

It is amazing to me to think about how things have changed since Alan first arrived in Washington in 1951. He has covered the administrations of 10 presidents. He has covered our Nation's war and military deployments ever since the Korean Conflict.

Alan's length of service is an important achievement. However, it is the manner with which he has served these 51 years that is indeed most impressive.

I came to this town in 1992 and became the fourth Member of the House from New York's North Country area to be covered by Alan. For me, it was a real thrill, not the new office or duties of the town, even though that was all very exciting, but the opportunity to meet and work with this man.

Like so many others, I grew up learning about the inside operations of our Federal Government through Alan's writings. Later, as a member of the New York State Senate, I looked to Alan's insightful articles in the respected Empire State Report to help me better under the connection of politics and government between New York State and the Nation's Capital.

For someone like me, long a political junkie from northern New York, meeting Alan Emory was the literary equivalent of meeting Cal Ripken, a legend in their own time, legends who survive through a rare combination of talent, hard work, grace, and style.

But for all of his talent, all of his skills and charm, the thing I think I admire most about Alan has been his sense of place, that all-too-rare quality in a reporter who recognizes the difference between a news story and an op-ed piece, a man who has always understood that a news article must be about facts and that opinions are to be confined to other sections of the paper.

Not to say that Alan is without opinion, nor that he is unable to express them. To the contrary, his weekly column on politics in the Sunday paper always informs, instructs and impresses with deft insight. But Alan has always known how to expertly write each story and where to place it. It is a skill sadly few others possess today.

Happily, Alan will continue writing, will continue enlightening and informing but, hopefully, in a new way that will provide him and his wonderful bride and partner Nancy more time to enjoy their lives together, their family, their two sons Marc and John, and their daughter Katherine and their families. It is an opportunity they both richly, richly deserve.

And so, Mr. Speaker, it is with honor that I rise today to state for the RECORD the partial achievements of a very remarkable man, to thank Alan Emory for his 51 years of contributions, and, on a personal note, to say that, in my nearly 30 years in public life, I have never met a reporter or a man in whom I hold higher respect and admiration.

Thanks, Alan. You are the best.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MCHUGH. I yield to the gentleman from Virginia.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to associate myself with the remarks of my friend the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH).

Alan Emory currently resides in the 11th Congressional District, in Lake Barcroft, where he is a pillar of the community there. His respect reaches across regional lines in New York. He is a well-respected member of our community in Northern Virginia, where he and his wife and family has been active for a number of years.

His political commentaries I think have been viewed nationally. He is very well-respected, and I am going to miss him. I would join my colleagues in wishing him and Nancy the very best in years to come.

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his comments.

Truly, I think Alan is admired by so many that there are a number of Members who care to share in this experience.

Mr. Speaker, I include for the RECORD remarks by our colleague and friend the gentleman from New York (Mr. SOLOMON), who has some very, I think, insightful and kind words to say about this deserving man as well.

Unfortunately, Chairman SOLOMON is involved in a meeting upstairs. But he has sent his best and I know wants to have the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD show his admiration for a very special man.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues, including my neighbor, Congressman JOHN MCHUGH, to pay tribute to a true gentleman and veteran of the Washington Press Corps, Alan Emory. Alan is truly a dean of the Washington Press if ever there was one and is representative of the good old days of journalism when telling it like it is was the best measure of a journalist, not how much face time they can get as a talking head.

Mr. Speaker, you'd be hard pressed to find anyone in this town with more wisdom and experience in the ways and the means of Washington than Alan. And the best part is, he's covered it for 47 of his 51 years while working exclusively for the same paper called the Wassertown Times from a small upstate city of Wassertown, New York. That sort of time and devotion is a rarity in itself nowadays and the people who read that paper have been done a great service all of these years by Alan's clear, concise and fair reporting. It must be comforting to know that for all those generations, he provided the readership with a window into the Capitol that they otherwise would have gone without.

And I'm talking about an inside look that started before the outset of the Eisenhower Administration and has spanned across interviews with such American leaders as Nixon, Ford, Bush and Nancy Reagan, not to mention a host of other foreign dignitaries in travels with political leaders that have brought him to every corner of the world.

Some, Mr. Speaker, might think it odd in this day and age for members of Congress like myself to recognize a political journalist like Alan. However, I can tell you it is because of his objectivity and fairness that I respect

him such a great deal. He has covered me over the course of my career on a variety of issues even though his paper doesn't reach a large part of my district. And he has always conducted himself in the most professional manner, including in his profile of me after I assumed the Chairmanship of the House Rules Committee. I've never had a problem with someone who sheds light on some of my shortcomings as long as they were just as vigorous in their coverage of ways in which I served my constituents well.

But perhaps most telling about Alan's career is his standing within the journalistic community and the Washington Press Corps. By their very nature, they're a tough lot to please. Still, Alan has managed to reach the leadership ranks of a whole host of press associations, including as President of the renowned Gridiron Club, and remains active to this day. I have always said one of the best measures of a person is his standing amongst his peers. By that measure, Mr. Speaker, Alan Emory goes unmatched.

I would ask that all members of Congress join in honoring the outstanding career and public service of one of this town's most respected newsmen, Alan Emory of the Wassertown Times. After 51 years, 47 of them in Washington, he is still strong and exemplifies all that is good about his profession. And more than that, he is a clear demonstration to all of us that hard work can take you anywhere, even from a small daily in Upstate New York, to a one-man office in Washington, to the top of the ranks of his profession. Congratulations Alan, and many more years of success and happiness to you and your family.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS TO FILE PRIVILEGED REPORT ON A BILL MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, FAMILY HOUSING, BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Appropriations may have until midnight tonight, Tuesday, June 16, 1998, to file a privileged report on a bill making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 1999.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All points of order are reserved on the bill.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS TO FILE PRIVILEGED REPORT ON A BILL MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Appropriations may have until midnight tonight, Tuesday, June 16, 1998, to file a privileged report on a bill making appropriations for energy and