

I have had the gift in my lifetime of being able to travel, to go follow the job. Go see what happened when Trico moved out of Buffalo. Go see what happened when Mr. Coffee moved out of Cleveland. When you start following these places, then, all of a sudden, it becomes clear: oh, somebody is making a whole lot of money off of the outsourcing of jobs. Do you know what? It wasn't the people in my community. It wasn't the workers. It wasn't even the small business people. It is the capitalists who take the money—those people who are rich enough to own these companies—and who then figure out they can outsource it so they can make more money, not work with the people in these communities who have given their lives, their sweat for these places. It is so disrespectful. It is un-American. It is un-American what they are doing.

Mr. TONKO. The gentlewoman talks about the ownership—the pride of developing community and neighborhood, the investment that the worker made in growing a family, developing a household, building a neighborhood in a strong and powerful and meaningful way. Those are the mill town memories. Those memories guide my heart and soul.

I am from a mill town. I still live in that mill town and represent that mill town here in the House of Representatives, and it was the clamor of that assembly line that resonated to people of all ages in that mill town. It was the activity. It was the hustle and bustle of manufacturing that resonated, that became the pulse of manufacturing, and that became the heart of a mill town. You knew which day the mill was shut—there was silence—but now the silence is deafening, and we need to bring back that resurgence, that opportunity which meant the American Dream, meant an opportunity to earn a paycheck—the dignity to earn that paycheck—and to be able to raise a family and develop and maintain a household. That is what it is all about. It is about economic and social justice.

So we have work to do, and I believe that Washington needs to listen to small-town mill town across this country, to the middle-income community that reminds us it is about the dignity of work; that they want to invest their skill set, that they want to invest their professionalism, they want to invest their work ethic in building a product, allowing us to taste that greatness of manufacturing.

We look at the data that are assembled that should guide us here, and we see CEO salaries and productivity rising steeply upward. Meanwhile, flattened, if not dipping south, is the average worker's salary. Something is fundamentally unjust about that outcome. Something is fundamentally unsustainable about that outcome. If we are going to enjoy prosperity, every strata of the income ladder is affected if we are not dealing with worker fairness. Then and only then, if we address

worker fairness, can we rightfully hope to have a better tomorrow. Isn't that what we are about—providing hope, instilling hope into the hearts and minds and souls of individuals and families, of workers—of the mill towns of the American economy?

Ms. KAPTUR. Congressman TONKO, your service gives us hope, and I know it gives the people of your district hope. Thank you for joining us this evening.

I am going to yield to Congressman KEITH ELLISON of Minnesota, who has spent the evening here with us.

Thank you so much for working overtime on behalf of your constituents and all of America.

Mr. ELLISON. Let me thank the gentlewoman.

Again, I just want to point out that President Obama correctly said that income inequality is the defining issue of our time. I think he was right when he said that.

When you look at why do we have the flat and declining wages that the Congressman from New York, PAUL TONKO, just mentioned and that you have mentioned—why? What are the components of this?—I can tell you that it is clear that we have not invested in public infrastructure, which would put people to work and improve productivity. It is clear that we have cut the taxes of the wealthiest and the most privileged people in our society, and, literally, we have added them onto people in the middle, and we have failed to educate people properly. Yet one of the components that we can never forget is this trade policy. You cannot intelligently claim that you want to do something about income inequality and pass these trade deals which ship jobs overseas and put downward pressure on wages here.

This is a key part of how we get the American middle and working classes back to getting raises again.

Ms. KAPTUR. I thank the gentleman so much for that excellent point.

I take it, by the signal, our time has expired. We thank all of those for listening who are present.

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

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REMEMBERING CONGRESSMAN BILL FRENZEL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. JOYCE). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2013, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. PAULSEN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

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

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

There was no objection.

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, tonight, I rise with several of my colleagues to honor the work and memory of Congressman Bill Frenzel, who passed away on Monday. Congressman Frenzel represented Minnesota's Third Congressional District for 20 years, first elected in 1970 and retiring in 1990.

Actually, Mr. Speaker, many of us tonight had already planned to speak today to express our love and appreciation to Bill from this floor, even before we learned of his death.

Now, it just feels too late, in a way, but one of the benefits of extolling the virtues of people greater than ourselves is that we become better still, so we are keeping with that plan tonight.

I must admit, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, that as I stand here in this Chamber, where Bill did some of his best work, my heart is more full of emotions than my head is full of ideas, and there are many facts that I could recite about the service of Bill Frenzel; instead, I am going to try to capture the man that I knew, the man that we all knew, and the man that we all truly loved and respected.

When I received the news that Bill passed away on Monday, there was a scrap of paper hanging on my wall in my Washington office and also a scrap of paper hanging on my Minnesota wall that became my prized possessions. They are two vintage Frenzel doodles.

There are hundreds of them out there—whimsical, fantastically detailed little drawings that Bill Frenzel did while he was on the phone, while he was in committee meetings, listening to testimony, or during debates. Such was the hyperactivity of this brilliant mind, that when he was required to sit still, his drawing hand had to be moving.

I say that to convey the idea that Bill Frenzel was just more alive than most people that you meet. He was always thinking. He was always creating. He was always pushing positive ideas, and in the interactions that I had with him, it was like he was always leaning forward at you at an angle, like a person walking boldly into a stiff wind.

Bill Frenzel was a serious legislator, often pouring over line by line of the Federal budget. In fact, that practice continued after he left Congress. Every year, he would make a phone call to my office, requesting his copy of the annual Federal budget.

It is amazing to me that anyone would even want this massive document sitting on their bookshelf, but what is truly amazing is that Bill would actually go through this budget line by line for decades after he left this institution.

Bill believed in and dedicated his life to doing the greatest good for the greatest number of people, and for Bill, the way that he did the greatest good for the greatest number of people was by promoting and advancing international trade.

I suppose it began by looking at the great good being done around the world

by many outstanding companies that operate out of the district that we represent in Minnesota, companies that feed and restore health to millions and billions all across the borders of the world.

Bill believed—and he was absolutely right—that there is no force in the modern world that has done more to raise people out of poverty, to foster the spread of human rights, or to expand democracy than international trade.

Within Bill's own lifetime, the United States and Germany and Japan were mortal enemies, doing terrible violence to each other's lands and peoples, but through the experience of being trading partners, they have become our best friends and our best allies.

For three decades, there was no stronger advocate for international trade that was more persuasive than Congressman Bill Frenzel. He was the indispensable man, in many ways, in the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement, which has benefited all of the people of our continent immeasurably and has been the model of our agreements now for all over the world.

Just last month, in October, Bill received the Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle—that is the highest honor of the nation of Mexico that can be given to a noncitizen—in appreciation of his work on the North American Free Trade Agreement.

In 2000, he also received the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star, from the Emperor of Japan for his efforts to advance trade and the U.S. relationship with Japan.

He deserves America's highest honors as well. He worked across the aisle as a consensus seeker because he understood that relationships matter, that relationships make a difference, especially on the big issues like Social Security reform, budget reform, tax reform, welfare reform, and, of course, trade agreements.

After retiring from Congress in 1991, he became a guest scholar in economic studies at The Brookings Institution, and he remained very active in public policy, being appointed to governmental panels by Presidents on both sides of the aisle.

Just 2 months ago—in fact, in September, President Obama reappointed him to the White House Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations. That is a position that he was first appointed to by President George W. Bush in the year 2002.

He also cochaired the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, a bipartisan organization dedicated to educating the public about the impact of fiscal policies.

I will just tell you, personally, Mr. Speaker and Members, that I will miss my conversations with Bill Frenzel. I got together with him every 3 or 4 months over coffee, where he would share his years of wisdom, his experi-

ences, and his insights that he gained during that tenure in public service.

There is no doubt that he was a good friend and a mentor in many respects; however, there is no temptation for any of us to try to do a Bill Frenzel imitation because there will never be another like him.

For me, Bill absolutely inspires me to be the best that I can be and search for ways that I can do the greatest good to help the greatest numbers of people.

I offer my condolences tonight, Mr. Speaker, to the Frenzel family; to his wife, Ruthy, who was always by his side; and to his three daughters, Debbie, Pam, and Mitty.

I also want to give thanks to Minnesota's Third Congressional District voters for electing him in the first place and for giving me an amazing set of shoulders to try to stand upon, as well as my thanks to God for the life and service and the example of Congressman Bill Frenzel.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the Congressman from the Eighth Congressional District of Minnesota, Mr. RICK NOLAN. Congressman NOLAN has a very unique perspective on his friendship with Bill Frenzel, serving with him both in Congress, as well as in the State legislature in Minnesota.

I will just say that, as two public servants of Minnesota for a number of years, both in and out of office, their paths crossed many times, and their friendship exemplifies, I think, Bill's friendly nature and willingness to work with people on both sides of the aisle to get things done for the country and our State.

Mr. NOLAN. Thank you, Representative PAULSEN, and thank you for helping to organize this tribute to a truly great native son of Minnesota, who made us all so proud in so many ways that, as you said, Erik, it is hard to enumerate all of them.

When it came to public service, when it came to governance, when it came to bipartisanship, when it came to doodling, when it came to baseball—I mean, the list just goes on and on. He truly made us proud in so many ways.

I too want to recognize other friends of the Frenzel family who are here. As you said, Bill and Ruthy were inseparable. They were clearly a team, and that can be so valuable and so important to the success of a legislator, a great public servant, and Bill was so proud of his family and the girls, Debbie and Pam and Mitty. He talked about them often.

I want to thank the family for being there for Bill and for helping to give him the strength to carry on and do all the great things that he did.

As Erik mentioned, we served together in the State House of Representatives. Bill had been there before me. I followed him to the Congress. Again, obviously, he had been there before me, but he was always such a good friend, offering all kinds of guidance and help negotiating the ways of the State

House and the State and the ways of the U.S. House and the ways of the government here.

He was just a wonderfully good friend and a good mentor. I shall always be forever grateful for his mentoring and his guidance, and that was something he did for anyone who had the good judgment to take advantage of it because he was always open. He was always available. He was always there for you, and he was always so incredibly well-prepared.

The thing I liked most about Bill was that he was so respectful of everyone else and their ideas, and you knew if you had an idea—whether it was a good one or a bad one—you were going to get a hearing with Bill Frenzel, and if it was a bad idea, of course, he would be the first to tell you and tell you why.

Quite frankly, more often than not, he was right, and that was just such an important lesson that he gave to all of us and inspired us all. When it came to things like—Erik mentioned the budget. Most Members will maybe read the summary. Bill Frenzel, he read that thing in its entirety.

He knew where every nickel and every dime was going, and he understood the consequences of it. When it came to trade policy, the same thing. He knew of all of its implications. He understood international trade.

In fact, in many ways, he was an inspiration to me outside of politics as well, in no small measure to the benefits that he articulated to trade because when I left this Congress—what, some 34 years ago—I went into export trading because I had heard Bill Frenzel talk about the incredible opportunity that we had with our technology, our ability to produce food, our ability to produce good consumer goods, our ability to produce things that improve the lives of people all over the world and why not get out there and aggressively export those goods and those services, which is what I ended up doing for 32 years before I had the weak moment and came back to this institution—no, I am just kidding. I am delighted and thrilled to be back here.

For Bill Frenzel, I feel so much better prepared than I was, quite frankly, when I served years ago, thanks in no small part to Bill Frenzel.

When it came to the rules of the House, Bill understood the importance of the integrity of this institution better than anyone, and I suspect Bill would be on the floor here today, from time to time, calling for the reestablishment of regular order because Bill was never afraid of anyone else's ideas. In fact, he welcomed them.

Bill and I and others, we served in a time when, if anyone had a good idea, they could offer it to the rest of the Chamber in the form of an amendment, and we could debate it, and we could argue it, and we did it in committee, in full committee. We did it in conference committee.

Bill Frenzel understood that that was the foundation of bipartisanship, that was the foundation of a Congress that was effectively governing and getting things done, and that was perhaps his greatest contribution to all of us because only through that process do we get to know one another and build respect for one another and learn where those areas for common agreement and fixing things and getting things done comes from, and we have Bill Frenzel to thank for that.

I would be remiss if I didn't talk about his doodling. You know, it was amazing. You would be in a committee or you would be in a hearing, and Bill would be busy doodling away. You would think he wasn't paying any attention at all.

Suddenly, he would rise, and he would have a question, and it was like the best question that anybody asked. He obviously had a two-track brain. One hand was doodling, but, boy, he never missed a thing. He never missed a thing, and that was Bill Frenzel.

Speaking of those doodles—and, boy, they are treasured. To have a Bill Frenzel doodle that has been autographed, I mean, in this town, that is like having a Picasso. These were great doodles, as you have seen, the intricacy and the geometry and the creativity of them. It is just amazing, and how he could do that was amazing as well.

Of course, he was a great Minnesota sports fan, the Vikings, the Twins, the North Stars, you name it. He was one of the stars on the Republican baseball team. He always showed up in those games with his Minnesota Twins jersey on. They used to win a lot of games back in the day.

Then Marty Sabo came along and started managing the Democrats, and things turned on them, but Bill was a great ballplayer. He loved Minnesota. He loved Minnesota sports, and he was just a wonderfully good friend.

As I said in the beginning, whether it was governing, whether it was baseball, whether it was doodling, whether it was family, whether it was bipartisanship, advising Presidents, welcoming new Members, advising and helping others, there was just no greater mentor, no greater public servant that Minnesota ever had in the wonderful Bill Frenzel.

His life will continue to be an inspiration for all of us going forward. Truly, our State, our Nation is a better place for Bill Frenzel.

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His inspiration will enable all of us to continue that great tradition forward and continue to make this great Nation of ours a better place to live.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my fellow Members for the opportunity to stand here and pay homage to a great Minnesotan and a great public servant for our State and our Nation.

Mr. PAULSEN. Well, I thank the gentleman for sharing his perspective, his stories, and some fond memories. I

appreciate that very much, and I know the family does as well.

Next I will yield to the gentleman from Maryland, STENY HOYER, the minority whip who served for a decade, Mr. Speaker, with Bill Frenzel until Bill retired in 1991. And that relationship continued after Bill's retirement as both had a passion for working on the Federal budget and bridging the gap between Republicans and Democrats when it comes to our country's spending and tax policies.

Mr. Speaker, Congressman HOYER I think often pointed out Bill's willingness to put all things on the table when it comes to the budget to find common ground with his counterparts on the other side of the aisle. I am happy to yield to the gentleman.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend, Congressman PAULSEN, who represents the district that Bill Frenzel represented.

I came here, Mr. Speaker, in 1981. Bill Frenzel was a Member of Congress at that point in time, and as Congressman PAULSEN pointed out, we served together for the following 10 years. But as he also pointed out, we continued to work thereafter because of joint interests that we had.

I think Congressman NOLAN caught the essence of Bill Frenzel very well, and I would associate myself with his remarks. But I would also add that the American people want us to work together. What I have said since the election is, look, all 435 of us share two things in common: one, we are all Americans; two, our people all sent us here to make America better. Those two things we share in common. And we share the expectations of the American people that we will do that which we can agree on together and not allow that on which we do not agree to undermine our ability to work on that on which we do agree. Bill Frenzel got that message. Bill Frenzel lived that kind of life. Bill Frenzel was that kind of Member of Congress.

Bill Frenzel could be pretty sharp. I don't mean bright, I mean sharp-tongued, if he thought if you were going off, as Congressman NOLAN said, in the wrong direction. I am happy to say that I was never the object of that, but Bill Frenzel wanted you to be candid, be straightforward, be intellectually honest and not play games. He was prepared and, in fact, did the same.

Bill Frenzel in his private life working with Brookings continued his public life's commitment to rational, responsible government. As Congressman PAULSEN pointed out, I am a very big advocate of fixing our debt, fixing it in many ways through the kind of policies that Bill Frenzel recommended, policies which say to both sides, look, we both have interests; we have got to accommodate those interests, but we have got to accommodate a bottom line. Be real, in other words.

Mr. Speaker, Bill Frenzel was a Republican, I am a Democrat, but we

were first Americans. I felt it a great honor to learn from Bill Frenzel, to respect his intellect and his insights, and to respect the quality of his service and his willingness to work with others to do what the American people expect all of us to do: make their country better.

Mr. Speaker, I rise with Mr. PAULSEN to honor an American who served his country well, an American of whom we can all be proud, of which his family clearly is proud, and rightfully so. But his colleagues were proud of him on both sides of the aisle.

I want to say to his wife, Ruth, we send our sympathies, but we share with you that pride in Bill Frenzel's contribution to his country, to this institution, and to each of us.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a friend and former member of the House who passed away on Monday.

Bill Frenzel served the people of Minnesota's Third District for twenty years.

Bill was a Republican.

I am a Democrat.

That difference did not stand in the way of the respect I had for him or our friendship as colleagues in this House.

Though we did not agree on every issue, Bill and I found common ground on our shared concern for fiscal sustainability and the necessity of compromise to achieve bipartisan progress.

As a Korean War veteran, a businessman, and a legislator, Bill exemplified the highest American values of service to community and country.

In the years following his retirement from the House, where he had served as ranking member on the Budget Committee, he continued his service by remaining a powerful voice for bipartisan budget solutions and a more sustainable fiscal future at the Brookings Institution.

He also served as a co-chair of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.

We need more people in Washington like Bill who believe strongly in the importance of bipartisan compromise when it comes to our budget and making the tough choices necessary to afford the investments we need to make in a more competitive economic future and greater opportunities for our people.

I join in offering condolences to his wife Ruth and their three daughters—Deborah, Pamela, and Melissa—their grandchildren, and the entire extended Frenzel family.

May Bill's memory inspire greater bipartisan cooperation in this House in the months and years ahead.

Mr. PAULSEN. I thank the gentleman for offering his perspective, as well, in those unique stories and reflections from a bipartisan basis on a truly great American, as Mr. HOYER had mentioned.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I will yield to the gentleman from Texas, KEVIN BRADY, my colleague and a good friend who is a very distinguished member of the House Ways and Means Committee. He is also the former chairman and a member of the Subcommittee on Trade. Congressman BRADY is another Member of Congress that benefited greatly from the wealth of wisdom that Bill Frenzel imparted on important

issues like trade and the Federal budget. I know I can speak for many members of the Ways and Means Committee when I say that the work that Bill did at The Brookings Institution, as well as the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, has been beneficial to all of us.

I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Congressman PAULSEN, thank you for allowing me to join you tonight.

Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to honor our late colleague and friend, Bill Frenzel, who faithfully and with great distinction served his constituents in Minnesota for 20 years and, I would say, served his country for a lifetime.

As you can tell from my accent, I am not from Minnesota. I am from Texas. I had a chance to meet Bill when I started on the Ways and Means Committee where I now serve with Mr. PAULSEN, who is one of our, frankly, most respected members, and his predecessor, Jim Ramstad, as well, all following in the Bill Frenzel mold.

When I started on Ways and Means, I just came quickly to appreciate his willingness to share his vast wealth of knowledge on trade issues, big and small. Even though he was no longer an elected official, I was always struck by Bill's just endless willingness to give of himself, of finding ways to advance the cause of free trade and economic freedom throughout the world.

I think it is important to note that historically in Congress, trade has always been a bipartisan issue, Republicans and Democrats working together; and throughout his career, Bill's constructive work across the aisle exemplified the best of this ideal. Everyone knew he was open to new ideas, was a straight shooter, respected others, and worked hard to get people to come and arrive at a consensus.

Quite simply, Mr. Speaker, Bill was elected to do a job, and he just wanted to get things done. And, boy, did he get things done in the trade world. From working on GATT, the Uruguay Round, normal trading relations with China, NAFTA, and helping set the foundation for the World Trade Organization, Bill was at the center of the trade world as a respected Member of Congress and as a thought leader on international trade when he retired from public life.

The truth is Bill Frenzel believed in economic freedom. He believed in our right to buy, sell, and compete around the world with as little government interference as possible. He believed families should have choices, but no government anywhere should decide what is on that grocery shelf and what price you paid for it. That was your choice. That was your economic freedom.

He knew that while America was free, we would see so many "America need not apply" signs around the world; and he knew if we tore them down and gave our American businesses and workers—our Minnesota businesses and workers—a chance to compete, in fact, we would not just

grow customers around the world, we would grow jobs here at home. So his leadership on trade, his fingerprints on all things trade can be found not only here in the United States but in foreign capitals around the world where his counsel was sought by many and he was respected by all.

Mr. Speaker, Bill's contributions to our Nation and to this body will always be remembered, and he leaves a towering trade legacy on which we can all build economic prosperity for generations to come. I hope his family understands how special he is that so many of us who you may not have known before, we all consider ourselves Bill's fans and friends.

Mr. PAULSEN. I thank the gentleman. As he mentioned, the members of the Ways and Means Committee absolutely do look at Bill Frenzel as an important role model and inspiration as we look to tackle continued problems and opportunities down the road.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I will yield to my colleague from Minnesota (Mr. ELLISON), another Member, like Bill, who is committed to serving the people of Minnesota in the Fifth Congressional District, his constituents.

Bill Frenzel, as was mentioned, was always someone that was willing to work across the aisle to get things done and accomplished here in Washington. I think all of us in the Minnesota delegation are thankful for the example set by Bill for working together, and we see that example still today. I know I have worked with Congressman ELLISON on similar issues for our constituents back home, and I think that we can thank Bill Frenzel for setting that spirit of cooperation that preceded us both.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. ELLISON. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Congressman PAULSEN, I appreciate your holding down this Special Order tonight.

Mr. Speaker, I think it is absolutely true that all of us owe a debt of gratitude to people who walked before us even if we never had the pleasure of knowing them and meeting them.

I am one who believes I owe Bill Frenzel even though I never had the opportunity to get to know him. But it doesn't matter, because Bill Frenzel served the people of the State of Minnesota. He got up every day, and he did his best by them. He has a reputation for reading the bills, understanding the issues, and arguing with passion for values that he held in the best interests of the people whom he represented. For that, I always have to take my hat off to a man such as Bill Frenzel.

Bill Frenzel made a good reputation for Members of Congress who would come to Minnesota before I ever got here. Before I ever got here, people like Bill Frenzel made it so that our colleagues would greet us and expect us to be thoughtful and hardworking like he was, because he laid down that path be-

fore we ever got here. So I have had the pleasure of reading about Bill Frenzel since he left us for his reward, and I knew well of him before that.

But I will simply say that there are many people in this world whom we owe a great debt of gratitude to, who paved the way and carved a path for us, whom we never had a chance to thank personally. As a man who believes in reality beyond this one, I just hope that Bill Frenzel knows that I am grateful to him, and I thank him for his great service while here.

Mr. PAULSEN. I thank the gentleman because those words he mentioned about being hardworking and thoughtful certainly reflect Bill Frenzel's spirit which we need to continue to embody on this House floor.

Mr. Speaker, next I will yield to the Congresswoman from Minnesota, MICHELE BACHMANN, my colleague and good friend. She is the Representative from Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District and somebody who, like me, has served after Bill Frenzel's congressional career came to a conclusion but has benefited also, I think, from Bill's service. As we know, she will also be leaving our delegation and retiring from Congress, and we are thankful for her service to Minnesota. I know that she will look to the example that was also set by Bill Frenzel and stay very active and involved in public policy issues that face our country even after her House tenure comes to an end soon.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman.

Mrs. BACHMANN. I want to say thank you to my wonderful colleague, ERIK PAULSEN, who has exemplified the spirit of Bill Frenzel in the Third Congressional District seat; and it really is because our former colleague, Bill Frenzel, set a standard.

Mr. Speaker, we would like to think in Minnesota that we are a trendsetter, and we have often called ourselves the Brainpower State. Well, could the Brainpower State have ever been better exemplified than by a man like Bill Frenzel? He really was a thinking man's person. He also was an individual who was completely willing to open himself to new ideas from other Members. I think it is very evident from the Members that we heard from this evening on both sides of the aisle that this was a complete, unfettered outpouring of not just admiration, but love—love and appreciation for what this man did.

As Representative PAULSEN had just said, I will, too, soon be leaving this House floor. This will be one of the last speeches that I ever give from this privileged well. There is no greater bastion of a few square yards of freedom than this area. We are allowed to do this. I am allowed to speak here tonight because I was privileged to be given an election certificate just like Bill Frenzel. He earned the trust, he earned the admiration, and Bill earned the respect of the people in the Third District. One thing I can tell you, Bill

Frenzel never disappointed. He kept faith with those who gave him that election certificate.

Mr. Speaker, I know when I first ran for Congress, it was in 2006. I began the journey a little bit before then. And as I was in Minnesota, usually all of us made our way over to the Third Congressional District, because in the Third Congressional District resided a lot of the people who paid for the campaigns in the State of Minnesota. And everyone knew Bill Frenzel.

So I would meet and have lunch, breakfast, and dinner, and lunch, breakfast, and dinner, and coffees and coffees with people in the Third Congressional District. When it came to finding those who wanted to get behind efforts in Minnesota in running for campaigns on either side of the aisle, it was usually out of the Third Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, this is what I want the family, who this evening—for those who are watching across the Nation on C-SPAN, it is important to know that Bill was so highly loved. His family is here this evening. They are joined here in the gallery, and they are able to hear what every family needs to hear.

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Yes, there is sorrow at the passing of a loved one, but there is also great joy. Joy that is made in reliving memories, memories of those we admired, those we served with, those that we loved. It is good to remember them forever. It helps to deepen in our memory book the importance of what this life meant; Bill's meant something. Bill contributed, Bill was a positive force for good, not just for the Third District, not just for Minnesota, but for the Nation. It was his character, first of all. That is what I want the family to know.

When I sat down in coffee after coffee, breakfast after breakfast, inevitably, Bill's name came up. I am sure that ERIK PAULSEN would agree. Bill's name came up. Why? Because people would say to me, "MICHELLE, you know Bill Frenzel, don't you? Bill is a friend of mine." I heard that over and over and over: "Bill is a friend of mine." He was a respected colleague, yes; a thinker, yes. But he was people's friend.

So people would always speak with Bill in the terms of raising the bar and setting a standard.

I hope that I was able live up to that standard of a Bill Frenzel for my brief 8 years in Congress. I give Bill a lot of credit. He served for 8 years in the Minnesota House of Representatives. He served for 20 here in the United States Congress. Think of that: 28 years of public service. That is amazing. I was able to put in 8 here. Think of 20 years here, pouring out his life on behalf of this Nation. It really is an accomplishment.

To think that during all of those years it wasn't that Bill just had 1 good year or 2 good years, Bill had 20 great, fabulous years that not only can the family be proud of but that our Nation,

and, as a fellow Minnesotan and successor colleague, I am proud of.

I also just briefly want to mention one thing that Bill also did for his Nation, and that is he was willing to lay down his life when he served our country in the Navy. He was a veteran. I am thankful for what he did.

The Holy Scriptures say: "Greater love hath no man than this, but that he would lay down his life for his friend."

Bill Frenzel willingly put himself on the line so that he could do that. Thank goodness, his life wasn't required and he came back to serve in this distinguished body. As a distinguished man, he singularly served this body.

And so with great humility I want to say again to Ruthy, to the three girls, to the grandchildren: Be so proud of the legendary Bill Frenzel. His name will not be forgotten in this institution. His work won't be forgotten in this institution.

As one who is about to depart, I can tell you, you think about that: What I did here, did it matter? The speeches I gave, the work I did, the late nights, the early mornings, the weekends—the sacrifices that he made and the sacrifices that you as a family made.

Bill would be the first one to say, I couldn't have done this without Ruthy, I wouldn't have done this without the girls, I couldn't have done it without those who loved me. He would be the one to say that.

So I thank the family, Mr. Speaker, who are in the gallery, for what you did to support this legendary man because he made a distinct contribution, and he couldn't have done it without you making that sacrifice.

So I am very grateful for what they did. I thank God our country is a better place because of Bill Frenzel.

Mr. PAULSEN. I thank my colleague. As you mentioned, he was a veteran, a public servant, a thinker, opening himself to new ideas and certainly offering ideas himself.

There is sadness, but, as you mentioned, great joy as we reflect on the opportunities to be a role model to help others. So I thank the gentle lady for her comments tonight.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to note that several Members were unable to attend and be with us on the floor tonight, but they will be submitting statements for the RECORD. These Members include Congressman PAUL RYAN from Wisconsin. He is the next chairman to the Committee on Ways and Means. Although their time in Congress did not overlap, I know that Congressman RYAN valued his friendship with Bill Frenzel and often sought his counsel on trade and other matters while he was still learning his ropes on the Committee on Ways and Means. In fact, when we had our coffees together, he would often reflect and ask questions about Congressman RYAN and his future.

Congressman DAVE CAMP, the current chair of the Committee on Ways and

Means, as well may offer some comments. We had a conversation earlier today and also reflected on the contributions that our former colleague Bill Frenzel had made to the institution at the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker, on Monday, we lost a true leader, a true role model who represented the absolute and very best in public service. Bill Frenzel was a statesman who continues to be an inspiration in many ways to the folks in this body and on this House floor and all of those who continue to be focused on issues like tax reform, welfare reform, budget reform, and advancing a trade agenda and economic freedom throughout the world.

And so tonight, as we close, we close noting that we are honoring an American that contributed greatly to giving the greatest good to the greatest number of people. I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, this past week, we lost one of our former colleagues, Bill Frenzel. Bill served in the House for 20 years, during which he gained a vast amount of knowledge and an even greater amount of respect. He was a leading voice for fiscal responsibility, serving as the ranking member of the House Budget Committee. He also served on the House Ways and Means Committee, specifically the Subcommittee on Trade. He took on the work with relish, serving as a congressional representative to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in Geneva for 15 years. He was so knowledgeable on the topic that he was indispensable—so much so that after he left Congress, three successive presidents sought his counsel.

Bill's hard work won him respect in the House and around the world. After he retired from the House, he kept active on fiscal issues, serving as co-chair of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget. In 2000, the emperor of Japan awarded him the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star. And just this year, Bill received the Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle. I think other countries saw in Bill the same thing we did—a man who loved his country and wanted it to be a force for good in the world. He understood that trade wasn't a form of competition so much as a form of collaboration—of countries working together to build a better life. He understood that the free world was stronger when we banded together, and he wanted to strengthen those bonds.

We'll remember his know-how. We'll remember his wit. (He once called gridlock the best thing since indoor plumbing.) But most of all, we'll remember his character. He served his country in both war and peace. He spent his life in public service. He was a Midwesterner, a man of the House, a voice for fiscal responsibility—an American through and through.

Mr. KLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of Minnesota's true dedicated public servants: former Congressman Bill Frenzel.

For twenty years, Bill represented the Third District of Minnesota in the U.S. House of Representatives with distinction. During his time in this chamber, he established himself as an expert in fiscal responsibility and trade

issues setting himself apart from his colleagues as a leader on the Budget and Ways and Means Committees.

His service to our country did not end after his time in the House. He was instrumental in the passage of NAFTA as a special adviser to President Clinton and worked with President George W. Bush on the Social Security Commission and Advisory Committee.

As we honor his career and service, it is easy to see that Bill truly worked to represent all he served by crossing the aisle, time and again, to produce solutions for Minnesotans and all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues today in sending prayers to Bill's wife, Ruthy; his daughters Debby, Pam, and Mitty; and the entire Frenzel family.

Mr. PETERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Bill Frenzel, U.S. Representative of the 3rd District of Minnesota from the 92nd through the 101st Congress, who sadly passed away on Monday, November 17th at the age of 86. Bill retired from Congress right as I was elected to office to serve Minnesota, but I was lucky enough to have gotten to know him during my tenure in the Minnesota Senate and later serving as the Representative from the 7th District on Minnesota. He left a great legacy and was an honorable public servant.

Born in St. Paul in 1928, Bill attended Dartmouth College where he received both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees. Following graduation, Bill served as a lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve during the Korean War from 1951 to 1954. Prior to his election to the U.S. Congress, Bill served for 8 years in the Minnesota House of Representatives, amongst other boards and executive committees. Bill had a successful career representing Minnesotans during his tenure in Congress. Rising to Ranking Member on the House Budget Committee, and a long tenure on the House Ways and Means Committee, he became known around Washington as an expert in budget and fiscal policy. He served as a Congressional Representative to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) for 15 years. After serving 10 terms, Bill decided to retire, telling the *Star Tribune*, "You ought to go out when you're hitting .300, rather than deteriorating."

Following his retirement from Congress, Bill did not slow down. He served as Chairman of the Ripon Society until 2004, and has been a guest scholar at the Brookings Institution since his retirement, serving as a director of the Brookings Governmental Affairs Institute. In 1993, President Bill Clinton appointed Bill as a special adviser to help work with the Republican party to pass the North American Free Trade Agreement. Subsequently, President George W. Bush appointed Bill to the Social Security Commission, and to the Advisory Committee on Trade Policy and Negotiations. Up until his death, Bill continued to chair numerous boards and commissions, furthering his legacy as a devoted public servant and policy maker.

Not only a brilliant mind, Bill had a knack for lighting up a room around him. He had an engrained sense of integrity that he embodied throughout his life and career. Known around Washington for his "doodles," Bill was able to maintain a sense of lightness and humor, while navigating difficult policy negotiations. Bill Frenzel leaves behind a monumental leg-

acy in Washington and Minnesota, but his crowning achievement was that of his family: his wife Ruthy and his three daughters, Debby, Pam and Mitty, and two grandchildren. My prayers go out to them during this time of grief and loss.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Bill's life and legacy, as he was truly a giant in Washington and the U.S. Congress. It is in that sense that I invite my colleagues to join me in remembering his service, and that we may all serve to honor his work.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would remind Members that the rules do not permit references to those in the gallery.

IRAN AND DEVELOPMENTS FOLLOWING THE JOINT PLAN OF ACTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2013, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. FRANKS) for 30 minutes.

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor tonight because I know that in a short period of time it appears that the President of the United States will issue an executive order related to immigration that could very well be outside the constitutional limits of his authority.

And I believe that is going to create a great reaction in this country, Mr. Speaker. As important as it may be, it is also going to coincide with the date of November 24, when the interim agreement that this President signed with the nation of Iran will essentially expire. Then it will either be renewed or some type of agreement will be reached—or the effort will be abandoned.

I am deeply concerned that the importance of this event could be obscured by the media frenzy that potentially will follow this President's executive order on immigration.

So I come to the floor tonight to speak to that issue, Mr. Speaker, because the pursuit of nuclear weapons by the nation of Iran is an issue of the most profound significance to the national security of this country and to the peace and security of the entire world.

It seems very important to me that we do not let that issue be obscured by others, as important as they may be.

Mr. Speaker, those of us in this body are all too familiar with the endless parade of terror groups that have seemingly come onto the world stage in recent years.

But if we are startled by the rapid rise of ISIS and its subsequent march across the Middle East, during which it has beheaded, raped, crucified, and sold into sex slavery scores of men, women, and children alike; if we are concerned about the crushing video of the innocent woman whose hands and feet were tied to two cars that subsequently drove in opposite directions and ripped her in half, or the Christians who were beheaded and whose decapitated heads were used as soccer balls;

If we are outraged at the activities of Boko Haram and its brutal displays of violence against any group that doesn't stand alongside its inhuman ideology, including its raids and its bombings across Nigeria, its systematic abduction of young schoolgirls, as young as 12, who are said to be raped every day in their months of captivity;

If we are shocked at the activities of al Shabaab, whose attacks have killed hundreds upon hundreds of civilians, including teenage girls lined up before firing squads as well as the numerous suicide bombings and other such horrific methods;

If we recoil at the thought of groups such as the Taliban, whose atrocious violations of basic human rights, roadside bombings, and suicide attacks marked so much of the United States' early struggle in Afghanistan;

If we recall, as so many of us do, precisely where we were when we learned of al Qaeda's attack on September 11 that claimed thousands of innocent American lives, just one of those senseless attacks by that group;

Mr. Speaker, if we are stunned and outraged at this rise of militant Islam in the world, then, sir, how will we feel if we allow President Barack Obama to stand idly by and watch the world's largest state sponsor of terrorism, this deranged Islamist regime in Iran, lay hold upon nuclear weapons?

Mr. Speaker, shortly before the midterm elections earlier this month, President Obama penned a so-called letter of collaboration to Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

This is the same Ayatollah Ali Khamenei who just a couple of days ago released his detailed, nine-step plan on how to wipe Israel off of the map.

Mr. Obama's incredibly naive attempt at collaboration is with a man whose sermons have included such edifying lines as "The Zionist cancer is gnawing into the lives of Islamic nations."

This is just one of the recent very telling glimpses at just how out of touch with reality this President truly is as Iran continues its sprint toward a nuclear weapons capability.

The Obama State Department was recently confronted by the somehow shocking revelation that Iran was now defying the interim agreement by feeding uranium into the IR5, the most technologically advanced centrifuge currently available in the world.

Inexplicably, Mr. Speaker, the administration responded with the sort of naivete that has become so characteristic of Obama foreign policy, stating: "We raised that issue with Iran as soon as the International Atomic Energy Agency reported it. The Iranians have confirmed that they will not continue that activity as cited in the IAEA report, so it's been resolved."

To rephrase that, upon learning that the world's largest state sponsor of terrorism had defied an agreement on