

It is a gift to serve, and with that gift, we were able to:

Save twenty-five million lives around the world from AIDS, through the bipartisan PEPFAR program—arguably the most successful foreign assistance program in American history.

Fight back against endless war by securing bipartisan votes to repeal Authorizations to Use Military Force.

As Chair of the Appropriations subcommittee on State & Foreign Operations, I worked to expand investments in diplomacy and development, to build a better, safer world. Specifically, I worked to strengthen our presence and partnerships with Africa and the Caribbean.

As the official Congressional Representative to the United Nations General Assembly, I worked to support greater international cooperation for fighting poverty, discrimination, and abuses of human rights, as well as working towards global peace and justice.

Urge the Surgeon General's office to highlight gun violence as a public health crisis in the U.S.

Author legislation to launch the American Women Quarters program, which honors the contribution of American women by featuring their likenesses on U.S. quarters.

Introduce the first-ever comprehensive sex education bill, aiming to ensure that students receive medically accurate information on sexual health.

Advocate for a shift in federal policy by reducing military spending and addressing the bloated Pentagon budget.

Launch the Ron V. Dellums Memorial Fellowship aimed at boosting the number of minority students in science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics (STEAM) fields through robust financial scholarships.

And help pass legislation that drastically reduced child poverty in the U.S. through my leadership as a member of the Appropriations committee, among many other things.

My final two pieces of legislation serve as bookend moments for me.

Last week, alongside former Senator LAPHONZA BUTLER, we were able to pass legislation that awarded my mentor and friend, Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon a civilian from the Congress. The bill was signed by Vice President HARRIS, who is the pride of my Congressional district. It was truly a beautiful moment to witness.

And this week, I'll be introducing legislation to extend the Presidents Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, otherwise known as PEPFAR. I worked alongside my colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus and President George W. Bush to establish this legislation over 20 years ago, and in that time the program has saved over 25 million lives around the world.

President Bush and I disagreed on virtually everything, but we came together to address one of the most deadly diseases in human history. And together we must continue forging ahead to achieve our goal of an AIDS-free generation by 2030.

I'd like to thank the constituents of California's 12th Congressional district, the most enlightened district in the country, for giving me their faith and trust to fight alongside them for a better tomorrow.

They elected me to strengthen our communities. To push back against oppression, mili-

tarism, and corruption. To fight for legislation that embodies our values of justice, equity, and peace for all people—no matter their race, religion, or sexuality.

Fighting this fight on behalf of the East Bay in Washington has been one of the greatest honors of my life.

We've made incredible progress—from critical health care reforms at home and abroad, to lowering costs for working families, to enacting historic climate and gun violence legislation.

We've got a long way to go. But I'm proud of the work we've accomplished together. Let us keep up the good fight.

STOP INSTITUTIONAL CHILD ABUSE ACT

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on S. 1351.

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

There was no objection.

NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. LAMBORN) for 30 minutes.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LAMBORN. 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 material on the topic of this Special Order.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I think it is appropriate that the last presenter ended with a verse from the Bible. It was a marvelous verse, and that is what this Special Order is going to be about.

Recently, in November, we celebrated, once again, since the year 1941, National Bible Week. This is something that has been declared and proclaimed by every President since Franklin D. Roosevelt, who started this in 1941, just days before we were attacked at Pearl Harbor.

As the world was hurdling toward World War II, it was so appropriate that the country turned to the Bible for sustenance and guidance.

I have been leading this particular commemoration on National Bible Week for—I don't know—8 or 10 years on the floor of the House. This will be my last opportunity because I will be voluntarily retiring from Congress in January.

I want to thank so many people who have helped me during my career, but, most of all, I would like to first thank my Lord and Savior for the oppor-

tunity to represent Colorado's Fifth Congressional District for 18 years.

It is my relationship with Him, with God, who has provided any wisdom or success that I have experienced in my congressional career.

National Bible Week was in November, but that was during Thanksgiving, when we were all out of town, so we chose this week to actually formally celebrate it and commemorate it here on the floor of the House.

This was begun in 1941 as an official National Bible Week, and it is the Bible that led me to a relationship with my Lord and Savior.

I was a freshman at college, and some people talked to me, and they said: Have you ever read the Bible for yourself?

I said: No, but I think I know what is in it.

That is kind of an arrogant and foolish thing to say, but that is where I was coming from in my ignorance, my naivete.

They said: Hey, why don't you read the Gospel of John, and you will understand what the message of the Bible is.

So I did that, and, as I read the Gospel of John, I realized that this is a relationship with the living God that I did not have and that I needed and that I wanted.

John 14:6 is where Jesus says: I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but through me.

That spoke to my heart, and that is when I began a personal relationship with my Lord and Savior.

My salvation came through reading the Bible, so I am so happy that we can celebrate and commemorate National Bible Week here tonight.

We have some Members of Congress who are going to be speaking about what the Bible means to them personally and what the Bible means to the United States of America, this special and marvelous country that we have the privilege of living in.

As David said in the book of Psalms: Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path.

That is ultimately what the Bible is about. It is a lamp to our feet and it is a light to our path. It guides us day to day as we take footsteps. It guides the path that we see in the future, the direction our lives should go in. So it is a lamp and it is a light. That makes it so special.

At this point, I yield 4 minutes to my friend, the gentleman from the great State of Alabama (Mr. ADERHOLT).

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, first of all, I thank my colleague, Congressman LAMBORN, for once again organizing this important Special Order, as he has done many times in the past. Not only that, but I thank him for his service to this legislative body.

He has been one of the good guys here in this body that has really stood for those principles that really, I think, date back to when our Founding

Fathers first envisioned this great Nation, the United States of America.

We thank our colleague from Colorado.

Mr. LAMBORN. Thank you.

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, the Bible has been and, really, it still is more than just a book. It is the foundation of our moral compass. It is the inspiration behind our laws. It is the source of strength and comfort for countless families and individuals, literally around the world.

From the founding of our great Nation, we have seen how the truths that are found in the Bible have shaped our culture, have influenced our leaders, and have guided the hearts of our people.

Here in America, as in so many places around the world, we have been blessed with the freedom to worship and the right to hold our religious beliefs without fear and without persecution. Unfortunately, there are a lot of places in the world that don't have that freedom, but here in America, we do.

However, with all that is said about the Bible, let us not forget the power that is in the Word of God and how it always gives us a hope that instills so much into the lives of so many people across the world.

There have been many books that have been written over the ages, and a lot of books have sold literally millions and millions of copies, some 200 or 300 million copies. You think about books like "A Tale of Two Cities," "Don Quixote," "The Lord of the Rings," those that rank up there, and perhaps maybe 300 or 400 million copies have been sold.

As far as I know, there is only one book that has sold into the billions, and it is estimated that over 5 billion copies of the Word of God, the Bible, has been printed and put out there, and I would say that is a very conservative number.

It is no wonder the Bible is the most popular book ever written, as it holds the key to life and actually to life everlasting, for in the New Testament, we read the words of Jesus of Nazareth, and we read about his life. The words of the Bible are different from all the other books that were written. The words of the Bible cut like a double-edged sword, yet its full life is found to its fullest, and those are the words of Jesus.

We hear the words of Jesus in John 3:16: For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believe in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

As a young boy, like Congressman LAMBORN, I realized what that meant and wanted to have that relationship with God myself, and realizing that I could have that directly through Christ, I asked him into my life through a simple prayer. That still holds true for any person today who wants to go down that road and take God up on that offer.

I thank Congressman LAMBORN this evening for his dedication, but, more

than anything else, for recognizing the Bible is the book of all books. It is the Bible, for it is in the Bible that life is found.

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for those kind and gracious words and the insights that he shared with us.

Congress has changed over the years. I am really not telling a secret that anyone here doesn't already know but let me tell you the perspective that our first Congressmen and -women had in this country of ours. It would have been men at the time, and the women came later, as we know.

Many early-American settlers came to the New World wanting to live out their faith in God and his Word, and so Congress, as one of their first acts, authorized an American-published Bible. You see, they were at war with the British and, because of embargoes, shipments of the Bible, among other things, were not coming into the country.

In 1782, Congress reviewed, approved, and authorized the first known English-language Bible to be printed in America. The resolution said, in part: Resolved, that the United States in Congress assembled to recommend this edition of the Bible to the inhabitants of the United States, and hereby authorize Mr. Aitken to publish this recommendation in the manner he shall think proper.

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Congress authorized the printing of the Bible and recommended that everyone read it. Our country has changed over the years. I can't imagine us doing that now, but maybe we should. We have things in this country that are not going in the right direction and that could only help.

Mr. Speaker, I will now yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ALLEN) to share his thoughts with us, please.

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, it has been a privilege to serve with Doug, and I thank him for his great service to our country and for emphasizing the importance of the Bible.

It is an honor to stand here, but particularly tonight to commemorate National Bible Week along with my friends and colleagues. I am here to talk about what the Bible has meant to me and its impact on our Nation's history.

There are divisions across our country, including in this Chamber, that highlight the challenges that we are facing.

I was baptized in a small, rural church at 9 years of age and my parents raised me in the church there. I had a few other priorities in college, but after my marriage to my wife, we found a church home in Augusta and that church home has meant the world to our family.

However, it was almost 30 years later that I realized that maybe my priorities were not in order. I decided that I would make Bible study and prayer a priority in my life.

I started Bible study with a friend about 6 months later, and I realized that God was writing His Word on my very heart. I had this urge to know God and study His Word and understand His purpose and will for me. All of my life, as I look back, I had relied on God's Word for truth.

Twenty-three years ago, I joined a Bible study fellowship in my hometown of Augusta. It is an intense Bible study, but I am telling you it was life changing. I am currently reading the Change Your Life Study Bible with the Lead group here in Washington, D.C., and I am constantly reminded of the answers this book provides and to the current issues that we are dealing with today facing our Nation.

Since my time in Congress and meeting with people across the Nation and folks in our own district, unfortunately, we are becoming a Bible ill-literate society.

Just above our flag here in this body, we have "In God We Trust," but how do you know how to trust God if you don't know God and don't know His Word?

I look at the full face of Moses in this House Chamber and I am reminded of the first five books of the Bible, the moral law.

George Washington himself in his farewell address said:

Morality and faith are the pillars of our society. We confess these pillars are being eroded in an increasingly materialistic and permissive society.

And that is continuing today.

One of the Scriptures I memorized early on was Joshua 1:8. It says:

Do not let this Book of Law depart from your lips. Meditate on it night and day. Be careful to do what it says and what is written in it, for then you will make your way prosperous and you will have success. This is a great promise from God.

This is a special time of year. There are over 11 times in the Old Testament starting 1,500 years ago predicting the birth, the life, the death, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ whose birthday we celebrate here at this time.

Starting off in Genesis 3:15: "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

That was written 1,500 years ago.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, we are about to witness another historic and important inauguration.

As I talk to you currently, most Americans believe our Nation is in serious moral, spiritual, and financial decline. Emotional health has become an epidemic because many do not know where to turn for hope.

I love the Bible, I love to pray, and I love to pray with those who believe in the values and the Founding Fathers' values in the truth that we behold in this country.

Especially during this important season, keep the hope and trust in Him and His Word. He will change the direction of this country and He will write His Word on your heart.

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I would now like to ask Representative ROSE from the great State of Tennessee to come and speak.

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. LAMBORN) for yielding and for claiming the time this evening to acknowledge and honor our Nation's 83rd National Bible Week.

I rise today the week before we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ to celebrate and honor the book that reveals His life, His teachings, and His promise to save us if only we will accept and follow Him.

This amazing book is, of course, the Bible. You see, Mr. Speaker, there are many stories in the Bible, none arguably more important than the miracle of Jesus Christ's birth, death, and resurrection. However, the Bible also teaches us the story of God creating the Heavens and the Earth, of Adam and Eve, the Ten Commandments, the Sermon on the Mount, as well as recounting many fantastical miracles.

Eighty-three years ago, our country was reeling following the devastating attacks on Pearl Harbor, an attack unfathomable at the time. In the immediate aftermath, our country came together to worship and celebrate our first-ever National Bible Week held December 8-14, 1941.

It is no surprise that following those devastating days in the creation of the first National Bible Week, 83 years later, we still celebrate it every year.

It is because even on our darkest days, Mr. Speaker, the Bible will always be there for us. Look no further than Philippians 4:4, which says: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice."

We are reminded that joy is constant and takes place at all times with the Lord.

Psalms 118:24 which says: "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

A reminder that the Lord gives us today and every day, and we should celebrate it as a gift from God.

Mr. Speaker, I could go on about the number of Bible verses that have inspired me from the time I learned them in Sunday school until this very day when I pass those inspiring words onto my two young sons. There is no doubt that the Bible has had a tremendous impact on my life and will continue to do so.

That is why I feel so deeply about the continued importance of teaching the Lord's Word. At a time in our country when it seems we are straying from the Lord, we must lean in and encourage the teachings in the Bible.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage Tennesseans to join me in studying the good word in the Bible, passing its lessons down to our children, and living our lives according to Bible teaching. After all, there is no better way to celebrate and honor National Bible Week than by reading or teaching the Bible and living according to its Word.

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Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his words.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to Representative GLENN GROTHMAN from the State of Wisconsin.

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is always enjoyable to speak to Bible Week and always enjoyable for DOUG LAMBORN to give me a couple of minutes.

National Bible Week, of course, begins every year on Thanksgiving and continues for the week after Thanksgiving.

One of the prior speakers, searching to say something unique about the Bible, talked about the number of books that have been printed. I would like to point out, since we are commanded under the Bible to share the Word of Christ and spread the Word of Christ around the world, the Bible, I believe, is the most translated book in the world. The Bible is right now translated into 3,700 different languages, which is a testament to the degree to which Christians are taking it to heart to spread the book throughout the world.

Now, the reason we have Bible Week in the United States is the Bible is more important than any other book in putting together our Constitution, putting together the laws we live under. There was a study done by something called the American Political Science Review in which they reviewed all the writings by our Founding Fathers: John Dickinson, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe, the whole bunch. They found that the Bible was the most cited book of our forefathers.

That is not surprising. What I did find interesting is that one-third of the citations in the writings of our forefathers were from the Bible itself. I find this hard to believe, but in the article, they said the most cited book in the Bible was Deuteronomy. I would have guessed it was somewhere in the New Testament or Psalms. Even I will say that Deuteronomy is the most cited book in the Old Testament other than Psalms.

In any event, why was Deuteronomy so cited? I think Deuteronomy is so cited because Deuteronomy lays out the law that the Israelites were supposed to follow when Israel was founded. Our forefathers looked at Deuteronomy because they, as well, wanted us to form a country that God would bless and God would protect. That is why Deuteronomy was so cited.

This does not mean that they did not quote the New Testament. There are plenty of references from John, 1 Corinthians, from the other gospels that our forefathers mentioned because I think they felt it was of necessity to look at these quotations in learning how to live.

I should also point out that the Bible our forefathers read was largely from the English language. They lived at a time when we were having the American Revolution. America was being

founded, and we read an English Bible. When the French Revolution was going on, it was somewhat the opposite of our country. The French revolutionaries were atheist. They were barbaric. They killed the nuns. They killed the priests. It was horrific. It was an interesting juxtaposition even at that time between what I guess today we would call maybe the communist element, the French, and what we have in America.

I should also give a couple of quotes from our forefathers showing how important they felt the Bible was. These quotes do not mean a political party. It means kind of an ideology or way to put together your country. John Adams said the Bible "is the most republican book in the world." John Dickinson, who was the most important member of Delaware in our founding, said the Bible "is the most republican book that was ever written." He even ups it one more.

You can see the degree to which our forefathers lived by the Bible. It is because they lived by the Bible and stuck by the Bible that we have become such a blessed country. We have to continue to follow the Bible if we kind of want to get back on the straight and narrow.

One more time, I thank Congressman LAMBORN for giving me a few extra minutes.

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, as the next speaker comes up, BUDDY CARTER from the State of Georgia, I want to mention something very personal that happened 2 years ago.

I was at this podium, and I told some people back in the district that we were going to have this Bible hour, and they wanted to tune in. They were watching on C-SPAN. What an amazing privilege it is to share important things from your life to a national audience.

Anyway, my dermatologist was watching, Dr. Reagan Anderson, and he noticed that I had a new spot on my temple, my left temple. He texted me as soon as I was off the floor and said to come in and see him tomorrow. Actually, it took me 2 days to finish voting and get back to Colorado Springs. He said: You have melanoma, and I am going to schedule surgery for tomorrow.

It was actually a couple of days later that I had the surgery. It was successful. They removed it. It has gone away, as far as I know. The cancer was taken from me, from my skin, but I think it is so interesting that it was during this Bible hour that a friend of mine who is also a doctor saw something that needed help, and I am so glad that it turned out that way. I had never experienced that before. I didn't know what to look for.

If you are in Colorado, which is a high-altitude State, be watching for changes in skin because at high altitude, it happens even more than in other places. All of us need to be watching for that.

BUDDY CARTER is a healthcare professional as a former pharmacist, and I welcome him to share his thoughts.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend, Mr. LAMBORN, for hosting this tonight. I also want to pay tribute to him for his years of service as a Member of Congress and let him know that he has been an inspiration to many of us here, and we wish him well in his retirement.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate National Bible Week and to share with you that I am actually reading through the Bible this year. I am almost finished. We only have a few more days left this year. I am almost there. I am in Revelation, Micah. One of my favorite verses is Micah 6:8. It is very special reading through it.

I think it is important to note that the study that I am using was given to me, the book was given to me, by the chair of Energy and Commerce this year, CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS. She gave it to us. I really appreciate her doing that. She, too, is retiring this year. I certainly wish her well. She has done an outstanding job as a Member of Congress.

I want to rise today in celebration of what is one of my favorite times of the year for several different reasons: Christmastime, a time that brings family, friends, food, fun, and football, all of those things, but it is important that we remember during this time the reason that we are celebrating this holiday, and that is the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It is easy to get wrapped up in the hustle and bustle of Christmastime and to forget about what is most important. I am certainly as guilty of that as I am sure all of us are. The Christmas season is a great opportunity for us to remind ourselves and each other that no matter what happens or what we do, we are surrounded by the love of God. There is no better exhibition of this than the Christmas story.

We are all familiar with the Gospel of John, chapter 3:16, that tells us: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." This is one of the most popular verses in the Bible, and for good reason. It paints a clear picture of God's never-ending love for His creation, us.

No matter the sins that we commit—and we do—or how often we neglect the meaning of Christmas, God still loves us so much that He offers each of us a chance at eternal life. That is certainly a gift none of us deserve but all of us can have.

I hope everyone will join me in rejoicing in the love of God this Christmas season. I wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Again, I thank Mr. LAMBORN for hosting this tonight.

God bless you, Mr. Speaker.

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Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his gracious words. He will be one

of the people I miss when I retire in January after 18 years of being here. There are so many great people I will miss, and there are things I won't miss, but there are some people I truly will miss.

Representative ALLEN mentioned Biblical prophecies being fulfilled, and there are hundreds of very specific prophecies that you can find in the Bible that were fulfilled exactly as foretold. It may have taken years for it to happen, but they were fulfilled exactly.

If you were to put odds on that, it would become astronomical that all of that could be the case as opposed to something that are legends and fairy tales that were just made up by human invention.

Another source of verification, validation of the Bible, is archaeology. Every time there is an archaeological discovery in the Holy Land, it validates the Biblical accounts. It never contradicts the Biblical accounts.

One example from a few decades ago was the Dead Sea Scrolls. Those were exactly word for word what other sources had said was the book of Isaiah, the Book of Psalms, other Old Testament Scriptures, and they were exactly the same. There was a validation there.

Mr. Speaker, I am going to conclude. It has been an honor to present this National Bible Week this week, and for so many years in the past.

I thank my colleagues who were here. I am thankful for the word of God in my own life and in the life of this country, and in the life of my wife and children and grandchildren as well.

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

HONORING THE SERVICE OF REPRESENTATIVE JENNIFER WEXTON

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GROTHMAN). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BEYER) for 30 minutes.

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to help manage the Special Order hour to recognize our wonderful friend who is now leaving us in the U.S. House, Ms. JENNIFER WEXTON. I rise with respect and admiration and love for JENNIFER.

Mr. Speaker, I first became aware of JENNIFER in December of 2013 when she won a crowded primary to succeed a State senator who had just been elected attorney general. I mostly saw her on local TV, these ads that showed up again and again.

That was a very cold month and a very special election. When she won, I was just starting this race for U.S. Congress, and she was a real inspiration to me at that very time.

A couple years later, GERRY CONNOLLY and I served with Barbara Comstock. We were a sometimes good, sometimes tense team from northern

Virginia, but we really wanted to take back the House, and we thought the best possible candidate to take on Barbara Comstock was this wonderful State senator from Loudoun County. I remember calling JENNIFER and saying, why don't you—not give up your senate seat, but jump into this race and take on Barbara, she has only been in for 2 years.

JENNIFER has the wisdom of a great politician and knows that timing is everything in politics. She said, no, absolutely not. Donald Trump went on to win that election.

Barbara Comstock went on to win it easily. Maybe a bunch of us got something started in her mind because 2 years later, there was a tough, six-way primary, with a number of very good women in that race, and JENNIFER prevailed in that primary, went on to beat Barbara with 56 percent, a two-term incumbent. JENNIFER has just been a delight and a great resource for Virginia ever since.

Mr. Speaker, she actually went to the University of Maryland, but we forgive her because she went to law school at William & Mary. She redeemed herself. I am very proud to represent her parents that live in Alexandria, Virginia.

She has a great husband, two sons. Somehow, contrary to the two-parent working families that we have everywhere in America, she was able to work it out with Andrew so that he would be the full-time caretaker at home for the kids, which is relatively unique in current American culture, but it worked beautifully. They got the right people in the right jobs.

I am also thrilled that for many, many years, I worked on campaigns against Frank Wolf who actually was a distinguished Member of this House, but I started in 1982 and Frank served for 34 years.

All that just goes to say that this district was founded in 1952 at the post-war expansion. Joel Broyhill won in 1952 and held the seat for 22 years. For 66 years, only 6 of those 66 years was that seat held by a Democrat; Joe Fisher was only elected in the Watergate landslide of 1974 and ousted in the Reagan landslide of 1980.

Then, after 66 years, finally, we get JENNIFER WEXTON who comes back, turns the seat blue, gives us great representation, and I believe she is the first Loudoun County Member in the history of the country ever to represent Loudoun County in the U.S. Congress.

I have loved working with her, as has ABIGAIL SPANBERGER, TIM KAINE, MARK WARNER, GERRY CONNOLLY, all of us have come together on northern Virginia issues, and on Virginia issues, to make enormous progress.

She is tough, but kind, and the toughness has really come out in the last year when JENNIFER first believed