

multipurpose recreational trails for the public to access and enjoy.

Franklin's newspaper stated the following upon Jim's passing:

Largely unrealized were how Holden's efforts impacted the overall economy of a region hard-hit over the years by the loss of blue collar manufacturing jobs that once made the oil region one of the most prosperous in all the country. His passing will leave some mighty big hiking boots to fill.

Jim Holden knew that our region's recreational resources could be better utilized to the benefit of the community and its economy. He spent his life making this vision a reality.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jim Holden and his family. He surely did leave big boots to fill but also an enduring legacy for us to cherish.

GOOD THINGS HAPPENING WITH HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Mr. HUFFMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, some of my colleagues want to go back to the old way of doing business on health insurance. We can't go back to the days when people with preexisting conditions were denied coverage and women were asked to pay more simply because they are women.

We know the ACA rollout has not been perfect. We knew all along a reform of this magnitude would require some adaptive management. It happened with Social Security and Medicare, but we worked together to improve those cornerstones of our social safety net, not tear them down.

So let's work to fix the problems of the ACA, but let's tell the whole story, including the good parts of this law. In California, we are on track to meet our enrollment goals—tens of thousands of people already enrolled. I am hearing countless good news stories about the ACA: a mom whose son was hospitalized with a brain tumor who would have hit a lifetime cap, but now they have coverage and they can focus on that child's recovery; a constituent in Trinity County who just emailed me—he and his wife are buying a car with the savings they are achieving thanks to the ACA. There are dozens and dozens more success stories because of this law.

I hope my Republican colleagues will join in fixing the problems with this law and give it a chance to work. There are too many good things happening because of health care reform to go back to the old way of doing business.

□ 1745

NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, during the month of November, we celebrate

and promote the wonderful and selfless commitment to adoption, as it is National Adoption Month.

Last year, American parents proudly adopted over 135,000 children at birth, in foster homes, and from overseas. However, I would like to bring special attention to the many American families that are no longer permitted to adopt children from places such as Guatemala and Russia.

I have signed on to two separate letters with bipartisan support from Members of both the House and the Senate to urge the Guatemalan and the Russian Governments to once again resume intercountry adoption cases for American families.

Mr. Speaker, every child deserves to grow up in a loving family. We should not be limited by the country they are born into. Let's refresh our commitment to creating more effective strategies and opportunities to work towards a day when every child has an opportunity to be in a safe and loving home.

SAFE CLIMATE CAUCUS

(Mr. CLEAVER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, recently someone said to new EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy that she was not living in the real world with regard to climate change.

My question today is if those who are questioning whether she lives in the real world would say the same thing to the survivors of the typhoon of Biblical proportions that just devastated the Philippines where 4,000 people have been impacted. This was the strongest land-falling typhoon on record.

And I am wondering if they would tell people whose homes were hit by the unusually late Mid-Western tornados this past weekend that they are not living in reality. Sixty tornados were reported, eight people were killed, and the damages are estimated to be at least \$1 billion.

Weather-related losses and damages have risen from \$50 billion to almost \$200 billion annually over the last decade.

Putting our heads in the sand will not stop the reality that our climate is changing and that human beings are a part of the reason.

GEORGIAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

(Mr. SHIMKUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, on October 27, I was honored to observe the recent presidential elections in the Republic of Georgia in which Giorgi Margvelashvili was elected.

It was characterized by the International Republican Institute as "calm and . . . with a substantial reduction of

complaints filed with the election commission."

The President was elected with a 62 percent vote in an election that was described also as an important milestone in Georgia's democratic development.

In keeping with this promise to step down following the election, Prime Minister Bidzina Ivanishvili appointed a successor, Irakli Garibashvili, on November 2. He was most recently the Minister of Interior appointed by the Prime Minister after the Georgia Dream Coalition's victory in the 2012 parliamentary elections. Prior to his work in government, he headed Mr. Ivanishvili's charitable organization Cartu. He holds a graduate degree from the University of Paris, Sorbonne; and I was pleased to visit the country, the Republic of Georgia, and be involved in the democratic process and principles.

TRIBUTE TO BARRY SULLIVAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COLLINS of New York). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2013, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. CAPUANO) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, tonight, several Members wanted to come to the floor to discuss the retirement of a very good friend of ours who deserves our recognition. Because there are so many people with busy schedules, I am going to go right into it and yield to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), the minority whip.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, Mr. CAPUANO represents a famous area of America, south Boston, a wonderful area of our country.

As every Member of this House knows, we who serve here in the Chamber rely on an outstanding group of professionals who manage the floor and the party cloakrooms. This is true for both Democrats and Republicans.

On the Democratic side, we have been incredibly fortunate to have been served with great ability by a devoted public servant with a wonderful sense of humor, a sense of this House, a sense of history, a sense of decency, and a sense of how to help Members greatly. He has managed our cloakroom for the past 33 years.

That man, devoted to the smooth running of the people's House day in and day out, is Barry Sullivan. As he prepares to retire from service, I want to join not only those from Massachusetts who are justifiably very proud of him as a brother from their own State, but also all of those in the House on both sides of the aisle, but particularly on our side of the aisle, who have been advantaged by his service, by his good humor, and by his caring.

Barry, a native of south Boston, first came to Washington in 1980 to work for the Sergeant at Arms as a doorkeeper. In 1987, Tip O'Neill appointed him to manage the Democratic cloakroom, and he has been reappointed ever since.

Barry had grown up around politics; and his father, Leo Sullivan, had been a Massachusetts State senator and a Boston police commissioner. He never thought he would stay in Washington for more than a couple of years, but the call to serve this House and his country proved too strong. His country and each of us and this institution have been advantaged by his staying.

Barry brought a lot of Boston to the Capitol. He set up a desk in the cloakroom that is very much a shrine to the Boston Red Sox and a place of homecoming for Massachusetts Members. And every time our Members' beepers would announce votes, it was Barry's mellifluous Boston accent that came across the airwaves to tell us what was going on.

Even more so, Barry has made the cloakroom feel like a home, a home away from home for all of us who serve here, and he will be missed dearly and greatly by all who came to cherish his friendship and his comradeship.

Barry, who sits on the floor with us, Mr. Speaker, we wish you all the best in retirement, both to you and to your lovely bride, Barbara, whom I had the opportunity of knowing very well almost as long as I have known you. She was a special person and had a special connection to this House because she was the daughter of our former colleague, Bill Hughes of New Jersey. Bill Hughes represented the people of New Jersey well, and I was honored to serve alongside him on the Financial Services Committee for a while.

As the sunny shores of Cape Cod beckon him, we bid farewell to an extraordinary public servant whose legacy will continue to be felt in the Halls of Congress both on and off this floor for many years to come.

Barry, thank you and Godspeed.

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. NEAL), the dean of the Massachusetts delegation.

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank MIKE CAPUANO for organizing this event on behalf of Barry Sullivan.

Barry Sullivan is a reminder of the men and women who serve this institution day in and day out to make sure that it runs as efficiently as it possibly can.

We depend very much here on accurate data and accurate information; and to call Barry Sullivan at any time of the day or night, you could depend on getting the best information that was available at that moment.

Beyond that, he was an individual of great humor. He had the ability to laugh at himself. He had the ability to chuckle with all of us. I recall with some humor one day that he was in a great state of duress, and that was that he had only been able to deliver one blueberry muffin to Chairman Moakley. Chairman Moakley wanted two blueberry muffins, or as he would say at the time, Chairman Moakley wanted two blueberry muffins. I saw Barry in the hall, and I said, What have we got

going today? He said, I don't know, but I am getting that second blueberry muffin if I get nothing else accomplished.

It is these individuals that day in and day out make us look good here. That is the reminder. They oversee a very complex process in that cloakroom of trying to adhere to the rules of the House and at the same time making sure that the Members of Congress are well positioned not only in terms of time, but in terms of time management.

Barry welcomed me here in 1988. He is one of the first people I met. There was Brian Donnelly and Joe Early and a number of others in the Massachusetts delegation. Nick Marvroules, Gerry Studds, and others came to mind. Of course, there was Barney and members of our delegation. We were always very proud of Barry Sullivan, and I thought that one of his great champions here had been Brian Donnelly in those years. That is how we got to know Barry as well as we did.

I wish him well. I also would say that we can take great confidence from the fact that he was a student of this institution. He held the highest regard for it. He was an acolyte of Tip O'Neill and Joe Moakley, who revered service in this institution.

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. LARSON), a former head of the Democratic Caucus.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank MIKE CAPUANO for organizing this Special Order. Both STENY and RICH have said it well.

Everything that is rich about public service is embodied in the service provided by Barry Sullivan. As RICH pointed out, to have come here with Tip O'Neill and Joe Moakley puts you in the pantheon of stars in New England. I point out to Mr. CAPUANO that RICH NEAL is not only the dean of the Massachusetts delegation; he is the dean of the New England delegation, as well.

Barry Sullivan is New England through and through. He is Irish. He is Catholic. He is the Red Sox. He is the Celtics. He is the Bruins. He is the Patriots. He gets us through the day.

My first encounter with him came over in the Pennsylvania corner where he would be summoned on a regular basis. I thought for a while he was Jack Murtha's personal valet. I did not realize that there was one of those little white buttons that they press. But automatically, Barry would appear out of the backroom and immediately assure Mr. Murtha that things were all right, how things would be done for the day, what time we would get out of here, et cetera. All of the essentials that Members need.

The wonderful thing about Barry, his three sons, and Barbara is that they epitomize class. He is such a gentleman, even among the most tense of situations, he is there for all of us—most notably to remind you that you forgot to vote, to stick your card in,

and adhere to the rules of the floor here. It is that class and the professionalism that he brings to the job.

The elevation of public service is something that another man from Massachusetts provided to all of us. To elevate public life, whether as an elected official or whether in the service of your country, whether it is being a Clerk in this House, whether it is running the Democratic Caucus, or whether it is being in the Peace Corps, John Fitzgerald Kennedy made it elevated, the whole notion of public service. Barry, you exemplify the nobility that Kennedy ushered in and gave credence to a life of public service.

Well done, a son of Boston, a son of Ireland, and, of course, a Red Sox fan. God bless you, Barry, and your entire family.

□ 1800

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. KEATING) will control the remainder of the hour.

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I will now yield to the nominal representative of Mr. Sullivan, who will be joining countless people, as we have already seen from representatives from Maryland, representatives we will hear from from Vermont and New York and California and New Jersey, all envious of being associated with Massachusetts officials and Mr. Sullivan.

We understand their humility, and in that humility I would like to yield to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CONNOLLY).

Mr. CONNOLLY. I thank my colleague.

When I first heard that Barry Sullivan was retiring, my reaction was, Say it ain't so.

I have been in this body for 5 years, and one of the first people I met in orientation was Barry Sullivan. And as a son of Boston myself, as an Irish Catholic myself, as somebody whose family vacations in Cape Code periodically, in Falmouth, where Barry also vacations, I felt I was at home. I felt that there was a human face to this institution who cared about it passionately, who had ties to Tip O'Neill and Joe Moakley, two great heroes in my family's household back in Boston.

I think Barry has provided incredible service to the people's body, to this House, and has tried to ease stress, has tried to make our lives more comfortable. I cannot imagine what we are all going to do when our pager goes off and we don't hear that Boston staccato: There will be four votes; this is the last series of the day. That is Barry Sullivan. And if you come from New England, those are comforting tones.

Barry has contributed 33 years to this institution. I don't think he ever lost a sense of reverence for what this institution is all about; and I think, in showing that reverence, he reminds those of us who hold elective office here just how privileged we are to serve in the people's body. He never lost

sight of that, and I hope none of us will either.

Barry, I think that is your lasting legacy. Thank you to you and your wonderful wife, Barbara, and your three kids. Enjoy retirement. God bless.

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I would like to introduce now for comments about Mr. Sullivan a person who shared the same mentor in many respects, a person that we all admire so greatly, that is the late Congressman Joseph Moakley, I would like to yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN).

Mr. MCGOVERN. I want to thank my colleague from Massachusetts.

It is a real privilege to be here with my colleagues to honor Barry Sullivan. And when I heard about his retirement, I couldn't help but think that this is the end of an era.

As my colleague BILL KEATING mentioned, both Barry and I came here under the mentorship of a great man, Joe Moakley, who understood what public service meant in the best tradition. And I think one of the things that I admire about Barry is that he has been a public servant in the highest tradition. He has been the go-to guy for everything and anything.

You know, a lot of people don't understand who don't work here about all the people who kind of work behind the scenes, who work longer hours than we do, and Barry is amongst that group of people, always here, early mornings, late nights, separated from his family at times when we couldn't get our act together here in the Congress. He has just been incredible.

So we are going to miss you, Barry, for a whole bunch of reasons, and I am going to miss you also because of your friendship. You and Barbara have been great friends to Lisa and me. You have given us advice on how to raise our kids and where to send them to school, and we appreciate that very, very much.

But I want you to know that there are so many of us here who have high regard for you and who value your service and your friendship. And I will just close by saying that I am grateful, but I want you to know that we are going to be friends for life.

Mr. KEATING. I thank the gentleman from Massachusetts.

Mr. Sullivan has had this position as manager of the Cloakroom on the Democratic side since 1987, and he has served different leaders in that capacity. I am sure one of the highlights of his career has been having that position when history was changed and we had our first woman who was Speaker of the House.

I would like to yield to our esteemed leader from California (Ms. PELOSI).

Ms. PELOSI. Thank you, Mr. KEATING. I thank you for yielding. I thank you and Mr. CAPUANO and the members of the Massachusetts delegation for bringing us together to honor a wonderful friend to all of us.

Mr. Speaker, in late 1979, the legendary Congressman Joseph Moakley, a colleague to many of us who had the privilege to call him "colleague," ran into the son of a friend and former colleague, Leo Sullivan, in Boston. He knew that the young Boston State College student had served as a page on Beacon Hill and had an interest in public service. He suggested that it was time for this young man to travel to our Nation's Capital to serve in Congress, led by another Massachusetts legend, Speaker Tip O'Neill. That young man was and is Barry Sullivan.

When he arrived in Washington the following March, he thought he would spend just a few years here before returning to his beloved South Boston. Thirty-three years later, he will finally leave his post in the Democratic Cloakroom, an institution in its own right, a source of information for Members. He leaves as a committed public servant to the Congress and to our country.

As one of Barry's former colleagues once said, "Down here, Members are looking for somebody who knows what's going on." And Barry always knew. He was the trusted source, has been the trusted source, of what was happening on the floor, what bill was up for a vote, what issues Members were tackling on any given day. Barry always knew what was going on, in addition to the floor agenda, what was important for Members to know.

Public service is in his blood, as the son of one of the central players of the mid-20th century in Massachusetts State government. So prominent was Barry's father, Leo, in local politics, that he escorted then-President-elect John Kennedy from Logan Airport to the Boston Garden on election night, 1960, a great honor for a great Massachusetts leader and family.

Barry would come here and be escorting Presidents, Prime Ministers and Kings over and over again, and he did so with grace and commanding respect.

Boston is in his blood. As a proud native of South Boston, a devoted Red Sox fan—did I say that they won the World Series? But of course everybody knows that.

Okay. You can cheer for Barry as well as for the Red Sox, okay? I was at the game. All right.

A devoted Red Sox fan, I repeat, a father and husband who takes his family back to his hometown and to Cape Cod every year without fail. And now, with his career in the Capitol coming to a close, we all know that Barry looks forward to spending as much time as he can on the Cape with his beloved wife, Barbara, and their three sons.

Barry Sullivan has been an integral part of our team and our system. He has been a clearinghouse of information from his first day in the Cloakroom to his last, as the man in charge. His service has proven invaluable. His contributions have been incredible, just remarkable. He gives you the answer before you ask the question. He anticipates our every need.

To Barbara and the whole Sullivan family, thank you for sharing your husband and father with the United States Congress for so long.

To Barry, you have earned the respect of Members of Congress and the gratitude of countless Members of Congress who have served in this Chamber. Thank you for taking a chance, for coming to Washington to serve Tip, at the invitation of Joe Moakley—what legends—and for serving us all with grace, good humor, and dedication throughout your tenure in the House of Representatives; though you are leaving us on a day-to-day basis, I hope you will be no stranger to us and that you will return on many occasions.

Thank you, Barry Sullivan.

Mr. KEATING. Thank you, Madam Leader.

We all know that it is no secret that in this House there are often great divisions, and probably the most profound schism that exists in this House is between Red Sox fans and Yankee fans. But to show you the esteem that Mr. Sullivan has held with our Members, I have the privilege of yielding whatever time he may consume to the gentleman from New York (Mr. SERRANO).

Mr. SERRANO. I thank the gentleman. And you are correct. You stuffed my first line.

I live a few blocks away from Yankee Stadium, and so, for a Yankee fan to honor a Red Sox fan shows the kind of love and respect that I have for him. I don't know if I will survive or be able to sleep tonight, but I will say congratulations, Barry, on the Red Sox winning the World Series.

You notice that didn't come out too well, but it is not that easy.

Barry Sullivan. When I first came here and I found out that Barry Sullivan was running the Cloakroom, I expected to see Barry Sullivan, the movie star of the 1940s in the black-and-white movies. Instead, I found a class act and a person who really cared about the membership. And that is what is important, that he always took care of the membership.

One of the things that always amazed me about Barry was his ability to put up with us. After all, how many times does a person get to answer the same question 200 times in a row to the same people?

When are we getting out tonight, Barry?

When do you think votes will end?

Do I have time to go to dinner?

Well, Mr. SERRANO, blah, blah, blah, blah, and he would do it. And then you would show up and you would show up and he would do it. By the third time, I would have told everybody to come in the Cloakroom and I will make one speech to everybody, and then you can all get out of here and leave me alone. But there was always that ability for him to understand the needs we had, the information we needed, and the fact that he provided that for us.

But he also had a sense of humor. I gave him a hard time for so long. I have been here 23 years, and I had running lines with him. One of them, walking into the Cloakroom, was, Are the Red Sox still in the league? That was one of the ones. The other one was, What is the loudest noise in September? And he would actually go along with it and say, What? I would say, The Red Sox falling apart. And this went on and on and on.

But through it all, Barry, you showed more than just being a sports fan, you showed that you were a class human being, that you were a person who cared, a person who cared in terms of how we got here. I think you, as much as anyone else, understood that none of us get appointed here, that we have to go beg in front of a Legion hall or in front of a subway station or in front of a supermarket for a vote, and you understood that, and that is how you treated us, and that is how I think we treated you.

You were the one who told us if there were peanuts coming to that basket in front of you when we were looking for peanuts or chocolate or whatever. You were the person who made sure everything ran well, and I am going to miss you. I am really going to miss you, because I think you are one of the classiest acts around here. I hope you stay in touch. And I will just end this way. We have in Spanish—and I will apologize to the stenographer, and I will translate it later.

We have a saying in Spanish: Dime con quien andas y te dire quien eres.

(English translation of the above statement is as follows:)

Tell me who you walk with and I will tell you who you are.

We walk with you. We are you. Let's hope that we have learned from you how to be as classy and as humane as you have been for so many years.

Thank you, Barry.

□ 1815

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I yield now to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. KEATING) who represents the town of Falmouth, the Member who, I guess, will represent Barry in different ways, possibly officially at some point.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on the subject of this Special Order.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, after the kind words of the gentleman from New York, I just want to say, after hearing him pay tribute to Mr. Sullivan, I just will tell you that I do hope that the Yankees sign Robinson Canó, and I hope they go way over the luxury tax threshold to do it.

Mr. Speaker, just briefly, I want to tell you, when I came to this House not

knowing much, I asked for advice from a lot of people, and I can't tell you how many people told me, Just seek out Barry Sullivan for whatever you need, whether it is a personal need, whether it is the knowledge of the city, whether it is the knowledge of legislative practice, whether it is the knowledge of what to do in the formal or informal structure. They all told me to seek out Barry Sullivan. I will tell you that no better advice was ever given to me.

I want to congratulate him on his 33 years, and I want to say that it has been an amazing career because, as the leadership has changed over his 87 years, he has maintained that position despite who was in the Democratic leadership, and that is a tribute to the job that he does.

I also have felt a kinship with him as I began to know a little bit about him. I saw that we have a lot in common. He comes from a police family. His father was police commissioner. My father was a police officer. My brother was a police officer. His father was a State senator, and I served in the State senate for part of that time, representing the city of Boston as well.

We both shared the great privilege of having a mentor. Joe Moakley was the Congressman in my district in my days when I was in the State legislature, and I called upon him time and time again for advice. I realize that both Barry Sullivan and I profited greatly from that knowledge, not only of the institutional knowledge that he had but the good character and type of person that Joe Moakley was.

Barry and I both had an early interest in politics. We both studied and majored in political science when we were in college. Even our own sons went to the same college of St. Joe's, and we both paid those tuition figures to have that occur.

A lot of people will be saying goodbye to Barry, and they will be saying that they are sorry they won't be seeing him as much. I think I am probably in the minority, where I will be able to say, I probably will see you more because I am sure that as he has more time to spend on his own to recreate, to be with his family, I am going to see him on the beaches in Falmouth Heights. I am going to see him fishing. I am going to see him watching the Falmouth Commodores in the Cape Cod league, enjoying probably one of the best places in the world to retire to.

I just want to wish him well. I wish Barbara well. Good health. Enjoy those years. And thank you, Mr. Sullivan, for a job well done.

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to yield to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. ANDREWS), another Member with a special relationship with Mr. Sullivan.

Mr. ANDREWS. I thank my friend for yielding.

With a sense of real mixed emotions, I join this discussion tonight, certainly with gratitude and pride for Barry's 33 years of service but also for a real

sense of regret that he will not be a part of our everyday lives and work the way he has been for all these years.

The House is very often a very chaotic and noisy place. The bell rings, and hundreds of people descend upon the floor. They all have their demands. They all have their ideas. They all have their needs. In that sea of chaos, you look for a person who stands tall and strong and is unflappable no matter what. Barry, for all of us, for all those years, you have been one of those people.

Nothing flusters Barry Sullivan. There is no problem too great. There is no controversy too bitter. He is always the same optimistic, friendly, honest, cheerful, strong person, no matter what. And your strength has been an inspiration to all of us.

When you know from whence Barry comes, his strength is easy to understand. I did not have the privilege of sharing the heritage that he has from Boston, but I know his family very, very well. I know that his beloved father-in-law, former Representative Bill Hughes, Ambassador Bill Hughes, served here. Perhaps his greatest gift was Barbara. I think that is probably the reason Barry stayed in Washington, because he met her, and they started a beautiful life together. They have three wonderful sons that they have educated and raised, and I have the privilege of working with his son Brendan, who is here with us tonight, representing the people of our First Congressional District of New Jersey.

So, Barry, nothing you do surprises us because of your inner strength and your qualities and your optimism.

The one thing about Barry that did surprise me, however, was that he did not start growing his beard in the middle of the summer and let it go until the end of the World Series, like his beloved Red Sox. There was some discussion that he might do that.

But I do admire the fact that he was nice to everyone—even to the Yankees fans, as Mr. SERRANO just said. He showed real equanimity.

Barry, on behalf of our country, our party, my constituents, and my family, we thank you for your strength and your goodness and your inspiration. We know we will see you many times in the future. We wish you Godspeed. Congratulations.

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Vermont (Mr. WELCH).

Mr. WELCH. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Barry, we are going to miss you. Everyone has been rightly singing your praises.

I will tell you the couple of things I noticed right away. When I came, it was 2007. Many of the Members who have spoken have been here many years longer. When you went into the cloakroom, you were treated like you had been here forever. Everybody was treated the same. The goodwill, the good sense of humor, the good judgment, the sense that we are all part of

something larger than ourselves—that was something that Barry really conveyed.

The other thing I noticed, we used to have pages here. Remember that? We had these young people full of hopes and dreams about how they could make a contribution in this country, how they could make this a better country, how they could be better people.

Barry, it was amazing to watch you with those kids because you had to get them organized. They had to learn all of our names. They would be sitting there in the cloakroom studying the Congressional Pictorial, and these young kids from all over the country would be coming up, and they would be saying hi to Mr. MILLER, to Mr. WELCH, to Mr. CAPUANO, and it was such a reassuring observation, such a wonderful scene there where these kids—boys and girls—felt that they had a big job in a big institution. You could see them getting excited about public service, and you could see them taking seriously the responsibilities that go along with it, which at that moment, for them, was learning the names and matching them to the faces of the people who were here.

Barry, you were a great teacher. It wasn't just that they got our names right. It was that you inspired them to find in themselves the discipline and the strength to take that next step and to aspire to achieve their dreams.

It is a life well lived when you can treat the people in it with love and respect, when you can commit yourself to the building of an institution, that you can help leave it behind in better shape than you found it.

So, Barry, for all of us who served with you, seeing all the good deeds you have done for so many, thank you very much.

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York (Mr. HIGGINS).

Mr. HIGGINS. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Also, I want to say that as a freshman Member here several years ago, Barry made me feel very special, and I thought that it had to do with the fact that I was from a place called south Buffalo, which is very much like South Boston but without the edge or the accent.

This favorite son of South Boston defined this institution with a sense of order, most certainly, but with a sense of pride and purpose and humor as well. An avid Boston Red Sox fan and Boston Bruins fan, and just an all-around wonderful person who made everyone here, hundreds of Members that have served, feel very special, as you did that first day that I arrived.

So, Barry, I thank you, as a Member of this House, and I want to commend you for your years of service and wish you well in the years ahead of you.

Mr. CAPUANO. I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. MILLER).

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. I thank the gentleman for yielding and

thank him for organizing this tribute to Barry and, I think, to his family, because we know the time he takes away from them on our behalf for his service here.

I am one of the few people who can say that I was here before you were, Barry, but I thought everybody here was from Boston or something like that when I first got here from the west coast.

I want to join my colleagues here. I think we all have very strong and deep feelings about the service you have rendered to us. Sometimes when we were pleasant, and sometimes when we weren't so pleasant, sometimes when we were harried, and sometimes when we were relaxed, you always seemed to be very stable in terms of the answers that you could provide us, even when you couldn't possibly know the answer to the question, "When are we getting out?" You would just kind of look and say, Well, and you would give your best guesstimate because you didn't have a clue what was going to take place on the floor, given the turmoil that happens from time to time. But it was more than just about getting out; I think it was also an assessment, your sense of what was really taking place on the floor. Yes, there were 50 amendments filed, but you had a handicap system. You figured 30 were going to go by the wayside by noon. Another five would drop out later. You heard somebody else might have been leaving. So now we are down to a handful of manageable amendments. So don't give up your early reservation. That kind of handicapping was worth a lot when you come from the west coast and you have got to do it every week. So thank you for that.

Your service here overall to us, the dignity with which you have treated the Members of Congress—as I say, sometimes we can be rather demanding because we are harried. It has just been a wonderful, wonderful relationship to have you on our side in our cloakroom, taking care of us and answering questions from our families when they call and want to know what might they expect in terms of our service and our time here.

I think Joe Moakley picked a good guy. He did right by you, and you did right by us. And I just want to thank you.

I want to join Mr. WELCH also. I was a big fan of the experience that the pages were able to garner here, and all of us have met people who were pages who now live in our districts and remember that experience, or it was key to their actions, and it was unfortunate that we weren't able to hold onto that program. But your management, your care, and your kind remarks to them sometimes when they were being youthful and exuberant about something that may be taking place, to remind them what was going on in the House, I think, was one of the lessons of their lives that they will never forget. So thank you very much for that

management and oversight of those young people who have gone on in so many instances to make major, major contributions in our communities and in our country. Thank you so much for your service.

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker I yield to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. RYAN).

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

Barry, I just want to say that there have been a lot of kind words here tonight, and I think a lot of the words are very appropriate, but I have got to say, I don't even like you.

You are full of bad news all the time. We want to go home. You won't let us. We want to come in later. You won't let us. We want to go home a day early. You won't let us. Barbara, I don't know how you put up with him.

As a young boy, I used to go to church with my grandfather. He was an usher at the church. He wasn't the priest. He wasn't the head of the parish council. But he was the guy who made everything run. He helped run the festival. He was the top usher, so he had to handle all the money. He scheduled everybody. I grew up really watching him with an appreciation of how many people that you may not see in that instance on the altar or here speaking on the floor, how many people work to make things happen.

□ 1830

Barry is in that cloakroom making things happen, making things run smoothly; not in the newspaper, not getting the headlines. And I just want to say thanks.

I worked for a Member of Congress 20 years ago, and he had the old things you used to have to slide on. It was huge, it seemed like, back then, and I remember as a staffer hearing Barry's voice, and I knew it was Barry. I just heard this voice, Two bells, three bells, four bells, 15 minutes, 5 minutes. For 2 years, I would hear that.

Then, when I finally became a Member and I got my little clip and I started hearing that voice and I got to meet Barry, it was like I thought I had made it. I get to respond to what Barry has been telling people to do for so many years. It was a great honor.

Then-Minority Leader PELOSI started the 30-Something Working Group with Kendrick Meek and DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ and other Members, and I would come to the floor sometimes two or three nights during the week and stay very late—sometimes until 10 or 11. And I knew Barry was here, slogging away. He would say, Are you going to go tonight, Mr. RYAN? Yes. Sorry, Barry. He would sit in that room and wait until that was done. But that is the kind of dedication that you had.

We love you. You are the best. Always with a smile and something nice to say, no matter how bad the situation got or how tough things were.

Barbara, thank you. I know there are a lot of late nights here.

Barry, you are the best. Have a great retirement.

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from South Boston (Mr. LYNCH).

Mr. LYNCH. I want to thank my friend, Mr. CAPUANO, for reserving this time on our behalf to recognize our great friend.

Mr. Speaker, Barry Sullivan has been here a long time.

I know that the title “cloakroom manager” has a rather antiquated sound to it. As a matter of fact, there is a rumor around here that Barry Sullivan actually was the manager of the cloakroom back when they still wore cloaks.

I am not sure he has been here that long, but I do know the beginning of his service started with marching in the St. Patrick’s Day parade in South Boston with Joe Moakley, our dear departed friend. Now, after 33 years, our friend has decided to retire from his position. I think it is a truly bittersweet moment for a lot of us.

Barry has been an extension of our staffs. I will miss the daily contact that I have with Barry, because most of the time he is reminding me to make all the votes. But he is also an extension of our families, in many ways. So many of us travel back and forth from our home districts—mine, in South Boston, and around the city of Boston—back here to Washington. And Barry is an extension of that.

I have had the good fortune to call Barry my friend since I arrived here in Washington, D.C., shortly after the attacks on September 11. I came in in a special election. I was the only Democrat elected at that time. I was given one bit of advice by my friends. They said, Make sure you get to know Barry Sullivan in the cloakroom. That is some of the best advice that I have ever received in coming here.

Barry may not know it, but to a new Member of Congress, his assistance is immeasurable, especially when you are first getting used to understanding the rhythm here in Washington, D.C., and the importance of the whole process here.

Barry has been in D.C. all these years now—at least 33 years—but he has never lost his connection to his hometown of South Boston. As a matter of fact, Barry may not know this, but he is actually still voting in South Boston each and every election. There is an old South Boston rule that if someone moves away or even if they pass away, as long as you know how that person would have voted, you are allowed to vote on their behalf.

I am actually kidding on that.

Barry has never lost his connection to his local community in South Boston, as well as his love for Cape Cod. A true son of South Boston, Barry and his family still make their annual trip to Falmouth, Massachusetts. Of course, they always stop at Sullivan’s at Castle Island for a couple of hot dogs.

While there is no doubt that Barry loves to get back to the Cape, there

was always the rumor that Barry traveled back home simply to work on his Boston accent. While I may have had trouble when I first got here in talking to some of our colleagues from the Deep South, I never needed an interpreter to talk to my friend Barry.

I still remember how proud we were back in 2007, standing right in this Chamber, in this aisle, at the State of the Union address. It was Barry Sullivan who made the announcement: Mr. Speaker, the President of the United States. While most of the country didn’t know what he was saying, a lot of people back in South Boston in our district were very, very proud of that moment. The phone was ringing off the hook.

Mr. Speaker, there are a lot of Members here who are the face of the Congress. We are up here at the microphone on a continual basis, sometimes much to the chagrin of the people we represent, but behind the scenes it is people like Barry Sullivan who make things work. His manner and respectful way of dealing with everyone, whether it was a page, the Speaker of the House, or whether it is a Democrat—he’s even nice to the Republicans. I think it helps the camaraderie and the way this body works, and I think it goes beyond what people would rightfully expect. Barry conducted his job with that level of respect and dignity and efficiency in guiding us in our jobs and in our responsibilities.

On a personal level, I am proud to call Barry a friend. I have also come to know his wife, Barbara—Saint Barbara, we call her—and his sons Barry, Brendan, and Brian.

We do regret that he has decided to move on to other endeavors.

I just want to say that the job that you have done here, Barry, and the dignity and professionalism that you have lent to this Congress and to your country is something that we are enormously proud of. I cannot think of a better compliment and recognition of a job well done. You have been a blessing to this Congress—both sides of the aisle—and to your country.

Barry, we all wish you well in your future endeavors. We wish the best for Barbara, your sons, and your family. I thank you for all the kindness you have shown towards me and towards all the other Members and their families during our times in this Congress.

God bless you and thank you. Godspeed.

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PASCRELL).

Mr. PASCRELL. MICHAEL, thank you for putting this together tonight.

I come tonight not only to talk about Barry, but to talk about all the staff. Please understand what I am saying tonight. If you feel that there is an injection in my words of politics, so be it.

First of all, I never understood what Barry said at any time, so it is not a question of having a translation.

Thank you for your service to your country and thank you for your service

to this Congress—every Congressperson. The entire membership has been so fortunate to have you here.

You know what I mean when I say Barry, Location, location, location. You were right: you fit, and you did what you said you were going to do.

I do not speak to you in terms of your title, because titles come and go. I speak to your character. You are a person of character. Your word is always your bond.

We joked and we kibitzed back and forth. We joked about sports. We joked about life. You are an example for all of us, as you move forward. And you may be on—as some might say—the down side of the mountain, but you are really not.

I say this to all the staff members.

I have been here for close to 17 years, and Barry, you are leaving at a time of most interest to me, since I always made it a habit, whether I was a teacher or whether I was in the mayor’s office, whatever, to talk to everybody—the secretary, the administrator, the young lady on the elevator, the maintenance man, the guy who took care of the boiler. When I was the mayor, in the middle of the winter, the temperature in the council chambers was 80 degrees. I would tell him to go down and stoke the fire and make it so hot so we could get the meeting over with.

You have got to know who to talk to. You don’t talk to the mayor, you don’t talk to the superintendent of the schools, you don’t talk to the Speaker. You talk to the Barry’s of this world that make the place run. If you don’t learn that, then you are in for a sad awakening when you get here.

Public servants have been maligned in this very institution. Public servants have not been appreciated. I want to speak—and I have done it many times on this floor, Barry—for public servants. They can speak for themselves. I guess I am a public servant, too.

But the disrespect shown, with a pat on the back and then a spit in your eye, doesn’t belong here, because if we are really grateful for what you do, Mr. Barry, Mr. Police Officer, Mr. Firefighter, Mr. Teacher, Mr. Congressman, if we really appreciate it, we are straight with you. We respect you. We want to make sure you get fair compensation for your pay so you don’t have to feel like you have your hat out.

You have raised this institution. You have made it a better place—all of you.

So, Mr. Speaker, to go back to those who aren’t here right now, I will tell them that when we lose the appreciation for the staff people who serve every day, serve our country every day, we are the worse for it, not the better.

Barry, I have never heard an evil word spoken about you because there was nothing to say of negativity. Thank you for who you are. I hope I see you again. You have made an impression on all of us.

God bless you, and God bless your beautiful family. God bless America.

Mr. CAPUANO. Thank you, Mr. PASCRELL.

Barry, I wanted to save this until last because, honestly, stuff about life is just stuff. It is all interesting.

You have had an interesting life. Great. For me, I wanted to do this because I consider you a friend, and I don't make friends that easily. I make a lot of acquaintances. I don't consider a lot of people close friends.

□ 1845

To me, friendship is based on whether I think somebody will go through the fire for me like I would go through the fire for them. My judgment on you is that you would. It has a lot to do with the way you were raised. I don't know much about it, but I do. When you were raised in South Boston, I was being raised in Somerville. There was only one place in the world tougher than South Boston at that time, and that was Somerville.

I will tell you that an awful lot of people come out of those situations bitter, with a lot of difficulties, not knowing what to do and angry at the world. A lot of good people come out of it, though, just the opposite—understanding, okay, life can be tough; life isn't fair; make the best of it you can. It is better to go through life with a smile and take yourself a little less seriously than it is to be bitter. You have done that. You have done it with grace. To me, that means an awful lot.

I will tell you that it was always comforting for me to hear the voice on the machine. I think it is a joke. I think it is hilarious. I have actually enjoyed having to catch you up on your proper pronunciation of words. I love the fact that your friends at home called you and told you that the word "speaker" isn't spoken the way you have got it. It has been twisted after all of these years. You have got to get it right. Get back up to Boston, and get it straight. I think that is great.

I will tell you that, for me, the relationship started before I even knew it, and that was at St. John's Prep. You are the only person I know who went there besides me. The only difference between you and me is you finished it, and I got kicked out, but in those days—and I have no idea. I never asked why you were there. I know why I was there. I was there to be plucked out of a difficult situation with the hope that things would go a different way. Now, of course, you couldn't take the Somerville out of me, and it didn't quite work out the way my parents had thought it might. The Xaverian brothers mostly were from Somerville at the time, and their beatings were nothing to me—just natural life.

But, to me, that tells me something—you had it right from the beginning. You had a good upbringing. You treat people with respect. You understand the needs of the Members here, and you treat us like human beings. To me, that is more important than anything else. For me, that friendship doesn't go away.

I hate the fact that you are retiring. I hate it. I hate it because I don't take change too well. I like certain, stable things in my life. I love STEPHEN LYNCH, but I hate the fact that Joe Moakley is not with us anymore. I know that life changes, and I know and I hope to God that you have a great retirement. I hope you enjoy yourself. I hope you learn to say your wife's name properly. My wife is also a "Barbara," and there are no "ah's" in there. You don't need that letter. It is an extra letter. Just get rid of it.

I hope you have a great retirement. I hope you realize that you are always, always, always going to have friends here. I don't care where I am or where you are. If there is ever anything I can do to help you or your family or if there is anything I can do to ever help—I don't even have to say it because I know you know it. It is what we do. It is what we enjoy doing.

You are my friend. I don't come to this well very often, as you well know. It is a unique experience for me. I think most of what is said here is insincere and read off papers. I just wanted to take a minute to sincerely tell you that I have enjoyed our relationship. I consider you a good friend, and I wish you the best of life wherever you go, whatever you do. It has been a joy working with you, and I am proud of the fact that I can call you a friend.

Thank you for your service, Barry. Thank you for your friendship.

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

THE HEROES OF NORTH CAROLINA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2013, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

IN PRAISE OF THE PATH PROGRAM

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, Larry Woods, a constituent of mine from Winston-Salem, is accomplishing groundbreaking work in service to local North Carolinians.

Under Larry's leadership, the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem is transforming the template for North Carolina's housing programs through a program called PATH, or Projects for Assistance in the Transition from Homelessness.

Through PATH, the housing authority works with community groups in service to families and individuals who are proactively seeking to reduce and eventually end their dependence on government support.

PATH's community collaborations provide specialized job skills, education, employment preparation, and career placement services to equip families as they turn their dreams into reality. The PATH concept, championed by Larry Woods and his team, has capitalized on community resources, has eliminated duplication and gaps in service, and has reduced service costs.

Participants in the PATH program soon will also be able to benefit from access to special "step-up" housing at the housing authority's new, modern facilities.

In the near future, some individuals working to improve their lives through PATH will be able to move into the Oaks, a new 50-unit development located in Winston-Salem. The Oaks will feature a variety of apartments to fit residents' unique needs and provide a valuable incentive for participants as they move forward in their personal journeys toward self-sufficiency. An open house was recently held at the Oaks, where two completed units were shown to the public, and I would like to congratulate all involved on that accomplishment.

Larry and his team's forward-thinking approach to public housing has changed the lives of many North Carolinians. The PATH program is just one component of their efforts to advance their mission of direct service in a fiscally responsible way.

Communities throughout our country that are looking to overcome the challenges of homelessness can find new ideas to meet the needs of their citizens by looking to the great example of Winston-Salem's PATH program.

THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM:
DEWEY'S BAKERY AND FORBUSH HIGH SCHOOL
BAND BOOSTERS

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, community spirit is alive and well in North Carolina's Fifth District.

The Forbush High School Band Boosters are creatively working toward the goal of replacing decades-old band uniforms and equipment. Booster volunteers have been fund-raising for this project for years because the \$30,000 price tag goes well beyond a single year's budget.

In their effort, they reached out to Dewey's Bakery in Winston-Salem, and the two have teamed to open a special Dewey's fund-raising store in Yadkinville, North Carolina, much like fund-raising stores operating for other schools in Clemmons and Boone. Mr. and Mrs. Clate and Josie Wingler of Yadkinville graciously donated a storefront, and right now Band Boosters are there, selling wonderful Dewey's products, as they will be until Christmas. The entire Yadkinville store is run by volunteers—band members, parents, grandparents, and community supporters; and more than one-third of the store's profits will go directly to the Forbush High School Band.

This level of teamwork, spirit of volunteerism, generosity, and commitment to local communities is a testament to the wonderful people living in the Fifth District.

75TH ANNIVERSARY: NATIONAL INDUSTRIES FOR
THE BLIND

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, National Industries for the Blind celebrates its 75th anniversary this year, and I congratulate NIB on this achievement. The work NIB, its team members, and affiliates do every day in service to