

your late hours, thank you for your hard work, thank you for putting up with me, and thank you for your dedication, not just to the folks of the 23rd Congressional District of Texas, but to the entire American family.

It has been a distinct privilege to stand on this floor for the past 6 years to debate issues and represent the people of the 23rd Congressional District. Thank you for putting your faith and trust in me.

Serving as a Member of Congress has not only taught me about this incredible institution and how to legislate; it has proven a long-held belief that way more unites us as a country than divides us.

My final message for my colleagues, as I depart this body: Don't treat bipartisanship like a four-letter word. The only way big things have ever been done in this country is by doing them together.

#### HONORING RETIRING SENATOR PAT ROBERTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, this month, after 40 years of service as a Member of Congress, our senior Senator of Kansas will be moving his belongings out of his office in the Hart Senate Office Building to a private library.

To best honor him, I would like to share some of his original wit, some of the quips for which he is most famous. Number one:

Take your job seriously, but not yourself.

There are no self-made men or women in public service. It is your family, friends, and staff who have made you what you are.

Another couple of favorites:

You are only as good as your staff.

It isn't the best possible bill; it is the best bill possible.

In reference to an opponent who sometimes disagrees with you, he suggested:

Go smother them with the milk of human kindness.

On his commitment to agriculture, he said:

We live in a troubled and hungry world.

Food security is national security.

When asked about why we need agriculture programs, the Senator once said:

You can't eat a shoe.

On life, when asked about making a mistake, he suggested that:

You go hunker down and take it like a donkey in a hailstorm.

He once said:

Remember, when you roll around with pigs, you both get dirty, but only one of you enjoys it.

On sports, at football games, he often said:

Throw the ball to the tight end. He was wide open.

And, of course, as we all know, the Senator was the unofficial tight end

coach for the ever-optimistic and fighting Kansas State Wildcats.

At a townhall, when a rabid constituent gave a forceful opposing opinion, he once replied:

I'll mark you down as undecided.

I loved when he referred to Kansas University as that school over by Baker.

The Senator, once a marine, was always a marine. He was often quoted saying "take the hill" and "semper fi."

But my personal favorite:

There are lots of cactuses in the world, but you don't have to go sit on every one.

When I first meet successful, influential people, people who I have read about or know of, I have often asked myself: Is there any substance to this person? Is there character and integrity? What is truly important to them?

I would like to share, as we have gotten to know Senator ROBERTS and his wife, Franki, I have found that their footprints are larger than their shadows, their hearts are bigger than their words, their love of this country, their love of Kansas, more than any words I can find to describe.

Personally, I cannot imagine any memory of Senator ROBERTS without thinking of his bride, his South Carolina magnolia blossom, as he often called her, whom he married some 51 years ago. She is absolutely his rock, the person I always see standing beside him with adoring eyes. While occasionally she gives him a gentle nudge, everyone knows she always has his back.

Laina and I want to personally thank Senator ROBERTS and Franki, who have embraced us with hospitality and kindness since arriving ourselves in Washington, D.C., some 4 years ago. They have shown us what it is to be an ambassador for our State. From Christmas gatherings at the White House to farm bill hearings in a barn, they have shown what servant leadership looks like, representing our State with dignity and grace.

Senator ROBERTS is the only person in American history to have his portrait in both the House Agriculture Committee and the Senate Agriculture Committee hearing rooms.

Senator ROBERTS has had a hand in writing eight farm bills. He has been on a Federal congressional agriculture committee for 40 years running. Some of his greatest accomplishments include those eight farm bills, and I am going to reference two of them.

The Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, which he was the primary author and chairman, this became known as the Freedom to Farm bill.

Chairman ROBERTS has often told the story—I have heard this maybe once or twice—of sitting on the tongue of the wagon of a farmer in Dodge City, Kansas, with all of his farm experts, and his good friend, Leon Torline said: PAT, we all need freedom to farm.

Sure enough, this agriculture policy gave producers the freedom to plant

crops based on market indicators, not Federal Government set-aside policies.

Next, I will reference the first farm bill I participated in, the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, on which he was the primary author as chairman. Probably most notably, this farm bill received more votes than any farm bill in modern history, with 87 in favor.

I would like to also mention the 2016 National Bioengineered Food Disclosure Act. This Federal legislation created standards for labeling food with ingredients derived from biotechnology.

Then his 2000 Agriculture Risk Protection Act reformed national crop insurance and led to its widespread use today.

Finally, I will mention Senator ROBERTS was always the leader in bio-agro security legislation. As chairman of the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, Senator ROBERTS chaired the first Senate hearing on the threat to our Nation's food supply.

I will close with this. Though Senator ROBERTS will always be known for his wit, being an entertaining speaker, and a great interview, his actions and his accomplishments will always speak louder than any of his words.

He and Franki have been tremendous ambassadors for agriculture, for Kansas, and for America. They have climbed many mountains, and they have planted the flag.

Senator ROBERTS, semper fi. May God richly bless you, Franki, and your family.

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#### HONORING GENERAL ROBERT HINSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BACON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to retired Lieutenant General Robert C. Hinson, U.S. Air Force, the founding executive director of the National Strategic Research Institute at the University of Nebraska, who recently announced his retirement at the end of this year.

General Hinson retires after more than a half century of highly distinguished service supporting the missions of the Department of Defense, commercial industry, and the University of Nebraska.

General Robert Hinson's leadership and dedication to the principles of freedom have been indispensable for America's national security interest. He began his career by enlisting in the United States Air Force. After spending 1 year as an administrative specialist, he received a commission from Officer Training School in 1971.

General Hinson retired after 33 years of exemplary Active-Duty military service. Over the course of his career, he distinguished himself as an outstanding military leader commanding

many units, including the 529th Bomb Squadron, the 99th Operations and Maintenance Group, the 99th Tactics and Training Wing, the 28th Bomb Wing, the 45th Space Wing, and the 14th Air Force.

General Hinson later rose to positions of great responsibility, serving as the vice commander of Air Force Space Command at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado, and then later as a deputy commander of the United States Strategic Command at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska.

General Hinson is a command pilot with more than 3,000 flying hours, primarily flying in bomber aircraft, to include the B-52, FB-111, and the B-1.

He received many prestigious awards and decorations during a long, selfless military career that included 25 moves for his family.

General Hinson continued to support the national security of the United States upon his retirement from the Air Force, serving 9 years as the vice president of government programs and corporate lead executive at Northrop Grumman.

Continuing to answer the call of his country, General Hinson then became the founding executive director for the National Strategic Research Institute at the University of Nebraska. With vision, tenacity, and leadership, he created the great team that established this Department of Defense, University Affiliated Research Center, known as UARC, at the University of Nebraska. Sponsored by U.S. Strategic Command, the National Strategic Research Institute became the first UARC supporting a combatant command.

NSRI provides scientific-based solutions across the threat spectrum and across multiple domains. With an intense mission focus, General Hinson has been the driving force, creating a trusted research institution which, today, is recognized globally for deepening U.S. strategic and operational understanding of 21st century national security challenges.

General Hinson led a team of 75 professionals, working from offices and laboratories across the University of Nebraska's campuses and near customers in the National Capital and Space Coast regions. During his tenure, NSRI has collaborated with more than 350 Nebraska University researchers and students, serving 44 customers across DOD and the Federal Government, while executing over \$300 million in Federal research funding.

In addition to his prolific and military and civilian careers, General Hinson continued contributing to his community, serving on the board of directors for several organizations, to include the STRATCOM Consultation Committee, the STRATCOM Strategic Advisory Group's Bomber Task Force Panel, the Strategic Air Command, and the Air and Space Museum. He also served on the Offutt Air Force Base Advisory Council and The Peter Kiewit Institute Board of Policy Advisors.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to thank General Hinson for being a mentor of mine when I commanded the 55th Wing at Offutt Air Force Base back in 2011 and 2012.

Mr. Speaker, this Nation owes a debt of gratitude to this outstanding warrior who firmly believes in service before self and excellence in all he did. I thank General Hinson for his nearly 50 years of outstanding public service and wish him and his family all the best as he begins the next chapter of his life.

#### RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF CONGRESSMAN WILL HURD AND CONGRESSWOMAN TULSI GABBARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FITZPATRICK) for 5 minutes.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible service of two very special Members of this Chamber who are retiring after this term, WILL HURD of Texas and TULSI GABBARD of Hawaii.

WILL HURD is a native son of San Antonio, Texas, and a graduate of Texas A&M University, where he was a student body president and graduated with a degree in computer science and international relations.

After graduation, WILL spent 9 years working and serving our country for the CIA. While primarily based here in Washington, D.C., WILL was also stationed overseas in Afghanistan and Pakistan and India. And while in Pakistan, WILL worked undercover and became fluent in the native language.

In the CIA, WILL worked to keep our national security safe, thwarting terrorism across the globe, and putting nuclear weapons proliferators out of business. Part of his responsibilities in Washington was to brief Members of Congress here on the Hill on intelligence and national security issues, which undoubtedly sparked his interest in politics.

During his time in Congress, WILL has been a leading Member on cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, immigration, and tech issues. He worked incredibly hard to ensure that the Department of Homeland Security is able to work efficiently and effectively, modernize our immigration system, and speak on the need to stay ahead of our adversaries in cybersecurity and technology.

Also a colleague of ours, TULSI GABBARD was born in American Samoa and was raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. A graduate of Hawai'i Pacific University, TULSI was elected to the Hawaii House of Representatives at age 21, the youngest legislator ever elected in the State.

A year into her service, she enlisted in the Hawaii Army National Guard and volunteered to deploy with her fellow soldiers in 2004. She went on two tours of duty in the Middle East, first in Iraq and later in Kuwait, and is cur-

rently serving as a major in the Army Reserves.

In between her tours of duty, TULSI served as a legislative aide to the late Senator Daniel Akaka of Hawaii. During her time with the Senator, she worked on issues related to energy, Homeland Security, the environment, and veterans. During this time, TULSI graduated from Officer Candidate School at the Alabama Military Academy, where she was the first woman to finish as a distinguished honor graduate.

During TULSI's time in Congress, she has been a fierce advocate for veterans, servicemembers, and their families. She has worked to make their lives easier and to ensure that Congress never forgets the women and men who sacrificed for our freedoms.

Mr. Speaker, WILL and TULSI have been two amazing Members of this institution. I served with WILL on the Homeland Security Committee, and I served with TULSI on the Foreign Affairs Committee. This Chamber and our Nation are better off because they chose to serve in Congress.

Mr. Speaker, both WILL and TULSI caucus with different parties in this Chamber, but they share an awful lot in common:

They are both people of class;

They are both people of honor and dignity;

They both put their life on the line in service of our Nation;

They both are independent thinkers;

They are both people of incredible courage;

They are both people of intellectual honesty;

They are both leaders whom I respect and look up to, both before I was in Congress and certainly now.

They are two people who served this institution well, who made our Nation proud, and I have no doubt that their time serving our Nation is not at an end.

Mr. Speaker, I thank them both for their service, for their courage, for their sacrifice, for being intellectual leaders, thought leaders, being honest, staying true to their convictions, and putting their country ahead of their party every single day of their lives. I appreciate their service, Mr. Speaker.

#### SMALL BUSINESSES ARE STRUGGLING TO SURVIVE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BUDD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the frustrated and, frankly, exhausted small business job-creators in my district and across the Nation who are struggling to survive while the Speaker continues to play politics with people's livelihoods.

While many States and localities begin to make the same mistake of instituting massive shutdowns, small businesses have been left high and dry.