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Representative Bob Goodlatte served as Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture throughout the 108th and 109th Congresses from 2003-2006, convening 132 full and subcommittee hearings and guiding 38 bills under the Committee's jurisdiction to the President's desk to be signed into law. Since the start of the 110th Congress, Rep. Goodlatte has served as Ranking Republican of the Committee.

Rep. Goodlatte has served on the House Agriculture Committee since first being elected to Congress in November 1992. Before becoming Chairman of the full Committee, Rep. Goodlatte served as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Department, Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry. An active subcommittee chairman, he held 14 hearings in the 107th Congress alone. The hearings covered a wide range of issues including implementation of the national fire plan, domestic nutrition programs, invasive species, and civil rights programs at the USDA.

Rep. Goodlatte served as a conferee on the 2002 Farm Bill, working to provide programs to rural Americans who are in need of a stable farm economy, while providing suburban and urban Americans with the safest, most abundant and affordable food supply in the world. Rep. Goodlatte played a pivotal role in the creation of the rural broadband initiatives, including loans and grants, included in the 2002 Farm Bill. Programs such as the Broadband Access Loan program which provides loans for funding the costs of construction, improvement, and acquisition of facilities to provide broadband service to eligible rural communities help ensure that rural communities can participate in the incredible learning, business and communication opportunities the Internet provides. Rep. Goodlatte has also taken on leadership roles on issues such as welfare reform and forestry policy, working with his colleagues on the Agriculture and Resources Committees to introduce the President's Healthy Forest Initiative.

Rep. Goodlatte represents the agriculturally diverse Sixth District of Virginia, which includes the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. Virginia's Sixth District, with its majestic mountain ranges, rolling hills, hearty forests, and green valleys, is as picturesque as it is agriculturally diverse. The district's 7,600 farms produce a wide variety of agricultural products including livestock and poultry, fruits and vegetables, corn, wheat, barley, milk and dairy products, Christmas trees, nursery and greenhouse products, and forestry products. With 2.4 million forested acres in the Sixth District, the forestry industry plays an important role in the district's economy.

Rep. Goodlatte also serves on the Judiciary Committee and is co-chair of the Congressional Internet Caucus where he has worked to ensure that rural areas and smaller cities and counties can take full advantage of the advancements in Internet technology. He also serves as co-chair of the House Biotechnology Caucus.

Before being elected to Congress, Rep. Goodlatte served as former Congressman Caldwell Butler's District Director from 1977 to 1979, where he was responsible for helping constituents in the Sixth Congressional District. In 1979, he founded his own private

law practice in Roanoke. He was a partner in the law firm of Bird, Kinder and Huffman from 1981 until taking office in 1992.

Rep. Goodlatte is a graduate of Washington and Lee University School of Law and he earned an undergraduate degree in Government from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. He and Maryellen, his wife of 32 years, live in Roanoke. They have two children, Jen and Rob.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Dean Paules was trained in electronics, not art, but he pursued an interest in painting from his early years. While following a career in business, he also created award-winning landscapes of his native Pennsylvania and the eastern U.S.

It was not until the mid-1980s that Paules turned to portraiture full time, after selling his successful plastics firm. Largely self-taught, Paules emerges a standout in a room of contemporary painters. Whether a Paules portrait emphasizes emotion or restraint, it is always a minutely detailed painting, unerringly true to life.

His subjects include Nobel laureate Dr. George Hitchings; General Richard Ellis, Commander of SAC and NATO; Ralph Larsen, CEO, Johnson & Johnson; Peter R. Dolan, CEO & Chairman, Bristol-Meyers-Squibb; William W. Boecheinstein of Owens Corning Fiberglass Corporation; David Johnson, CEO, Campbell Soup; Chuck Williams, Williams Sonoma, San Francisco, California; The Honorable Tom Ridge, Governor of Pennsylvania; The Honorable John Cornyn, Texas Supreme Court; The Honorable Tom Davis, Chairman, Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, U. S. House of Representatives; and The Honorable Dick Arme, Majority Leader, U. S. House of Representatives.



ARTIST: DEAN PAULES

THE HONORABLE BOB GOODLATTE
Agriculture Committee Chairman, 108th - 109th Congress

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The Unveiling and Presentation of the Official Portrait of
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Washington, DC.

REMARKS OF HON. ROY BLUNT

Master of Ceremonies

Mr. BLUNT. Well, thank you for your attention and thank you for being here. There is—I was asked if I wanted to participate in the hanging of Bob Goodlatte and I said well, I can think of a number of people first, but I am free, so I would be glad to do it. Like everybody else here, I am so delighted to be here with Bob. He is such a great guy, a great friend, a great member of this committee. When I was a member of this committee, a great chairman of this committee and I am pleased to be here. Before I ask Father Coughlin to come up with the invocation, I would like to recognize a couple of people, Randy Russell and Bill Leshner chaired the committee.

There you are, Bill. Randy, Bill, right over there at the door. They chaired the committee, the fundraising committee for the portrait and I know Bob and all of his friends, including me, are appreciative of that. Also, Bob's wife, Maryellen, is here. Maryellen is right here and she is the one that has put with the 5-day a week schedule this year. She is the one that has put up with the 5-day a week schedule, not that I just didn't want to go very long without somebody mentioning it. And Mr. Hoyer's got—we are on blue screen on the floor out of his appreciation for the importance of this event and we appreciate him managing it in that way, and Bob's sister—Dorie Walmsley and her husband, David, are here, right over here. And we are all pleased you are here. And Father Coughlin, if you would come and let us get started with an invocation.

INVOCATION

Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin

Reverend COUGHLIN. Thank you. Let us pray. The beauty of your creation, Oh, Lord, is also the source of sustenance for us in food and

drink. The House Agriculture Committee maintains national policies which assure your people here in the United States of the safest, most abundant and affordable food supply in the world. For this constant custodial and creative care by farmer and government, we praise and thank you, Lord. Tonight we gather with members and staff of the Agriculture Committee, past and present, to honor and celebrate the contributions of the Honorable Bob Goodlatte as chairman throughout the 108th-109th Congresses.

His efforts to protect our food supply, support the family farmer, help feed the poor and promote healthy stewardship of our land, was clearly focused, much appreciated and now part of the illustrious history of this important work of government. Confident, Lord, that Bob's ready smile is sustained by the loving relationship of his wife, Maryellen, their children and friends. We suspect that such a delightful continence really comes from the broad and sweeping beauty of the Shenandoah Valley and so we are all anxious to see your smile unveiled upon this committee room. Lord, smile on all of us and this Nation, but especially upon those who love and care for the natural gifts of this blessed land and your creative hand. Amen.

Mr. BLUNT. People in agriculture have had a good friend in Collin Peterson for a long time, as has Bob Goodlatte, and I am pleased to welcome Collin as he makes some official and important remarks.

**PRESENTATION OF THE PORTRAIT BY HON. COLLIN C.
PETERSON**

Chairman, Committee on Agriculture

Mr. PETERSON. Thank you very much, Roy, and I am more than pleased to be here with my good friend, Bob Goodlatte. Those of you who have gotten to know me know that I quite often say what I think, so they wrote down what I was supposed to say here. You don't know what might come out of this mouth, so—and this is quite a turnout, which I think attests to Bob's leadership and the friendship that he has developed here in the House across the aisle, so I am not surprised that there are so many people here today because Bob Goodlatte, as I said, has been an outstanding leader for agriculture and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues on both sides of the political aisle.

I want to recognize Bob's wife, Maryellen, who is here with us today. She has been recognized before. They have been married for almost 33 years. And in addition to being a great source of support for Bob, she is also a very successful professional in her own right. Their two children, Jennifer and Rob, are away at school, so they couldn't join us here tonight, but I know that they are very proud of their father's leadership and service and wish that they could be here.

Bob and I have served on this committee together for more than 14 years now. His district and mine don't have much in common, as far as agriculture, although we both have a lot of hogs and turkeys at home. And some people might say that that is not too different from life here in Washington. This committee has a long tradition of bipartisanship and some of the past leaders who have helped create that legacy are here with us today and I know that Larry Combest is here; former chairman, Charlie Stenholm, my predecessor. I don't know if Charlie got in the room, yet or not. Who else is here that I am missing? We have many of our committee members here.

As I said, most of the issues our committee considers aren't politically charged, but this bipartisan tradition would not exist without remarkable leaders who have dedicated themselves to rising above politics to govern in the best interest of our Nation's farmers and ranchers and Bob is one of those great leaders. I have learned a lot from the great example that he set. Last year, Bob set an active schedule of field hearings across the country to prepare the committee to write the Farm Bill. We heard from people representing many different regions and viewpoints and those hearings gave us a strong start on writing a new Farm Bill and without the work that Bob did, providing that leadership, we wouldn't have been positioned as well as we were.

Working together over the past year and a half, we have, in my opinion, put together a good bill that meets the needs of farmers and ranchers nationwide and we are hoping that our friends across the Capitol will see the wisdom and get moving over there. This is a great time to recognize Bob's contributions to agriculture as he continues the work that he has been doing on the committee for the past 14 years. His portrait will remind us of the great things that he has accomplished and all that he continues to contribute as a leader on this committee.

And these are the official words, apparently. And so it is my great honor to present this portrait of my friend, Bob Goodlatte, to the House of Representatives on behalf of the House Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. BLUNT. The presenting and the unveiling are obviously two different things and so we are going to get to that in a minute, but before we do that, Bob has asked two of the Republican leaders, the Majority leaders of our Majority, and the longest serving Republican Speaker in the history of the Congress to come and speak today and be with us today, and so John Boehner followed by Denny Hastert followed by Dick Armey will come.

REMARKS OF HON. JOHN BOEHNER

Minority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives

Mr. BOEHNER. I don't think I will get into a conversation about turkeys or hogs. About four and a half years ago, maybe 5 years ago, Bob came to me and he and I served on the committee together for 14 years and I was the chairman of the Education and Workforce Committee and there was this rumor going around that I had an interest in being chairman of the House Ag Committee. Before all you gag out there, relax. So Bob came to me concerned about this rumor. I said Bob, I have no intention of ever being the chairman of the House Ag Committee, much to everyone's delight, most of you in this room.

Bob Goodlatte has been a great member of the committee. He has done a great job as the chairman of the committee and all of you in this room are here because Bob works with everybody. And at the end of the day, being chairman of a committee, working in this institution, we are all privileged to work in, Bob has one of those skills that you can't practice; you either have it or you don't. He is a hell of a good guy, a nice guy and people like him. Congratulations, Bob.

REMARKS OF HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

Former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives

A Representative in Congress from the State of Illinois

Mr. HASTERT. Thank you, John. You know, I feel very honored to be asked to say a few words at this official hanging, that is the way Bob put it. But anyway, I am really honored that I can get up here and speak before Dick Armev. As everybody knows, Dick Armev was always a huge advocate for U.S. farm policy all the time that he was in the leadership and you know, sometimes I just had to—hold him back at the table a little bit, but it is a great honor to be here, although, you know, if you are the former Speaker, you have no official words, so there are no official words coming from this dais at this time.

I just want to say it is an honor to be here to say a few words about Bob and when Bob came and talked to me about the possibility of becoming the chairman of the Ag committee, you know, I was one of his greatest supporters. He is a person, in my book, that gives you things that are a very, very straight shot. He understands, he tackles things with an integrity and an intellectual honesty and a fairness. And every time that I pulled him into my office, sometimes at the 11th hour of passing a piece of legislation, when somebody wanted to hold something, you know, hostage like a dairy bill or something like that—and that will come, Steny. Don't think it won't.

But anyway, Bob was willing to sit down, look at the facts, work out ways, how we could work things out and then follow through. And it

happened time and time again. He is an honorable man, he is a good man. He is a person that this institution can be very proud of and I am honored to be here today to take part in the unveiling of this portrait and may it hang here for many years in great solemnity and Bob's ever present wisdom. So thank you very much and Bob, congratulations.

REMARKS OF HON. DICK ARMEY

Former Majority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives

Mr. ARMEY. Well, of course you can imagine my surprise and delight when Bob called and asked me if I would speak here. Bob, I think, is one of the few people who knew that I always had a secret hope that someday my portrait would hang in here as opposed to me being hung in here. But it was a delight for me, Bob, to say yes. For several years of my life, I had the privilege of working in concert with virtually every man or woman in Congress, the House or Senate, Republican or Democrat, that wanted to move a bill and it gave me an opportunity to really have a chance to see and appreciate my colleagues on what I think is the essential task that we undertake here, which is to try to make something happen for America.

During that period of time, I read a book by a professor at Cornell University. I don't know what got over me. But I went ahead with the book, anyway. The name of the book was Legislative Entrepreneurship and it was a fascinating book. As an economist, I have thought about entrepreneurship a lot, but generally, as it applied to the business sector of the economy. But as a legislative entrepreneur, I was described by this scholar as an entrepreneur, as a person who is able, imaginative, creative, courageous, hard working, and you will appreciate this, unrelenting and a general all around creative pain in the backside who won't give up. And of course, I admire such a person and as I finished the book, I sat down and I made a little list from among my colleagues that I have the privilege to work with who were, in my estimation, the greatest entrepreneurial legislators in the body that I had the privilege of working with and Bob Goodlatte was the first name on the list. I have never forgotten that. The first guy I thought of.

If you think about the privilege, the great honor of having your portrait hung in the Capitol and all the attributes that would warrant such an honor and being a good person, a good person in your heart, being a general well-liked colleague, certainly would be part of it. Being a creative entrepreneur or legislator who serves your district well would be part of it. But some place in the category of a list of characteristics that we would look for in a person to have that honor, in addition to all these other things, is just good workmanship, a commitment to a task that sees it through.

And as you know, seeing it through this Byzantine process requires a person who will never give up and Bob, you are that kind of person. I was so proud of you. Many times you came to me and apologized for being a pain in the rear and I could only say I just wish everybody were, because you were a legislator and you legislated well and I was proud to be your colleague. Thank you.

Mr. BLUNT. Only Dick Armey would find a way that pain in the rear would be a positive attribute. Things change more quickly in Washington than you think sometimes, which is one of the reasons we are hanging this portrait right now, a couple of years earlier than I would have chosen, Chairman, to hang it, but we are here for that reason. We hoped, we expected that Secretary Johanns would be here and he is not here right now, but the Acting Secretary, Chuck Conner is. Chuck, are you back there somewhere? Right here. He worked his way up to the front. Chuck, we are glad you are here.

And my four colleagues have all said the things that need to be said about Bob Goodlatte. I will tell you that the first time I really noticed who Bob Goodlatte was, I was the beginning of my second term in the Congress. For some reason, even though we had been on this committee together in my first term and I had a lot of respect for him, I had never really seen him in action before until, as we began our second term in the Congress, we brought a class action reform bill to the floor.

And I remember it so well because Denny had just become the Speaker. I had just taken his job as the Chief Deputy Whip and it was the first time members had ever come to me, as they have often since, said, why are we doing this? Nothing will happen over on the other side of the building, this is just going to make people mad. And I particularly watched Bob Goodlatte manage that bill on the floor all day and I guarantee you, by the end of the day, our members who didn't think this is something anybody could talk about, were all eager to go home and talk about it because Bob Goodlatte knew how to explain things in a way that people understood them.

And then he became chairman of this committee, his district and mine, and we had both been in each other's districts a couple of times. His district and mine are a lot alike and not only was I glad to see him become the chairman of the committee, but I was also glad to see that he also, he always put the work of the committee in the context of the work we needed to do in the Congress. A great chairman, a great member, a dependable friend and we are all honored to be here with him, Bob Goodlatte.

ADDRESS OF HON. BOB GOODLATTE

Former Chairman, Committee on Agriculture

Mr. GOODLATTE. Wow. Well, this is truly a great honor. I thank all of you for coming. You know, as we have been leading up to this, I have been thinking, you know, this is pretty neat, the last few days. Everybody is coming and the response is just so great. And then I started to see people on the floor today and they all told me they were coming to the public hearing and I started to get a little nervous and then I remembered that the last time we did this, for Larry Combest, who I am very honored is here, I talked about hanging a Texan and Dick, we will do that for you any time you want.

And I see a number of Texans who are here to enjoy this public hearing, but I want to thank all of these leaders of the Congress, but first, I want to say, to Father Coughlin, I don't know that I have heard in a long time, anybody articulate so well what this committee does and what we stand for and what we try to accomplish here as what you just did and so thank you very much. That was a wonderful blessing.

All of the people who have agreed to come and speak are people that I hold in the highest regard. They have all proven themselves as outstanding leaders here in the Congress and that includes, I've got to say something nice about Steny, because he is going to speak after me, but let me just say that our current Majority leader reflects all of the values that Dick Armey articulated—he is the same kind of legislative entrepreneur that Dick described and he is a very determined and accomplished leader and I have a great deal of respect for him. I have had the opportunity to work with him for many, many years and I thank him very much for not only participating today, but for working with me across the aisle on many, many things.

I also very much appreciate the leadership that we receive on our side of the aisle from John Boehner. He was preceded by Tom DeLay. And then before him, by Dick Armey. And Dick also reflects those same work ethics that we worked so hard on with the Contract With America and so many other things. And Denny Hastert is the longest serving Republican Speaker of the House in the history of the Congress and did so with great distinction and led us through many, many legislative accomplishments and many, many challenges, as well. Roy Blunt, with whom I have had the opportunity to work, as a member of his Whip team for many years is a dear friend and I thank him for agreeing to run this program.

And finally, Collin Peterson. Collin and I serve on, what I think, is the most bipartisan committee in the Congress and that isn't because we don't ever fight, it is just that we don't know always who is going to be on which team when we start the fight. But it was a great pleasure to have him as my ranking member and we worked very hard in

leading up to the writing of the farm bill and I agree with him that the product that this committee produced was a very fine farm bill and I hope that we will see it through to fruition when we are through with figuring out some of the issues related to it and see what the United States Senate does, but it has been a pleasure to work with him as his ranking member, as well. And that bipartisanship will continue under his chairmanship though I am very much in favor of rotating back again as quickly as possible.

But I really think that, rather than me try to articulate what this committee stands for other than to say that we work very, very hard every day to make sure that America's farmers and ranchers and agri-businesses and America's consumers can expect to have the safest, most affordable, most abundant food supply in the world and that our job is to make sure that the playing field is fair and let the free enterprise system work and those farmers and ranchers and everybody else will get the job done. That is the mission of this committee. And I think that over the years, with the leadership of my predecessors on the committee, since I have been here—Kika de la Garza, who, by the way, is going to have a portrait hanging again here in just a few weeks, and Pat Roberts and Bob Smith and Larry Combest—we have worked hard to accomplish those goals. So, I thank all of them. My other ranking member was Charlie Stenholm and I very much valued his contribution to the committee for many, many years.

Now, I need to thank some people, not just because of the hard work that they have done, but because they are dear friends that I have had the privilege of working with for many years. First of all, as Roy noted, this doesn't happen without the support of a lot of people and if you look on the back page of the program, you will find those individuals and organizations who helped make this possible, but it also is not possible unless somebody takes the lead on that. And Randy Russell and Bill Leshner have done just that. Randy and Bill should actually conduct this program, but they wanted to hear from these folks, so I thank them very, very much for, really, a year and a half of hard work to accomplish this goal.

And there were other members of the portrait committee, the informal group, if you will, that worked so hard on this. Rachel Goldberg, who is with Leshner and Russell; Randy Hinaman and Laura Bell, who have worked with me for almost 16 years now in the political trenches; Shelley Husband, my Chief of Staff in my Congressional office; Kevin Kramp, who is the Deputy Chief of Staff on the Republican staff here on the committee; Bill O'Connor, the Chief of Staff, is here, as well, and I thank him for leadership over all of those years. He has served many Republican leaders of this committee and has done so with great distinction. And then, the last two people that I want to mention, in that regard, are the two most important of all.

First, Debbie Smith. That is right. Debbie was hired, originally, I think, by Chairman de la Garza, and worked for the Majority. She is very smart, too, by the way. When the Republicans got the majority, she worked for us for 12 years and then when Collin took the chairmanship, she went back to working for Collin. But with one condition and that condition was that she would continue to work on this committee and she has put in, literally, hundreds of hours of time to make sure that everything went smoothly throughout the entire process, even traveling to Pennsylvania with Maryellen and I to visit our wonderful artist and his wife, who you will hear from in just a moment, to meet them and they are a wonderful couple, but Debbie has seen this through from start to finish and so I thank you very, very much for doing that.

And then, of course, finally—and you will see in a moment my best way of expressing my appreciation—but my wonderful wife, Maryellen, who has, without a doubt, made it possible for me to be able to do this job. When she married me 33 years ago, I don't think she had any idea. And I was very smart not to tell her. But she has been my partner throughout all of this and we want to make sure that she is properly recognized, so give her another round of applause.

Now, for those of you, who for some reason or other I haven't recognized, I apologize, but everybody in this room is very important to me and we want to include you all in the official record of this, so there is a guest book outside and if you haven't had the opportunity to sign that, I hope you will take the opportunity to do that because you will find your signature will appear in the official report of this event.

And then lastly, let me just say, although you haven't seen his work or heard from him yet, I will tell you that I have tremendous respect for our artist, Dean Paules, and his wife, JoAnn, who has helped to shepherd this whole process through, as well. He is, in my opinion, a remarkable artist. I have told people the good news is that he is so life-like and accurate in his work, that it looks just exactly like me. The bad news—well, actually, there is no bad news. So I thank him, both of them, as a matter of fact, as well.

So Mr. Whip, I think with that, I hope I haven't forgotten anybody, but I thank everybody. Let me just say that the committee staff, both the Majority and the Minority, and whoever is in the Majority or the Minority, are the best staff that anybody could expect to find on any committee in this Congress and my Congressional staff is the best staff that you will find in any Congressional office. So I thank all of them. There are many of them here and many former staff members, as well, many of whom have gone on to do great things. I thank you all for coming back today. This is truly a great honor and I am very much humbled by your presence here today and may God bless each and every one of you.

Mr. BLUNT. Maryellen gets to do the official unveiling here.

[Portrait unveiled]

Mr. BLUNT. The next thing on the program, it says my very good friend, the Majority leader, gets to accept the portrait. I don't know what would happen if he rejected the portrait, but I am betting he accepts and he is going to come and do that. Steny Hoyer.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE PORTRAIT

Hon. Steny H. Hoyer

Majority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives

Mr. HOYER. Roy really stole my line. I didn't know what would happen if I said, I looked at it and of course, Dean, I would not do this, you understand, because JoAnn would be very upset with me, but if I looked at it and say no, I don't think we will accept this, there would be, of course, a revolution in the room. Mr. Speaker, I am glad to be with you, sir. Mr. Majority Leader, Mr. Chairman.

I am pleased to be here and participate in this program with my very good friend, Bob Goodlatte. Maryellen, you have been married 33 years and you know him better than any of the rest of us in this room. But I will tell you, those of us who do know him from a different perspective and not as well, have great respect and affection for him. Serving in the Congress of the United States is a great honor. There is only one way to get to the House of Representatives, of course, and that is to be elected by your neighbors and friends. You cannot be appointed to the House of Representatives. The only way you get to be the chairman of the committee is to be reelected on a relatively regular basis. Actually, a regular basis, because if it is relatively regular, you get out of line.

And it is a testament to, I think, our system, that those who become chairmen, notwithstanding the fact that many times they get there because they are a senior member, not always, but they are members who have earned their stripes through the years, not only on the committee. Roy Blunt spoke to it, Denny Hastert spoke to it, Dick Arme spoke to it. You get to know people as they move through the chairs. You get to know their judgment, their wisdom, their willingness to work, because in order to become a chair, you have to have worked hard. You have to know your subject.

And Bob Goodlatte has the reputation on both sides of the aisle as being somebody who is a hard worker, an honest person who knows his subject. And he works across the aisle. As I said, Bob Goodlatte and I are good friends. He works across the aisle on issues that are not necessarily agricultural issues. For instance, he and Rick Boucher do a lot of work on technology issues, on which he is extraordinarily knowledgeable, and he understands the relationship between technology and farming. And Dick, as Roy was talking about your enthusiasm for farm-

ing, I thought to myself of your FRAC Act. All of you have heard of the FRAC Act. It is the Farm Relocation and Closure Act. I have to explain that to some who don't understand. I won't go into it, but I am very pleased to be here.

On behalf of Speaker Pelosi and myself, and the Speaker, as Speaker Hastert well knows, of the whole House. Dick and I have been the leaders of our parties' partisan offices, but I accept this on behalf of Speaker Pelosi and the House of Representatives, not as a partisan, but as an admirer, as someone who knows that the House of Representatives is well-served on both sides of the aisle but conscientious and yes, courageous, people who are prepared to ignore their parties sometime and perhaps, even from time to time, displease their constituents if they believe it is in the best interest of their country and of the interests that they serve.

And so on behalf of the House of Representatives, it is a great honor for me to accept this portrait. Dean, it is a beautiful portrait. It is a portrait, I know, of Maryellen, and you included Bob in the picture. A tip of the hat to the people paying, I suppose, but in any event, it is a great honor, because Bob Goodlatte represents the best that is in the Congress. Not a partisan warrior, although at times we are all that, but a person who sees his duty as making this country better, serving not just the farm community, but the millions of us that the farm community feeds.

Bob, we are honored to accept this portrait and we are honored by your leadership in the Congress of the United States. Congratulations.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ARTIST

Mr. Dean Paules

Mr. BLUNT. There is an important introduction of the artist, Dean Paules, on the program. You will want to read that later, but Bob wants him to come up, and I do, too, and talk a little bit about the portrait. I will also mention that Senator Harkin, the chairman of the Senate Ag Committee, just came in. Senator Harkin is right over here. And I can assure you, Senator, that both Chairman Peterson and Mr. Goodlatte had optimistic thoughts about the good work you were doing on the Senate side on the farm bill. Dean.

REMARKS OF DEAN PAULES

Mr. PAULES. When Congressman Goodlatte mentioned that his wife 33 years ago would never have expected to be in this position, he and his wife, 33 years ago, I am happy to say that I wouldn't believe that I would be here, in my life, 55 years ago, and I thought that would be greatly appreciated by my wife, since I got it right. Anyway, one of the nice things about the portrait business is the folks you meet and the folks who are being honored for their achievements. And this is

the aside that really is the important part of this business and I am glad that I am having a part in the program that Congressman Goodlatte is involved with and I thank you for the privilege of being able to be a part of this program and my congratulations to Mr. Goodlatte for all of these accolades that I have heard given to him, but I hope that it represents the best of he and his wife. I was wondering whether, when they came to the portrait, which one they looked at first. Who looked at what first. Which one of the portraits. Thank you very much.

Mr. BLUNT. Thank you, Mr. Paules, thank all of you for being here. Father Coughlin, you want to come and see if you can rival that first prayer and thanks for being here to honor Bob. Bob, thanks again for your great work and your great leadership and for all of us, your great friendship.

BENEDICTION

Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin

Reverend COUGHLIN. A concluding blessing. Lord God, we acknowledge you as the source of growth and abundance. Pour out your blessing upon this Nation. Make our land truly productive that we may always enjoy a rich harvest with grateful hearts. The farmers, ranchers, herdsman, agricultural teachers and scientists truly respect the good earth and the work of others. May the agricultural committee of this Congress build on its success of the past and learn from setbacks in the efforts to serve others and create laws that will increase production and protection. May you hear the prayers of hardworking people and enhance their labor with human dignity, lasting justice and true effects on America's economy and high moral standards. Finally, bless the honorable Bob Goodlatte, his wife, Maryellen, their children, family and friends. May this celebration provide a sense of accomplishment and inspire even greater work in the future as you nurture them with health and happiness and increase their faith and love. God bless us with a rich abundance, Lord God. Amen.

[Whereupon, at 6:45 p.m., the ceremony was adjourned.]

GUESTS

So excited to be here - Love you - Tricia
Thank you for the invitation & your leadership. Lynn Mitchell
Matthew Scott Marti

Cindy & Bill O'Conner

Great to be here - Richard B. Co
Best to all the good ladies! Jo Ann + Dean Pauls
~~Paula & James~~

Sagee Singh
Congratulations! Jerry Schmidt
What an honor! Ann and Fred Anderson

Philp Kufso - GREAT HONOR
Mildred Webber - So happy to be here this is much deserved!
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B. J. [Signature]

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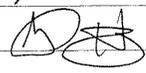
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Arne Simmons - Thank you for your leadership!
David Kendall - Bob, Thanks for all your help over the years
Doe Keeley Thanks for your interest in tech issues over the years
Thomas L. Harand - Thanks for everything!
Dorice "Bud" Lakey - Bob, I am proud you are my Congressman
Rob Coy - You are making all Virginians Proud
Reece Langley - USA Rice Federation
Laura & Sean McManamin - Congrats!!
amanda Foster

Sharon A. Rusnak Congratulations, org. Chairman
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