

the due process he denied Renee and demand accountability up the entire chain of command. Our job is not to bear their sins. Our job is to make sure this never ever happens again.

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RECOGNIZING GEORGE HINCKLEY

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

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize George Hinckley on his work in founding Smart Community STEM Camp.

This camp is a youth program that teaches kids coding and how to fly and operate drones, provides mentorship, and brings communities together.

As camp director, George encourages young Virginians who are interested in pursuing technology-based careers as their pathway to success.

George's dedication to STEM education is contributing to the future of learning and exposes students to diverse opportunities.

Mr. Speaker, George's leadership and unwavering commitment to this program are truly deserving of this recognition. I am honored to congratulate him on this well-earned moment and recognize him as this week's Constituent of the Week.

I congratulate and thank George for all that he does for our students.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

(Ms. STANSBURY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the House floor with a heavy heart for the family and the community of Renee Nicole Good.

My heart is heavy and not just because of the unabashed and violent killing that happened last night by an ICE agent in Minneapolis, but because I am also sad for our country, to see the Vice President of the United States and officials impugn a young woman who leaves behind her community and an orphaned child.

This is not our country. Shame on you. To those of you who are continuing to provide cover for this lawless, unconstitutional, abusive, and violent administration, shame on you.

I will be joining to file Articles of Impeachment against Secretary Noem. Enough is enough.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE HONORABLE DOUG LAMALFA

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. MOORE of Utah was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.)

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MOORE of Utah. 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 Utah?

There was no objection.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I am saddened and honored at the same time to be able to host, alongside my California colleagues, a special hour dedicated to the memory of Congressman Doug LaMalfa from California.

As I looked at some of my notes here of the amazing things that he had accomplished and who he was, I realized that we are going to hear that over the next hour.

The thing that my team and I were reflecting on earlier today, and all I wanted to share as we kick off this memorial to an amazing man, was that, as vice chair, I get to, every week, host an evening of floor time for my colleagues on a myriad of topics. Doug LaMalfa was here every single time. Every time we needed him to be here, he was here, but he was here whether we asked him or not. Most times, he was the only one.

Yet tonight, when I asked my colleagues if they wanted to share a message on Doug, the reverse: It is a packed house.

That is all I wanted to share, to think about the legacy that he has left and the importance that he has to so many of our colleagues. He was always here for me, and we are all here today for his family. They are hopefully able to take some comfort and solace in his memory as we share this.

We have a lot of folks who want to share a message, and we are going to kick it right off. I am just going to go around the room and start calling on people as we move forward.

We are going to first hear, of course, from the California delegation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. CALVERT).

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, the sudden passing of our close friend and colleague, Doug LaMalfa, has caused both shock and sadness throughout the entire House of Representatives. We lost a friend and a colleague. His northern Californian constituents lost their tireless advocate in the House.

Most tragically, his family lost a husband, a father, and a grandfather.

Doug was a proud family man. He and his wife, Jill, have four beautiful children. He just recently became a grandfather.

Doug was a fourth-generation rice farmer and a contributor to our State's important role of producing the food that sustains America. His experience as a farmer provided the foundation for his future as a legislator, both in Sacramento and here in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Speaker, it comes as no surprise that in 2024, Doug was unanimously

elected to serve as the chairman of the Congressional Western Caucus, one of the largest congressional membership groups on Capitol Hill, focusing on rural policy and issues that affect the West and beyond.

Doug left an indelible mark on this institution and the people whom he got to know along the way. For those who knew him, they understood his unique love of nicknames, movie quotes, and NASCAR. They understood his dislike of food waste, smartphones, and ketchup on hot dogs.

Doug's sense of humor, collegial manner, and expertise will be sorely missed. While he is no longer with us, Doug's significant contributions to agricultural and rural policies will endure long after his passing.

I will very much miss my friend and my colleague. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Jill; the entire LaMalfa family; his friends; and his staff.

God bless you, Doug.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his remarks.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCLINTOCK), a distinguished colleague and very close friend of Mr. LaMalfa.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, the Romans had a saying: "Time is fleeting, remember death"; "Tempus fugit, memento mori." It reminds us that life is not a gift. It is just a loan, and when it comes due, all that matters is what we have given to others.

Doug LaMalfa was the kindest and most sincere person I have encountered in more than 40 years of public service. He passionately defended the working men and women of the rural community where he was born and raised and grew up, but he always did it with a good-natured smile and a quiet, respectful manner.

Just 3 weeks ago, on December 15, I took my seat on an early Washington-bound flight from Sacramento, about eight rows behind Doug.

When I looked up, he was standing there in the aisle with an outstretched hand. He leaned over, and he quietly said to me: TOM, I know this is a hard day for you, and I want you to know that my prayers are with you and Lori.

You see, that was the fourth anniversary of my dear wife Lori's death, and how he knew that, remembered it, and offered such warm comfort on such a cold morning tells you what a truly caring and wonderful man he was. And now he is gone, for time is fleeting.

Yet, death can't take the kindnesses and memories that he gave us all, or the wisdom, common sense, and achievements that he gave our country. Our Nation, our State, and our community have all suffered an irreplaceable loss, and rural America has lost its most tireless and effective advocate. Most of all, we have lost a good man, a very good man.

To his family, I can only say that you are not alone in your grief. Your community and your country grieve with you.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. VALADAO).

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, fellow farmer, and colleague, Congressman Doug LaMalfa.

I have known Doug for about 16 years, going back to our time together in the State legislature. From day one, his commitment to the people of northern California, especially those in agricultural communities, was clear.

In Congress, Doug was one of the fiercest advocates for wildfire mitigation, disaster recovery, California water issues, and farmers and ranchers who keep this country fed.

As chairman of the Western Caucus, he fought tirelessly for domestic energy production, public land access, and rural communities that way too often get overlooked.

Beyond his lasting legacy as a public official, Doug was my friend. We served together in the State legislature, and one year, on my birthday, he stopped by my office, not with a card but with a bag of rice and just a little Post-it Note that said: Happy birthday.

I brought that bag home, gave it to my mom, and she made Portuguese rice pudding for him, and I brought it back. The next week, he brought me another bag of rice, and still to this day brought up that he wanted more. Doug just had one of those senses of humor that you loved.

Doug was a friend to all and someone you could always count on for leadership, loyalty, and just a good laugh. He will be deeply missed in the Halls of Congress.

My prayers are with his wife, Jill, his children, and all of his family and loved ones during this incredibly difficult time.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, this is going to be a special hour, thanks to the gentleman from California.

Mr. Speaker, I yield time to the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. KIM).

Mrs. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a very heavy heart to honor our colleague Doug LaMalfa.

Doug was larger than life, but what I will remember most is how he lived big in the small moments with warmth, attention to detail, and genuine kindness.

Doug was the only Member of Congress who ever called me by my Korean name, Kim Young Oak. He didn't have to remember it. He never needed to do that, but that small, thoughtful gesture meant the world to me and spoke volumes about who Doug was.

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Doug was a strong, conservative leader who served with a deep love for our country and brought the heartland to Washington, not the other way around.

As a fourth-generation rice farmer, he never forgot who he worked for—farmers, families, and rural communities who were too often ignored by Washington.

He will be missed. We will all miss him. My heart is with his family, his staff, and all who are mourning this tremendous loss.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. (English translation of the statements made in Korean is as follows:)

Young Oak Kim Sister

Thank you!

You did well!

You did well!

Gim Yeong-ok uiwon-nim

Gamsahamnida

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Sugohasyeosseumnida Take that, Doug.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. OBERNOLTE).

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise with an incredibly heavy heart to honor the life of my friend, Congressman Doug LaMalfa.

Doug was one of the most effective Members of this Chamber. He was deeply passionate about issues that affected his constituents in northern California.

As most of the Members of this Chamber know, we all have little silos where people come to us for advice. I always could count on Doug to give me the straight scoop on anything related to water, agriculture, or rural America. That is why we elected him as the chairman of the Western Caucus 2 years ago, and he did a phenomenal job in that role. I will miss his service there.

I will also miss the man that he was. He was an incredibly decent man, a man of exceptionally high moral character. Everyone that knew Doug would remark on his authenticity. When you met Doug, what you saw is what you got. He was a man of deep kindness, never had a cruel or unkind word for anyone in the years that I knew him. He was a man of incredible humility, and anyone in this Chamber knows that we could use some more of that in here.

Above all, Mr. Speaker, I will miss my friend. I will miss our conversations about cars. He was a car guy; I am a car guy. I would tease him every summer when we came back into session because he was restoring a De Tomaso Pantera, and I would ask him: Doug, what progress did you make on the Pantera this summer? He would hang his head and say: Nothing.

On this playing Galaga with him, a little known fact about Doug LaMalfa, he was a fierce competitor at Galaga. Above all, I will miss our conversations.

I am honored to be here joining my colleagues in saying farewell to Doug and to honor his life. Godspeed to my friend, Doug. We will miss him.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. FONG).

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my friend and colleague, Doug LaMalfa.

Doug was a steadfast champion of rural California and for the issues that matter most to millions of Americans

across the West, starting in the California legislature to the Halls of Congress.

He fought for water storage and forest management. He fought for energy abundance. He fought for the farmer. He fought for common sense.

I had the privilege of serving alongside him on the Committee for Transportation and Infrastructure and as a fellow member of the Western Caucus during his time as chairman. He would always greet me with a big smile by the nickname "The Fongressman."

Over the years, I was fortunate to be mentored by Doug. He was a great role model and friend. His guidance, leadership, and example left a lasting impact on me and on so many others who had the honor of working with him.

Doug will be remembered for his deep love for his family, his faith and core principles, his unwavering dedication to his community, his humility, and his enduring legacy as a leader and lawmaker.

I am personally grateful for his mentorship and know he will be profoundly missed by all who knew him.

I certainly will vow to honor Doug's memory by continuing to champion the values that we both share that unite California's Central Valley to the rural communities like Doug's in northern California.

I will continue fighting for rural priorities in Congress just as Doug did.

Amanda and I are praying for his wife, Jill; his family and loved ones; and his staff during this difficult time. His absence leaves a void that will never truly be filled.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. KILEY).

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, Doug LaMalfa was my neighbor. Our districts bordered one another. This was true during my time in the State legislature as well.

The region of our State that he represented is an area where people often feel like their voices are not heard in the corridors of power, in places like Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

Doug LaMalfa made it his mission to make sure that their voices were heard. He used every opportunity he had to make sure their voices were heard, but he didn't just speak for the communities that he represented. He advocated, and he used every policy tool available to see that their values were reflected in policy here. He was a leader in our delegation and in the whole Chamber on issues like water, forest management, and agriculture, and that leadership, of course, culminated in his chairmanship of the Western Caucus, the second largest caucus in the entire House of Representatives.

I know we are all still so shocked and in grief over his loss, but Doug LaMalfa's legacy in the North State will be felt for generations to come.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Arizona

(Mr. BIGGS), the area also known as southwestern-ish California.

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life and legacy of my friend and colleague, Congressman Doug LaMalfa.

As you know, Doug was a happy warrior who cared immensely about his country, his State, and the people he served. A few years ago, he took time out of his busy schedule to travel with me to Arizona to better understand the border crisis and the serious impact it was having on my State as well as his own. Doug was always willing to listen, learn, and engage on the issues that matter most. He was the most curious man.

I thoroughly enjoyed working with him on a wide range of policies and challenges that uniquely affect the West and the hardworking communities we both represent.

Doug was a true friend. He will be deeply missed in this Congress and beyond. My team and I continue to pray for Doug, his family, and for all who loved him during this particularly difficult time.

May God bless Doug LaMalfa's memory and may he rest in peace.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA).

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, a lot can be said about my friend and colleague, my Western Caucus chair, but today was a special day for us. We had lunch today as California members, and Doug paid for it because every week somebody sponsors it. His death was so sudden that it literally had been prepaid. It arrived, and we sat there thinking of the person who had the best joke every week, who had a constant, positive sense of humor, even about dire times.

We talked not long ago about how much he got done during the shutdown and what it was like to actually meet with his constituents multiple days in a row, day after day. That was Doug LaMalfa—a farmer, a family man, but most importantly, somebody that could always find the positive and the funny about whatever we were doing.

We are a body of 431 right now. At our best, we are a body of 435. It is the one that we are missing that can make a difference, and that was Doug. He will be missed for a very long time by all of us.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, we will continue on to the great State of California with bipartisan voices in support and in remembering Mr. LaMalfa.

I yield to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LOFGREN).

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, there is mourning across the aisle and across the State of California. I chair the California Democratic delegation, and we are deeply saddened by the loss of Doug LaMalfa. It was a pleasure to serve with Doug since his election in 2013.

He was a man who cared so deeply for the communities that he represented in

California's First District. As has been said, he is a fourth-generation rice farmer. He was one of the strongest voices in this body for rural America because he knew firsthand the struggles that our agricultural sectors were facing.

He and I worked very closely together on the bipartisan Farm Workforce Modernization Act which would provide stabilization for farmworkers, farmers, and the ag sector, and he added so much because he really knew how farming worked and what would work and what wouldn't work, and he was a collaborator.

We also introduced together the bipartisan Utility Resilience and Reliability Act that really was common-sense safety standards to minimize power outages.

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Now, Doug and I didn't agree on everything. I am a proud Democrat. He was a proud Republican, but he was always approachable, and he was a colleague with whom you could disagree without being disagreeable. It is a quality that Members should strive to emulate here.

He was a good man, friendly, with a sense of humor, a gentle giant. Our deepest condolences are with his wife, Jill; their children; and his staff. It always hurts to lose a friend and a colleague, but I know that Doug's legacy will be remembered by all of us and the Californians he so proudly served and served with.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. HUFFMAN), a gentleman on the Natural Resources Committee, a committee that Mr. LaMalfa cared so much about.

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, there were few people in the Congress that tangled with Doug LaMalfa more than me. There is probably some competition for that honor among House Democrats, but I was certainly right up there.

Yet, I can tell you as we honor Doug today, I know plenty of people who disagreed with him, but I don't know anyone that disliked him. When you hear these qualities about his authenticity, his warm sense of humor, just how relatable he was, that is all very, very true.

I go back almost 20 years with Doug because we were in the State legislature together. A lot has been said about his sense of humor, which is also very, very true. I want to just share something that I always think of with Doug because it speaks to the type of humor which is really, I think, something that tells you about the man. There are plenty of people who have a great sense of humor at other people's expense. Doug LaMalfa had a very gentle and disarming sense of humor.

One of our colleagues together in the State assembly was our former colleague and the current mayor of Los Angeles, Karen Bass. I will always re-

member how Doug used to crack her and me up by calling her Bassomatic. That was the nickname. His staffers back here are far too young to remember the "Saturday Night Live" skit in which Dan Aykroyd puts a bass in a blender and makes this gross smoothie and drinks it. It was funny, and that is the kind of thing that Doug would pull up spontaneously and crack everyone up. I loved that.

I will tell you, Karen Bass loved it too. She liked it so much that she went up to Doug's district when she became speaker of the assembly, and I remember he just not only welcomed her there—this is a person he had very little in common with, a southern California urban African-American member that voted together with him almost never, but Doug gave her the VIP tour of his farm and of the Sacramento Valley and rice country. He got her up in a combine and had her do things that I am sure she will never forget. I think he loved every minute of that.

That is how I am going to remember Doug. He was a great guy. I am certainly thinking and sending best wishes to his family and everyone who loved him.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. The list is very long of individuals on this side of the aisle that like to tangle with the ranking member himself as well but also very much like him. Thank you for those awesome words.

I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMPSON), my colleague on the Ways and Means Committee.

Mr. THOMPSON of California. I thank the gentleman for yielding and I thank him especially for holding this Special Order hour for someone who we are all going to miss. He was a really great guy.

I am honored to be able to reflect a little bit on the life and the service of an extremely dedicated Member of Congress, Doug LaMalfa.

I served northern California alongside Doug from the day that he was sworn in to this body. His area was an area that I represented when I was in the State senate. In Congress, we represented neighboring regions of our State. We shared many of the same challenges and worked together on issues that matter deeply to the people that we both served.

I was proud to work with him on bipartisan efforts to support our farmers and ranchers, to strengthen wildfire prevention, to build Sites Reservoir, and to address the growing home insurance crisis facing families across all of northern California.

He and I worked together to deliver over \$500 million in tax relief to fire victims in our district that lost their homes then had to sue in order to get the financial relief to rebuild their homes only to find out that they were going to be taxed on that money that they got in the suit, which wasn't in itself enough to even rebuild their homes. He was caring, and he was a terrific fighter for the folks that we worked for in delivering this.

He believed in practical solutions, and I always respected and appreciated his collaboration on the issues important to our constituents.

I am saddened by the loss of my longtime colleague and friend. Jan and I extend our deepest condolences and keep Doug's wife, Jill; their children; their grandchild; and his devoted staff in our prayers during this very difficult time. I thank the gentleman again for hosting this Special Order hour.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. COSTA).

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me time to do what is fitting and appropriate, and that is, honor the life of our colleague, a life well lived, a Member of the House of Representatives who did such a good job on behalf of his constituents who he represented faithfully since coming to Congress in 2013.

Doug and I knew each other before then. We had interactions on a number of issues that we were mutually passionate about beginning with rural California and people who live in rural areas, which both reflected his and my background.

He, perhaps, represented if not the, one of the largest congressional districts by geography in California, a lot of northern and eastern California. A lot of my colleagues when they think about California they think of Los Angeles or the Bay Area, but we have parts of California where the communities are a white spot in the middle of a major highway or, you know, are 400, 600 people.

Doug was a Member's Member and a Representative who believed that his entire constituency was his passion. He would go to some of those remote areas to indicate and to listen on how he could be a better Representative and make their views known here in our Nation's Capital.

I served with him the entire time that I have been on the House Agriculture Committee, three different farm bill reauthorizations, and he was always willing to meet halfway. Of course, we understood the ag issues affecting California, and he was very proud, very proud to represent the upper Sacramento River Valley and all the wonderful people there.

When disaster struck his district with the wildfires, he was among the first to be there with the challenges of some of the floods in Lake Oroville and Yuba areas. He was there. He reminds us why we serve: not only the passion, but the desire always to put our constituents first and to help people. Let that be a role model for all of us.

Doug, we miss you. Doug had a life well lived. He was a person who cared passionately about our country and about the people's House. May you rest in peace. I give my condolences to your wife and your family. I thank all of you for giving us an opportunity to serve with our friend, Doug LaMalfa.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr.

GARAMENDI), our final Californian for the evening.

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding. I look at the photo and say, Doug, for 12 years, you and I represented the Sacramento River. We developed a friendship based upon the working part, but mostly upon sharing, sharing things. We would get on the airplane to fly to Washington, and you had your seat all the time. We said hello and talked about what was coming and then going home. It was a friendship that was deep and meaningful. There was plenty of work to do.

The Sacramento River is the most important river in California after the Colorado. It was yours. You had the upper, and I had the lower part of it. Together, we worked to protect the river, to protect the farmers, and to protect the flow of water. It is good work, and you did a good job. You were good at representing your district and representing the very complex issues.

I remember standing on one of the levees, and you were talking about your rice field. I said, Doug, let me talk about my cows in my fields. He said, Okay, you go ahead, but I am going to go first.

You shared your knowledge with me and with others. You were good. You were really good at the work you did for your people. You were a quality Representative.

I miss you. I miss the work that we did together on the Sacramento River Valley and all the issues that we had. It is a long list, and it would take another hour to go through them all.

I miss you, and Patti misses you because she would get up from her seat and go back to your seat, which you always had on that plane, and the two of you would talk and share.

I know your family misses you. I know your constituents miss you. Doug LaMalfa, you are going to be remembered by those of us who have had the honor of working with you.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER), who is a close friend and colleague on the Natural Resources Committee.

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, this week started off very difficult with losing Representative LaMalfa. I had the privilege of serving with him for 7 years on the Natural Resources Committee. He also chaired the Western Caucus this past year. He did a wonderful job.

He was that gentle giant, Mr. Speaker, that you could always count on. He was a person of reason, but as you got to know Doug, Mr. Speaker, he was an even better person. He was a humble, Christian, faithful person.

Mr. Speaker, we need more of that in this body, especially now.

We know that Doug is with his Savior. We know that his Savior chose this time earlier this week, but Doug is

resting in eternity with Almighty God, his Savior, Jesus Christ.

To his wife, Jill, I thank her for allowing him to serve not only in the California Legislature but here in this body. I thank her for allowing him to travel, as Mr. GARAMENDI just said, all that way to and from the great State of California. After those long trips, he would come in, and you knew on Monday or Tuesday nights, the start of the session, when he would come in here wearing some tattered clothes. He was a little bit disheveled, but he had had a long day.

He was here for the people of his district, and he left a legacy that we all should cherish, honor, and remember.

That is why we are here today, Mr. Speaker. We are honoring Doug. He always had a nickname for every one of us.

Doug, I know you are resting in peace for eternity, but I thank you for serving this great Nation. I thank you for serving the great State of California in the way you did. You left a legacy. You helped all of us become better Representatives.

To Jill, our thoughts and prayers are with her and her four children. God bless you and take care of your family.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. HURD).

Mr. HURD of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, our colleague Doug LaMalfa passed away on Monday, and I want to take just a minute—he would have liked that—to honor him the best way that I know how: plainly.

Doug believed that we should speak clearly, not in jargon. He had a whiteboard in his office labeled unacceptable words, and he meant it. The words “stakeholders,” “empower,” and “equity” were banned. He thought government should sound more like the people it serves. He hated what I called LaMalfa-isms, overcomplicated government explanations for simple things, like saying that the transportation infrastructure is undergoing a temporary operational suspension pending structural optimization instead of just saying that the bridge is closed for repairs.

Doug loved this institution. He loved the West. He loved 1-minute speeches. I will miss his humor, his directness, and the clarity he brought to a town that too often hides behind big words. May he rest in peace.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. GUEST).

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of my friend Doug LaMalfa, whom I would refer to as the gentle giant.

Doug was known by all for his love of agriculture and the great outdoors. As chairman of the Western Caucus and as a California Republican, he was a rare breed on Capitol Hill. His time will always be remembered for his love of this great Republic, a government that he believed in, the Founding Fathers, and the principles of government of the

people, by the people, and for the people.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that there is a Scripture in the Old Testament that captures the impact that Doug had on the lives of his friends and colleagues. It is Proverbs 27:17. It says: “As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.”

Doug made all those who knew him better people, and his impact will live on long after his passing. I know he will be missed by all, and my prayers are with his family and friends.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Hawaii (Ms. TOKUDA).

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, I chuckled when Ken mentioned pet peeves and names. We need to add quinoa and potatoes to that list. He definitely didn't like those. For the record, my nickname was Barracuda, so figure that one out.

God works in mysterious ways. In the face of disaster, I found a friend in Doug. Doug and I didn't agree on a lot of things, but we always showed up for each other. We cosponsored bills, worked on disaster funding and rural health, and traded a lot of jabs and took funny pictures of each other in our Agriculture Committee hearings. I gave him Spam musubis, and he brought me my favorite lemon almonds from Oroville.

I will never forget November 8, 2023. Doug stood here on this floor, and he marked 5 years since the Camp fire. I was marking 3 months since the Lahaina fire in Maui. He came up to me and gave me a hug after, and he said: We are going to get through this together.

I believed him. I still do. He gave me hope.

Doug and I are two very different people. It would have been the most unlikely of friendships, except that he was one of the kindest, most gentle, and genuine people I have ever met.

I don't know about you, Mr. Speaker, but the House floor feels a little less warm and a bit empty without Doug, but maybe I just miss my friend.

To his wife, Jill, and the LaMalfa “family”; “family,” our prayers, our aloha, and our love are with you.

May you rest in aloha, my friend, until we meet again.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mahalo to the gentlewoman from Hawaii. That is “thank you” for the stenographers who need clarification on the foreign languages today.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MANN).

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, this Chamber lost a kind friend, loving husband, proud father, and tireless advocate for rural America and the Western United States.

Doug LaMalfa brought joy and sincerity into the Halls of Congress every single day and fought for the good of northern California.

I first met Doug in freshman orientation. Of course, he was a more senior

Member than I was, but we go to leadership elections, and because “LaMalfa” was near “Mann” in the alphabet, I sat right behind Doug, who quickly introduced himself to me, found out I was from Kansas, and spent 3 minutes digging through his phone to find pictures of a road trip that he took in one of his classic cars right through Kansas. Seven minutes later, I walked away from Doug very aware of all the stops that he had made in my great State. From that moment on, I was always the Mann from Kansas.

During our time together on the House Agriculture Committee, Doug routinely brought the priorities of farmers and ranchers in his district directly into committee hearings and roundtables. His multigenerational family farm grounded him and his beliefs, making him an even better advocate for the abundant agricultural producers of California's First District.

Audrey and I are praying for Doug's loved ones as they grieve through this tragedy.

Psalm 34:18 says: “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.” It is our prayer that Doug's family, friends, and team would feel that closeness as they honor, and we all honor, his life and legacy.

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Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I now yield to the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. MILLER).

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, Doug was one of the first friends that I made when I joined the Agriculture Committee back in 2021.

I soon learned that we had a lot in common. We are both fourth-generation family farmers with a shared love for the land which we call home. Doug was also one of the first Members to join my Congressional Family Caucus and was a strong advocate for parents and children.

One of my funny memories was somehow we were having a conversation about what we would do if we had to bug out of D.C., and he offered to give me a ride in his classic Cadillac—I guess he had it here—and give me a ride to Illinois, as he headed to California.

I was deeply saddened to hear of his passing. Mr. Speaker, because Doug accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior, he is now in the presence of the Lord.

I am praying for his wife, Jill, and their children. May they receive comfort from Revelation 21:4 and the promise that: “He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

We thank Doug for his friendship, and we will carry on with the work that he started. He will be missed.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROSE).

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Utah for yielding and for arranging this Special Order.

It is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor my friend and colleague, Representative Doug LaMalfa. He was a true champion for rural America and a staunch supporter of our Nation's farmers.

I often describe Doug as a gentle giant. You will hear others say that. He was tall and broad enough for me to assume I better not mess with this guy. His impact on Washington is just as giant. However, I suspect many of us will remember his gentle side the most.

Members of this body, including myself, often counted on Doug's light-hearted comments, for his moments of levity. Doug always handled himself the way we would all aspire to. He spoke calmly, with conviction, and with his constituents top of mind.

Representative LaMalfa fought hard for the issues that mattered to California's First Congressional District and for farmers, broadly, across our country. As an eighth-generation Tennessee farmer, I found it easy to relate to Doug, a proud fourth-generation rice farmer.

Throughout our service on the House Ag Committee, I appreciated having a partner with similar perspective and values as we worked to set ag policy. I learned quickly to trust his instincts. I will miss that.

Doug and I were avid competitors. I will miss that as well. Long before I served with him on the Ag Committee, I came to consider him a very worthy opponent, and I will miss those days very dearly as I move forward.

I will close by extending my condolences to his family, including his wife and children. While Doug will be missed here, I can only imagine how he will be missed at home. We will be praying for them in the days ahead.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. ROSE and Mr. LaMalfa shared that rivalry with our vice chair time, and I thank him for spending time with us tonight.

On to the great island of Guam, I yield to the gentleman from Guam (Mr. MOYLAN).

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Congressman Doug LaMalfa, a dedicated public servant who spent his career standing up for rural America and the communities he called home.

A fourth-generation rice farmer from northern California, he brought a deep understanding of hard work, responsibility, and service into public life. Those values guided him as he served in the California State Assembly, the State senate, and later in the United States House of Representatives.

In Congress, he was a strong and respected voice for agriculture, natural resources, and rural communities. His colleagues recognized that commitment when he was unanimously elected chairman of the Congressional Western Caucus.

I had the honor of working alongside him as a colleague and a friend on the Natural Resources Committee, where his connection to the land and the people he represented was always clear.

His work strengthened rural communities and left a lasting mark on policies that affect them.

My thoughts are with his loved ones and the people of northern California. May we honor his memory by continuing the work he cared so deeply about.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Washington (Mr. NEWHOUSE).

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate Mr. MOORE doing this Special Order this evening. It is truly an honor and a privilege for me to join my colleagues in honoring the life and the legacy of our good friend, Doug LaMalfa.

Throughout my time in Congress, I worked hand in hand with Doug on the many issues that face the American West. He had a love for his work. He had an understanding as a fellow farmer in the value of the rural way of life, and he fought to protect all of those things.

When I stepped down as chairman of the Western Caucus, Doug was the clear choice to take the gavel. He was elected unanimously to lead the caucus into its next chapter. Truly, Congress and the people of California's First Congressional District have lost a true advocate for the issues that we all face.

Mr. Speaker, Doug was much more than a colleague. Doug was a dear friend. He had a kind soul and a sincere love for all of the people in his life, as you have heard this evening. While Doug may have towered over you, as you shook his big hand, you were never small in his eyes. He was humble, generous, a loyal friend, and liked by everyone he met.

I am going to miss Doug's big grin, as he always greeted me as Lieutenant Dan. Joan and I are going to truly miss Doug. We send our deepest condolences to his wife, Jill, and their four kids during this incredibly difficult time. I thank and ask all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join us in honoring the great work that Doug accomplished over the years.

May we preserve his legacy. May we be more like him, and may he rest in peace.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. I yield now to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN).

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, when we heard that Doug passed away, I asked several people the same question. They all agreed overwhelmingly: If something were to happen to this institution and only 10 of us survived and we had to build it up from scratch, Doug would be one of the 10 people we would want to start out with and maybe one of the top five or maybe even the top one, but everybody around here knows what a special guy Doug LaMalfa was.

I used to have a lot of discussion with him around this time back in the parlor, talking about the bills today, how to vote on this or that. As a politician, you can't resist it when you decide how

to vote on something, what is the politically right thing to do, what politically will help me get reelected.

I never heard Doug talk that way. Doug always talked about the right policy, doing the right thing, and then selling it back home, which was one of the reasons why I think he was so special.

Another thing that was so special, in all the conversations I had with him, I never remember him saying anything negative about anybody. I say a lot of negative things about people, so I am really jealous of a guy like Doug LaMalfa who manages never to say anything bad about anybody.

One final thing, the other thing I know about Doug is we met every Thursday morning in a Bible study known as Capitol Ministries, which is really a Bible study for the erudite Christian, men of deep faith. I will tell you, Doug—a lot of people talk about it—was just such a good Christian. So in any event, a great Christian, a great Congressman, I will never forget Doug LaMalfa.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER).

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend and my colleague, Congressman Doug LaMalfa.

Doug was always a steady voice for his district and a principled Member of this House. He was serious about policy, direct in his approach, and deeply committed to the people he represented, but anyone who has worked alongside Doug also knows he had quite a sense of humor.

I learned that early on. Doug and I both did a lot of 1 minutes. He used to intentionally leave this speaking podium raised up to above my head to remind me of how short I was and how tall he was.

However, that small moment says a lot about Doug. Doug worked hard. He took his job seriously, and he still found room for good-natured humor and friendship.

Tonight, we thank Congressman LaMalfa for his service, his leadership, and the many moments he shared with all of us.

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Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Utah (Ms. MALOY).

Ms. MALOY. Mr. Speaker, it is hard not to smile when I stand here and talk about Doug LaMalfa, even on this really difficult week because Doug always made me smile.

From the beginning, he made me feel like I was really special, and I have learned this week that that is maybe the least special thing about me because everybody here felt like they were Doug LaMalfa's best friend.

The night I was sworn in as a Member of Congress, I started getting texts on my phone from a number I didn't recognize. They were pictures of me

being sworn in from an angle that looked suspiciously like the House floor, which is against the rules.

I promised him I would never tell anyone where I got those pictures, so I am not going to tell you, but I still don't know how he had my number the minute I got sworn in.

He has never missed a chance to get me to sing Utah's State song with him whether we are in an airport or on the House floor or walking through the tunnels. He never failed to accompany that with jokes from "My Cousin Vinny" about the "youts."

I hope that hearing all of these memories and all of these stories that people have of Doug will comfort his family, his staff, and everybody else who is missing him at this difficult time because, even though I am smiling, I am deeply mourning for my friend, Doug LaMalfa.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. BENTZ).

Mr. BENTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Doug LaMalfa, my good friend. His office is right across from mine and his district is right across from mine in California from Oregon. This meant we worked together over and over again on issues involving water to try to save it from the grasp of misguided environmentalists.

He was a great friend and an incredible advocate for his district. He did his very best for his constituents. He never gave up. He focused on wolves, water, forests, and fire. May my good friend find solace in Heaven and may his family find comfort in knowing he was a man of integrity, faith, and truly deserving of our honor and our deepest respect.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. FULCHER).

Mr. FULCHER. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join my colleagues this evening to honor a dear friend, Congressman Doug LaMalfa. Being from the great State of Idaho, the land of famous potatoes, I am the one the good Congressman referred to as "Mr. Potato Head." I had the privilege of working with Doug on the pressing issues facing the West and America's rural communities.

There are no adequate words to express my sorrow upon learning of his passing, but his legacy and spirit lives on. My prayers are with his wife, Jill, and the entire LaMalfa family during this time of unimaginable grief.

Mr. Speaker, from Mr. Potato Head to that rice farmer from California, here is my final: Way to go, Idaho. God bless.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COLE).

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, obviously like all of us here, I am here to pay tribute to our dear departed friend, Doug LaMalfa.

I first got to know Doug before I ever met him because I had so many Indian

Tribes from California calling me, saying that we have got this great guy running for the House of Representatives who we know from the State legislature in California. He cares about who we are, represents our interests, and understands the trust responsibility. American Indians, Native Americans, had no better friend in the House of Representatives than Doug LaMalfa. Then as I got to know him as a person in addition to a political figure, I understood why people were so attracted to him: the sheer decency of the man, the sheer authenticity of the man, and, frankly, the happy warrior style that he approached every single issue with.

I don't think I have ever been so shocked in my life when I learned that we had lost him because I knew he was coming back to fight the good fight for the things in which he believed, the State which he loved, and the institution which he cherished.

I will add my voice to the many voices tonight that remind America that we lost a great American, we lost a great Californian, and we lost a great human being.

My prayers are with Jill and the family. My thoughts are with his constituents because they lost somebody who each and every day came to this floor determined to advance their interest, to protect their values, and to make this country stronger and better.

Mr. Speaker, I will miss Doug LaMalfa, but I will miss what he stands for and what he fought for and how he represented those things more than anything else.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GOSAR).

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today like every other person with a heavy heart to honor the life of my dear friend and colleague, the gentleman, the giant from California, Doug LaMalfa.

Doug was a devoted public servant, a fierce advocate for rural America and the West, and a man who deeply loved his country and the people that he was honored to represent.

As a lifelong resident of northern California, he understood the land, the communities, and the values of his district in a way that cannot be taught, only lived.

He fought tirelessly for the farmers, the ranchers, and the communities too often ignored by the coastal elites, and he did so with candor and conviction and a sense of humor that made even the hardest days feel better.

Doug was more than a colleague. He was a friend. He was a brother. His leadership, his wisdom, and his heart for service will be deeply missed. Doug's legacy of faith and service and love endures.

Lord, accept this gentle giant, this dedicated giant, Doug LaMalfa. May his family have the goodwill to know that he lies in your comfort.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. ROUZER).

Mr. ROUZER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague and friend for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, boy, do I have many stories that I could tell, but I will not. No one cared more for the people of California and for America than Doug. As a fourth-generation rice farmer, he was the true embodiment of the steward of the land and a great steward of common sense, too, I might add.

He understood the needs of rural America and had such a genuine desire to serve the people who lived there. Doug and I worked closely on many issues, but one of my fondest memories was hosting him in North Carolina for an agriculture roundtable. He engaged with my constituents, speaking their language, and truly listening to their concerns.

Doug LaMalfa stood tall, both literally and figuratively, for the people who feed this country. To know Doug was an honor and a privilege. His absence will have a profound void in this Chamber. This body and the Nation will miss him deeply.

Mr. Speaker, my prayers are with his wife, Jill; his children; his grandchildren; the entire LaMalfa family, including his great staff. I thank them for sharing him with us in service to our country.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Montana (Mr. ZINKE).

Mr. ZINKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute of our friend and colleague, Doug LaMalfa.

When I arrived in Congress in 2015, I noticed a large man with long hair. He was a big man, but the biggest thing about Doug LaMalfa was his heart.

As Secretary, I got the opportunity to tour his district that had been devastated by wildfires. I walked with him and looked at the devastation, the despair of people losing their lives and everything they had, and Doug knew them by name.

He cared about every Member of this institution, but, more importantly, he cared about the people he represented. He cared about their life, their values, and represented them as well or better than anyone that has ever served in this great body.

Mr. Speaker, today, we mark the passing but also the privilege of knowing a great man. It is my hope, Mr. Speaker, that we all learn from Doug LaMalfa and understand that we represent the people. We give prayer to his family, but take solace to know that Doug is with his maker.

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Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Utah (Mr. OWENS).

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, as with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, I stand before my colleagues with a heavy heart to honor the life and legacy of my dear friend and esteemed colleague, Doug LaMalfa.

Doug's sudden passing this week leaves a void not only in this Chamber

but in the hearts of all who knew him. To a person, a testament from everyone who has crossed his path would be this: What a really good man.

As a Member of the Western Caucus, I witnessed firsthand Doug's fierce advocacy for farmers, ranchers, and hard-working families who form the backbone of our Nation. It was inspiring.

On the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I saw the same tenacious commitment to his beloved State of California as he championed water rights and fought for the conservative values at the very core of our American culture.

Doug was a steadfast warrior for the country and State he loved. He will be sorely missed. His faith, grit, and authenticity have inspired us all. Rest assured, we will continue to carry on the torch that Doug championed so well.

We know where Doug is at this moment. Our prayers are with him, with Jill, and with his family. Rest in peace. May God bless him.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. PALMER).

Mr. PALMER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise this evening with my colleagues to honor Doug LaMalfa in the joint remembrance of his life. He was one of this body's best Members.

Doug was a dear friend whom I will miss. He was a talented and trusted colleague who was serious about his work, representing his constituents as he was constantly seeking to move policy that helped them and our Nation.

Doug was a rice farmer, an occupation that he loved and that in many respects was foundational to his work ethic, his love of the land, and his love of the people and rural communities.

More than anything else, he was a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. I will miss Doug and our weekly Thursday morning Bible studies.

I will miss his humbleness, his even temper, his humor, and his presence in this body. I will miss hearing him call me Francis Gary Powers after the U.S. spy plane pilot who was shot down over Russia and captured in the 1960s.

My wife, Ann, and I are praying for God to comfort Doug's wife, Jill; his children; his family; his staff; and all who, like those who have gathered in this Chamber this evening, knew and loved Doug LaMalfa.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON).

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to share a few words about my dear friend, Congressman Doug LaMalfa.

Doug was a husband, a father, and a fourth-generation rice farmer. He dedicated more than 20 years to public service, both in this House and in the California State Legislature.

Doug was a giant in both stature and character. After meeting Doug, you couldn't help being struck by his kindness and gentle manner. He had a reputation as an affable colleague, a principled legislator, a fierce advocate for

rural America, and one heck of a muscle car driver, which I experienced firsthand. All of them rang true.

Doug was an expert on farming, forestry, and water issues. He chaired the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Forestry and Horticulture, and he was chairman of the Western Caucus.

We traveled the country together, coast to coast, north to south, meeting with men and women who feed this great country. They are memories I will always treasure. He was supposed to be with me in Pennsylvania this weekend. His presence will be sorely missed.

In a town full of self-important figures, Doug was authentically normal. I will certainly miss his wisdom, his sense of humor, and incredible friendship. I turned the tables on Doug when it came to nicknames. I affectionately named him the "Governor of Jefferson," and he eagerly accepted that.

Doug was a man of great faith, and I find comfort in knowing he was welcomed into the arms of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Rest easy, Brother. We will take it from here.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman from Utah (Mr. MOORE) has expired.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, On January 5th, our dear friend and colleague, Doug LaMalfa, passed away unexpectedly at the age of 65. A lifelong resident of Northern California, Doug was a fierce fighter for the people he represented and for his state's vast and beautiful natural resources.

Representing one of California's largest districts, Doug never hesitated to drive hundreds of miles to meet a handful of constituents. He drew no distinctions between those living in the more remote corners of his district and those in the big city. Doug believed everyone deserved to have their representation and voice heard in Congress. It's that spirit of duty and selfless service that made him so admired among his friends and colleagues, and which made him one of the most respected people in this institution.

Doug became a close friend of mine during my tenure as Vice Chairman of the House Republican Conference, where my weekly responsibility was to recruit other Members to help me amplify the House Republican message on the House Floor. Even in late night sessions and on days when others had left town early, Doug was always faithful to show up, eager to speak to the greatness of this country and about our tireless work to improve the lives of the people he represented. For that commitment, his kindness, his optimism and faith, and his sense of humor, I and all of my many Republican colleagues will miss Doug dearly. He was in every sense a giant among us.

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(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Ms. RIVAS of California was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.)

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. RIVAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may

have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material into the RECORD on the subject of my Special Order hour.

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

There was no objection.

Ms. RIVAS. Mr. Speaker, as a Member from California, I yield to my colleague from the great State of Utah, Congressman BLAKE MOORE, so they can continue honoring Congressman Doug LaMalfa.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, sincere appreciation to the Congresswoman. I thank her very much. That is a great way to honor Doug.

Ms. RIVAS. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT).

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I just want to say Doug was a kind and gentle giant. He was firm and fair. He was wise, and he was funny.

I remember one day in the Agriculture Committee when he spoke for 5 minutes. He spoke so long that he finally remembered that he forgot to leave people any time to answer his questions. It was a pretty funny moment for the committee. He laughed about it, and he didn't make that mistake again.

Mr. Speaker, I will say this about him. He was 100 percent American. When the local sheriff's department asked for help with people who knew how to operate diesel equipment, Doug showed up. Doug is the one. He is the Member of Congress that we saw on camera, getting on a bulldozer, saying: I love the smell of diesel power in the afternoon. It smells like victory.

Mr. Speaker, Doug LaMalfa and only Doug LaMalfa.

Ms. RIVAS. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from North Dakota (Mrs. FEDORCHAK.)

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to be here today as a freshman Member. I didn't know Doug long, but I met him on one of our first days in the orientation sessions and the planning sessions for Congress. He was warm. He was friendly. He was helpful to a new freshman who didn't know much.

From there, I learned how fun he was. He loved to play with my last name, "Fedorchak." He used to say: "How much wood could a Fedorchak chuck if a Fedorchak could chuck wood?"

It always made me laugh. I also learned quickly that not only was he fun but he was thoughtful, he was pragmatic, and he was a really, really good thinker. I turned to him on issues that I found to be difficult. I wanted to get his thoughts on them.

He was a strong conservative. He was warm, kind, and principled. In my mind, he was exactly the kind of leader that Americans want. He is going to be dearly missed. I feel robbed that I didn't get to work with him more, and I will keep him and his family in my prayers.

Ms. RIVAS. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Utah (Mr. KENNEDY).

Mr. KENNEDY of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding time.

Mr. Speaker, there is a lot of symbolism that is happening at this point. I appreciate the bipartisanship. I thank the gentlewoman for yielding time. It is a reflection of what really should happen around this place. We should love and help each other and try to find common ground. It is a great representation of how Doug LaMalfa served.

He was a man of the people. He served his people well. He was a man of the land. He loved his land. He loved his rice. He would talk about it with me and everybody else here regularly. He also loved people sufficiently to give them nicknames.

My nickname had something to do with the villain in "Ocean's Twelve." I was the "Night Fox." I don't know if I agree with that characterization. He was the guy that did a break dance across a laser dance floor to steal things. Maybe some around here would think that is the kind of person that I am. I knew it was all in good taste and good fun. Doug game nicknames to everybody.

Mr. Speaker, I will point out the last thing about Doug is that he loved his country. He knew that on the top the Capitol rotunda was a statue called the Statue of Freedom. Doug served not only his people but he served his God. He certainly loved both. In serving his country, he understood he was serving freedom.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that I, as well as all of us, can live up to Doug's standard of service, his love for people, and his love for God.

Ms. RIVAS. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Utah (Mr. MOORE).

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, to close, I again thank the gentlewoman from California (Ms. RIVAS) for yielding a few more minutes to finish out these thoughts in Doug's memory.

Mr. Speaker, I will wanted to give a quick closing message to his wife, Jill, and his four children: Kyle, Allison, Sophia, and Natalie.

I get an hour every week to do these floor messages. I am lucky to get five Members to come. I try to fill up 20 minutes, 15 of which your dad would actually take. He would go on and on. I would try to get him to wrap up so I could go to dinner. He was always there for me.

Tonight, we ran over time with the amount of people who wanted to come and take time out of their very busy schedules to come and share a brief message. They sat for an hour to spend 60 seconds to reflect on your dad and your husband.

I hope you can take from that some sense of appreciation and connection that we all have with your dad and what an amazing man he is.