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BIOGRAPHY

Congressman PAUL E. GILLMOR (R-Tiffin) was sworn in to the U.S. House of Representatives to represent the people of the Fifth Congressional District of Ohio in January 1989. Prior to his election to Congress, Mr. GILLMOR served in the Ohio Senate for 22 years where he was unanimously elected Republican leader five times and served as Senate president for three general assemblies.

At the time of his passing, Congressman GILLMOR was the ranking Republican member of the House Financial Services Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit. Previously, Congressman GILLMOR served one term as the ranking Republican member of the Committee on House Administration Subcommittee on Accounts and three terms as the chairman of the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials. In addition, Congressman GILLMOR was unanimously elected in 2006 by representatives of the 26 NATO countries to serve as vice president of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. In his role, Congressman GILLMOR was the highest ranking North American in the assembly.

Mr. GILLMOR served as a deputy minority whip for the 110th Congress and was in his eighth term as a member of the Republican whip team. Previously, he was elected a regional representative for four States to the House Republican Policy Committee. He served as a member of a bipartisan reform task force on ethics and congressional mailing practices. In 1994 Mr. GILLMOR authored an article for the *Harvard Journal on Legislation* on "Reconstruction of Federalism: A Constitutional Amendment to Prohibit Unfunded Mandates."

Congressman GILLMOR sponsored the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act, which was signed by President Bush in 2002. According to the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Congressman GILLMOR's bill to promote the redevelopment of abandoned industrial sites has created 85,000 jobs and has the ability to create as many as 570,000 jobs if it is fully implemented.

Throughout his career in public service, Mr. GILLMOR received numerous awards for his accomplishments from

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groups representing businesses, veterans, senior citizens, educators, prosecuting attorneys, civil service employees, and environmental concerns. In 2006, he was honored by the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce for his efforts to successfully prevent the Toledo Air National Guard Base from closing while saving more than 1,000 jobs. In addition, Mr. GILLMOR was selected as one of the 10 most outstanding legislators in the United States by the National Republican Legislators Association.

Congressman GILLMOR received his bachelor of arts degree from Ohio Wesleyan University and his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School. He was a graduate of Old Fort High School in Seneca County, OH. Mr. GILLMOR also held honorary degrees from Heidelberg College, Defiance College, Ohio University, Tiffin University, and Rio Grande College.

As a U.S. Air Force veteran, Mr. GILLMOR attained the rank of captain while on active duty. As an Air Force judge advocate, Mr. GILLMOR served during the Vietnam conflict from 1965 to 1966.

Ohio's Fifth Congressional District is home to approximately 630,000 people in Crawford, Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Huron, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams and Wood counties, and parts of Ashland, Lucas, Mercer and Wyandot counties. The district is larger in area than the States of Rhode Island, Delaware, Connecticut or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Congressman GILLMOR is survived by his wife, Karen Gillmor. A former two-term State senator, Karen Gillmor was selected the Outstanding Freshman Legislator in the Country by the National Republican Legislators Association in 1995. Congressman GILLMOR is also survived by his two daughters, Linda and Julie, and three sons, Paul Michael and twins Connor and Adam.

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Proceedings in the House of Representatives

WEDNESDAY, *September 5, 2007*

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I come to the floor today and inform all of my colleagues that our colleague from Ohio, PAUL GILLMOR, passed away suddenly overnight.

PAUL was a good friend to all of us, a colleague of mine who served in this House for nearly two decades after a long, distinguished career in the Ohio Senate. He was from Ohio, born there, raised there, went to school there. He is going to be missed by all of us.

I want to make sure that we keep Karen and his children in our thoughts in this very difficult time.

We will notify Members of the arrangements when they are made, but I would expect that later this afternoon the members of the Ohio delegation from both sides of the aisle will be on the floor for a tribute to our friend.

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, I would just like to offer my condolences to the Gillmor family at this tragic time in their life. . . .

Mr. SPACE. . . . I would like to preface my remarks with my condolences to the family of PAUL GILLMOR as well, an Ohioan and a good man who will be missed. . . .

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to inform the House that in addition to the loss of Ohio's beloved colleague PAUL GILLMOR today and former Congresswoman Jennifer Dunn, we have lost a beloved friend and indefatigable colleague when Ohio Congressman Charles Vanik passed away last week at the age of 94. . . .

I would just ask for 10 seconds to say to my colleagues in terms of my neighbor, PAUL GILLMOR, with whom I served over 20 years in this body, we just happened to be flying over Ohio this past week to assess the flood damage in his district. My last memory of him is actually climbing out of

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the Apache helicopter we were both in. There were just the two of us with the Ohio National Guard, and he extended his hand to me to help me get out of the helicopter after a very long day in many communities, including Bucyrus and Findlay. I have many memories, but I shall never forget that. He was a gentleman of this House.

I thank my colleagues very much.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF THE LATE HONORABLE
PAUL GILLMOR

Mr. REGULA. Madam Speaker, I know that Leader Boehner has already informed the House of the untimely death of our colleague, PAUL GILLMOR, but I want to just add to that. I will be offering a resolution of bereavement after we have finished the suspensions for the day, which will be very shortly, for those who might want to comment.

It is a tremendous loss for Ohio. PAUL was a leader in the Ohio Senate over a number of years, 22 years to be exact. He was a leader here on the Financial Services Committee. But most important, he was a person who cared about the people of Ohio. He made a tremendous effort to represent them well. It is evident by a number of awards that he received and so on. I won't take the time to go into that now, but all of you knew PAUL.

I think something that many were not aware of, he was chosen as the vice president of the International NATO Group, the parliamentary group that is made up of something like 26 nations, and they elected him as the highest ranking American in their leadership responsibilities. It is a tribute to him and to Ohio and to this body that he was chosen for that assignment.

Madam Speaker, I would like for us all to rise and recognize his loss, too, in a moment of silence.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 632) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 632

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable PAUL E. GILLMOR, a Representative from the State of Ohio.

Resolved, That a committee of such Members of the House as the Speaker may designate, together with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of applicable accounts of the House.

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Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Ohio is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I yield 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. Kaptur), my colleague, who is the senior member of the Democrat delegation, pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend and colleague PAUL GILLMOR of Tiffin, Ohio. PAUL GILLMOR was a leader in Ohio. He was elected five times by his colleagues in the Ohio Senate as a leader and was President of the Ohio Senate three times.

He was a leader here in this House on financial issues, focusing effectively on legislation to protect the general public. Additionally, PAUL's leadership extended beyond Ohio and Congress to his position as vice president of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

His awards from grateful constituents and community groups he represented were powerful evidence of PAUL's diligent efforts on behalf of those who depended on his caring representation on their behalf. Five Ohio colleges and universities honored his outstanding leadership with honorary degrees.

In addition, he served his country as a captain in the Air Force with active duty during the Vietnam conflict from 1965 to 1966. Ohio Wesleyan University and the University of Michigan Law School are proud to claim him as an alumnus.

Our sympathy goes out to PAUL's wife, Karen, and his five children.

To those of us who cherished him not only as a colleague, but as a friend, we will long remember PAUL and will always be grateful that he was part of our life.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I would very much like to thank the dean of the Republican delegation from Ohio, Congressman Ralph Regula, a dear friend, for helping to organize this very special moment tonight in honor of our friend and colleague from Ohio, Representative PAUL GILLMOR, who last evening succumbed to a

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call that will greet us all. We never know the time nor the hour.

I understand that PAUL flew back to Washington yesterday with several of his colleagues. And sometimes we wonder why things happen the way they do, but he was able to speak with several of them upon his return to Washington after having spent most of August with his family in Ohio. That itself is a gift.

It is with shock and sadness that we on this side of the aisle extend heartfelt sympathy to the Gillmor family. To his wife, Karen, I can't tell you how many White House Christmas parties I recall sharing with her, our travels to Mexico long before the passage of NAFTA as we evaluated the situation on the ground. Those are memories that I will hold forever.

To the five Gillmor children, PAUL was a very dedicated father. I recall one time I was going into Channel 11, our CBS affiliate, I'll probably get in trouble for saying this, the other affiliates won't be mentioned, even though it didn't happen in their stations, and PAUL had one of his sons with him that day, and he was so polite. And we were talking about where he was going to school. PAUL tried to be with his family, especially with his younger children, as much as he could.

He suffered great tragedy in his own life, serving during the Vietnam war as a captain in the Air Force in that very troubled conflict. I'm sure that he carried memories and wounds from that. And then having lost his first wife in a tragic automobile accident, having to survive that and continue to serve.

He dedicated his life to public service. Many people I don't think realize what a wealthy man he was. He didn't have to be here in the Congress. He could have checked out long ago. But in the tradition of service that his family represented and very deep roots in Buckeye land in Ohio, he served his country not just in the Air Force, but in the Ohio Senate where he was the Republican leader or president for 10 years, and finally, the people of the Fifth Congressional District in this House since 1989, a decade and a half (19 years).

There are many pieces of legislation for which he exhibited leadership. One of those dealt with brownfields, a problem well known in a State like Ohio, and trying to move legislation in order to convert those over for reuse. As a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee and Subcommittee chair during a portion of his career, he made a real national contribution there.

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Together, we worked on saving the 180th Tactical Fighter Squadron of the Army Air National Guard in our districts. When gerrymandering occurred a few years ago and the districts were redrawn, literally, he ended up with one half of the airport and I ended up with the other half. And I thought, oh, this is interesting. So we were very successful in our efforts there. And without question, that particular unit, which will be returning to Ohio this week, will go to a facility that he helped to save. One of my memories is that before their departure about 4 months ago, PAUL and I were there together wishing every single one of the members of that unit Godspeed and a quick return to our country.

There were many times that we spent together in our region of the State. Just last week, PAUL and I appeared in Findlay, Ohio, as a result of the tragic 1,000-year flooding that occurred up in our area. Congressman Jim Jordan was there as well from Urbana, Ohio. Then PAUL and I met with Secretary Chertoff. We were planning meetings here upon our return here this week. We talked about the need for FEMA to be more responsive to the needs of this region. We then took an Apache helicopter with General Wayt from the Ohio National Guard and we flew over to Bucyrus, just the two of us together in that helicopter. We were pointing out different reservoirs and different dams and different things that had to be done in order to prevent this type of tragedy again. We met with the mayor of Bucyrus and with the county commissioners there and the emergency management officials. We had quite a visit. Then PAUL and I got back on the Apache helicopter and we flew back to Findlay, Ohio, where his sister was waiting for him at the airport. They were on to the next stop. I think he was headed over to Ottawa, Ohio, in his district, which had also been very badly flooded.

I see Congressman Jordan over there. I never knew that when we were in Findlay, Ohio, together, we kind of grabbed hands and tried to deal with the flooding in your district as well, that that would be the last time that we would do that together.

So we had many memories that we share of PAUL's service. And I offer the consolation and the condolences of the people from the Ninth Congressional District, which literally wraps its arms around the northern part of PAUL's district, to his family, to his friends, to his colleagues, and to say we are there in dutiful service to do what is necessary to transition in these very difficult days and months ahead.

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I want to say personally to Karen, his wife, that I value our friendship. And many of us who have reached the age we are know what a loss this is, and we are praying for you, we are praying for your children, we are praying for your family.

I wanted to extend the opportunity for our dear colleague from Tennessee, Congressman John Tanner, who is down here on the floor, who wanted to offer words on behalf of PAUL GILLMOR whatever time he wishes to consume. I yield him such time.

Mr. TANNER. Thank you very much, Ms. Kaptur.

I just felt compelled to come down here. Mr. Regula, I thank you for taking this time.

I guess I've traveled more with PAUL GILLMOR than any other Member. We have traveled together on the NATO Parliamentary Assembly business for at least the last 9 or 10 years, and that's two or three trips a year to the parliamentary meetings of NATO. And during that time, not only have my wife, Betty Ann, and his wife, Karen, become close friends, but I don't have or didn't have a closer friend in Congress than PAUL GILLMOR.

He was not only an extraordinarily talented individual who made people comfortable around him, but he also had a leadership quality that I observed up close and personal many times in these NATO meetings.

It hasn't been all that easy the last few years. There has been unrest in the alliance. And PAUL was chairman of the Economics and Security Committee during part of that time, and I was a member and succeeded him as chairman. It was an easy transition from the standpoint that PAUL had gained so much respect from our European allies and colleagues that it was easy for us to run that committee in a way that I think was constructive.

He was extraordinarily dedicated to his family. He talked about them all the time. And beyond that, he was a man that had a well-grounded sense of himself. He was one who not only cared deeply for his family, his State, and his country, but was willing to go out of his way and inconvenience himself time and time again to go the extra mile to try to make things better. I feel very privileged to just have known him and to be a friend of his, and more important to have him as a friend of mine.

I'm going to miss him a lot. I know this House will miss him a lot. The country will miss him a lot. He is currently serving as North American vice president of the NATO Par-

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liamentary Assembly, and I'm sure that organization will miss him as well.

Thank you for allowing me this time.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LaTourette).

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the dean of our delegation for authoring this resolution. I also want to thank our Democratic friends from Ohio and Members from other States whom I see gathering on the floor.

Mr. Speaker, there is no way to describe today's news about our friend, PAUL GILLMOR, other than shock, a devastating loss to his family, to his friends, his colleagues, Ohio, and our Nation.

Unlike a number of the other members of the Ohio delegation, I didn't come to Congress through the Ohio Legislature, and so I didn't serve with PAUL in the Ohio Legislature, although I knew of him from Republican gatherings around the State of Ohio, he also was my mom's Congressman. She always told me the story about how excited the people were who were up in Lakeside, Marblehead, and the Islands that Congressman GILLMOR was going to come up and share his thoughts. But I didn't have the chance to work with him until I arrived here about 13 years ago. What I found was what I had heard, and that was that Congressman GILLMOR was a hardworking, smart legislator who loved his family, loved his friends, loved this institution and the people he served. He was willing to take the time to show a young freshman around back in 1995. He was willing to share his vast knowledge of financial services with those that didn't quite have the same expertise. If you were having a sadness or a joy in your life, he was willing to share in that. And he was a wonderful fellow to sit and have dinner with. And after dinner, he was a wonderful fellow to sit around with and tell war stories. And over the course of the years, many of those stories were exaggerated with the passage of time and also the failing of memory, but it was always a good time.

I was reminded by my staff, because I want to talk about PAUL's family, but I also want to talk about PAUL's other family. And my staff reminded me, when they learned of PAUL's passing today, that we were neighbors in the Longworth Building, and my staff told me how lucky we were to have a neighbor whose staff was always willing to walk us through another clueless day in the 104th Congress. And

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how you could always walk into the lobby, and how he taught us about constituent services because you would always find a bowl of Dum Dum suckers because the Spangler Candy Company was located in Bryan, Ohio, which was in the Congressman's district.

Our Ohio delegation is poor today with the loss of our friend, neighbor and mentor, PAUL GILLMOR. Our thoughts and prayers are with PAUL's wife, Karen, his five wonderful children, and also, Mr. Speaker, with his Capitol Hill family, many of whom have been with him for many years and who miss him very badly today.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Ohio, Ms. Sutton, will control the remainder of the gentlewoman from Ohio, Ms. Kaptur's time.

There was no objection.

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened today to hear of the passing of Congressman PAUL GILLMOR.

As a freshman Member of this body, I haven't known Mr. GILLMOR as long as some of my colleagues who have already spoken and who will, I'm sure, rise to speak in moments following my remarks.

I did have occasion enough to spend time with Mr. GILLMOR to know what a friendly and unpretentious and likeable man he was. And my thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Karen, and his family and his friends. I did have the opportunity to serve with Karen in the State legislature in Ohio. And Karen, as I said, you're in our thoughts and prayers.

The State of Ohio and the U.S. Congress have lost a great friend. PAUL GILLMOR devoted his life to serving his community, his State and his Nation. From his service in the U.S. Air Force to his tireless efforts on behalf of the people of Ohio in Congress, PAUL GILLMOR always fought hard to make a difference in people's lives. We will all miss him greatly. And I am grateful for the opportunity to have known him even for the short time that I did.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2½ minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Barton), chairman of the committee on which PAUL served.

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Well, the former chairman, the ranking member now.

When I think of PAUL GILLMOR, I think of two words, "team player." Earlier this year, when the Republicans lost

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the majority, we had to downsize the number of Republicans on the Energy and Commerce Committee, and I made a decision, as the ranking member, to try not to have to kick anybody off the committee and not bump off our junior members. So I went to the senior members of the committee and asked if there were any volunteers who might want to take a leave of absence to allow the junior members not to have to be bumped off, and of course PAUL GILLMOR was one of the ones who volunteered to take a leave of absence so he could serve on the Financial Services Committee and keep his seniority on the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Because of that, several of our junior members were able to stay on the committee.

Well, about a month ago, we had a contentious mark-up coming up. Sure enough, one of the junior members had a personal family situation that they couldn't get out of. They were going to have to take a leave of absence. We needed every vote. So I went to PAUL, and I said, "Would you be willing to come back on the committee for 1 or 2 days?" He kind of grumped a little bit about it, but he said, "If you need me, I'll be there." Not only did he come back on the committee, but he offered amendments and was there all of the time and didn't complain, whine, moan, or groan about how tough it was. He was a team player. He did a good job.

When we were in the majority, PAUL was the chairman of the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, which is not one of the more glamorous subcommittees of this Congress. It deals with such things as the Superfund and the Clean Water Act and all these international treaties. It's a tough job. PAUL did it not only with good grace, but he did it in an excellent fashion.

PAUL GILLMOR is going to be missed as a friend. He is going to be missed as a Congressman. He is going to be missed as a statesman for this country. My sympathy goes out to his wife, Karen, and his family. We will definitely miss the services of the Honorable PAUL GILLMOR in the House of Representatives.

God bless him, and God bless his family.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Wilson) will control the remainder of the time of the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. Sutton).

There was no objection.

Mr. WILSON of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues here today saddened by the death of PAUL GILLMOR.

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PAUL and I took much the same track to come here to Congress in that PAUL served diligently for the State of Ohio in the Ohio Senate. As a matter of fact, he and his wife, Karen, both left quite a legacy there and then moved on to Congress. I knew PAUL, but through other people, so to speak, until I came to Congress. I can still remember how welcoming he was to me as another Ohio delegate and welcoming me to be here in Congress. I was very comfortable when he, Deborah Pryce and I were the Congress people hosting a banking financial seminar in Columbus not too many months ago, 4, 5, or 6 months ago. It was good to sit with PAUL. We chatted during breaks at the seminar.

One of the things that comes to mind about PAUL is that he was my sister Becky's Congressman. She lives in Henry County in part of his district. She is a yellow dog Democrat, but she loved PAUL GILLMOR. Just as recently as last night, before we knew any of this had happened, we talked about him at dinner. She said, "PAUL GILLMOR always listens to us." So she felt very proud of her relationship with her Congressman.

I think many people have felt that way about PAUL. When this type of thing happens, it shows you the compassion and the feeling among us, as one body, as one set of people representing America. I think that is what makes our country different from others. PAUL GILLMOR was certainly a perfect example of that. So my heart and my sympathy go out to his wife Karen and his five children. Hopefully, they will be able to continue the legacy he has set for the Gillmor family.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. Pryce).

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, we all rise in shock and great sadness to mourn the death of our friend and colleague, PAUL GILLMOR. There is really so much to honor about his life. He was actually a legislator's legislator. Before he came to Capitol Hill, he spent 22 years in the Ohio statehouse where he became the senate president for three terms. He was there during those formative years of his professional life so long, and to the extent that he became a real pro at it, that he had an innate sense of the legislative process. He got to know the people, because half of this work is getting to know the people.

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He seemed to come by it naturally. We would sit at whip meetings when he came to Congress. He would ask all the right questions and get to the bottom line in half the time as anyone else. PAUL GILLMOR really knew what he was doing, and he always made it look so effortless.

He cared about other people. He cared about his staff. He cared about his colleagues. He cared about his friends. I didn't know a single soul who didn't like PAUL GILLMOR. And that is saying a lot in this business. PAUL was a people person. He was a person that others gravitated to because he cared about them.

But he cared about no one more in life than his family. As a Member who on occasion myself has missed a vote on the naming of a post office or two, I really respect the priorities that PAUL GILLMOR had about putting his family first. That's the right thing to do and that's the way PAUL did it.

He has a lot for which Karen, his dear wife, and his family can be proud to look back upon as they examine the legacy that he left to Ohio, to them, and to our country.

Once again, we have much to honor in PAUL GILLMOR's life. Our prayers are with his family.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Ohio (Mrs. Jones) will control the remainder of the time of the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Wilson).

There was no objection.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, at this time, I would yield time to Mr. Obey, the chair of the Appropriations Committee, such time as he may consume.

Mr. OBEY. I thank the gentlewoman for the time.

I simply cannot believe that PAUL is gone. I first got to know him when we both served on a task force to rewrite the code of ethics in the nineties. That was not an easy job. PAUL's performance was solid. It was thoughtful. In all the time that we discussed those issues before we brought our recommendations to the floor, I never saw him for one moment raise a partisan angle on any ethics question, and I never saw him question anyone else's motives.

What I did see was a man who understood that ethics is important, and yet because it involves the rules of the House, it can also be exceedingly complicated.

I never saw PAUL take a single cheap shot in all the time that he served on that committee. That is one of the reasons that he became one of my favorite Republicans in this place, because there are very few people on either side of the aisle

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who aren't willing to take a cheap shot at the other side, even if it results in damage to the institution. That's where PAUL drew the line.

He didn't mind seeking partisan advantage. That's what all of us try to do from time to time. But what he always tried to do, in my judgment, was to seek whatever advantage he saw without taking advantage of the institution at the same time. That's an important line to draw in an institution like this.

I think we can all be grateful for the job that PAUL did for as long as God allowed him to do it. I simply cannot believe he is gone.

I extend my sincere regrets and best wishes to his family and all the members of the Ohio delegation.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Tiberi).

Mr. TIBERI. Ladies and gentlemen of the House, my heart goes out to PAUL's wife, Karen, and his five children.

As Mr. Obey said, I can't believe it, either. I first met PAUL GILLMOR when he served in the Ohio Senate. He had a very distinguished career before ever having come to the U.S. Congress, a career that many would admire, just there in our statehouse in Ohio.

His reputation was as a man of great humility. Something that we all could learn a lesson from is PAUL GILLMOR's humility, the gentleness of PAUL GILLMOR, the way he treated people, the way he loved to serve the public of Ohio and northwest Ohio and the constituents he was so proud to serve.

PAUL was an Air Force veteran. Many didn't know that. He was a proud graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University in my district, and, for an Ohioan, a proud graduate of the University of Michigan's law school.

PAUL was known around the statehouse as a very gentle person, as a man who rose to the top of the political game, but never forgot where he came from, a successful politician, a successful public servant, a successful businessman.

Yesterday I had the opportunity with a couple of other Members, Congressman Jordan and Congressman Hobson, to sit in the airport in Columbus in the afternoon to chat with PAUL as we were coming back to Washington, DC.

I had the added opportunity to spend some time with him on the airplane sitting next to him. I will remember PAUL in the way that I have always known PAUL, a very happy war-

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rior, a man who loved what he did on a daily basis. He enjoyed August, reaching out to community after community in northwest Ohio at town hall meeting after town hall meeting, up at the lake with friends and family. He had a smile on his face. He enjoyed public service. He enjoyed representing the people of northwest Ohio.

That's how I will remember PAUL GILLMOR. We lost a good friend. Ohio lost a native son. And America lost a patriot.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I would like to yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, my first comments are to Karen Gillmor. Karen, I stand in your stead. Only 4 years ago I lost my husband suddenly. All I can say to you is hold on to God's unchanging hand. He will help you through all of this. And as you think about all the wonderful memories and the wonderful opportunities and the blessing that you had to have PAUL GILLMOR in your life. To your sons and daughters, I say the same thing. I always talk to my son, and I say, "Merv, just remember all the good times. Remember all the fun you had, all the things you learned, and cherish each and every one of them."

As a Member of Congress, I rise to speak to honor the life of my colleague and friend, PAUL GILLMOR. PAUL and I served on the Committee on Financial Services together. When I first came to Congress, PAUL reminded me of a big bear, kind of a gentle bear. You don't even know he is really in the room until he kind of humbles into the room. I remember him saying on occasion, Stephanie, Congresswoman Jones, so forth and so on.

I was pleased to have had the opportunity to cosponsor some legislation with him with regard to historic preservation. He and I both understood the importance of preserving historic buildings in this Nation and offered legislation that would have provided tax incentives for people to be able to shore up that legislation.

Unlike PAUL, I was not in the legislature when I first came to Congress. The advantage of having a colleague and a friend who has had some experience in the legislature works greatly. I can remember one time at a Financial Services hearing, as usual, I was going at a witness. Later PAUL said, "Now, Stephanie, just calm down a little bit. It ain't like you're in a courtroom anymore."

We're all going to miss PAUL GILLMOR. The beauty of the U.S. Congress is that it is a bipartisan body where you have Democrats and Republicans who are there and who are able

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to argue or debate their particular issue. But the beauty also of a bipartisan body is that you have Democrats and Republicans who can get along, who understand the importance of raising the issues on behalf of their constituents, but also understand the importance of working together.

I know everyone has already placed into the *Record* all of PAUL's background, experience and things that he did to represent the great State of Ohio. Again, I stand here as a colleague and a friend to talk about my experiences with PAUL GILLMOR, to record them in my memory, and to smile, because at these times it is often hard to smile and lift up a time of laughter. But I call upon all of our friends and colleagues and his family to look to the good times, to look to all the great memories, and, over time, time will heal some of the wounds.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the leader, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Boehner).

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, let me thank the dean of our delegation for bringing this resolution to the floor, and thank my colleague from Cleveland, Mrs. Jones, for her enlightening remarks and lightening this up.

I was here earlier to announce PAUL's passing to the House. I can remember the first time I met PAUL GILLMOR. I was a brand new State legislator. It was 1985, and it wasn't at the statehouse; it was down the street at the Pewter Mug.

Now, for those of us who served in the statehouse, we have all been to the Pewter Mug. That is where I got to know PAUL GILLMOR. He was the senate president; I was a lowly new House member, and Helen used to come over and wait on us. For those who came to the statehouse who went to the Pewter Mug, you would remember Helen, because you could never forget her, and she would never forget PAUL.

I got to know PAUL GILLMOR. In 1986, PAUL decided to run for Governor in a Republican primary, and I was on his team. As a matter of fact, it might have been one of the first political checks I actually wrote was to PAUL GILLMOR when he ran for Governor. Unfortunately, he didn't win that primary election, but I really got to know PAUL GILLMOR.

He really was a public servant who enjoyed what he did, who enjoyed representing people, and someone who came to Congress right before I did. He came in 1988; I came in 1990. We have been close friends over the 17 years that we

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have worked here together. We worked on a number of issues.

PAUL loved to understand what was happening around the world, and he certainly did his share of traveling to try to understand what was happening. But his work on the Energy and Commerce Committee, his work over in the Financial Services Committee will speak for itself.

But earlier this year, I think it was mentioned by the gentleman from Texas, Mr. Barton, earlier this year we lost our majority, we lost a number of seats, and PAUL GILLMOR took the magnanimous step of relinquishing his seat on the Energy and Commerce Committee to take a seat on the Financial Services Committee to help make room for other Members. It was that kindness and consideration that I think all of us will remember about PAUL GILLMOR.

Karen and the children, our prayers are with you. PAUL was a great servant, a great friend, and someone who we will all miss.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio, Tim Ryan.

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman, and I also thank our friend, the dean of the delegation, Mr. Regula.

I would just add for a minute my thoughts and memories of Mr. GILLMOR. I graduated from Bowling Green State University, so I knew of Mr. GILLMOR before I ever got into politics, because as many of the Members from Ohio know, he is a legend in northwest Ohio, especially in Bowling Green and especially with the Bowling Green Young Republicans. He was very familiar.

I remember, as we all do, taking the little trolley back and forth from the office buildings over here, and for some reason our conversations always ended up talking about Ohio State football. Mr. GILLMOR loved the Buckeyes. He loved going to the Ohio State football games. I remember being in the State senate seeing him at the Ohio State football games. That is just the kind of guy he was. He loved football, he loved his country, he loved his constituents, he loved this institution, and he certainly will be missed.

So from the citizens of the 17th District, we just want to thank Mr. GILLMOR for his service and send our condolences and our prayers to his family and his children and his wife Karen. And also to say, as Mr. Boehner, the minority leader said, he was a gentleman. He was a gentle man. In the

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midst of all the chaos of Washington, DC, his silence and his gentleness were very refreshing, and he will be missed.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. Bachus).

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Ohio.

We have heard words about PAUL GILLMOR, our friend, and one word we keep hearing over and over is "caring." He really cared. He cared about his family. You would go in his office and you would see the pictures of his family.

He cared about his staff. Mark Wellman, his chief of staff; Dave Oxner, great guys. They were sort of a reflection and extension of PAUL. They were gentlemen. They really did not care about who got the credit. They were hard workers. I say to Mark and Dave, I know that you are grieving right now.

Mr. Obey mentioned that he cared about this institution. He truly did. He cared about every Member. I never heard him insult another Member. I never heard him say something unkind.

He talked about issues. He felt strongly about issues. The brownfields legislation was a great example of how he was very tenacious, had very strong feelings. He did that earlier this year on the industrial loan companies when, as a small town banker, mainstream banker, he felt very strongly that small town banks were being disadvantaged. But he never said anything unkind about those who opposed his position.

To his credit, I think part of that kindness, that caring, and also his capable leadership, that legislation passed the House 371 to 16. I think brownfields will be part of his legacy, particularly to the industrial States, the people of Ohio that he loved; as will the industrial loan company legislation, that really will help preserve small town mainstream banking.

He was a banker. I had the privilege of appointing PAUL as the ranking member of the Financial Institutions Subcommittee. I never regretted that decision. I knew that what PAUL cared about was not himself or not the glory, but doing what was right for the American people. He never disappointed me. I will miss him deeply.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Burgess).

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Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding. I thank him for convening this resolution this evening and I thank the Ohio delegation for allowing me to be part of this remembrance of the life of our friend PAUL GILLMOR. Like everyone else, I was shocked and saddened this morning to hear the news about the loss of our friend.

We have heard several people talk about Mr. GILLMOR and his work on the committee. I remember last year in the 109th Congress when he was the subcommittee chairman and the work he did on persistent organic pollutants. It really was not something I had ever thought about before I came to Congress, it really wasn't something I ever campaigned on, but PAUL had a way of explaining it and making it understandable and addressing a very complex issue working with both sides of the committee dais to get meaningful legislation passed.

Then at the end of the 109th Congress, after the election, coming back for the 110th Congress, someone explained to me the arithmetic that happens when you lose the majority, and counting on my fingers the number of seats we had lost on the Energy and Commerce Committee and realizing I was no longer going to be on that committee, then later PAUL came to me and said, "Doc, you are too important on that committee, so I am going to stay on Financial Services and I will take a leave from Energy and Commerce."

You heard Ranking Member Barton mention it. You heard Leader Boehner mention it. I was the guy who he let stay on the committee by his selfless act of taking a leave of absence from a committee that he loved, committee work he loved to do. I thank him so much for giving me the opportunity to stay on the committee.

Of course, we welcomed him back a few weeks ago when we needed that extra vote when we were discussing energy legislation. And, sure enough, PAUL was there not just to be a vote, but he brought amendments with him. He tied things up. He behaved just like the PAUL GILLMOR that I had remembered on the committee from the year before.

So, to his family, I wanted you to know, you had heard me mention before how selfless PAUL was about giving up a place on the committee. I am the guy who he let stay on the committee. I will never forget that, and I will always try to live up to his expectations.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to our colleague from Ohio (Mr. Jordan).

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Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I thank the dean of our delegation.

Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues from Ohio in expressing great shock and sadness at the passing of our friend and neighbor, Congressman PAUL GILLMOR.

As previous speakers have mentioned, Congressman GILLMOR was in our district last week with the flooding. I had the opportunity to just visit with him yesterday, as Congressman Tiberi mentioned as well, at the airport before we flew down here. I just can't believe this has happened.

PAUL was a husband and a father. He was a proud Republican, an Air Force veteran, as others mentioned, with Vietnam era service, and a long-time congressional expert on international leaders.

Prior to his distinguished service in Congress, he made his mark in the Ohio Legislature with an impressive 22-year career in the Ohio Senate, and as Congresswoman Pryce mentioned, three terms as senate president.

I had the unique opportunity to work with PAUL on issues that affected our part of Ohio. I counted on him as a staunch ally in promoting the workers and the mission at Lima's Joint Systems Manufacturing Center, our tank plant in Lima, Ohio.

We also shared in challenging times, including the tragic Bluffton University bus crash earlier this year, and more recently, as I mentioned, the flooding that took place and devastated many areas of both of our districts.

I served with PAUL's wife, Karen, in the general assembly, although she was on the senate side and I was on the house side, and got to know their family a little bit over the years. Our family's prayers are with her and the entire Gillmor family as they attempt to find peace in the midst of this tragedy.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. Aderholt).

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in remembering one of our own, PAUL GILLMOR. It is moments like this that you realize the fleeting nature of time. Indeed, we truly realize the shortness of time and the greatness of eternity. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family, his friends and all of the people that he touched during the time he was on this Earth.

Representative GILLMOR was a friend. He was a gentleman whom I had the pleasure of getting to know as a neighbor.

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Because we lived across the street from each other at one time, there were several occasions that we shared a ride home after a long night of votes. During those times, I was able to gain a small measure of the man and discovered him to be generous, kind, and above all, considerate.

The people of Ohio were privileged to have known him as a public servant. The Members of Congress were honored to share him as a colleague. His friends were rewarded with his company, and his family was embraced by his love.

We will miss PAUL and remember our time with him and honor his memory. May God give Karen and his children an extra measure of grace during this most difficult time.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Ohio, Mrs. Schmidt.

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply saddened today by the news of the loss of my dear friend PAUL GILLMOR. PG, as many of us called him, was a shining example of service and leadership. As president of the Ohio Senate, he led Ohio through good times and bad times with such grace.

For the last two decades, he fought for all Ohioans here in Congress, not just those in his own district. During his entire life, PAUL GILLMOR was a true leader, a gentleman and a statesman. Most important, he was a nice guy, a true friend to all.

When I was first elected, he became a mentor to me. I would always welcome his kind words on the House floor, "How is it going, kid?"

Just as important, he was a great father and a loving husband.

My prayers go out to his wonderful wife Karen and all of his children. Ohio has suffered a great loss. America has suffered a great loss. We here in this House have lost a dear friend. May God be with you, PAUL. Godspeed.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Turner).

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the dean of our delegation, Ralph Regula, for bringing this resolution forward to honor the life of PAUL GILLMOR. We are all deeply saddened by the passing of our dear friend, PAUL GILLMOR.

I want to tell you one story from when I first got to Congress. Mr. GILLMOR, as I referred to him, as many have said, had a gentle spirit and an informal way and a very accepting way. When I referred to him as Mr. GILLMOR, he corrected

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me and said, “You’re to call me PAUL.” You will hear, as almost everyone comes forward today and eulogizes him, as they honor him, they refer to him as he had us refer to him, and that is PAUL.

One time we were having dinner and he was talking about some of his accomplishments. Brownfields is an area that is very important to me. When you look across Ohio and see the number of abandoned factory sites and the potential that they represent, PAUL told about his work on the Brownfields Remediation Act that changed the laws that made it easier for those sites to be remediated, and provided tax benefits so that capital would be brought to them.

As you go throughout Ohio today and see abandoned factory sites where buildings are being demolished and new buildings and businesses are being built, it is to PAUL’s credit and one of the things he was most proud of, that he was able to work to change the laws to help make it easier for their sites to be developed.

He talked about the number of jobs that it brought, not just in construction but the jobs that it brought to communities, recognizing the impact on families.

Most recently, Ohio has been plagued by scandals arising from predatory lending. PAUL was a leader in trying to help families and communities that had been subject to predatory lending. He pulled together the Ohio delegation to talk about ways we can impact our neighborhoods and support laws that could impact families that had been subject to predatory lending.

PAUL will be remembered as an effective legislator, and as someone who cared deeply for Ohio and for this institution and for his country, and had an impact on the lives of Ohioans.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi.

Ms. PELOSI. I thank the gentlewoman for yielding on this very sad occasion. I join my colleagues as we face the very sad news regarding the loss of our colleague, PAUL GILLMOR.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all Members of Congress, I rise to pay tribute to PAUL GILLMOR, who passed away suddenly today. I offer my deepest condolences to his wife, Karen, to his two daughters, Linda and Julie, and his three sons, Paul Michael, Connor, and Adam. How proud he was of his children. That was one thing that we used to chat about quite

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regularly. I would hear about the progress of the twins and how everybody was doing.

Congressman PAUL GILLMOR was an experienced and talented legislator who spent much of his life serving his country. His service began in the Air Force where he rose to the rank of captain as an Air Force judge advocate. As a true Ohioan, Congressman GILLMOR then served his State in public office for more than four decades, first in the Ohio State Senate where he was elected president of that body, and later here in the House where he also served ably and was held in high esteem by his colleagues.

More interested in policy than in seeking the limelight, PAUL GILLMOR focused his time here in the House squarely on the needs of his constituents. On the Energy and Commerce Committee he was deeply involved in consumer issues, including protecting consumers from unfair credit report practices. He also worked to preserve our history by supporting and improving sites honoring our Nation's Presidents. As vice president of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, Congressman GILLMOR was the highest ranking American in this highly esteemed international organization of parliamentary members from the 26 NATO states.

Congressman GILLMOR's passing is a loss for this House and for our Nation. It is, of course, a greater loss for his family. I hope it is a comfort to them, to PAUL's family and friends, that so many people mourn their loss and are praying for them at this sad time.

Mr. Speaker, this is a sad day for us because we also learned of the sudden passing of our former colleague, Jennifer Dunn. She was a distinguished former Member of Congress from the State of Washington, and I know we will acknowledge her service and leadership in the Congress on another occasion. But getting hit from all sides on this in one day is a great loss for the Congress.

As I yield back to the distinguished gentlewoman, I also want to thank her for bringing to the attention of so many Members of Congress the passing of Congressman Vanik who served so ably in this body who passed away last week. Anyone who knows about international human rights knows that Congressman Vanik as part of the Jackson-Vanik amendment did so much to free people in the Soviet Union. He made a very big difference for Soviet Jewry.

Ohio has been generous to the country. We mourn the loss of PAUL GILLMOR and Jennifer Dunn and Charles Vanik, the

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last of whom lived until his nineties, so God blessed him with that long life.

God did not give PAUL GILLMOR a long life, but he gave him a life of great quality with a beautiful family and the opportunity to serve a State he loved and a country that he was very patriotic about.

On behalf of all of our colleagues, I extend my deepest sympathy to his family.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Chabot).

Mr. CHABOT. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I stand with my colleagues today to honor the memory of PAUL GILLMOR. He was really a great guy. He actually ran the first time in 1988 for this esteemed institution, for the Congress, the same year I first ran. He won and I didn't. But in 1994 I did get to join him here.

He was one of the guys who, as other Members have said, was just an all around good guy. He really was. You liked to talk to him. For some reason, he used to call me Mr. Steve; I don't know why he did that. So I started calling him Mr. PAUL, and that is the way we referred to each other.

Yesterday evening after we had our votes, we had all come back into town from the August recess and we were asking each other what did you do over the break? What happened during the break? He was telling me how he had stayed pretty close to home. He had worked with his constituents, been with his family for some time, and he wanted to know what I had done. I said I had done some of those same things, and that I had also had an opportunity to go to Darfur where there is probably one of the greatest human tragedies that we have seen on Earth in a number of years, and he was very interested and wanted to know what we can do to help the people in Darfur. So we spent a period of time discussing that right outside those doors just last evening. I was just shocked when I learned that PAUL had passed away suddenly so recently.

He was somebody I think really made a difference in this institution. As has been mentioned, he loved his Buckeyes. He would talk about what they had done and how the game had been played and how he couldn't wait to go to the next game. And he loved our State of Ohio. He loved the people whom he represented. And most especially, he loved his family.

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We are all going to miss PAUL GILLMOR, and we wish the best to his wife Karen and his five children. God bless you, PAUL.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. Maloney).

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. I thank the gentlewoman for yielding, and I rise to express my deep sadness to learn of the passing of one of my good friends and colleagues, PAUL GILLMOR.

PAUL was the ranking member of the Financial Institutions Subcommittee that I chair, and I had the great privilege of working with him on so many important issues throughout the years. In fact, this morning at the hearing we were holding on the subprime mortgage crisis I had reserved 4 minutes for PAUL to speak and he didn't come to the meeting. He was always punctual, and so we sent a staff member out to find him and found out the very sad news.

PAUL was a distinguished Member of Congress representing Ohio for many years. He held some partisan positions as the minority deputy whip; but on Financial Services, he was always ready to reach across the aisle and work in a bipartisan way for the safety and soundness of our financial institutions and protections of consumer concerns.

He had a great deal of experience in banking, and in fact had run banks back in his home State of Ohio, so he brought the practical common sense of having known the business firsthand, and he always had valuable insights.

Just before we broke for our August work period, we had introduced a bill together on file freeze and negotiated various aspects that he thought was important for the bill. He was an outstanding person.

He served during the Vietnam war and he was a distinguished veteran. He served in the Air Force and achieved the status of captain. My brother served in Vietnam, and we shared conversations about that experience.

He was an extremely outstanding leader in his home State of Ohio, and actually served in the State senate and headed the State senate for five terms as minority leader and president (including three of those terms as president) before becoming elected to Congress.

My heart goes out to his wife and children. I know I speak for many of my colleagues when I say that PAUL's presence in this Chamber will be deeply missed. He was an outstanding patriot, an outstanding Congressman, and an out-

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standing spouse, husband and father. We are all deeply saddened.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. Stearns).

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, it is obviously with great sadness that we all honor the service of our colleague and friend, PAUL GILLMOR.

PAUL and I came to Congress the same year. We were in the 101st Congress and we were both veterans of the U.S. Air Force. He obviously expressed a great love for this Nation, for this institution, and I believe sincerely he brought credit to all of us.

This dedication was matched by his love for his family, his wife Karen, his two daughters, Linda and Julie, and his three sons, Paul Michael, Connor and Adam. I express my deepest condolences to the family.

I had the opportunity when I first met PAUL to talk informally with him about his background. He said he was a leader of the senate. Coming from the private sector and not understanding the full significance of what that meant, I became acutely aware of what it meant when I heard him in informal sessions or in meetings where he had a presence about him, an aplomb, and also a sincerity, in which he would express his ideas in a way that would get to the meat of the issue and cut to the chase. And I realized during this, he could do it tactfully. He was not a partisan individual. He was bipartisan, in fact. I can't recollect on the floor him having a really partisan speech because I think it goes to when he was a leader of the senate, he understood to get things done, he had to develop consensus. So when he went to a meeting, he listened more than he talked and he also stepped forward with the idea of what we should do in a very nice way such that most people would say at the end of the meeting, "Wow, PAUL GILLMOR made the most sense."

Another vignette is when he was in the speaker's chair. I watched when there would be a huge din on the floor, and somehow his voice rose to such a crescendo and also a pitch that he could pierce this noise and bring order and stability to the House here. I used to watch him also with great admiration on how he did this. It was a tribute to his leadership and also his background as leader of the senate.

So I come to the House floor to say his dedication and expertise will be greatly missed. He has had 40 years of public service. He established a long record of working for average

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Americans. God bless the Gillmor family, and God bless PAUL GILLMOR.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, how much time is remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Regula) has 2 minutes.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that both sides have 5 additional minutes.

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

There was no objection.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Space).

Mr. SPACE. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank my colleague for yielding the time.

I'm a first-year lawmaker here in Washington and came in with this new majority in a very partisan time in American political history, a time where too often we're preoccupied with political bickering, a time when we needed more people like PAUL GILLMOR on this floor.

PAUL befriended me. We, by chance, both flew out of the Columbus Airport to and from Washington, so we had a chance to sit and talk about nonlegislative matters, about our families, about some of the nonpolitical aspects of this job. And PAUL was one to give advice, despite the fact that we're on the opposite sides of the aisle. He provided me, as a good man would, with the wisdom he's obtained, and as a freshman, I was very grateful to him for his help.

I didn't know PAUL before being elected to the House last November, but we share many mutual friends. Harry Meshel is a dear friend of mine, a former president of the Ohio Senate, was a good friend of PAUL's and spoke very highly of PAUL. And I think it's a testament to the kind of person he is that he would engender that kind of friendship and support, regardless of where one stands on the political aisle.

One other small anecdote that I think sums PAUL up. A very good friend of mine worked in the Ohio caucus 20 years ago when PAUL was with the Ohio Senate, and recently this friend returned to Columbus and ran into PAUL who was there while on break. PAUL still remembered this man, not just his last name, but his first name, and greeted him as a friend after 20 years.

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That's the kind of man PAUL GILLMOR was. That's the kind of man I will remember, and my deepest and heartfelt condolences from not just me but the many good folks of Ohio's 18th District go out to PAUL and his family. He and they are in our prayers.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. Price).

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for yielding.

This is truly a day of great sadness for our conference, for this House, for the State of Ohio and, yes, Mr. Speaker, for our Nation.

Though only in my second term in Congress, I came to know and appreciate PAUL GILLMOR, serving on one of his committees, Financial Services, and I came to appreciate him for many different and wonderful attributes. He had a warm and gentle temperament, a calm and friendly demeanor, a measured and thoughtful reason, and was a respected and respectful legislator. These and so many other attributes shall be missed by one and all.

I join my colleagues in extending our thoughts and our prayers to his constituents, to his friends, and most of all, to his family. We are truly a better Nation because of the service of PAUL GILLMOR.

May God rest his soul.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. Blunt), the minority whip.

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend for yielding and for managing this recognition of our colleague PAUL GILLMOR.

Like so many people in this room, I've had lots of experiences with PAUL, and they were all good, whether they were watching him represent our country in diplomatic situations in his role leading our NATO parliamentary effort, one of the leaders in that effort, or whether it was every Thursday when we had the deputy whip meeting and talked about where we ought to be going as a conference, where we ought to be going as a country.

I remember PAUL said to me one time, "You know, that's my favorite meeting of the week because that's where we talk about the future," and PAUL GILLMOR was a future-oriented guy who loved his family, who loved his country, who loved the concept of public service. And he performed that

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public service well, whether it was years in the Ohio State Senate or two decades in the U.S. Congress.

We will truly miss him. We are surprised at his leaving us way too early. His contributions would have continued to be great here, and the country will suffer from the loss that we feel today.

I also want to reach out to his family. And as I said, PAUL loved his country, but he also loved his family. And you didn't have to spend much time with him to find out that deep love he had for his sons, for his daughters, for his wife and for his extended family. And I appreciate him so much, and I'm going to join his family and his friends in missing him. His place here will be hard to fill, and his contributions have been great.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that both sides have an additional 5 minutes each.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I yield so much time as he may consume to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Hobson), a good friend of PAUL's, a good friend of our Ohio delegation.

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember our good friend PAUL GILLMOR. Just yesterday, the three of us rode in together from Columbus.

I saw him in the airport, and I said, "Hi, Gillmo." He said, "Hi, Honorable Dave," and we started to talk, as we did often, because we've known each other a long time.

And I said, What'd you do, and he told me about going to the floods. And then he told me about his boat and the times he was having on the lake with his children and Karen, and he was happy.

Then we started to talk business, because PAUL wasn't just a legislator. He was a businessman, too, and he was starting a bank in Florida. He said, "You want to invest?" I said, "Well, we've been talking about that." So we talked about that for a while, and he was happy, and we were all happy. We were colleagues, friends.

I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for PAUL GILLMOR. When PAUL GILLMOR was president of the senate, I lost an election and got appointed to the State senate. PAUL GILLMOR was president then for a few more weeks before we became the minority, and he helped pick me. He picked me,

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and the newspaper read “Loser Wins.” But PAUL GILLMOR set me on the way.

I’ve never lost another election, thanks to PAUL GILLMOR. PAUL GILLMOR was always there, and I think his staff knows that.

I met a young man then in the State senate named Mark Wellman who was working for PAUL then. He works with PAUL to this day. That’s the kind of loyalty people had to PAUL GILLMOR.

I know of no politician in Ohio today who doesn’t have respect for PAUL GILLMOR and wasn’t his friend. He transcended partisanship. He had his way about the things he had to get done, but it never became personal.

When we were in the legislature, both sides had great respect for PAUL GILLMOR, and we used to meet together and talk about things together. PAUL GILLMOR was a unique person in that respect because there’s always somebody out there who has got it in for somebody, but they didn’t have it in for PAUL GILLMOR because he was what I would call a true gentleman.

We’re SAEs and Ralph’s an SAE, too, and PAUL went to Ohio Wesleyan, and I went to Ohio Wesleyan. We went there at the same time. But I would meet people when I got in the State senate, and they asked, “Do you know SKIP, SKIP GILLMOR?” I said, “No, I don’t know SKIP GILLMOR. I know Senator GILLMOR.” But he was SKIP GILLMOR to all the people at Ohio Wesleyan. They loved him at Ohio Wesleyan, and they still do. One of the first calls I got today was from people at Ohio Wesleyan asking, What do we do? I said I don’t know.

We’ve lost a good friend. I hope Karen and the children can review the statements that have been made about PAUL today. It’s something that is not said about a lot of people. He was a good man, he was a great man, and he was a great father to his children, which is the most important thing, and we’re going to miss him.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 1 minute. I just want to say, too, that PAUL cared a lot about his staff. He was always a person who cared for others, and particularly his staff, and I want the members of his staff to know that we understand the great loss that they feel.

I guess particularly when I left the Ohio Senate, my staff person was inherited by PAUL, and we used to often talk about Celia Forker, about Celia did this and Celia did that, because we both shared a great fondness for her. I know that

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PAUL felt that way about his staff here. It's a great loss to his staff to have a Member that had the caring concern that he did.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the people of Ohio have lost a dedicated public servant and genuine leader today with the passing of Congressman PAUL GILLMOR. As a colleague and friend in the House of Representatives, PAUL was a strong voice for the needs and interests of the people he represented as well as a model of integrity.

In addition to the almost 20 years he served as a Member of Congress and the two decades he spent in the Ohio State Senate, PAUL was also a veteran of the U.S. Air Force serving on active duty during Vietnam.

As a fellow member of the Republican whip team, I enjoyed sitting with PAUL at the weekly meetings where he always was perceptive and provided insight from his decades of legislative service.

Our thoughts and prayers are with PAUL's family during these difficult times.

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Congressman PAUL GILLMOR and offer my sincere condolences to his family. My wife and I extend our sympathies to PAUL's wife Karen and their five children. I know that no words can provide comfort during this difficult time or shine light on this period of darkness, but please know that PAUL's family remains in my thoughts and prayers.

I had the pleasure to work closely with PAUL as a member of both the Energy and Commerce Committee and Financial Services Committee for nearly 10 years. I got to see first-hand his passion for public service, his commitment to the people of Ohio and the earnest way in which he approached his job. He truly loved representing his community and making a positive difference in their lives and the lives of all Americans.

The Fifth District of Ohio was well served with PAUL GILLMOR in office, and he will be remembered dearly for his many years of public service.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of our time.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests and join with my colleagues issuing condolences to

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the Gillmor family, and I yield back the balance of my time as well.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the resolution.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the late PAUL GILLMOR. PAUL was a gentle, compassionate man who will be missed by all of us in Congress, as well as by those in his district. Our hearts go out to Karen and his children during this difficult time.

I'm an Ohio native and before redistricting, PAUL represented my family members in Ohio.

His wife Karen served on the Heidelberg College Board of Trustees with me, and I know all the Heidelberg family also mourns his passing. He was an ardent supporter of the college.

Please keep his family in your prayers.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in heartfelt sorrow to mourn the passing of the Honorable PAUL E. GILLMOR, a true friend and a wonderful statesman for the people of Ohio. I was greatly saddened when I was told the terrible news of his passing this morning. The House of Representatives has lost a hardworking leader who was a friend to many on both sides of the aisle in this Chamber.

My heart goes out to his wife Karen, and their children Linda, Julie, Paul Michael, Adam, and Connor during this difficult time. I will be keeping his memory, and his surviving family in my thoughts and prayers. I pray for his Washington, DC, and Ohio congressional staffers who have served him and the people of the Fifth Congressional District of Ohio.

Congressman GILLMOR never forgot his roots and he was always a champion for the people who he represented in Congress. He won his first primary election for Congress by only 27 votes; the grit and determination that carried him to victory on that day never left him for the remainder of his service in Congress. When I first arrived at the House in 1997, I was instantly impressed with the plain-spoken gentleman from Ohio. He leaves behind a strong legacy of serv-

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ice to this House. I have lost a friend, and words cannot fully express my sorrow in his passing. God bless.

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise with our colleagues today to pay tribute to the lifetime of public service of our late colleague PAUL GILLMOR of Ohio.

I know this House today is in shock at the devastating news of PAUL's passing just last night. I join in expressing profound sympathy to PAUL's family—his wife Karen, two daughters, Linda and Julie, and three sons, Paul Michael, and twins Connor and Adam. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

PAUL, who began his 10th term in the House in January, chose a noble life of serving his country. A graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and the University of Michigan Law School, he attained the rank of captain while on active duty as an Air Force judge advocate during the Vietnam war. Before coming to Congress as the Representative of the Fifth District of Ohio, he diligently served the people of Ohio for 22 years in the Ohio Senate. As a State senator, he was unanimously elected Republican leader five times, and served as president of the senate for three general assemblies.

PAUL was a respected Member of this House and friend to those on both sides of the aisle. He loved this institution and worked hard for the people of his district and for all Americans not only on national issues, but he also was unanimously elected in 2006 by representatives of the 26 NATO countries to serve as vice president of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, in remembering PAUL GILLMOR and his proud life of public service, I am reminded of the words of scripture in Matthew 25: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

This House and this Nation will miss the service of PAUL GILLMOR. God bless you PAUL, and God's blessings on your family and many friends and constituents in Ohio.

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend and colleague, the Honorable PAUL GILLMOR.

Throughout his life PAUL was a dedicated servant for the people of his home State of Ohio and his country. He proudly served in the U.S. Air Force, attaining the rank of captain.

In 1967 PAUL began what would become a long and successful political career. He served 22 years in the Ohio State

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Senate, and he served as Republican leader five times. A classmate of mine, in 1989 he began the first of 10 terms in the U.S. House of Representatives serving the people of the Fifth District in Ohio. PAUL was the senior member of the Committee on Financial Services and the ranking Republican on the Financial Institutions Subcommittee. He also served as a member of the Subcommittees on Capital Markets and Housing. PAUL had a lot of responsibilities in serving the second largest district in Ohio, but he did so valiantly and with tremendous success, showing that he was a true leader. He served eight terms as a member of the Republican whip team, including serving as deputy minority whip. PAUL was also unanimously elected to serve as vice president of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. His ability to lead earned PAUL great respect among his colleagues and his constituents.

His length and success of service was evidence of how he truly listened to his constituents and did all that he could to help them. He was the consummate professional—always putting the best interests of his constituents and his country ahead of partisanship by being willing to work across party lines to successfully achieve goals.

PAUL was a soldier, a State senator, and a Congressman, but the roles he cherished most were that of husband and father. Few things meant more to PAUL than his constituency, but his family definitely ranked number one in his life. PAUL's five children were his pride and joy. His happiest times were spent with his wife and children.

My deepest heartfelt condolences go out to PAUL's wife Karen and his children Linda, Julie, Paul Michael, Connor, and Adam. My thoughts and prayers and those of my wife Dede are with them at this difficult time, and we thank them for sharing PAUL with us for so many years. He was a wonderful friend and colleague and will be sorely missed.

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend, Representative PAUL GILLMOR. I learned of his sudden passing, and my wife and I are greatly saddened by this news. I offer my prayers of support to his wife Karen and their two daughters, Linda and Julie, and their three sons, Paul Michael and twins Connor and Adam.

I take great pride in knowing such an honorable gentleman who humbly served his country and constituents. PAUL began his life of public service as a judge advocate in the Air Force during the Vietnam conflict from 1965 to 1966. He continued his service as a State senator for 22 years and

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was president of the Ohio Senate for three general assemblies. Ever since he was first elected to Congress in 1988, he has honorably represented his constituents in the most ethical manner. He was reelected to each subsequent Congress by substantial margins, indicating the trust and confidence his constituents placed in him. He served them well and diligently.

Representative GILLMOR and I were both long-time congressional representatives to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. PAUL was particularly active in this organization and served several years as chair of the important Economic and Security Committee, and most recently has been serving as the vice president of the entire Assembly. In all Assembly activities, Representative GILLMOR conscientiously and honorably represented the interests of the United States.

Above all, PAUL was a good friend, confidant, and advisor to me. He was a fountain of wisdom and sage advice, and I deeply appreciated his friendship and that of his wife Karen. My wife and I both enjoyed their company as we traveled together to NATO meetings to represent the United States. Karen and PAUL were particularly proud of their children, and often told us about their development and prowess.

We will all miss PAUL, and express our condolences to Karen and the children. He made an important mark on the history of our Nation and the world. Our country is the better for his participation in the Congress and the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

May God bless Karen, the children, and all PAUL's relatives, and give them comfort and strength during this time of sorrow.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a great American and a Member of this House. PAUL E. GILLMOR was a veteran, lawyer, businessman, and Member of Congress from Ohio.

Congressman GILLMOR was a respected Member of this body and respected by all who knew him. He was actually a legislator's legislator. He was known often to put aside partisan politics and reach across the aisle to legislate in a bipartisan manner for the best interests of the American people.

In 1961 he received a bachelor of arts degree from Ohio Wesleyan University. Although he was a lifelong Buckeye, PAUL GILLMOR received a law degree from the University of Michigan Law School. From 1965 to 1966, he served his country in the U.S. Air Force as a judge advocate, attaining

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the rank of captain. In 1983 he married Karen Lako, who also served in the Ohio Senate. He had five children: daughters Linda and Julie and sons Paul Michael and twins Adam and Connor.

Before he came to Capitol Hill in 1988, he spent 22 years in the Ohio statehouse where he became the senate president for three terms. He got to know the people, because half of this work is getting to know the people. His presence will be greatly missed and we all mourn his loss and extend our sincerest condolences to his family and friends.

More interested in policy than in seeking the limelight, PAUL GILLMOR focused his time here in the House squarely on the needs of his constituents. On the Energy and Commerce Committee he was deeply involved in consumer issues, including protecting consumers from unfair credit report practices. He also worked to preserve our history by supporting and improving sites honoring our Nation's Presidents.

PAUL GILLMOR was unanimously elected in 2006 by representatives of the 26 NATO countries to serve as vice president of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. As vice president of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, Congressman GILLMOR was the highest ranking American in this highly esteemed international organization.

Most recently, Ohio has been plagued by scandals arising from predatory lending, and Representative GILLMOR was a leader in trying to help families and communities that had been subject to predatory lending, pulling together the Ohio delegation to identify ways we can impact our neighborhoods and support laws that could impact families that had been subject to predatory lending.

Mr. Speaker, a dear colleague has fallen but he will not be forgotten. We are all saddened by our loss but we are happy to have served with him. Our prayers and condolences go out to his widow Karen, his five children, and to thousands of his friends around the Nation. He touched so many lives during his career in politics, and he will truly be missed by me and the American people.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to House Resolution 632, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable PAUL E. GILLMOR.

There was no objection.

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Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 19 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, September 6, 2007, at 10 a.m.

FRIDAY, *September 7, 2007*

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Shaken by the news of the sudden death of Congressman PAUL GILLMOR of Ohio and mindful also of the passing of former Members, the Honorable Jennifer Dunn and Charles Vanik, we turn to You, Lord God of the living and the dead.

In Your wisdom You called them and all deceased Members of this Chamber to serve their brothers and sisters in the backyards, fields, and streets of their districts, and yet represent them in this legislative body of the Nation.

Now called from this life, welcome them into Your presence, that they may enjoy the eternal justice and peace they sought here on Earth. Reward their public service with Your profound mercy and eternal rest. Comfort their families in this time of sorrow and loss.

God of faithfulness, enable all these who respectfully mourn now to press on with renewed faith and seek Your kingdom, trusting in Your loving guidance and the promise of eternal reward, both now and forever.

Amen.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week the House of Representatives lost a giant, and the people of Ohio and indeed all Americans lost a true legislative workman with the passing of Congressman PAUL GILLMOR.

When I first was elected to this House, I was told by former President Gerald Ford, who served with distinction here for many, many years, that there are two types of Representatives: The workhorse and the show horse. The show horse, you see their face on TV all the time and they issue bombastic press releases. It is the workhorses that get the work done in this Chamber for the American people.

PAUL GILLMOR was a workhorse. Not only was he a workhorse and a true legislative craftsman, but he applied what those of us who live in the upper Midwest refer to as Midwestern common sense. We think that we have maybe more of that than those that live in other parts of the country. But

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PAUL's Midwestern common sense meant that the legislative activities that he was engaged in were done professionally and were done for the benefit of all Americans.

I am sorry to see PAUL pass. We have all lost a giant. Cheryl and I send our condolences to his wife and his children.

Mr. HOYER. . . . On Tuesday, the House will meet at 10:30 a.m. in a pro forma session. There will be no votes. No legislative business or votes are expected. The tragic loss of Mr. GILLMOR saddened us all. His funeral is on that day, and many Members will be attending. It will take place that morning in Ohio. . . .

Mr. BLUNT. I thank the gentleman. I also thank the gentleman for his accommodation to the schedule. I know I want to go and many other Members will want to attend the memorial service for our good friend PAUL GILLMOR who did so much work for his constituents in this House. . . .

FRIDAY, *September 14, 2007*

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE TO ATTEND
FUNERAL OF THE LATE HONORABLE PAUL E. GILLMOR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 632, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable PAUL E. GILLMOR:

- Mr. Regula, Ohio
- Mr. Boehner, Ohio
- Mr. Blunt, Missouri
- The members of the Ohio delegation:
- Ms. Kaptur
- Mr. Hobson
- Ms. Pryce
- Mr. Chabot
- Mr. LaTourette
- Mr. Kucinich
- Mrs. Jones
- Mr. Tiberi
- Mr. Turner
- Mr. Ryan
- Mrs. Schmidt
- Mr. Jordan

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Mr. Space
Ms. Sutton
Mr. Wilson, and
Mr. Lewis, California
Mr. Petri, Wisconsin
Mr. Hall, Texas
Mr. Barton, Texas
Mr. Kanjorski, Pennsylvania
Mr. Upton, Michigan
Mr. McNulty, New York
Mr. Stearns, Florida
Mr. Tanner, Tennessee
Mr. Bachus, Alabama
Mr. Mica, Florida
Mr. Watt, North Carolina
Mr. Ehlers, Michigan
Mr. LaHood, Illinois
Mr. Shadegg, Arizona
Mr. Wicker, Mississippi
Mrs. Emerson, Missouri
Mr. Aderholt, Alabama
Mrs. Biggert, Illinois
Mr. Moore, Kansas
Mr. Reynolds, New York
Ms. Schakowsky, Illinois
Mr. Walden, Oregon
Mr. Pence, Indiana
Mr. Ross, Arkansas
Mr. Forbes, Virginia
Mr. Boozman, Arkansas
Mr. Wilson, South Carolina
Mr. Cole, Oklahoma
Mr. Gingrey, Georgia
Mr. King, Iowa
Mr. Chandler, Kentucky
Mr. Inglis, South Carolina
Mr. Conaway, Texas
Mr. Dent, Pennsylvania
Mr. Price, Georgia

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THURSDAY, *October 18, 2007*

Mr. TANNER. . . . I wish to add that this was the first meeting [of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly] in many years that we were without our friend, the late Representative PAUL GILLMOR. He had been my delegation co-chair since the beginning of the 110th Congress, and we conducted many meetings together, in harmony and friendship. He served in a number of offices in the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, and was always the voice of reason and judiciousness. He was widely admired, not only here in the United States, but by his Assembly colleagues across the political spectrum. There was a moving tribute to his memory during the plenary session of the Assembly on October 9. He will be greatly missed. . . .

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Proceedings in the Senate

WEDNESDAY, *October 17, 2007*

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. Brown):

S. 2174. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 175 South Monroe Street in Tiffin, Ohio, as the “Paul E. Gillmor Post Office Building”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation to name the Post Office in Tiffin, Ohio, after the late U.S. Representative PAUL E. GILLMOR. It is my honor to introduce this bill because of my close relationship with Congressman GILLMOR, and the utmost respect I have for him and his service to the people of Ohio. I would like to thank Senator Brown for his cosponsorship.

PAUL and I met four decades ago in 1967 when we began our careers together, PAUL as a State senator and I as a member of the Ohio House. PAUL was immensely successful and well respected because he treated others with dignity and respect.

During his tenure as president of the Ohio Senate, he was able to put partisan politics aside and work together with Governor Celeste for the best interests of the State.

PAUL had a wonderful knack for being able to work with people to get things done. He led by example, and his enthusiasm and ability always made you want to be on his team. He left an indelible mark on the people he worked with which is a part of his wonderful, lasting legacy.

When I came to the Senate I knew I had a real friend in PAUL GILLMOR. My only regret is that I did not have more time to spend with him.

Because of PAUL’s diligent and devoted service to his country, it is fitting that the post office in Tiffin, Ohio, should soon bear his name. Not far from his small home town of Old Fort, Ohio; Tiffin was chosen in concurrence with the wishes of his wife, Karen Gillmor.

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*The Honorable
Paul E. Gillmor*

Date of Birth
February 1, 1939

Date of Death
September 5, 2007

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Paul E. Gillmor: A Record of Service

Captain, United States Air Force
1965–1966

Member of the Ohio Senate

1967–1988

Republican Leader, Ohio Senate
1978–1988

President, Ohio Senate
1981–1982, 1985–1988

Recognized as one of the Ten Most Outstanding
Legislators in the United States by the National Republican
Legislators Assoc.
1983

Member of the U.S. House of Representatives

1989–2007

Ranking Republican Member
Committee on House Administration
Subcommittee on Accounts
1989–1991

Deputy Republican Whip
1995–2007

Chairman
Committee on Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on
Environment & Hazardous Materials
2001–2007

Chairman
NATO Parliamentary Assembly Committee on
Economics and Security
2002–2006

Vice President, North America
NATO Parliamentary Assembly
2006–2007

Ranking Republican Member
Committee on Financial Services Subcommittee on
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Paul E. Gillmor Memorial Service

Statehouse Atrium

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Musical Prelude

Welcome

Master of Ceremonies
Senator Randy Gardner, 2nd District

Invocation

The Reverend Jim Lillibridge
Pastor, Indian Run United Methodist Church

Remarks

Governor Ted Strickland
President Bill Harris, Ohio Senate
Speaker Jon Husted
Ohio House of Representatives
Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer
Supreme Court of Ohio
Stanley J. Aronoff
Former President, Ohio Senate

You Raise Me Up lyrics by Josh Groban

Vocalist: James "Jack" France

Remarks

United States Senator George V. Voinovich
Republican Leader John Boehner
United States House of Representatives, 8th District, Ohio
Congressman Ralph Regula, 16th District, Ohio
Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, 9th District, Ohio
Congressman John Tanner, 8th District, Tennessee
Tom Suddes, Op-Ed Columnist, *The Plain Dealer*

Thank You

Karen L. Gillmor, PhD

Benediction

The Reverend Jim Lillibridge

Recessional

Music by

Members of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra

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In Memory of
The Honorable Paul E. Gillmor

Final Resting Place
Pleasant Union Cemetery
Old Fort, Ohio



If it is encouraging, let him encourage;
if it is contributing to the needs of others,
let him give generously;
if it is leadership, let him govern diligently;
if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

—Romans 12:8

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SENATOR RANDY GARDNER. Good morning. To Governor and Mrs. Strickland, State officeholders, past and present, members of the Ohio Senate and the Ohio House of Representatives, Members of Congress, to those who served on the staff of both Senator GILLMOR and Congressman GILLMOR, Mrs. Gillmor and family, and to all who have gathered here today to mourn the passing of the Honorable PAUL E. GILLMOR and also to celebrate the life of this great man, welcome to the Ohio statehouse.

We have known PAUL GILLMOR by many titles and in many ways over the years. He has been called senator, senate president, Congressman, Air Force captain, husband, father, grandfather, and friend. Indeed to many of us, one of the very best friends we could ever have. PAUL GILLMOR's more than 40 years of public service is known to be one of the most distinguished careers in Ohio politics. But even more important than the titles, and the awards, and the accomplishments in both the senate and in Congress, he will best be remembered by many of us as just one of the finest, most decent and honorable people we have ever known.

A number of PAUL's colleagues have been asked to share with us today. First for our opening prayer I would call on the Reverend Jim Lillibridge of the Indian Run United Methodist Church of Dublin followed by Governor Ted Strickland.

Reverend Lillibridge.

REVEREND JIM LILLIBRIDGE. Thank you Senator Gardner. If you're able would you please stand with me.

Let us pray.

Almighty God our Heavenly Father from whom we come and to whom our spirits return. You have been our dwelling place in all generations. You alone are our refuge and strength in time of need. May Your spirit fall fresh upon us as we gather here today. And as we shrink before the mystery of death, grant us Your grace, that we might see the light of eternity.

We pause today, gracious God, to praise You for the great company of all those who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labor. We praise You for those dear to us whom we name in our hearts before You.

And especially today Heavenly Father, we praise You for PAUL E. GILLMOR whom you have graciously received into Your presence. For his life we thank You. For the ways in which You carefully formed and made him. Thank You for placing your thumbprint on his life and creating a right spir-

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it within him. We thank You God for his merciful heart and cheerful attitude, his skillful diplomacy and encouraging ways, his calm presence, humble spirit, and willingness to always go with the flow, for his love of home, community, and Nation; and most certainly we thank You most Heavenly Father for his love and devotion to his family. Family was everything to PAUL GILLMOR. And for all that he was and for his memory that continues to live on in all our hearts, we thank You and praise You most gracious God.

And now as we continue our service today grant us the assurance of Your presence, that we who are anxious and fearful in the face of death may confidently face the future in the knowledge that You have prepared a place for all who love you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

You may be seated.

GOVERNOR TED STRICKLAND. With the passing of PAUL GILLMOR, Ohio has lost a devoted servant of the people. Today we face a moment of great sadness. But we also remember a lifetime that is worthy of our celebration today. It's not in vain, the poet wrote, that a man serves his fellow man.

To PAUL's wife Karen, his daughters Linda and Julie, his sons Paul Michael, Adam, and Connor, and to his grandchildren, you will hear heartfelt tributes today to PAUL's dedicated service in the U.S. House and in the Ohio Senate. And there could be no doubt that his work touched all of the people of Ohio, his work touched our Nation, and the people of the world.

But having had the privilege of serving in the House with PAUL, I know that his proudest days came not from bills he passed or elections he won. On his proudest days, he was blessed by the birth of his children and the beautiful moments of their lives. For all of PAUL's family in your time of grief, may his love provide comfort to you and may his strength provide strength to you.

The words that those of us who knew PAUL used to describe him are probably not the first words that one would associate with a politician. PAUL was a humble man, unselfish, thoughtful, decent, a man of his word. He dedicated his professional life to politics. From the time he was 27 years old, he served every day of his life in elected office.

He pursued a life in politics not for the material gain—PAUL had the resources to live a life of ease, but he chose a life of larger concerns.

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He pursued a life in politics not for attention. PAUL wasn't one to shout. He wasn't one to chase television cameras or grab headlines. "I'm just a plain vanilla type of guy," he said of himself.

PAUL pursued a life in politics not for the fight of it. PAUL was dedicated to his principles, but he understood that his adversaries were not his enemies.

Indeed, longtime Ohio Speaker Vern Riffe said that it was easier to get things done for the great State of Ohio when PAUL was the senate president, than when members of Riffe's own party were in charge.

PAUL pursued a life in politics to do good. He lived his beliefs. He was dedicated to his constituents. He applied his knowledge every day that he was in office.

In just the last few months, PAUL used his vast experience on banking issues and joined with a bipartisan group of colleagues to work on a bill protecting homebuyers from predatory lenders.

Thinking of PAUL, I remember the words of the young missionary Jim Elliot who was killed on the mission field. When Jim Elliot's parents looked at his diary, they saw that their son had written these words, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

PAUL GILLMOR gave us his intellect, his honesty, and his dedication. All that cannot be kept beyond this earthly life. And in so doing, he gained what he will never lose; our admiration, our respect, and our honor.

OHIO SENATE PRESIDENT BILL HARRIS. First, let me thank Congressman GILLMOR's family for allowing all of us to join with you in celebrating the life and the work of truly a great man who gave so much to the great State of Ohio.

We all know the sacrifices that families make when their loved ones choose the path of public service. Linda, Julie, Paul Michael, Connor, and Adam, for four decades of a distinguished career, through campaigns, sessions, town hall forums, late meetings and many nights away from home, you shared your dad and our friend with us. And Karen, we all know how well you supported PAUL in his career. And we also know how well PAUL supported you in your career in the Ohio Senate.

I hope in this difficult time we can find some comfort in the fact that Ohio is a better place because of PAUL GILLMOR's life and his commitment to service. As current

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president of the Ohio Senate, I am very proud but also very humbled to follow in PAUL GILLMOR's steps.

The year was 1967 when a 27-year-old lawyer from Old Fort began his career in public service in the Ohio Senate. PAUL served during a critical time in the Ohio General Assembly's history, helping to shape in what is today, both from an organizational and political standpoint, the outstanding organization that it is.

If you'll remember, 1967 was also the year that the voters of Ohio passed the constitutional amendment that established the house and the senate as we know it today—99 house members and 33 senators. PAUL began his career in the majority. But during the 22-year tenure as control of the chamber changed 4 times, he certainly had an opportunity to get the majority perspective and the minority perspective. Whether it was this perspective or just the general good nature of this man, and all of us that know him know no one could do anything except like and love him, PAUL GILLMOR showed a great willingness to work on both sides of the aisle to get things done, regardless of his party's current standings.

He worked well with Vern Riffe, as our Governor just mentioned, longtime speaker of the house of representatives. Vern Riffe said, "PAUL GILLMOR is a man of his word." And I would add to that amen. The way he developed these relationships and his ability to work with other parties are the kinds of experiences that change politicians into statesmen. And PAUL GILLMOR was indeed a statesman.

Approximately halfway through his service in 1978, the voters passed another constitutional amendment that established that the Governor and Lieutenant Governor would be a combined ticket and at this time the majority leader of the senate would become the president of the senate and that's the way it currently remains.

In 1981, PAUL GILLMOR got his first opportunity to be senate president under the new system. He lost it briefly, along with a slim 3-member majority and then won it back in 1984 and in doing so, he created a legacy that we continue to work very hard to preserve even more than a decade later.

The challenges we face in our State and at the Federal level are as difficult as any we face in our State's history. More than ever, we need elected officials like PAUL GILLMOR who demonstrated leadership, vision, a commitment to service, and the ability to reach out across the aisle for the good of this great State.

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Though in his death we suffer the loss of a great leader for Ohio, we are exceedingly grateful and thankful to have PAUL GILLMOR's example to follow.

Thank you and God bless you.

OHIO HOUSE SPEAKER JON HUSTED. To Karen Gillmor and the family of Congressman PAUL GILLMOR, on behalf of the Ohio House of Representatives, I would like to convey our deepest sympathies. You have lost a husband and a father, we have lost a friend, and Ohio has lost one of its most dedicated public servants. You are and will remain in our thoughts and prayers.

To all who join us today, thank you for your presence here to pay honor and respect to a friend, a colleague, and a fellow public servant. It is a truly fitting tribute in this room, filled with those who were touched by PAUL's life and those who are here today to honor PAUL's service. It is in times of sadness and celebration that families come together. Today, as an extended family, we come together for both purposes; to grieve the loss of PAUL GILLMOR and to celebrate his life.

While here in the legislature, PAUL worked with his colleagues on both sides of the aisle. He embodied the spirit of bipartisanship. He knew that regardless of political party, that in times of need, we should come together to get the job done.

PAUL believed that we are all one family in service to the people we represent. PAUL had a relationship with his legislative family for more than 40 years. And he had an even longer relationship with his constituents, many of whom he cared for like an extended family back home.

I grew up in PAUL's district and in many ways the people there are the heart of Ohio. Whether farmers or factory workers, the people that called PAUL their Congressman are plain spoken, work hard, and demand honesty. I can attest to the fondness he had for his constituents. And in turn, his constituents honored him with their trust, confidence, and respect. You could even say that many considered him part of their families, for to many he was the only Member of Congress they had ever known. In fact, he began representing the senate district the year I was born.

For those public officials here today, we often consider election day our day of judgment. But PAUL GILLMOR knew better. PAUL understood the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson, who said that no man has learned anything until he knows

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that everyday is the judgment day. And PAUL gave each day to serving others.

From the flags he flew over the statehouse for those in his district, to the school groups, the boy scouts, the honor students, the sports teams, everybody from back home that he honored during his service here, PAUL wanted to share his respect for this institution with all whom he encountered. If you had a problem and he could help, he would, and then some. PAUL understood that the little things could be big things to someone in need.

Gathered here today throughout this room are his family, his nearest and dearest, his colleagues and his constituents. We are all blessed to have had him in our lives. His absence leaves an emptiness that those closest to him hope to fill with fond memories and I hope we provide you a few today.

And may we honor his memory in this statehouse by pulling together during the tough times just as PAUL GILLMOR did when he served here.

To the Gillmor family, thank you for sharing PAUL with us. He will be greatly missed. And may God bless you all.

OHIO SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE THOMAS J. MOYER. Karen, Linda, Julie, Paul Michael, Connor, Adam, members of Paul Gillmor's family, Governor and Mrs. Strickland, Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, members of the general assembly, leaders of the general assembly past and present, Members of Congress, thank you. So many of you have come to pay your respects to PAUL GILLMOR. Participants of this wonderful ceremony in honor of PAUL GILLMOR, public officials, friends, and colleagues of PAUL, first on behalf of the third branch, all of whom are here representing the Supreme Court, we extend our deepest sympathies to you and to your family, Karen.

Each of us come to this ceremony with our own personal memories of PAUL GILLMOR. I knew him as a friend but I knew him best as citizen legislator. And I respected him greatly. At times such as this we realize that in acknowledging a person's legacy, it does not matter how many years we were here in this life but rather what we have done with the time God has given us. PAUL used his time to set a wonderful example for those who would serve in public office.

Public opinion polls and surveys tell us that Americans, regardless of political party, want their elected officeholders to be honest, to be decent, to be civil, and to work with those with whom they disagree in order to constructively address

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the issues before them. But PAUL GILLMOR did not need a public opinion poll to tell him that, that's just the way he was.

He knew that a difference of opinion is not a difference of character, that it is more important to keep a promise than to make a promise, and that service to the common good produces more than service to oneself. So PAUL we thank you.

I have to say this to PAUL, in death you have done something that none of us have done in life and that's to cause Tom Suddes to dress up and wear a tie.

But we thank you PAUL for always being one person. For reminding us that persons of the highest character are attracted to public office. And we thank you for creating a legacy that says in a democracy there are no positions of public trust more important than citizen legislator.

PAUL we will miss you, and the Americans who respond to those opinion polls will miss you too.

FORMER OHIO SENATE PRESIDENT STANLEY J. ARONOFF. Karen and Gillmor family—thank you so much for the honor of letting a non-elected official, currently elected official, speak a few words.

I can think of no one who was more comfortable in his skin than PAUL GILLMOR.

I met him at our swear-in. We were both freshmen senators. But I had 6 years on him in the Ohio House. I tried to claim that seniority our entire life but he never let me.

PAUL was the same person in 1967 that he was when I last saw him in Washington this year. Unpretentious, modest, genuine, frank, quietly funny, reliable, unassuming but tough, disarming, and I could go on, and on, and on, and every person in this room would have something like that to say about PAUL. They'd all be favorable. And they'd all be true. They just begin to describe the kind of person PAUL was. He was the kind of friend that everyone would like to have.

We came to the senate in the majority, spent a lot of years in the minority, and then in the early 1980s returned to the majority. PAUL was instrumental in our return to "power" and he was unanimously elected our senate president. And he stayed there as senate president, except for 2 years I'd like to forget.

He was elected to Congress in 1988, winning by a landslide in the primary of 27 votes, and those 27 votes were the reason I became senate president. PAUL had promised to

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turn over the gavel to me and for that I am forever grateful. By the way, for the Congressmen here, it's my refusal to let go of that gavel that David Hobson decided to run for Congress.

Few politicians like serving in the minority as well as the majority. That's a truism and PAUL was no different. But he never let ambition change the qualities that I just mentioned. However much we wanted to win, PAUL was always the same. And he selected a good strong team. Jim Tilling, Curt Steiner, Neil Clark. All rather successful in their own rights right now. And they helped elevate, what we called ourselves "the dirty dozen," into the majority.

And from what I know, PAUL didn't change when he came to Congress. He loved the job. But he didn't catch Potomac Fever. He still was the same easygoing, responsible, charming guy who really enjoyed what he was doing. And I'm sure that Minority Leader John Boehner will amplify on that.

That all of these Congresspersons are here today is testimony to the respect that PAUL had in Congress and the kind of person and friend he was in the U.S. House of Representatives. That the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board would also recognize his impressive Ohio career and have him memorialized in our statehouse is deeply appreciated by everyone in this room and especially, I am sure, by Karen and her family.

On behalf of all of you that are attending today may I thank Governor Strickland and all the members of the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board, especially Senator Finan, Bill Carleton, Senator Zimmers. PAUL deserves this honor because of the human being that he was and the example that he set. I wish I could name everyone and if I forget I apologize but while I'm here I know of certain people—Governor Taft, former speaker Davidson, former senate president Harry Meshel, and I hope that Congresspersons now and before that are here will be taken care of by other people.

To Karen and the family and everyone in the audience, PAUL, we all will greatly miss you.

SENATOR GEORGE V. VOINOVICH. Karen, Linda, Julie, Paul Michael, Adam and Connor: My wife Janet and I are honored to join your friends in expressing our sympathy to you and our admiration and respect for PAUL and to thank you for your sacrifice over the years so that PAUL could serve his district, his State, and his country.

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The last time I saw PAUL I asked how he and the family were doing. He was upbeat in spite of all that was on his plate as a Member of the House. He was taking things in stride and was getting the job done—no muss, no fuss.

The same PAUL GILLMOR I met in 1967 when we began our careers together—PAUL as a State senator and I as a member of the Ohio House. PAUL was immensely successful and well respected. Because he treated others with dignity and respect and he always practiced the Second Great Commandment: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Except perhaps when he was trying to get Republican control of the Ohio Senate.

His excellent interpersonal skills and the high regard with which he was held by his colleagues got him unanimously elected to the role of Republican leader five times in the Ohio Senate. No one was surprised when he was elected president of the senate three terms.

During his tenure as president of the senate—at a time when most statewide elected offices were held by Democrats—PAUL was arguably the most powerful Republican official in the State of Ohio. Still, he was able to put partisan politics aside and work together with Governor Celeste for the best interests of the State, although many of us thought he was our best candidate in 1986 against Celeste. I always thought he waited too long before he entered the primary.

And, in spite of being in leadership and having many demands on his schedule, he always had time for me during my years as mayor of Cleveland and always listened to what I had to say. He was immensely helpful to me in my efforts to bring the city of Cleveland out of default and back on its feet.

When I was Governor, PAUL, who had moved on to Congress, was a pivotal ally on the issue of sensible clean air standards and the importance of protecting public health and the environment while balancing the impact on jobs and the economy. As a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, he joined in our fight against EPA for sensible standards and was able to galvanize a delegation to work on Ohio's behalf. He was also a great leader in helping to pass the unfunded mandates relief legislation.

When I came to the Senate I knew I had a real friend in PAUL GILLMOR. My only regret is that I did not have more time to spend with him.

PAUL had a wonderful knack for being able to work with people to get things done. He led by example, and his enthu-

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siasm and ability always made you want to be on his team. In fact, some of the most talented staff members I had during my Governor days cut their teeth under PAUL during their work for the Republican State Senate Caucus. He left an indelible mark on the people he worked with, which is a part of his wonderful, lasting legacy.

On a personal note—after PAUL lost his first wife, Janet and I were quite pleased when the rumor that PAUL had taken a fancy to then-Karen Lako, and she to him. We thought the world of both of them and were so happy that they got married and started another chapter in PAUL’s life and that God blessed them with children—Paul Michael, Adam and Connor to join his two daughters from his first marriage.

Children—I hope you take comfort in the fact that your dad was one of the most conscientious public servants I’ve ever met. He was a role model for me and for all who serve in public office. I count myself as blessed to have had the opportunity to work with him for over 40 years.

Through his leadership in the Ohio State Senate and the U.S. Congress, he made a difference for the people of Ohio, this Nation, and the world. It is said that it is not the number of years that one lives but what one does with those years that really matters. And PAUL really made the years matter.

My faith tells me that PAUL is in Heaven and was welcomed with the words from Matthew 25:21: “Well done, thou good and faithful servant.” Take comfort in the knowledge that PAUL is eternally happy with our Father in Heaven.

REPUBLICAN LEADER JOHN BOEHNER. Karen and family, Governor Strickland, Mrs. Strickland, members of the Ohio House and Ohio Senate, my colleagues, friends, and former staff of PAUL GILLMOR. On behalf of all of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives, we offer our sincere condolences to Karen and the family and to all of you who are here today.

PAUL was a trusted colleague of mine for almost 25 years. I came here in 1984 and PAUL had just become president of the senate once again. But I was a lowly house member, he was a big senator. And you’ve heard all about the personal qualities of PAUL GILLMOR but I want to tell you this story because I think it really is the essence of who he was.

I didn’t walk across the statehouse to meet PAUL GILLMOR. I didn’t walk through this door, which I used to walk

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through every day on the way to vote, and that pigeon that's up there was alive at the time. I met PAUL GILLMOR at the Pewter Mug. Now many of you here know about the Pewter Mug, a little restaurant up the street that I and some of my colleagues used to go to and some of our friends. And not only did I get to meet PAUL GILLMOR at the Pewter Mug but we used to have lunch about once a week or run into each other once a week and PAUL GILLMOR became my friend. And in 1986 when PAUL GILLMOR decided to run for Governor, I was there and wrote the first check to him, did everything I could. And got to know Karen very well through that process.

PAUL GILLMOR was a decent, honest, human being who was trying to do his best for the institutions in which he served and for his constituents. And you know for all of us, PAUL, the GREAT GILLMO as some of us would call him, especially Mike Oxley, who would never give PAUL a moment's rest, but PAUL GILLMOR was a great legislator. Never sought the spotlight. Never really wanted to get a lot of attention. But he was a very effective legislator because he was willing to work with Members on both sides of the aisle and he was willing to do what was right for the interest of his constituents and for our country.

But really what made the GREAT GILLMO the GREAT GILLMO is that he was a nice guy. A nice guy with a purpose in life. And so as I stand here today, I want to remember PAUL GILLMOR for what a great guy that he was to all of us, what an effective legislator he was. PAUL may be missed but PAUL will not be forgotten.

CONGRESSMAN RALPH REGULA. PAUL's family and admirers—you're here because you realized and recognized in PAUL what a wonderful human being he was, how much he cared for his family and for the State of Ohio.

PAUL was a modest individual as all of you know. I thought this morning when I went out to Andrews Air Force Base and I saw those four big beautiful airplanes that said United States of America waiting to take some 55-plus Members of the House plus a lot of staff here to Columbus, PAUL would have said, "for me?" He would have found that almost incomprehensible. But they were there because of PAUL and how he lifted each one of us up. As we got to know him as a colleague, as a friend, he really truly did lift us up.

One of our colleagues said that we legislators love our seniority and we love our committees. And PAUL gave up his

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seniority for a Member with lesser seniority because he wanted to give that individual a break. That takes a big individual, a big man to do that. And that's the kind of person PAUL was.

By fate of time, I am the senior Member from Ohio. And that's why last week many Members came up to me to say, "he was a good man." What better tribute, what better legacy can you leave than to have your colleagues that you work with say "he was a good man" or "we loved PAUL" or "we found him somebody that we could work with so well"?

So PAUL did leave a wonderful legacy, a wonderful legacy of his family, of his colleagues, who cared about him. That is something that all of us should desire and PAUL achieved that. What a wonderful man he was to all of us and we're here today because we want to pay tribute to that individual.

CONGRESSWOMAN MARCY KAPTUR. Dear friends, dearest Karen, precious children: Paul Michael, Connor, Adam, Linda and Julie; grandchildren: Brenda, Lucy and Natalie; sister: Diane; relatives of the Gillmor family; Governor Strickland; dear friends, and colleagues:

We come here today to honor the life and service of Congressman PAUL E. GILLMOR to his State and Nation.

On behalf of Speaker Nancy Pelosi, all Members of the House of Representatives, and particularly PAUL's colleagues in the Ohio delegation, we offer our deepest condolences. I represent the district that hugged PAUL's from the north, the Ninth. We thank you for the sacrifices you have made, you all have made, so your loved one could serve the people of Ohio and the United States. PAUL passed from this life serving our country as he prepared to report for duty to fulfill the solemn oath that he had taken to defend our Constitution's timeless values.

PAUL GILLMOR was an honorable man, a family man, a veteran, and a public servant of high repute who never lost touch with the common person. The small town values that made your husband and father successful were the same as his own father's. They were second nature to PAUL. He never forgot who he was and where he came from—and that is why he held elected office continuously for more than 40 years. His persevering spirit will endure.

Even at a time when our House has been wracked by partisanship of historic proportions, PAUL was a model of bipartisan cooperation. He simply refused to judge colleagues based on their political affiliation or ideological persuasion.

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Old Fort, Ohio, is not the type of place where one learns the ways of guerrilla warfare, and PAUL refused to engage in the personal destruction of colleagues.

I was going to say that he was “true blue,” but in today’s political climate, that is not politically correct. So I can say that he was a favorite son of this great Buckeye State. His cooperative spirit held true in Washington. I was honored to work together with PAUL on several issues of importance to Northern Ohio—making U.S. Route 24 safer, saving the 180th Tactical Fighter Wing, protecting the National Civilian Marksmanship Program at Camp Perry, and, just a week ago, helping the flood victims throughout Northern Ohio.

Karen and I remember well an earlier trip to Mexico, prior to NAFTA’s passage (where PAUL and I simply didn’t agree). But I was given a gift last week, because I have a last precious memory. As we flew, PAUL and I, together, in a Blackhawk helicopter, doors open wide on both sides, strapped in there, and both of us extra-knotted our seat belts. We flew from Findlay to Bucyrus and then back again and I, being shorter than he, as we disembarked from the helicopter, he held out his hand, and I thought, “What a gentleman, what a gentleman!”

I can remember his kindness and Karen’s kindness to our family on our mother’s passing. I thank you.

His work remains unfinished. As ranking member of the Financial Services Committee, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, PAUL was warmly regarded by Chairman Barney Frank. They were working together to address the challenges of the credit crisis when PAUL left us. He was working on that issue as he had worked on important brownfields legislation, where he was very successful a few years before.

We as human beings find it so very, very hard to accept the limits of time on Earth. We seek more of it, surely with those we love. We try to capture time. We attempt to order it precisely in minutes, in years, on clocks, on sundials, on Blackberries. Even votes in Congress are timed. On many occasions PAUL GILLMOR assumed the Speaker’s rostrum in the U.S. Congress and gaveled the final vote tally as the clock ran out. He enjoyed that duty!

But try as we may to order time, what endures is not time but treasured moments and timeless values around which we wrap our lives. PAUL’s family and all his children know these moments and values: your moments together on Lake Erie or in Port Clinton or in Tiffin or in Columbus or in

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Washington or in Old Fort; your moments sitting on his lap as he smiled over his glasses, and occasionally wrinkled his nose to push them up; your moments telling him your dreams and asking his advice; your moments showing you loved him, as he loved you. These priceless gifts are yours, always.

Your father's work was demanding and tiring. As a man of means he could have led only a personal life. He chose otherwise: he was a patriot.

The knowledge that PAUL brought to his job will not be easily replaced. The half-century-long record of service to his community, the Fifth Congressional District, our State, and our Nation—service rendered in the Armed Forces, the State legislature, and the U.S. Congress—will not soon be surpassed.

There were two tasks he didn't complete, as far as I know. The first was, despite all the political power that stood before you today, he was never able to get Port Clinton placed in the Fifth Congressional District, because in order to do it, you would have to go through the lake.

And Karen would be happy to know that, yes, he did keep cigars in his center drawer, which he would pull out at the most political of moments, but he never lit them. He kept his promise.

PAUL GILLMOR was an officer and a gentleman. He was loving, persevering, humble, generous and patriotic, and he was a true public servant.

It is with deep respect that we honor him today, and I'm going to ask my colleagues—in a way his brothers—Minority Leader John Boehner, and dean of the Ohio House Republican delegation, House Member Ralph Regula, seniority number six in the U.S. House, to join me in presenting to the Gillmor family the main U.S. flag that was hoisted at half staff over the East Front of the Capitol at the request of Speaker Nancy Pelosi on the day of Congressman GILLMOR's passing on September 5, this year, 2007, and is pictured on the back of your program.

CONGRESSMAN JOHN TANNER. To Karen and the family, to PAUL's staff and to all of you here today:

I want to say Honorable PAUL—some of you in Congress, he probably said to you Honorable Ralph, Honorable George. I say that because about 10 years ago, Betty Ann and I got to know PAUL and Karen Gillmor even though we weren't in the same party nor on any committees together.

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We came together in the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and we became the closest of friends, and he was my teammate on NATO. Through the years, I guess we traveled probably 30, 40, 50 times to Europe and other places where the NATO Parliamentary Assembly had its meetings. And not only do I want to thank the State of Ohio, Governor Strickland, and all of the people who are here from Ohio, I know that Karen and the family will always remember the love and respect that was indicated here by virtually everybody in the State of Ohio. And to be that loved and respected in one's home State says more than I ever could.

But I want to talk just a very brief minute about one of the most decent people that I ever had the privilege to know. He was an extraordinary human being in the way he went about his tasks and how he brought people together and made them feel comfortable with themselves when he was there. I watched him through many, many committee meetings in NATO that last forever because the Republicans—I mean, not the Republicans, some of them, some of the Democrats too—but the Europeans in particular are in love with the sounds of their own voice. And PAUL would pride himself as chairman of the Economics and Security Committee on trying to get through before any of the other committees did, and he succeeded. And I have tried to follow in his footsteps.

He was currently serving as the North American vice president for NATO, and I want to read a letter that I received as the chairman of the delegation, just last week from the President, because I think you need to know just how much respect PAUL had among our European allies in NATO.

“Dear John,” he goes on to say, “I was deeply saddened and,” he said, “PAUL GILLMOR was simply a wonderful man, and was very much appreciated by all of us on this side of the Atlantic. He was a bridge builder, one of those people upon whom we could really rely to create a friendly and cooperative spirit within the Assembly even during those moments when the Transatlantic relationship was proving somewhat difficult to manage politically and diplomatically.”

All of you know the value of our allies in this perilous time. PAUL GILLMOR did more than any other individual in Congress, in my view, to further the interest of the United States as it relates to our time and our relationship with our European allies.

Karen and Betty Ann have become close. It is something that one will never get over, but it will give great comfort to

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the family to know that, not only in Ohio, but in this country and around the world, your dad was a good man and well respected.

Mrs. A.J. Stanley wrote a poem some years ago that I think sums up PAUL to me in a way and in words better than I can do when she wrote;

That person is a success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much,
Who has gained the respect of intelligent people and the love of tiny children,
Who has found his niche and accomplished his task,
Who left the world a little better than when he found it,
Whether by a perfect poem or a rescued soul,
Who never lacked appreciation for the beauty of the earth, nor failed to express it,
Who looked for the best in others and gave the best he had.

PAUL GILLMOR did that.

OP-ED COLUMNIST TOM SUDDER. When PAUL GILLMOR left this statehouse for Washington in 1989, Capitol Square lost one of its most sincere and spontaneous smiles.

Now Representative GILLMOR's smile has left our lives. If we in Columbus were poorer 18 years ago, we are impoverished now. Yet, as this service shows today, Ohioans are richer for having known Representative GILLMOR. That's because the measure of a public person is not just elections won and bills passed. We also measure a life by its interplay with the lives of others.

One of architect Christopher Wren's great works, St. Paul's Cathedral in London, bears this inscription as an epitaph to the architect: "Reader, if you seek his monument, look around you." Likewise today, if you seek PAUL GILLMOR's monument, look around you—not to any building, but to one another.

Look to Representative GILLMOR's devoted and ever-loyal wife, Karen; his beautiful daughters; his handsome sons; his beloved grandchildren. If you seek Mr. GILLMOR's monument, look to his family.

Look also to the Senate staff, current and former, many lobbyists and reporters here today. Their work exposes them to the political ego in all its sometimes florid dimensions. Few of these men and women can have known ever, in Columbus or Washington, an officeholder less pretentious than PAUL GILLMOR. If you seek PAUL GILLMOR's monument, trawl through the recollections of those who knew him up close. What Ohio saw was what Ohio got.

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Yes, the past can look better than it deserves sometimes. Nostalgia is the fog on history's lens. Today's general assembly and its constructive leaders of both parties face different and even more difficult tasks than those that arose during the 22 years in which PAUL GILLMOR was a member of the Ohio Senate.

But with Mr. GILLMOR, as senate president, in harness with another Appalachian Democrat, a house speaker named Vernal G. Riffe, Ohio's legislative process worked—worked, as in, everybody at the table—everybody. Worked, as in yes, train's on time and—until recently, this would be a Guinness book item in Ohio—cross-party, cross-aisle roll-calls. President GILLMOR and Speaker Riffe were equals and friends.

Yes, as Democrats and Republicans, they disagreed on some fundamentals—taxation, collective bargaining—but together with legislators and gifted and selfless legislative aides of both parties, they gave Ohio a period of truly constructive government. If you are looking for his monument, look to the *Journal of the General Assembly* or the *Congressional Record*.

In truth, it's the legislator who serves, rather than shouts, who bolsters representative democracy. With all due respect to the extremely able and highly conscientious mourners here today, and I think Mr. Boehner and President Harris and Speaker Husted might privately agree, the general assembly might be better off with a few dozen PAUL GILLMORS—as might the Congress, with several hundred. A real public servant is he or she who takes care of business while some colleagues produce their sound and light shows.

Besides PAUL GILLMOR's smile, which none who saw it can forget, PAUL GILLMOR was a listener, and in my view, listeners are an endangered species in Columbus and Washington. "Just hear me out" is the most frequent—and most ignored plea in American public life. Yet for that gift, no one ever had to ask PAUL GILLMOR twice. Whether he ended up voting your way, or the other guy's way, Mr. GILLMOR treated the mighty and meek alike: With patience and with respect. If you seek his monument, think of those words.

KAREN L. GILLMOR. First of all I want to thank all of you for coming today and most especially to Governor Strickland and his staff and dear Jan Allen for making this day so seamless for our family.

Many of you have had special friendships with PAUL and you hold special memories in your heart as we do in his fam-

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ily. PAUL loved his family, his home, his community, his State, and his country. And even though it was hard for the boys and me to let him go to Washington every week, we knew that he was the very best person the Fifth Congressional District and indeed the heart of Ohio ever had because he went for the right reasons, not for self-gain and not for self-aggrandizement, but to help others in the purest sense of public service.

The people of northwest Ohio must have agreed because they have reelected him time and again. The boys and I will keep that GILLMOR legacy alive because it's so important in our family and I myself come from four generations of public service in Ohio. We want to have public service and charitable giving be the watchwords of the Gillmor family.

One of PAUL's close friends said to me the other day that PAUL GILLMOR lived life large. And I think that's true. He was so much fun to be with and he really had a true generosity of spirit. He taught our boys by example three important virtues: earn your own way, work hard, also pay back what you have received because, as the Scriptures tell us, from those to whom much is given, much is expected.

I think the true secret to PAUL's success was that he did not judge others. He might have judged ideas, but not people. He liked everybody.

PAUL and I were fortunate to travel extensively so I thought this week about the book "1,000 Places to See Before You Die." And I thought its author Patricia Schultz had it all wrong.

Because you haven't lived until you've visited Venice with George and Janet Voinovich. You haven't lived until you've attended the flower festival in Vienna with John F. Wolfe, Jo Ann Davidson, and John and Annie Glenn. You haven't lived until you have prayed on Friday night at the Wailing Wall with Stanley Aronoff. You haven't lived until you have sat in the war room with Jim Tilling, Curt Steiner, Neil Clark, Mark Wellman, Paul Wilson, Jenny Worner Carlson, Fred Eames, Mark Isakowitz, Barb Barker and Tim Brown plotting campaigns. And I remember years ago sailing Boston Harbor with Keith Brooks before he went home to ask the beautiful Julie to be his wife. Also, you have not lived until you have partied at Put-in-Bay with Bill Newcomb, Terry Fleming, Tom Green, Dutch Schultz, Mike Dowling and Tom Winters. I can't even tell you those stories.

But I will tell you one last story and that is how I met PAUL GILLMOR. Because there are people in this room who

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were present. I started working after I received my doctorate at Huntington Bank as a vice president. And the president of the Ohio Bankers Association, Bill Morgan, thought I should meet the Senate president. So he set up a lunch. And I didn't catch on that it happened to be on February 14.

PAUL brought some of his staff, Jim Tilling especially, to lunch. And they were going to tell me about the issues and the coming campaign. Subsequent to that, the then-president of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and Governor Rhodes said to PAUL, "Now there's a nice girl, you ought to get next to her" and he said "Governor, I just think I will." And Speaker Vern Riffe takes so much credit for our marriage that when we had our first child, Paul Michael, he sent me two little sneakers with a card that said "because his parents are running." Vern likes to tell everybody that he was truly responsible in a bipartisan manner for us getting together.

But I think Patricia Schultz is wrong about the 1,000 places you should see before you die. Because it isn't where you go in life. It isn't what you do in life. But it's who you travel with. And I was privileged to spend a great portion of my life traveling with PAUL GILLMOR.

SENATOR RANDY GARDNER. It would seem impossible to summarize the life of PAUL GILLMOR but I am going to try. Ohio is a better State because of Senator PAUL GILLMOR. America is a better nation because of Congressman PAUL GILLMOR. We are better people because we knew PAUL GILLMOR. Because PAUL GILLMOR graced this Earth.

REVEREND JIM LILLIBRIDGE. At this time I would like to invite Paul Michael Gillmor, eldest son of the Honorable PAUL GILLMOR, to come and stand with me if he would.

Before Paul Michael closes us with the benediction, I'd like to share with you a story called the "Keeper of the Spring." The story is told of a quiet forest dweller who lived high above an Austrian village on the eastern slopes of the Alps.

The old gentleman had been hired many years ago by a young town council to clear away the debris from the pools of water up in the mountain crevasses that fed the lovely spring flowing through their town. With faithful, silent regularity he patrolled the hills, removed the leaves and branches and wiped away the silt that would otherwise choke and contaminate the fresh flow of water.

By and by the village became a popular attraction for vacationers. Graceful swans floated along the crystal-clear

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spring. The mill wheels of various businesses located near the water turned day and night. Farmlands were naturally irrigated. And the view from restaurants was picturesque beyond description.

Years passed, the town council met for its semiannual meeting. As they reviewed the budget one man's eye caught the salary figure being paid the obscure keeper of the spring. Said the keeper of the purse, "Who is this old man? Why do we keep him on year after year? No one ever sees him. For all we know the strange ranger of the hills is doing us absolutely no good. He isn't necessary any longer." By a unanimous vote, they dispensed with the gentleman's services.

For several weeks nothing changed. By early autumn the trees began to shed their leaves. Small branches snapped off and fell into the pools hindering the rushing flow of sparkling water. One afternoon someone noticed a slight yellowish brown tint in the spring. A couple days later, the water was much darker. Within another week a slimy film covered sections of the water along the banks and a foul odor was soon detected. The mill wheels moved slower, some ground to a halt. Swans left as did the tourists. Clammy fingers of disease and sickness reached deep into the village.

Quickly the embarrassed council called a special meeting. Realizing their gross error in judgment, they hired back the old keeper of the spring. Within a few weeks the veritable river of life began to clear up. The wheels started to turn once again and new life returned to the hamlet in the Alps.

What the keeper of the springs meant to the village, God-fearing, faithful servants mean to our world.

PAUL E. GILLMOR was a keeper of the spring. The world is a better place because he was in it. Therefore let us go forth here in the spirit and memory of PAUL GILLMOR and with the hand of God upon us to be keepers of the spring to our community and world.

PAUL MICHAEL GILLMOR. Please pray with me.

May the road rise to meet you.

May the wind blow at your back.

May the sun shine warmly upon your face.

May the rain fall soft on your fields.

And until we meet again,

Until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Amen.

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*The Honorable
Paul E. Gillmor*

Date of Birth
February 1, 1939

Date of Death
September 5, 2007

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Paul E. Gillmor: A Record of Service

Captain, United States Air Force
1965–1966

Member of the Ohio Senate

1967–1988

Republican Leader, Ohio Senate
1978–1988

President, Ohio Senate
1981–1982, 1985–1988

Recognized as one of the Ten Most Outstanding
Legislators in the United States by the National Republican
Legislators Assoc.
1983

Member of the U.S. House of Representatives

1989–2007

Ranking Republican Member
Committee on House Administration
Subcommittee on Accounts
1989–1991

Deputy Republican Whip
1995–2007

Chairman
Committee on Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on
Environment & Hazardous Materials
2001–2007

Chairman
NATO Parliamentary Assembly Committee on
Economics and Security
2002–2006

Vice President, North America
NATO Parliamentary Assembly
2006–2007

Ranking Republican Member
Committee on Financial Services Subcommittee on
Financial Institutions & Consumer Credit
2007

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Paul E. Gillmor Memorial Service

Tiffin

Wednesday, September 12, 2007

Welcome

Master of Ceremonies

Mike Kerschner

President & Chief Executive Officer

Gillmor Financial Services

Invocation

The Reverend Jim Lillibridge

Pastor, Indian Run United Methodist Church

Remarks

Congressman David Hobson, 7th District of Ohio

Commissioner Tim W. Brown

Wood County

Dr. F. Dominic Dottavio

President, Heidelberg College

Dr. George Kidd

President Emeritus, Tiffin University

Adam Greenslade

Sandusky County Republican Chairman

Don Witter

Cousin

Dr. James Tilling

Former Chief Executive Officer, Ohio Senate

Gary Koch

Longtime friend

Ralph "Spive" Gillmor

Uncle

Thank You

Karen L. Gillmor, PhD

Benediction

The Reverend Jim Lillibridge

Pastor, Indian Run United Methodist Church

Interment immediately following at:

Pleasant Union Cemetery

Old Fort

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In Memory of
The Honorable Paul E. Gillmor

Final Resting Place
Pleasant Union Cemetery
Old Fort, Ohio



If it is encouraging, let him encourage;
if it is contributing to the needs of others,
let him give generously;
if it is leadership, let him govern diligently;
if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

—*Romans 12:8*

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