitsap Helpline Food Bank for their community service project. The system consists of separate lengths of cable strung between three support trellises, creating a structure that allows the tomato vines to grow vertically. In the winter, the structure is able to act as a greenhouse when plastic sheets are draped over the structure. This will be used to

support the food bank's annual crop of tomatoes.

The Boy Scouts represent the finest qualities in America's youth; the Reeds' accomplishments have helped solidify a strong foundation for their future. I am hopeful that others in our community will follow the Reed's example of leadership.

As I close, I can say with confidence that our community is a better place thanks to the ongoing, selfless commitment of people like the Reeds. Their dedicated service to our community has earned them the appreciation and admiration of peers and neighbors in the Olympic Peninsula region. I am pleased to recognize their service today in the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING DAVID GLOVER

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and career of Bay Area community leader and tireless advocate for the underserved, Mr. David Glover. Known throughout the Greater Oakland/Bay Area region as an innovative and dedicated nonprofit leader, David Glover was also a stalwart community member. With his passing, we look to Mr. Glover's tremendous legacy and the outstanding quality of his life's work.

For over two decades, Mr. Glover served at the helm of The Oakland Citizens Committee for Urban Renewal (OCCUR). Under his tenure as Executive Director, OCCUR expanded its role as a key leader of efforts to serve and revitalize neighborhoods throughout Oakland and the Greater Bay Area. From the concept of asset mapping and the community-building Neighborhood Profiles project, to the launch of the Eastmont Technology Center as a source of multimedia learning and digital inclusion, OCCUR's commitment to increasing 21st century skills in low-income communities mirrored David's vision of advancing social equity for minority communities.

His commitment to innovation and strategic local investment also led OCCUR to initiate the Oakland Equity Policy and the program, "A Model Built on Faith." By leading development activity among community partners along key retail and commercial corridors, Mr. Glover helped OCCUR aggressively implement financial literacy and consumer education programs for low-income residents and families. Furthermore, OCCUR's successful community partnerships with faith-based institutions, as well as community-based and nonprofit organizations, has resulted in a dynamic level of civic engagement and leadership development among local communities of color.

Mr. Glover never gave up on his mission to improve the lives and conditions of low-income youth, residents, and families through the delivery of balanced goods, effective public policy, and targeted community services. Likewise, our community will never forget his countless contributions and achievements.

He received national and local recognition for his efforts, earning accolades that included Community Service awards from the Niagara Democratic Club, National Association of

Black Planners, National Council of Negro Women, and the Bay Area Black United Fund, as well as a Profile in Excellence Award from KGO TV, a Leadership Award from Black Business Listings, and an Outstanding Citizen Resolution from the City of Oakland.

Mr. Glover was also an active member of myriad organizations, serving on the boards of the Oakland Advisors, the Stewardship Council, the Oakland Partnership, the Berkeley Law Foundation, Operation Hope, and as a founding board member of the groundbreaking, Greenlining Institute. He produced public affairs programs and content for radio and television, and was an award-winning mentor and coach for various youth programs supporting sports leadership development.

On a personal note, when I met David many years ago, I immediately recognized the depth of his intellect and his indomitable spirit. I was deeply humbled when he endorsed me early in my California Legislature campaign. It was an endorsement that I knew commanded the respect and trust of voters. For that, I will be forever grateful.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes and honors a great friend of the Bay Area and a true champion for equity, Mr. David Glover. His steadfast commitment to ensuring that all Oakland residents have access to a better quality of life will forever live on with the legacy of his vision. I offer my sincerest condolences to his many loved ones and to all of those whose lives he touched over the years. He will be deeply missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, May 17, I was unable to be present to cast my vote on four matters before the House.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 157, I would have voted "no."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 158, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 159, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 160, I would have voted "no."

RECOGNIZING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA AND NOIRMOUTIER

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the enduring spirit and gratitude of the people of the United States and France as exemplified through the mutual friendship of the sister cities of Crestview, Florida, and the French island city of Noirmoutier-en-l'Île.

The island of Noirmoutier, located off the west coast of France near Nantes and Saint-Nazaire, maintains an inextricable link with our Nation's military history. On July 4, 1943, while America was celebrating the date of its independence, an American B-17 crash-landed right on the beach of the small Noirmoutier village of la Guérinière. This Flying Fortress was returning to England after a bombing run on the Nazi-held airfield outside Saint-Nazaire during World War II. Though the crew survived, the Nazi occupation forces on Noirmoutier got to the Americans before the island's underground partisans could rescue them, and the crew was imprisoned for the duration of the war.

To this day, the people of Noirmoutier refuse to clear the wreckage of the B-17. Even for the island's youngest generation, it acts as a vivid reminder of the sacrifices made by France's American allies toward the cause of liberating France, and Europe, from the scourge of Nazi occupation, deprivation, and brutality. On Commemoration Day, Sunday, June 30, 2013, a monument will be unveiled on Noirmoutier dedicated to the courageous crew of that fateful B-17 and to all Americans who worked so selflessly to obtain France's liberation from the Nazis.

On behalf of the United States Congress and the citizens of Northwest Florida, I am privileged to recognize the friendship between the people of Northwest Florida and Noirmoutier and join them in honoring the service and sacrifice of all men and women who sacrifice their lives in the name of freedom.

PROPOSED CUTS TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak against the appalling proposed cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, SNAP, in the 2013 Farm Bill. SNAP provides an indispensable safety net for families struggling to make ends meet.

Approximately 50.1 million Americans live in households that suffer from food insecurity. In Texas, 19 percent of people and 27 percent of children struggle against hunger. SNAP supports people when they need it most, responding to the dramatic increase in the number of unemployed Americans from 2007 to 2011 with a 70 percent increase in participation.

The Republican Farm Bill would cut \$20.5 billion from SNAP, kicking 2 million Americans off the program. As a result of these cuts, 210,000 children would also lose access to free school meals. These cuts are reckless and irresponsible. As our economy continues to recover, now is not the time to slash funding for this essential safety net program that helps people out of poverty.

I urge my colleagues to oppose cuts to SNAP. We must not balance the budget on the backs of children and the most vulnerable Americans.