

dear friend and colleague, the Honorable John Lewis of Georgia. John had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and he was undergoing treatment. Yet it didn't affect his kindness, his warm smile, or the gentle touch of his hand. John greeted me and we chatted. It was memorable because it was so natural, normal, and it turned out to also be good-bye.

For nearly twenty years I have served in the Congress with John Lewis, a civil rights champion and legend. His personal journey extended from sharecropper fields in Alabama to civil rights leader, Member of Congress to national treasure. John's voice had the moral authority of a man who had been tested by injustice and tormented by the defenders of injustice. John marched on the frontline of America's struggle for civil rights, voting rights, equal rights and he still had the profound goodness to listen to adversaries, seek goodness in all people, and forgive those who hurt him. John Lewis marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on behalf of Black Americans who were treated as second class citizens by Jim Crow laws, but his lifetime of service and sacrifice, his lifetime of love, was for all mankind. John was a powerful force for good, for righteousness, and for justice.

There are many books written about John's civil rights legacy and many more will be written. His life should be a lesson to all of us and especially to future generations of Americans who will continue to work to overcome inequality as our country strives to be a more perfect union. The courage, commitment and compassion of John's life is well documented and rightly honored. There was another John Lewis that I will remember and cherish.

On numerous occasions over the years John and I had the opportunity to sit on the House floor during votes and just chat. We chatted about everyday matters. John loved gardening. He talked with great expertise about flowers. It was a special joy in his life that I loved hearing him talk about. And sometimes a conversation on flowers would lead to one on climate change.

Once, we discussed another matter of seeming significance to John—fishing. He told me he liked to go fishing but obligations and official commitments made finding the time difficult. I invited him to visit me in Minnesota during the winter and told him I would share a special experience with him—ice fishing. Well, John smiled and laughed and very graciously informed me that such a thing made no sense to him and he would pass on the invitation.

John Lewis lived by the “Golden Rule”—Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. He worked so hard to live by that rule that he made it look easy for those of us who are not as strong, disciplined, or courageous. I know John had his struggles, but he was a shining example for all who knew him and my life is richer, more full because of his generosity, kindness, and determination.

The passing of Rep. John Lewis is a sad and painful loss for his family, friends, and his congressional staff who loved him very much. It is also a difficult loss for his Georgia constituents, his congressional colleagues, and our entire nation. May God bless the soul of John Lewis and all who loved him. I am eternally grateful to have known John and called him my friend and colleague.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF ROBERT J. SCHWANZL

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker. I rise today to remember the life of Robert Schwanzl who had a distinguished career and was an outstanding Ohioan. He dedicated his adult life to protecting and serving his community and nation.

Bob was born and raised in the Toledo area. He attended Central Catholic High School, where he decided to join the Army after graduation. He started as a sergeant in the U.S. Army, working in intelligence during the Korean War. Upon returning to Toledo, he served at the Toledo Fire Department for 40 years before retiring in 1998.

Working at the fire department was a source of pride for Bob, saying “it's not work if you love what you do”. He worked his way to Fire Chief in 1994, where he proudly took on major responsibilities for his community. He oversaw the first female firefighters complete their training and supported the creation of the Toledo Fire Department's water rescue unit. After his graduation from Owens Tech with a degree in their inaugural Fire Science class, he worked as a fire science instructor at Owens for fifteen years.

Above all his love for his family exceeded all other passions. He and his wife Carolyn spent 53 years together and had four children together and later sixteen grandchildren. Late in his career and through retirement, Bob became highly involved with the Toledo Firefighters Museum, and served as its President since 1993. His family and extended family enjoyed trips to the Museum, listening to Bob explain the exhibits with enthusiasm and pride. This was especially true when he and the other volunteers were able to locate a new artifact from other museums or private owners. Bob also became deeply involved in his church, St. Joe's of Maumee. He was a frequent lector and usher and an active member of the Knights of Columbus, serving as Grand Knight in 2016.

He also enjoyed traveling, whether it was to visit his children and grandchildren or to visit Ireland, where at 85 years old he kissed the Blarney Stone, or Rome, where Bob was able to see the Pope for a second time in his life.

Bob will be remembered for his love and commitment to his nation community, family, friends, and colleagues. He was a man of integrity and an inspiration to countless people throughout his life, demonstrating humility and kindness always. Whether heroically commanding a scene, teaching a class or telling a story, Bob had a commanding voice that cannot be forgotten. He will be remembered admirably by our community. Chief Schwanzl assumed the awesome responsibility of leading one of the largest Fire Divisions in Ohio and ably served for four decades. His dutiful works for the city of Toledo built a finer city and place him in the ranks of citizens who become a father for all of Toledo. May the angels raise him to a place of peace and comfort which he has richly earned.

LARAIN LOCKHART BORMAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Laraine Lockhart Borman for receiving the Arvada Chamber's Image Award.

For 33 years, Laraine, as the director of outreach for the Mother's Milk Bank, has been giving back to moms, dads, babies and educating families about the benefits of breast milk. Her tireless efforts to spread the word to local birthing centers, health clinics, midwiferies, pediatrics offices, hospitals and public health departments have helped build a community of support around and for the Milk Bank in Arvada and Denver, and around Colorado and the country.

Laraine is one of the founding members of the Human Milk Banking Association of North America and actively sits on their board, helping to advance the cause nationally and internationally. She is instrumental in shaping the lives of many children, their children, and now their children's children. She does all of this because it's her biggest passion, her life's work and her purpose.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Laraine Lockhart Borman for this well-deserved award and appreciate her contribution to our community.

FORMER REP. CHET EDWARDS REMEMBERS THE LATE REP. JOHN LEWIS

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, on July 21, our former colleague, Chet Edwards, who represented Texas's Eleventh District from 1991 to 2010, wrote an op-ed in the Waco Tribune to share his remembrances of our friend Rep. John Lewis, who today will depart the Capitol for the last time before returning home to Atlanta for his funeral and burial. I am privileged to share Mr. Edwards's moving article about his friendship with Rep. Lewis and include it in the RECORD.

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HOW WE CAN HONOR JOHN LEWIS

(By Chet Edwards)

In his Gettysburg Address, President Abraham Lincoln spoke eloquently of his humility in the wake of great service and sacrifice for our nation when he said: “In a larger sense, we can not dedicate—we can not consecrate—we can not hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract . . .”

Today, as I think about the passing of Congressman John Lewis, I find it difficult to conjure the words to adequately hallow his lifetime of service, sacrifice and courage.

Our founding fathers embedded in the first sentence of the Constitution the ideal of making ours “a more perfect union.” In doing so, they sent a message to every one of us in each generation that true patriotism is about making ours “a more perfect union.”

By that high standard, John Lewis was a true patriot. His entire life was committed to bringing our nation ever closer to the principle enunciated in our Declaration of Independence that “all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights . . .”

At the age of 23, on Aug. 28, 1963, just before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his historic “I Have a Dream” speech, a youthful John Lewis spoke powerfully about the need to ensure real freedom for all Americans. John led the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee; rode in the Freedom bus rides in the South; and on March 7, 1965, led the march in Selma, Alabama, in support of a national voting rights act at a time when black World War II and Korean War veterans were being denied the right to vote all across the South. The nationally televised image of John nearly losing his life that day, of peaceful marchers being brutally beaten by Alabama state troopers, awoke a powerful conscience across our nation and led to passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. It made our nation a more perfect union.

I served in Congress with John Lewis for 20 years. For eight years we worked together almost daily as two of the four Democratic chief deputy whips in the U.S. House of Representatives. Every time I was in his presence, I knew I was in the presence of true greatness . . . and goodness. John was a historic figure, one of the Big 6 of our nation's Civil Rights Movement, but he was also one of the most decent, kind and humble persons I have ever known.

History will record that John Lewis made our nation a better place, a more perfect union. I agree. But what I respected most about John was that, despite all of the racial hatred he faced in his life, there was not one ounce of hatred in his body or soul. Not ever.

One day in a conversation just off the House Floor, I asked John how he kept from hating those who had mistreated him and even tried to kill him. He told me that the real key to his life, and to the Civil Rights Movement's progress, was the ideal of Christian love—to love one's neighbor as thyself and to even love one's enemy. John stayed committed to those principles of his faith and to the cause of non-violent protest, even when others within the Civil Rights Movement criticized him for not supporting violence and when many white Americans threatened him.

Make no mistake. John Lewis was passionate about the cause of justice; he was willing to go to jail more than 40 times in agitating for change in America. But his actions were always peaceful and he was always motivated by love, not hate. I used to savor it when John would get a twinkle in his eye talking to young people and encouraging them to get into “good trouble.”

John Lewis was the conscience of Congress, and in 2001 I saw the power of the bipartisan respect he had earned. In the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on our nation, then-Majority Leader Tom DeLay offered a resolution on the House floor that said it was the “necessary duty” of all Americans to pray for our nation. As a person of faith, I was concerned that prayer, a solemn choice between a person and God, would be demeaned by Congress in declaring prayer to be a government-mandated “necessary duty.” On a nearly vacant House floor, I found John and asked him to speak against this misguided resolution. John, never one to back off from fighting for his principles, spoke eloquently from the well of the House about his reverence for prayer and the constitutional separation of church and state. In a testament to the respect he had among his colleagues, we were able to defeat this badly flawed resolution.

As someone who will always cherish the blessing of knowing John Lewis, I am thrilled that across America today journalists and citizens from all walks of life are honoring John with heartfelt words of praise. As I hear those well-deserved words about this great and good American, I'm also challenged by the question posed by President Lincoln at Gettysburg. After recognizing that we could not further hallow the ground of those who died at Gettysburg, Lincoln went on to ask how we could truly honor those who died there. He said these powerful words: “It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion . . .”

John Lewis dedicated his life, and risked his life, in the of racial justice and the right of all Americans to vote. I will never forget when he spoke at the Waco Convention Center and shared stories of the sacrifices made and lives lost in the Civil Rights Movement and its effort to protect for all Americans the fundamental right to vote. You could hear a pin drop in a room of hundreds of people when he leaned over the lectern and said, “Given the sacrifices I have seen, I cannot imagine anyone not exercising the right to vote.”

John Lewis never thought that patriotism was to love our country or leave it. As the son of Alabama sharecroppers and as a child who could not check out books at his local library because of the color of his skin, he learned that we should love our country despite its imperfections and commit ourselves to making it “a more perfect union.”

If we truly want to honor the life of John Lewis, we should each be dedicated to his unfinished work of bringing about racial justice in our community and nation and protecting the right to vote for all Americans, for which he nearly gave his life 55 years ago in Selma, Alabama.

If we truly want to honor the life of John Lewis in an age of political division and animosity, we should each do better in honoring his faith in the power of love, in the power of hope, in the power of respecting others. We should strive for the ideal that he called the “beacon” of his life—the ideal of a “beloved community.”

Here on earth, John Lewis marched with the people for a divine cause. Now, in heaven, he will soar with the angels. He will reap what he sowed here on earth.

God speed, my dear friend. And thank you for teaching us so much by the sermon of your life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes. Had I been present for roll call vote number 167, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act, I would have voted yea.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I was not present to vote on July 27, 2020, due to a personal matter. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call 167—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 2163.

SUPPORTING H.R. 7027, THE CHILD CARE IS ESSENTIAL ACT AND H.R. 7327, THE CHILD CARE FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 7027, the Child Care Is Essential Act and H.R. 7327, the Child Care for Economic Recovery Act. Taken together, these bills make critical investments in our nation's child care programs to meet the short and long term needs of America's families which are so long overdue.

The next frontier is high quality, affordable, universal child care. Without it, American workers and in particular women to whom child care often falls, will not be able to reach their full economic potential. In the short term, Americans will not be able to return to work and the economy will not be able to reopen unless there are adequate, safe child care options for parents. 13 percent of Americans report having to reduce their work hours or leave their jobs because they don't have access to child care during the pandemic.

Options for affordable child care are already scarce in many parts of the country, if available at all, and child care providers operate on very thin margins. This has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, which threatens to permanently close thousands of child care providers, resulting in a permanent loss of 4.5 million child care slots according to the Center for American Progress.

Congress has sought to address the most immediate child care crises created by the pandemic by providing over \$4 billion for existing federal programs that support the care and education of young children and their families and expanded funding for child care providers to meet payroll, benefits, rent and other expenses. The House-passed HEROES Act provided an additional \$7 billion for child care providers, but this is a relatively small amount compared to the growing need for stabilization of the child care sector as the pandemic rages on.

H.R. 7027 doubles down on the House's commitment to child care providers by creating a \$50 billion stabilization fund to be used for grants to child care providers to pay for increased costs during periods of low enrollment during the COVID-19 crisis and requires employers to keep child care workers on payroll to ensure that these providers will be able to reopen their doors once the pandemic ends. Most importantly, this stabilization funding requires child care providers operating during