

I think you have had the opportunity to see, too, what very few individuals ever get to see up close; and that is that, in fact, this government does work and, in fact, it is truly representative of this Nation. Just like each of you have come from different families and different districts and different backgrounds and different party affiliations, but you have come together and been a part of the history and this process. So it is a tremendous and unique opportunity.

As Daniel Webster said up there, if you look, he said that you perform when you come here. If you perform a service, it is something worthy to be remembered. Certainly your service has been in the same light as asked by one of our great Americans who served in Congress with such distinguished history. You have been, again, a tremendous credit to us.

I thank you personally, and I now extend the thanks of all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle. We wish you Godspeed and the very best in your future careers. Thank you.

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his comments. I am very pleased to yield to the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. CLAYTON).

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me, and I thank him for assembling and having given me the opportunity for me to join in words of appreciation.

First, I am appreciative of the fact that you wanted to come; that you were talented enough to be selected for this unique opportunity. Not only were you talented or willing to come, but you so ably and so joyfully served in your capacity.

You did a variety of things. I know some of them were less exciting. Never did we see it on your face. Always with a sense of expectancy, always with a sense of your purpose. Your presence suggested that you had all the confidence.

I feel, as you go forth, that you bring us hope. Those of us who serve in Congress, sometimes we become a little cynical because we are not quite sure if what we do and all of the discussions we have are making that much sense. In fact, sometimes we know we are not making sense.

But one of the things we feel is that, of all the things we do, if we can give hope to young people, young people can share part of their life and inspire us to be all the things that we can be for this country, we know this country has embraced that.

So I thank you for being with us, but thank you for who you are and, more importantly, I thank you for what I think you will become.

All of you are very special, but one of you comes from my district. So, Monique Jackson, I expect great things. You one day may be in here in Congress yourself. So thank you very much.

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for her kind comments and good words.

Mr. Speaker, if I might ask my colleagues and the pages to indulge me for just 1 minute for a couple of comments of my own as we close here.

Mr. Speaker, let me also add my words of thanks to the pages for the service that they have given us. This is a program that goes back a long ways, almost 200 years ago, when an individual was appointed to serve as a runner here in the Congress.

Through the years, the program has sputtered on and off, but it has generally been with us. It has kind of been more formalized in this century. Of course, for the last 20 years it has been a much more organized and formal program.

But even though the program has changed dramatically through the years, when I was here as a page it was boys only, when I was here as a page it was 4 years of high school that you could be here for, the program has changed a lot but many things about it are still very much the same.

What is the same about it is the kind of good work you do for us, the kind of help you give us to make our lives just a little bit easier. It is like the grease on the wheel that just makes it turn a little bit easier. We sometimes take it for granted and forget about it, but you make our lives just better and easier for us.

I hope it is the same for you, that you take something back from this program, as I think you should and you will. I know for me there were many things I took back from it, good friends, and I know from the exchanges of phone numbers and addresses and, of course, now E-mail. We did not have that either when I was here as a page.

You are all going to be staying in touch and you will be coming back. But I have taken many good friends. Two of them are here on the floor of the House of Representatives that were in my class. Donn Anderson used to be the Clerk of the House of Representatives, and Ron Lasch, our majority person here on the floor, assistant on the floor, both of them were in my class. They have stayed and given an incredible amount of service to this body and to their country through the years.

You have an opportunity to do that as well. When I left here, people would ask me, "What is it you really learned about politicians and Senators and Congressmen from your experience as a page?" I thought about it, and I said, "Well, you know, I guess the most important thing I learned is that they put their pants on one leg at a time like everyone else." We may laugh at that, but it is true.

You learn the very best and you learn the worst about politicians here. You see them at their very best. You see them at their very worst. That is true of any experience you are going to have in life where you are close up with people. You will see the human frailties, but you will also see the good things that will come out about people. I hope you will remember the good things,

and you will use the good things to build on that.

This week I flew across this country of ours to attend the funeral of my sponsor, Barry Goldwater. He was a great mentor to me. I learned a lot from Barry Goldwater. But I think what I learned most was some very simple values that he gave of integrity, of honesty, of patriotism.

When you go away from this experience, I hope that above anything else that you get out of this, it will be some of those simple values that you can use in life no matter what you do.

Whether you return to the Congress as a Member, as a staff person, whether you serve in government as he served for so many years, there are values that go beyond any particular job. There are values of patriotism, of honor, of integrity. You have a great opportunity to make a lot from this.

We wish you Godspeed and we look forward to seeing each and every one of you come back. I thank each and every one of you.

ADJOURNMENT TO TUESDAY,
JUNE 9, 1998

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 1998, for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

HOOR OF MEETING ON
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1998

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Tuesday, June 9, 1998, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10.

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

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO
DECLARE A RECESS ON WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 10, 1998, FOR THE
PURPOSE OF RECEIVING IN
JOINT MEETING HIS EXCELLEN-
LENCY KIM DAE-JUNG, PRESI-
DENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
KOREA

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Wednesday, June 10, 1998, for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting his excellency Kim Dae-Jung, President of the Republic of Korea.

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

There was no objection.