

And he was a great Congressman. As a member of the Committee on the Judiciary, he helped write laws to improve our court system, helped write laws to protect the rights of individuals. As a member of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, where he was a leader, he led special investigations in the United States Government to make sure we root out fraud, waste, and abuse, and he did so in a very thorough and effective style.

His leadership was also shown as a great humanitarian. For those of us who had the privilege and honor to serve with him, we saw him as a role model, as someone who lived his life in an exemplary way, someone who is a great father, a great husband, great family man, and someone who wanted to give back to his district 1,000 percent. Everything he thought about was how can he help his constituents and how can he make this country better and stronger, safer and more fair.

And he was a great speaker. When he used to speak on the House floor right here or in committee, people listened because he always had something to say that hadn't been said before, or had not been said in a way that only STEVE could explain it. He knew how to marshal the facts, to research the law, and then to apply the appropriate persuasion to win his point, and he did that repeatedly, and that is why his legislation was passed, his amendments were passed, and the country is better, safer, and stronger because STEVE SCHIFF has been a Member of this House and made a difference for his home State of New Mexico as well as the country at large.

So I join my colleagues and all the residents of his wonderful State and across the Nation in saluting a great man who made a difference not only with his family and his friends and his community but to his country. He was a great patriot, and we will forever remember, as we have difficulty looking at this in the future, we would say to ourselves, what would Congressman SCHIFF do, and I am sure the answer will come to us swiftly.

We love you, STEVE. God bless you and your family.

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. COX).

Mr. COX of California. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from New Mexico for yielding this time to me, and I echo what the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FOX) just said. He said, "We love you, STEVE." STEVE is not with us here, but he really is still here with us.

STEVE is a classmate of mine. We got elected as freshmen together, and tomorrow night over at my house we are having a get-together, the class of 1988. We have been planning this for a long time. We have not had enough get-togethers of our class, and so even though STEVE has been seriously under the weather, we were hoping at least a few months back that he would be able to be there with us tomorrow night.

His office is right next door to mine, and we got together as freshmen rou-

tinely for many years, had an office together, and his seat is right next to me on the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. When I go to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight meetings now, I sit next to his empty chair, and the sign is still there for his name; we do not take it away. I just sit next to his empty chair and go back to my office and pass the open door to his office where his staff have been coming to work every day.

STEVE is not gone, really. I mean, STEVE is still here. He is only 5 years older than I am. This is not an old man who is passing on at the end of a long life. This is the same as somebody getting run over by a car or bus right in the middle of a very healthy and active life.

We know that he was a lawyer and prosecutor. And some people have in fact said, how does a Jewish lawyer from New Mexico end up representing Anglo Protestants and Hispanic Catholics? And people who ask that question are not from America, because that is the way America works. And, of course, STEVE was the perfect representative for New Mexico, and STEVE will always be the perfect model for a Representative back here.

But sometimes we forget that STEVE was a lot more than just a very able prosecutor and a very able lawyer on the Committee on the Judiciary, or a very able government reformer looking after ways to streamline the Federal Government and make it work better on the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

At the time of the Gulf War, when we had one of our best debates ever on the floor of the House, STEVE not only supported the decision that President Bush took to use force in the Gulf, but then as a colonel in the Air Force Reserves, he went there. He was in Turkey, he was in northern Iraq. He opposed President Clinton's sort of cock-eyed Dayton plan for Bosnia, but once that decision was taken to send troops to Bosnia, he went to the mission operation center at Aviano Air Force base in Italy and volunteered. That is what STEVE SCHIFF did.

He was a great defender of our national labs on the Committee on Science, and of course while we are always as Republicans looking for ways to save money and cut spending and so on, he was dedicated to making sure that that part of government which worked got more attention, and he firmly believed that that was true about our national labs.

He was tough on crime. We all know that he personally, single handedly, virtually pushed through Congress successfully the Sexual Crimes Against Children Act, and basically that was because he was a very tough and strong prosecutor. But he was also responsible for our 1996 crackdown on health care fraud.

Tomorrow night when my class of 1988 gets together, in the same way that I walk by that open door when I

go back to my office and I sit next to that empty seat in the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, we will have a seat at the table for STEVE, and he will be there with us.

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I have no other speakers on tap, and I would like to say good-bye, STEVE we will miss you.

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my condolences to the family and friends of Congressman STEVE SCHIFF. We are all saddened by the loss of STEVE, and his presence and his efforts in this Chamber and on the Judiciary Committee will be missed.

I was fortunate to get to work with STEVE, because he and I shared an interest in law enforcement technology. STEVE saw that as criminals became more sophisticated, we in Congress had an obligation to provide our law enforcement officers with the best and most cutting edge equipment to combat crime. He worked tirelessly with the National Institute of Justice and Sandia Laboratories in New Mexico to support the research, development, and testing of critical and innovative technology, such as personalized guns. I recall participating in a press conference with STEVE and Pat Schroeder to report on progress toward developing these firearms, which can only be fired by their owners, and to unveil the first working prototype of such a gun. I recall how pleased STEVE was to know that this technology was moving forward, and that someday, police officers would not have to fear having their own weapons turned against them.

Despite STEVE's illness, he continued to support efforts to improve technology and to ensure that the important research being done by the National Institute of Justice in the area of law enforcement technology remains to be a priority. My office has worked with STEVE's and his staff on these issues, and I will continue to work here in Congress to see that these efforts continue.

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

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR THE EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998

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

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules is planning to meet on Monday, March 30, to grant a rule which may limit the amendment process for the emergency supplemental appropriation bills for fiscal year 1998. Any Member wishing to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies and a brief explanation of the amendment by noon on Monday, March 30, to the Committee on Rules, in Room H-312 of the Capitol.

Amendments should be drafted to the text of the committee print ordered reported by the Committee on Appropriations on Tuesday March 24. Copies of this committee print of the bill are available in Room H-218 of the Capitol right now.

The Committee on Rules strongly suggests that Members wishing to offer, and Members ought to listen carefully to this, Members wishing to offer amendments which would add spending to the bill, provide offsets for this additional spending in their amendment. And I would suggest that they adopt the amendments that would offset further spending in the Defense Department. I for one, as chairman of the committee, would not look kindly on those amendments.

Members should also use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are properly drafted and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

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TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE STEVEN SCHIFF OF NEW MEXICO

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

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I was a little bit late for the resolution regarding my classmate, colleague and very good friend, STEVE SCHIFF, and I wanted to have my remarks included with the other Members who spoke in that resolution.

STEVE was a remarkable man, someone who I got to know when I came to Washington. I served with him for 9 years, admired him, admired his honesty and his judgment, his dedication.

He is one of those many Members who comes here and who does not come here for the glory. He comes here for the service to the country, and he provided it in an exemplary way.

As I was coming into the Capitol and I looked up and I saw the flag at half-staff, and I thought what a tribute that is to him, how proud he would have been, how proud his family must be of him, how proud his State is of the service that he provided, how proud his friends must be of the service that he provided.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE STEVEN SCHIFF OF NEW MEXICO

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

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I also would like to note with great sadness the passing of our colleague, STEVE SCHIFF. I was part of the 1994 Democratic freshman class from west of the Rockies. When I arrived here in Washington, I found what I guess can best be

described as a tumultuous time. But Steve was there. He was like a beacon of light, someone who was willing to stretch his hand out across the aisle, someone who was always interested in moving for the good of the country, and not anyone who would let the tumultuousness of the time get to him.

I served with him on the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Science. We also served together on the Subcommittee on Basic Research as well as the Subcommittee on Crime.

Steve was someone who had tremendous passion for science and what science could do for this country and for humankind.

As chairman of the Subcommittee on Basic Research, which I think he got to chair because of his district, his efforts went far beyond his district. They went into the future of humankind. He did a tremendous amount of good work for this Nation.

The country will miss him, and I will miss him personally. My prayers are with his wonderful family at this time of enormous loss for them, his district, and America.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SNOWBARGER). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. RIGGS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. RIGGS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

TRIBUTE TO WHITNEY M. YOUNG HIGH SCHOOL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, a few years ago, then Secretary of Education William Bennett made the statement that the Chicago public schools were among the worst in the Nation. I am pleased to note today, Mr. Speaker, that the Chicago public schools are making significant progress, and they are making progress towards the level of excellence of which we can, indeed, be proud.

I picked up the Chicago Sun Times this past Tuesday, and on page three of the headlines read: "Whitney Young students Savor Triple Title Weekend."

Please note that Whitney M. Young is a public high school in the City of Chicago in the Seventh Congressional District. Therefore, I commend and congratulate Gary Chico, Chairman, and the Chicago Board of Education, Superintendent Paul Vallas and his staff, the chairperson and members of

the local school advisory council, Ms. Joyce Keller, principal, and her staff, and all of the outstanding students and their families.

Whitney M. Young High School was the first school to win the State of Illinois' academic decathlon, the State Class AA basketball championship, and the State sportsmanship award on the same day in the same year, Saturday, March 21, 1998.

Whitney M. Young is no stranger to winning the State academic decathlon. As a matter of fact, they have won it 13 years in a row. They have become the Michael Jordans, the Mozarts, the Marian Andersons, the John Hope Franklins, and the Bill Gates of education.

Whitney M. Young continues to produce a dynasty of superstars who excel year after year. Last November, Whitney Young played host to U.S. Services Academy Day for us at their school. There were 125 students in attendance from all over the Seventh district, Chicago and suburbs, asking questions about West Point, the Air Force Academy, Annapolis, all of the service academies.

I was, indeed, delighted to see so many students and their guidance counselors take hard looks at the superb educational opportunities offered by these outstanding institutions.

It is no surprise to me that public education can and does work. When people are committed and the resources are made available, Mr. Speaker, the sky is the limit. Ms. Joyce Kenner, principal of Whitney Young High School, understands this concept and practices it by allocating resources where they are needed the most and places people where they can do the most good. As a result of this, Whitney M. Young continues to excel.

We in the United States Congress must adopt these same principles and commitment to saving our public schools throughout America. We must commit to providing 100,000 new teachers, commit to rehabbing aging school buildings, commit to fostering learning in our classrooms. With our support, every public school in America is a potential Whitney M. Young High School.

Therefore, I again congratulate each of the outstanding Young men and women, their coaches and teachers, and again especially their principal, Ms. Joyce Kenner.

Public education can and does work when we provide adequate resources, have concerned parents interacting with well-prepared and committed professional teachers and staff, students who are seeking knowledge and opportunity. Mix it all together, and we get a Whitney M. Young High School, academic champions, athletic champions, and good sports, gentlemen and women. The pride of our State, we salute you Whitney M. Young High School.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. Redmond) is recognized for 5 minutes.