

We must raise up their names and remember those who have been lost to senseless violence and hate. We must shine a light on the injustice that has affected this community.

I am proud to have a transgender woman as part of my staff.

I would also like to recognize the Shah family from my district. Priya and Jaspreet Shah are the parents of a brave little transgender girl. Together, they have advocated not only for their daughter, but for the entire transgender community. Priya has come to the forefront of the Human Rights Campaign's national program to make schools safe spaces for transgender children.

We must continue to stand in solidarity with the Shah family, their daughter, and the entire transgender community and continue to work toward equality and justice for all.

SECURE OUR NATION'S ECONOMY

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

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the ongoing efforts to secure our Nation's economy. In Arizona, that means giving job creators, large and small, access to markets in Mexico and Canada.

Sadly, Arizona's recent trade history was shaped by State leaders who damaged our relationship with Mexico with divisive, self-defeating rhetoric and policies, such as SB 1070. That hurt our economy and cost us jobs.

So, as Phoenix mayor, I worked overtime to rebuild those relationships, leading 18 trade missions to Mexico and Canada. Our business community helped me make the case for increasing trade, and we saw results.

Since 2012, while the Nation's exports grew 0.1 percent, Phoenix's exports grew 20 percent. In 2017, trade with Mexico and Canada produced nearly \$10 billion in exports statewide.

Simply put, trade with our North American allies is essential to Arizona's economy. Now we have a real opportunity to improve these relationships through the USMCA. A new trade agreement, with improved labor standards, can provide certainty for small and medium-sized businesses.

Trade with our North American allies provides paychecks to more than 230,000 Arizona workers, and it is Congress' duty to reassert its role in U.S. trade policy.

I thank Speaker PELOSI, Chairman NEAL, and the working group for working so hard on getting this agreement done. I continue to be encouraged by the progress being made on USMCA.

PLEASANTVILLE NAACP

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

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, the NAACP has been at the forefront in the fight for equal educational, social, economic, and legal rights for African American communities.

The Mainland-Pleasantville NAACP branch, led by President Olivia Caldwell, has continuously fought for those things, and they recently held their annual Freedom Fund Awards Luncheon. The luncheon honored the people who fought alongside the NAACP and their efforts for equal rights.

President of Atlantic Cape Community College, Dr. Barbara Gaba, received the education award for furthering educational fulfillment in the African American community.

I would like to thank Dr. Gaba, President Caldwell, and the NAACP for their resilience in the fight for equality that not only impacts the people of south Jersey, but all Americans everywhere. We all have the same blood flowing through our veins.

May God bless them.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF SENATOR JOHNNY ISAKSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I have a lot to say. My colleague, Mr. HICE, has a lot to do. I am going to yield to Mr. HICE so that he can speak briefly and go back to his committee.

Mr. HICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I thank my good friend for yielding a quick moment.

There are few people in Washington, D.C., and in America who have had the impact of Senator JOHNNY ISAKSON. And when we think of Senator ISAKSON, no question, there are so many things that come to our mind.

Senator, you are and you have been an incredible statesman, a phenomenal leader, in Georgia, here in the United States Senate, and in our country, and we just want to say thank you for all that you have done for us.

I think, personally, when I first came to Congress, you were one of the first individuals to reach out to me and to give advice and encouragement. And to this day, every time I see you, you do that, and you will never know how much that means.

I just want to publicly state that JOHNNY ISAKSON, Senator ISAKSON, is a

hero for people all across this country. Your brilliant mind and your leadership will always be here, and we say thank you from the bottom of our heart. May God bless you and your family as you go into this next chapter.

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, today, my colleagues and I rise to honor the legislative legacy and the life of my good friend and colleague and fellow Georgia Bulldog, U.S. Senator JOHNNY ISAKSON.

For more than 20 years, Senator ISAKSON has served the people of Georgia in the United States Congress, tirelessly fighting for the people of Georgia.

During his tenure, Senator ISAKSON has been a bellwether for many in our delegation, both as a Member of this body and as a United States Senator. If I have heard it once, I have heard it a thousand times: Where's JOHNNY on this? What does JOHNNY think about this? Have you spoken to JOHNNY on this?

He has offered counsel that has been learned through his 40 years of public service that is invaluable to me and many of us in the Georgia delegation and throughout this Nation.

I have many personal stories about JOHNNY, some of them appropriate for the floor, some of them not. But my first recollection of Senator ISAKSON was a call that I made as a young teenager when we had a mutual friend and I needed a little help getting him through the ballot process at the fraternity house. Senator ISAKSON picked up the phone and called and, a few minutes later, the president of the fraternity walked in and said: I am not quite sure who spoke to Senator ISAKSON, but this is the way the next vote's going to go.

And that was all it took.

I can't tell you, over the last 20, or, I am sorry, I should say 30-plus years, how much you have meant to me and my family. And when I am back home, I constantly tell the people the respect our delegation and all the Members of the House and the Senate have for you. You have brought forward a sense of bipartisanship in working across the aisle for the good of all Georgians.

He has played a key role in building and maintaining his reputation, and I look forward to that special tradition continuing in the coming legislative sessions.

Public service is much more than just the service of the Member; it is also the service of the family.

Senator ISAKSON, your children, your wonderful wife, Dianne, we extend our thanks for their commitment to serve Georgia and their support of our delegation and fellow delegation members. Their impact cannot be understated, and we look forward to you enjoying more time with Dianne and your entire family as you enter your next chapter.

For decades, Senator ISAKSON and his family have faithfully served our State. His character, godliness, and

statesmanship will be greatly missed in Washington, D.C.

His faithful service to the great State of Georgia is second only to our beloved mascot, Uga. He is a giant among men and dogs, dedicated and deliberate, and it has been an honor to work alongside him fighting for the good people of Georgia and the veterans of the United States of America.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LEWIS).

Mr. LEWIS. Madam Speaker, I want to thank my beloved colleague and my friend for yielding. I would like to thank our colleague, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT, for organizing this Special Order tribute to a great man, to a wonderful human being.

Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Senator JOHNNY ISAKSON, a son of Atlanta, Georgia. Senator ISAKSON is a special man. He is a good man. I want to thank him for his years of service in the Georgia State Legislature, in the United States House of Representatives, and, now, in the United States Senate.

On February 25, 1999, I introduced JOHNNY as the newest member of the Georgia congressional delegation to the House of Representatives. He came to Congress as a graduate of the University of Georgia and a successful businessman.

Before coming to Congress, he served as a member of the Georgia Air National Guard, the State house minority leader, a State senator, and the chair of the State board of education.

On that day, I said he brought a wealth of knowledge with him. I explained to our colleagues that, in his decades of public service in our home State, JOHNNY developed a great reputation as a bridge builder, a man who has strong beliefs but was also willing to work with others to get things done.

Very quickly, Members of the House and Senate discovered how true this was. The Senator does not make a lot of noise, but he has the ability and the capacity to speak truth to power.

When JOHNNY served in the House of Representatives, we always found a way to come together, and we continued that tradition when he was elected to the Senate. Over the years, we worked together on many, many issues, like transportation, water, housing, and veterans affairs. We always found a way to get along and to do the good work the people deserved.

Time and time again, he stood with us, he worked with us to uplift African Americans in the State of Georgia, to recognize individuals like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Jackie Robinson, native of Georgia. He did not just talk the talk, he literally walked the walk.

Senator, you not only supported the reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act in 2006, but, a few years later, you even co-led the congressional pilgrimage to Selma, Alabama. I want to say thank you for all of your good and great work.

Those of us who know you will agree that you are always thoughtful and

mindful, a warm and welcoming gentleman in the truest sense of the word.

For two decades, you, Senator, led a team that could cross the aisle without compromising their values. Whenever a constituent came over from a meeting with you and your staff, they felt heard and respected.

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I hope you do not mind, but I would like to share a moment that stands out for me and will always stand out for me as long as I live, to this very day.

One morning, before I was scheduled to read the 13th Amendment on the House floor, Senator ISAKSON asked me to come and speak with his staff about service and my own experiences. We had an honest and thoughtful discussion. It was one of the most meaningful, memorable experiences of my years in Congress. I carry it in my heart to this very day, to this very moment, what Senator ISAKSON said. I believe 20 years have passed since I stood on this very floor to introduce Senator ISAKSON to Congress.

As JOHNNY returns to private life with his beloved wife, Dianne, of 51 years and his wonderful, beautiful children and grandchildren, I would like to thank JOHNNY for his years of service. I would like to thank JOHNNY for his service to our State, our Nation. I wish JOHNNY health and happiness.

I hope the Senator takes some time to enjoy a beautiful and wonderful life in the State of Georgia. Senator ISAKSON has been very good to the people of the State of Georgia, and I am lucky enough, and just blessed really, to call him a friend and a brother. I thank him so much.

Madam Speaker, it is almost difficult to yield back the time when I speak of this good and great leader from the State of Georgia. I thank JOHNNY for his service. I will come over and meet you, brother.

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I wish all of America could be here to see that, two icons from Georgia embracing. What a wonderful sight that I think is representative of the days of the past and the days to come and how we should work together. Thank you both so much, not just for what you did, but for who you are.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. GRAVES).

Mr. GRAVES of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I thank Representative SCOTT for yielding and for coordinating this hour of tribute to a dear, dear friend and how humbling it is to follow my good friend, Representative LEWIS, who swore me in just the same, JOHNNY, just over 9 years ago, right here in this same spot.

I know this would certainly take more than an hour, and I know this is a Georgia delegation moment, but, Senator, I am certain that if the House would allow that, Member after Member from State after State would come down here and pay you tribute, just the same as we are today.

As Members, we get up each and every day and we work hard to make sure our constituents have a great place to live and provide for their families. And it is not often that we have the opportunity to share about the impact that a single person might have made on our very own lives.

Today is one of those rare occasions for me, and I get to do that today through the recognition of one of Georgia's giants. And I am going to do this today, Senator, take the opportunity to share of our first interaction, my first introduction, my introduction to Senator ISAKSON.

It was November 6, 1990, and I was just your average 20-year-old college student. I was apolitical. I was just looking for a free meal that night. I was an idealist, very open-minded, and I was invited that night by my roommate to attend a political gathering. And my roommate just happened to be the son of Freddie Stevenson, who is a dear friend of ours, Senator.

And that was my very first political event ever that I had attended, and it happened to be the gubernatorial election night celebration, or that is at least what I anticipated that night. I can remember that evening as if it were yesterday, and I know the Senator can, as well, as can so many others.

As a north Georgia country boy, I didn't grow up in wealth or politics. I just worked hard every day just trying to get through each and every day.

But that night I was impacted. There was a lot of energy. There was excitement in the room. And that is infectious, I know it is, but that is not what it was about that night. I was impacted more so than anything by a single person, a person I didn't even know yet, a person that I would soon get to know very well, though.

You might suggest that I was impressed by the Senator's resume, his history and what he had done. I mean, after all, we glossed over what the Senator has accomplished, but he has served in the Georgia Air National Guard. The Senator has 14 years in the Georgia House as a minority leader. The Senator was co-chair of a Presidential campaign, president of one of the largest real estate companies in the country, and, yes, as has been mentioned, he was a Georgia Bulldog. All of that by 1990. That is impressive, but that is not what captured me that night.

I was totally unaware of all those things. Nor could it have been his future, because none of us knew, none of us knew what might be yet. That was so many years ago.

The fact that JOHNNY would one day run and be elected to the State Senate, that he would be a candidate for U.S. Senate in 1996, he would head the State School Board, be elected to the U.S. House in 1999, sworn in by the great JOHN LEWIS, and then 5 years later elected to the United States Senate as our senior Senator.

There was something so much more, JOHNNY. There was so much more than that, Senator, that we had yet to know. I mean, it was more than the Senator's resume. It was more than the Senator's title, and it was more than what the Senator was going to accomplish that stirred me or that stirs any individual.

It was on that night in 1990 where a man I had never met with a name I certainly couldn't pronounce with a history that I didn't know or a future yet untold, he caught my attention. My first true interaction, my first impact by a political figure in my life was that night in 1990.

The results were not what the Senator had hoped for at the time or what the Senator had worked for, and yet, he was in a room of friends and supporters and had to address them that night.

Now, if you were an onlooker like me, a 20-year-old college student, what do you expect? You expect maybe there is going to be bitterness, there is going to be regret, there is going to be some blaming, there is going to be some divisiveness. That certainly sounds familiar, certainly today. But it was different.

Instead, JOHNNY ISAKSON, he took the stage with grace, with respect, with dignity, with vision and with a confidence that I never expected in a person. And whether the Senator knew it that night at that time, he chose to impact, and he chose to inspire. He chose to inspire me.

I know the story is not unique to me. I know it is not. There are 45 years of stories like that. I just happened to be one. He was paying forward before it was even a thing to do. And now 29 years later I can stand before each of you, I stand before you as one who served in the Georgia House for 7½ years and now in my 10th year here in Congress and a future still yet untold. I get to stand before the Senator and say, "thank you."

I thank Senator ISAKSON. I thank him for caring. I thank him for being an example of what is needed so much today. It is with deep gratitude that I get to pay tribute in his farewell. To the one who might have lost an election in 1990 but won the trust of a 20-year-old college student that night, a true fighter for Georgia, a great statesman, and a dear friend, thank you so much, and may God bless the Senator in the days ahead.

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. I yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BISHOP), my friend and colleague.

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding, and I thank my colleagues for this Special Order giving tribute to a good and great man.

Winston Churchill once said, "You make your living by what you get. You make your life by what you give." My friend, JOHNNY ISAKSON, has given so much to so many for so long. He has truly made a life.

JOHNNY ISAKSON has been a true statesman in his remarkable career as a public servant for Georgians. I first met JOHNNY in 1977 where we served together in the Georgia General Assembly. We developed a friendship which has endured through our work together in the State House, the U.S. House of Representatives, and during his service as our U.S. Senator from Georgia.

Throughout his career, he has not viewed issues from a partisan perspective, but for the good of all Americans. JOHNNY served as a Republican in both chambers of Georgia's State legislature, but he was appointed by Georgia's Democratic Governor Zell Miller to be the chairman of the Georgia State Board of Education. His integrity, his kindness are invaluable qualities in a legislator and have no doubt been a defining measure of his success.

I am honored to call JOHNNY my friend. We will miss him in the delegation. His loss will be felt deeply, but we can all agree that he is very much deserving of a happy retirement spent with his wife, Dianne, their children, and grandchildren, and we wish you the best, JOHNNY.

The poet said:

Isn't it strange how princes and kings, and clowns that caper in sawdust rings, and common people, like you and me, are builders for eternity?
Each is given a list of rules;
a shapeless mass; a bag of tools.
And each must make your life as flown, a stumbling block, or a stepping stone.

The people of Georgia, the people of our Nation, and, indeed, people all across the world are so blessed that you have used your life and your career not as a stumbling block but as a stepping stone for a higher, better quality of life for human kind. Thank you, and God bless you.

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I want to thank Senator ISAKSON, as well, for his service to our Nation's veterans and his role as chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. He served our military veterans faithfully for many, many years.

I yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS), my friend and colleague, one of the men who serves us in multiple capacities, both in the Air Force and as a Member of Congress.

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Thank you, Mr. SCOTT, for yielding. To be here, to hear just the accomplishments of Senator ISAKSON. He's one of the people that as you go along you find in life that you have to know him by title or you have to know him by last name, in the State of Georgia when you say, "JOHNNY," everybody knows who you are talking about, especially when it comes to our politics.

And for me to rattle off everything that has already been said, it is breathtaking what you have done and what you have accomplished from business to career, and those are the things that are worthy of the page in your life.

But for many of us here, just as my friends were saying earlier, the Senator

has a personal attachment to many of us, whether he realizes it or not. For those of us who come forward in public service, you need role models and mentors, and you hear about those who succeeded and failed and succeeded and failed, which is something many of us have to get used to, whether we want to or not.

For me it is watching the Senator in the times when probably he didn't know he was being watched. There were times when I watched the Senator, as a young person in the State House in Georgia going to a meeting and they would recognize him and say, you know, JOHNNY is here, would he like to say a few words?

And for most of us, it is struggling just to come up with a couple words that actually sound good together, much less sentences, but JOHNNY ISAKSON would stand up and for the next 5 minutes rattle off a speech that you would have sworn had been honed for years, and it touched the very soul of everybody there.

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I was in awe. And I watched him do it so many times. He listened. In this business, that is pretty impressive. That is why he got stuff done.

I remember, every time I would come to him, there would be times when I would be asking a question, and I would go along, and he would listen and answer the question. I went away feeling better just by being with him.

I remember when I talked to him right after he announced to us that he was going to leave a big hole in our delegation. The first thing he said to me when I picked up the phone, as he did almost every time, was, "Doug, thank you. You are doing a great job," even when I knew that probably wasn't true.

When you understand, though, what it takes to lift people up, you leave a mark. You leave a special mark.

For those of us in politics who struggled many times over the past few years to go into groups that would call us names and not like us even when they supposedly were on our side, I watched what he did. He would go into those groups and sneak in the back after the meeting started. They would see him there. They would recognize him, and he stood and spoke. He never backed up. He never backed down. But he made a lot of converts simply by being there.

For those of us in public service, if he showed me or showed anybody anything, it is that being in the room, being a participant, listening to people, and caring about them, even if we disagree with them, is the largest step we can take to make sure that we have a union that matters.

From me and my house, for a profession that many have taken on that needs role models, we stand on his shoulders. He is the giant in the room, from our perspective of watching what happens and how it happens.

When I got to Washington, DC, I knew the one thing that I wanted to do

was actually pass legislation because I had heard him say one time before: Why do we come up here if we don't get anything done?

Madam Speaker, Johnny is far beyond the policy. He went to the heart of people, and it will be missed in this place. But it is alive now, and we turn to him and that vision more than anything.

Of course, as Senator ISAKSON knows, I still represent part of Athens and Clarke County. He is a Georgia graduate, and as we say around those parts, "You are a damn good Dawg."

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. COLLINS for his comments.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Georgia (Mrs. MCBATH), my colleague.

Mrs. MCBATH. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding. I am so glad that we are gathered here today to honor our colleague.

It is an honor to represent Georgia's Sixth District here in Congress, and it is truly an honor to hold the seat that Senator ISAKSON once held.

Senator ISAKSON has spent decades in service to the State of Georgia and to our great Nation. His legacy has left an unforgettable mark on Georgia and the United States Senate.

He is known in our community for being a friendly neighbor and for being a truly good man, and I am honored to call him my friend. We share a passion, a passion to make Georgia the best place to live and to start a family. We share a dedication to making America a more perfect union.

I know that I have not been in the Georgia delegation very long, but I thank the gentleman for putting people over party and for his commitment to the best policy, which is not always easy politics.

We live in an age where loyalty to partisanship has too often come at the expense of the American people, and we live in an age where "compromise" has become a dirty word. We live in an age where the American people have become disillusioned with the American Government.

Senator ISAKSON has defied that age. Senator ISAKSON has always been open to that tough conversation, and he has always been open to finding common-sense solutions to forge uncommon ground.

That is why I am so proud to follow in his footsteps as the Representative from Georgia's Sixth Congressional District. It is why I work so hard to make sure that we are passing bipartisan bills, bills that will help protect the communities that we truly love.

Madam Speaker, I thank Senator ISAKSON. I thank him so much for his service to the people of Georgia and his service to the freedom of our country.

Godspeed to my friend. God bless.

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for her remarks.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. WOODALL), my friend and colleague.

Mr. WOODALL. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I am enjoying listening to the partnership conversation. I want to come from a different perspective, though. I want to talk about the partisanship conversation.

When I was 6 years old and Senator ISAKSON was elected as a Georgia House member, it was 23 out of 180 members of the house, as I recall. I don't know how many there were before he got there, but being a Republican in Georgia in 1976 was not a popular thing to do.

I think about all the things that we want to do together in this body. I think about folks who say, "Oh, we can't do that. It is too hard. It is going to take too long. Let's do something today, but let's not focus on those long-term goals."

You might think that when Ronald Reagan was elected in 1980, that that was a big jump in Georgia. As I recall, there were still 23 members in the Georgia House in 1980, 23 out of 180.

Somebody had to be the first one to stand up.

We talk about partisanship in this institution, Madam Speaker, like it is a bad thing. What I have always loved about the Senator is that he has never been embarrassed to be a Republican. He knew what he believed, and he knew why he believed it.

Now, the Senator might not like the way someone else expresses their Republican values, but he led with his heart. He can sit right beside a Democratic hero like JOHN LEWIS, and I can't tell the difference when it comes to Southern gentility, but he will never be embarrassed to share who he is as a Republican.

That is what it takes to grow from 23 members in a 180-member body into the institution that TOM GRAVES had an opportunity to serve and into the institution that so many of our colleagues had a chance to serve.

We talk about bipartisanship as that Holy Grail. It requires partisanship to get there, and but for the example that Senator ISAKSON set, we wouldn't have the Republican Party in Georgia, and we wouldn't have Isakson values in that party.

I talked about partisanship, Madam Speaker. I want to talk about people as the second part of that.

I have always imagined the roughest part about being a United States Senator is that one might lose that one-on-one contact that one has had. In a congressional district, we can get to know people. We can be with them in the community.

Senator ISAKSON's entire career has been about people. I watch him when he walks into a room. Folks that I ought to know who they are because I have worked with them but I just can't remember, I see him go up and greet them by name. Folks that have come into the room from all different congressional districts, he has a relationship with them, maybe from back in

1976 when he was trying to grow the party across the State, maybe from back when he was leading the State Board of Education, maybe from back in the Sixth District, maybe from his time as a United States Senator. He has always put people first.

I see that in every speech he has given in Gwinnett and Forsyth Counties. He will stand up and always thank the staffers who are working for him.

It is his Academy Day that I enjoy the most. That is my favorite time that we spend together each year.

If people don't know, Madam Speaker, the Isakson Academy Day is a statewide event that brings all the young men and women who love an opportunity—they could do anything they want to with their life, but they want to serve the United States of America. They want to be the future generation of leaders. Even as young as seventh, eighth, and ninth grade, they come to this event that Senator ISAKSON puts together.

Talk about all the lives that he has changed here in this institution, don't even get started on the number of lives he has changed as it relates to leadership and opportunity to serve through his Academy Day.

I think about him being a Republican's Republican. I think about Reva Jennings in Forsyth County. Senator ISAKSON knows Reva. She is hard core. For folks who don't know, Madam Speaker, Forsyth County is one of the most conservative counties in the State of Georgia—a conservative State, a conservative county.

Reva Jennings has been building that Republican Party up there for as long as anyone can remember. We lost her in an untimely way.

But while everybody loves us on our way out the door, Senator ISAKSON might remember a tough primary season or two where folks might come and say: Johnny, why aren't you more angry about this? Why aren't you doing this?

As Republican primary seasons are, we tend to eat our own. Reva Jennings, the first time I met her, was fielding one of those questions. Somebody came up and said: We have to get somebody to challenge that JOHNNY ISAKSON in the next primary. He is soft, for a Republican.

Now, we know Reva. She doesn't have any softness in her. She went right to Senator ISAKSON's steel backbone. She went right after it. She took it to that whole crowd of Republicans, saying: You can poor-mouth anybody you want to in this town, but you cannot poor-mouth JOHNNY ISAKSON because he has done more for the Republican Party than anybody else in this State has, and let me tell you how.

It is not hard to find detractors out there these days. It is hard to build those lifelong friendships that create that gift of relationship that Senator ISAKSON has offered so many.

He has offered it to me. I am grateful to him for it. I wouldn't be standing

here today but for the work he has done over those years, and I thank Senator ISAKSON for that.

Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. SCOTT for yielding.

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER), my good friend and colleague.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I thank Representative SCOTT for putting this together. Indeed, it is something well deserved.

I rise today to recognize a great Georgian and a great Senator.

I have been blessed in my life. I am the grandson of a tobacco farmer and the son of a paper mill worker, and here I am, walking the Halls of Congress.

In the short period of time that I have had to serve here, I have witnessed many great things. I got to listen to the Pope, something I never thought I would have the opportunity to do, one of the great religious leaders in the world, right here in this room.

But when I think of what I saw just a few minutes ago, when I saw not only two great Georgians but two great Americans, JOHN LEWIS and JOHNNY ISAKSON, embrace, I pinch myself sometimes. How did this happen to me? How did I get to witness all of these great things in my life?

Madam Speaker, I thank both of these gentlemen.

Madam Speaker, I thank especially Senator ISAKSON. I have been fortunate to call him a friend and a mentor for many years. I have had many political mentors in my life: Tom Triplett, Tom Coleman, just to name a few, and JOHNNY ISAKSON.

I can remember hearing the story from the then-minority leader of the house of representatives in the Georgia statehouse, when Senator ISAKSON would tell the story of leading such a small group that General Custer had had better odds than he had at that time.

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I will never forget that. It taught me perseverance. It taught me to always work hard and to continue on. I have always looked at that and admired that in you, and I appreciate it very much.

Your dedication to our State and our Nation has truly been unmatched. It is something that I have admired throughout all my time in public service.

Senator ISAKSON, you are one of the greatest Georgians to ever serve and one of the only Georgians—in fact, the only Georgian—to have ever served in the Georgia State House, in the Georgia State Senate, in the House of Representatives, and the United States Senate. I got three out of four. I don't know if I will ever make it across over here, but if I do, I am going to catch you because I have had the honor, as well.

At each of those levels that you have served, you have been successful in ad-

vancing policies for the betterment of the State of Georgia and for the United States of America. I think that is what is so very important. Everywhere you have been, every step of the way, it has always been for the people, always been for the betterment of our State and of our Nation.

During a time in our political history in which Americans seem to be increasingly divided, I have always looked to you. One of the most important achievements I think that you have made is to build bipartisanship, to reach across the aisle, to come together.

I hear my staff tell the story of you don't hear about Senator ISAKSON being involved in a big fight over in the Senate, but, in the background, he is in a knife fight and he is winning.

That is what we all aspire to do. We all want to be known as statesmen. We all want to be successful and win our matches. But you are, and we don't even know about it most of the time.

For example, you have always been a staunch supporter of our Nation's veterans. I think that is extremely important for all of us to remember. You were chair of the Veterans' Affairs Committee for so many years.

I have heard the stories of problems at the VA and of Senator ISAKSON picking up the phone and calling the family member and apologizing. Now, this is the chair of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee calling someone and apologizing for them having a problem at the VA center. Can you imagine? But that is what we admire.

The overhaul to the VA Veterans Choice Program, modernizing VA hospitals in the MISSION Act, all of these signed into law as a result of your efforts.

Every year for over a decade, Senator ISAKSON has held a barbecue in the Russell Building to feed his colleagues from both sides of the aisle.

Now at retirement at the end of this year, the State of Georgia, the United States of America, loses one of its great political assets. I know you have made the point that you are going to sprint through the finish line, and that is important.

I want to thank you, Senator, for your service to our State. I want to thank you for your service to our Nation. I want to thank you for the example that you have set for people like me. Thank you for always being a step above the political infighting in order to do what you truly felt was best for Georgians.

As you continue to do what is best for your health, you and Dianne will always be in my thoughts and prayers. Thank you, Senator, for your service to our country. God bless you.

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, may I inquire as to how much time I have remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Georgia has 18 minutes remaining.

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gen-

tleman from Georgia (Mr. LOUDERMILK), my friend and colleague.

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Madam Speaker, I thank Representative SCOTT for his time here, and I thank him for organizing this.

This is a moment that I am sure all of us are having mixed feelings. There have been a lot of accolades given here today to Senator ISAKSON, a lot of talk about his accomplishments, which are absolutely many.

What a lot of people don't understand about Georgia is we have legends. There are legends from Georgia that, if you go to any history book or you talk to anybody, they will recognize those names as Georgia.

James Oglethorpe is one of those, the founder of Georgia. Sam Nunn, Zell Miller, JOHN LEWIS, Dr. Martin Luther King. Of course, everybody knows Vince Dooley, the legendary coach of the University of Georgia. Others, like Tom Murphy, the longest serving speaker of the house in the Nation, who served in the Georgia State House, that I know Senator ISAKSON served with when he was in the State house.

I believe that JOHNNY ISAKSON is one of those legends, as well. As was mentioned, he is the only Georgian in the history of our State, in the history of this Nation, to serve in both houses of the State legislature and both Houses of the United States legislature, an accomplishment no one else has ever achieved.

Now, the one thing I know about Senator ISAKSON is the character of the man, that he didn't accomplish those things because it was a personal goal; it was because of his heart of service.

One thing that I have been able to consistently and honestly say about Senator ISAKSON is that he is a statesman. That is something that seems to be lost in the line of politics today, those who are true statesmen.

There are some things about him and things about statesmen that are common across the board. One is truthfulness. I can tell you that JOHNNY will tell you the truth, even if it is something you don't want to hear; but, yet, he will tell you in a way that you will appreciate, because he is doing it to uplift you and to make you better, not to draw you down.

Faithfulness, he has been faithful to his faith, his God, his family, his political beliefs, his party, but, more importantly, this country and the institutions that he has represented.

Another is trust, that is something that is lacking in modern politics. But I can tell you this: JOHNNY ISAKSON has never ever told me something that I ever questioned after that. If he told you he was going to do something, it was going to happen.

Loyalty is another area. He has always been loyal to those who are his friends, for those he represents, for his nation, and for his State.

Commitment, he is a very committed person to those things which he believes in.

Civility is one of those that really is lost today; but, as many have spoken here today, he has not only reached across the aisle, but he has reached across the State to try to bring civility back into politics.

And the last one, which I think is most important to me, is friendship. The mark of a statesman is all of those, but mostly friendship.

I was in another Member of Congress' office recently, and, Senator, there was a poster. It made me laugh. There was a poster on their wall that said: "If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog." Well, I don't think that Member ever met JOHNNY ISAKSON, because he is a friend not only to me; he is a friend to Georgia. He is a friend to all of us. He is a friend to the United States.

Senator, God bless you. Thank you for your service to our State. Thank you for your service to our Nation. You will be missed.

I am so honored to be able to say I am a friend of a legend from Georgia.

God bless you.

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I would remind my friend and colleague that Senator ISAKSON is a Dawg; he is a Georgia Bulldog.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ALLEN).

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. SCOTT for organizing this time to honor, as said here many times, a legend. Of course, I never thought I would be standing in front of two Georgia legends as I speak specifically about one. But I do rise today to honor my great mentor and friend, Senator JOHNNY ISAKSON, along with greetings to Dianne and your wonderful family.

I was there last Saturday to witness your beloved Bulldogs beat my beloved Auburn Tigers. Congratulations on this. I just hope and pray that they will go all the way for you. I think that would be a great tribute.

JOHNNY has been a champion for the State of Georgia for decades, a reflection of his many years of service, as has been mentioned about all of the accomplishments, a life of political service. And, also, a mention about his influence on education.

When I was first elected, I had not been in politics before and I didn't really know how to get things done up here. But I, in my service on the Education and Labor Committee, was attracted to a bill called the Every Student Succeeds Act and worked feverishly to get that bill passed in the House by a margin of a mere five votes, 218–213.

Well, it just so happened that sometime later, as we got together in Georgia for lunch, JOHNNY was asking me about that legislation. I told him, I said we are going to return control to the States; we are going to try to get the Federal Government out of the classroom so that our teachers can have more time to teach. He quickly became a champion in the Senate and helped garner bipartisan support.

Now, this is the way things should work. That bill, the Every Student

Succeeds Act, then passed the Senate 81–17 and went to a conference committee, all because of the influence of this incredible man. When that version then came back to the House, I am standing right there looking at our ranking member, and that bill passed in this House 359–64.

I had never seen anything like that, JOHNNY, and it is all owed to you, and the impact on education is going to be felt throughout this Nation. It is quite a difference, and it shows the depths of your influence in these Halls of Congress.

And, of course, throughout your service, you have demonstrated the true meaning of servant leadership by always putting the needs and priorities of Georgia first. In fact, the greatest servant leader in history said: There is no greater love than to give your life for a friend. You have given a big part your life to this country, and we are thankful for it.

As someone who came from the business world but had not served in public office before, I am thankful for your leadership. Georgia has been named the best State to do business in for the last 7 years, and it is no coincidence that you had a lot to do with it.

I know that I can always call on you for sound advice and guidance. Even though you are retiring this year, I hope you know that we will still be reaching out to you for advice. We will deeply miss you and your impact, and it will be missed for generations to come.

There is no doubt that Georgia has big shoes to fill, and I think our delegation is up to the task, which is a testimony to your leadership and an example to me and my colleagues.

JOHNNY, please know that we will do our best to make you proud and honor your legacy. Robin and I wish you and Dianne all the best during this next chapter in your life.

God bless you and your family.

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. FERGUSON), my colleague, a fellow Bulldog and Georgia Beta alumni.

Mr. FERGUSON. Senator ISAKSON—that feels a little formal saying it. JOHNNY, as a constituent, is how I know you. I want to thank you so much for your dedicated service to our State.

As others have talked about their first meeting with you, I remember mine fondly. Not unlike my colleague, Mr. GRAVES, it was at the University of Georgia. I was a freshman, sitting on the steps of a fraternity house, completely clueless about the world, not having an understanding, self-absorbed.

I remember sitting on the steps as you came—I had no idea who you were—and you talked to us about a brighter future. You talked to us about what it meant to be a Georgian.

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I remember, when you left, thinking two things from that moment, the first

is: That is maybe the nicest person that I have ever heard from in my entire life.

Secondly, I was pretty touched that someone was looking out for my future that didn't even know me.

Over the years as I watched you and began to follow you, I saw that play out firsthand. I saw how important the State of Georgia was to you, and what made it important was the millions of Georgians that you love and care about; the ones that you don't know; the ones that you do know; and the ones that are yet to come.

Your unwavering commitment to make our State and this Nation a better place for all of us is something that can never be forgotten.

You have set a standard for being a gentleman and a statesman that we should all follow. It is pretty remarkable that we, as the Georgia delegation, are getting to sit here today and not only speak to you, but our dear colleague, JOHN LEWIS, as well. Because many of those same things that we say about you, we have to say about our colleague, Mr. LEWIS.

There is a genuine love for our Georgians, a sense of decency, a sense of optimism, the desire for a bright future. All of those things come through, not just in your words, but in your actions.

I want to thank you for your 40 years of service to making our lives better. I am not exactly sure what piece of legislation you took up shortly after you met me, and I had the chance to meet you and heard from you on the steps of a fraternity house in Athens, Georgia, but I feel confident that whatever it was, it made my life better many years later. I thank the gentleman for that.

We ask that God continue to bless you and Dianne and know that we owe you a debt of gratitude that we will never be able to repay. Thank you and God bless you.

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, in the last few minutes, I want to thank all of my colleagues who joined us this afternoon, especially JOHN LEWIS, another icon from Georgia.

Certainly, America and the world are better off because of both of these men. I think the strong bipartisan presence here lends to the extraordinary impact that Senator ISAKSON has had on our delegation and the great respect that we have for his service to our State and our Nation.

Senator ISAKSON, I have been told that I can't call you JOHNNY on the floor, but if I could, I would say: JOHNNY, we love you. Thank you for your service to the great State of Georgia. America and the world are better places because of the service that you have provided to our Nation and your fellow man.

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

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1309, WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION FOR HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL SERVICE WORKERS ACT; PROVIDING FOR PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 22, 2019, THROUGH DECEMBER 2, 2019; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. DESAULNIER (during the Special Order of Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia), from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 116-302) on the resolution (H. Res. 713) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1309) to direct the Secretary of Labor to issue an occupational safety and health standard that requires covered employers within the health care and social service industries to develop and implement a comprehensive workplace violence prevention plan, and for other purposes; providing for proceedings during the period from November 22, 2019, through December 2, 2019; and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. HAALAND) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Ms. HAALAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Native American Heritage Month. And as part of this acknowledgment, I wish to state that we are on Indian land. The Nacotchtanks, known for trading right here throughout the Chesapeake area, were the original inhabitants of the land we are standing on right now.

I am a proud member of the Pueblo of Laguna in the great State of New Mexico. My mother raised me to be a Pueblo woman, and as such, I have an obligation to my people and the quest of all Native American communities to safeguard our cultures and traditions and do all I can to ensure that our people have a government that lives up to its trust obligations.

Trust obligations were promises made to all of our Tribes in exchange for the tens of millions of acres of land that became the United States of America. As a child, I was taught to value our open space, our land, our water, and animals.

In spite of the tremendous hardships my grandparents faced through their experiences in living through the Indian boarding school era, the assimilation era, and being at the forefront of moving our people into the modern era, I am here to advocate for the issues and policies that will offer a clean planet and opportunities now and for future generations.

I am the product of generations of people who planted and harvested since time immemorial. My ancestors cared for the land, respected our air and our water, and passed down those responsibilities to their future generations.

It is because of my people and the first people on this continent that we stand here today on this floor. In fact, our Constitution was largely influenced by the Iroquois Confederacy. Tribes here on the East Coast had official relationships with the crowned heads of Europe.

When we talk about Native American history, we must recognize that Native American history is American history, and throughout this history, our ancestors held fast to a belief that our people would endure.

We are reminded of our resilience by people like: Joy Harjo, from the Muscogee Creek Nation, the first Native American poet laureate in our country's history, named just this year.

Our colleague, SHARICE DAVIDS, my sister, as one of the first Native American women elected to Congress in our country's history.

Ruth Anna Buffalo, is a citizen of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation from North Dakota, a State legislator who is fighting to end the crisis of missing and murdered indigenous women and to make her State more equitable for its indigenous citizens.

Tommy Orange, a Cheyenne and Arapaho award-winning writer from Oakland.

Tatanka Means, a Navajo actor and activist, and so many more.

This month is set aside to celebrate the contributions that Native Americans have made to our country and to recognize that there is so much more that the Federal Government must do to ensure that Native nations have every opportunity afforded to every American, which includes healthcare, education, public safety, housing, and economic development.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Washington (Mr. KILMER).

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I thank Representative HAALAND, not just for giving me some time to speak, but for being such a terrific leader and being such an important voice, both for her district, and for people all over this country.

She, along with SHARICE DAVIDS, are two superstars of the freshman class who have been just terrific in adding their voices to this body.

I also want to recognize GWEN MOORE who has just been a tremendous champion on behalf of Native Americans and has been a real leader on issues like the Violence Against Women Act and has made a tremendous amount of progress for Native Americans throughout this country.

As was mentioned, November marks Native American Heritage Month, a time to honor the first Americans. I am proud to represent 11 Tribes that have called my region home since time immemorial.

Each of these sovereign nations has their own unique culture and tradition and stories that add important threads to the fabric of our Nation.

I think about some of the most extraordinary moments that I have had as a Representative:

Visiting with the Quinault Indian Nation along with the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, and having conversations about some of the civil rights challenges, not just facing the Quinault Nation, but Native peoples throughout this country.

Visiting the Makah Tribe during Makah Days, and going on a hike with the then-chairman of the Tribe, going out to the northwestern tip of the continental United States. My daughter was with us and she asked the Tribal chair: "Is this the end of the world?"

And he said, "We consider it the beginning of the world."

Visiting the Quileute Tribe and participating in their festival out in La Push, which is one of the most beautiful places on the planet.

Visiting with the Hoh Tribe and celebrating a water project that that Tribe had led the way on and touring with their Tribe and seeing some amazing assets and also seeing some of the real challenges that they have.

Just recently visiting the Chehalis Tribe, seeing some of their enterprises and seeing the value of the work that they do, how much it contributes to the local economy there, and how much it means to their ability to provide services to their Tribal members.

Visiting the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and visiting their ancestral lands and seeing the dam removal project that occurred there that is giving new birth to the environment there in that region.

Visiting with multiple generations of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, visiting their leaders and hearing about the important role that fishing and shellfish growing has meant for their Tribe for generations and generations.

Visiting the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe just this past year and hearing about some extraordinarily innovative work that they are doing to try to reduce recidivism in our criminal justice system and give people a second chance.

Sitting down just this past year for lunch with the leaders of the Skokomish Tribe in a beautiful Tribal center and hearing about some of the challenges that their Tribe faces and some of the opportunities that they have.

Visiting with the Squaxin Island Tribe, visiting their child development center and seeing the investments that they are making in kids and in future generations.

Developing a friendship with the Suquamish Tribe with their chairman, Leonard Forsman, who has come into this Chamber for the State of the Union, who has beaten me in basketball, and hearing him speak passionately about treaty obligations.