

A TRIBUTE TO TWO OUTSTANDING CITIZENS FROM THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise this afternoon in the wake of a momentous vote to discuss not what lies ahead but to remember two who have gone before, from my great State of Arizona. I first pay tribute this afternoon to Governor Jack Williams, a dedicated public servant who served as Governor of Arizona during challenging times from the mid-1960s on through the early 1970s, an effective leader, a true public servant, who reminded us all that public service is not always equated with public office.

Jack Williams, for many years before serving as Governor of Arizona, was a broadcaster. Mr. Speaker, his repeated broadcasts on KOY radio were a source of inspiration and amusement to his fellow Arizonans and every day he would conclude his broadcast commentary with a sign-off saying, "It is a beautiful day in Arizona. Let us all enjoy it."

Arizonans enjoyed unparalleled economic prosperity during the administration of Governor Jack Williams. He was a dedicated results-oriented leader, but more than that, he was one who listened to all Arizonans, one who never developed the trappings or the arrogance of office; instead, always dedicated himself to the ideals of true public service, whether as a broadcaster or later a mayor or finally as governor of the great State of Arizona.

Because of Governor Williams' efforts, we remember him today and we can honestly say, there is a great future for Arizona. Let us all enjoy it.

Mr. Speaker, despite the fact that those in the punditocracy in the light of current events and other procedures would say that the culture of Washington has somehow denigrated, has somehow deteriorated, until the politics of personality, I would make this observation, for I rise today also to remember another Arizonan, not a member of my party, not one who subscribed to the conservative philosophy to which I adhere, but one who I believe needs to be recognized. His name was John Cox. He aspired to service in this chamber and, Mr. Speaker, just last week, he passed away, even as he had made plans again to challenge my good friend and colleague, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. SALMON) in the First Congressional District of Arizona.

John Cox was not a man with whom I agreed but, Mr. Speaker, he was a man whose company I enjoyed. Indeed, the last time we had a chance to get together was at one of the great programs that has been run nationally, where Americans got together to discuss the future of Social Security. That meeting was scheduled in the Valley of the Sun in the days immediately following the passing of Senator Barry

Goldwater, and it was during an honest, open dialogue and discussion, listening to citizens of Arizona when John Cox leaned over to me and whispered in my ear, I have something for you that I would like you to have that I believe will mean far more to you. Even though it has great meaning for me, I know it will have far more of a meaning to you.

Mr. Speaker, what John Cox gave me are the little replica of glasses I wear on my lapel just above my Congressional pin, glasses that symbolize allegiance to Barry Goldwater in the 1964 campaign. John Cox's gesture bespeaks what is good about our political process because in this chamber, even in these challenging days ahead, there will be honest disagreements, sincerely held, passionately stated. Our Founders experienced the same, in what Catherine Drinker Bowen calls the Miracle at Philadelphia when they put together the document which we swear to uphold and defend and indeed whose very presence we are mindful of today at the outset of such momentous proceedings.

The examples of John Cox and Jack Williams suit all Americans. That is why I pay tribute to them today and that is why they will not be soon forgotten.

WE MUST BE FAIR AND NON-PARTISAN IN JUDGING OUR PRESIDENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. KILPATRICK) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, twenty months ago, Members of the 105th Congress took our collective oaths of office. In that oath, we have sworn to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States. As such, it is not our option, but our obligation to the American people to deliberate the issues and information that are presented before us in hearings, Committee mark-ups, or during floor debate, and weigh them in an unbiased and clear fashion before voting on the issue of the day. Our votes on items both mundane and vital must come in a context of what is best for our respective constituencies and our nation.

Today, Congress voted to release the Referral from the Office of the Independent Counsel. Like my colleagues, I soberly await its arrival to my office. I promise my constituents, the residents of the great State of Michigan, and the citizens of our country, that I will read, analyze, and review this report, like all of the bills and reports that come before me, with great care. While it would be sheer folly of me to arrive at any conclusion before I have had the opportunity to review the record from the Independent Counsel and its rebuttal by the Executive Branch, I would like to use this opportunity to make one thing clear: our Constitution demands that we provide a fair and non-partisan venue for the consideration of impeachment. Regrettably, the resolution that was voted on today did not provide that consideration. It is my sincere hope, wish and desire that from this point onward, Congress acts in a way in which the founding fathers not just desired, but decreed.

Our President has made a mistake; he has admitted as much himself. Our President has apologized to our country; the Congress, his family, and the other affected individuals and groups in this sad matter; he reiterated that just this morning. In the maelstrom of events of the past few days, it is sometimes difficult to remember or recall exactly what the President has done for our country. For example:

Our President has boosted the economy of our nation. During President Clinton's term in office, more jobs have been created, unemployment has hit all-time lows, the stock market has spiraled to unprecedented highs, and the budget has been balanced. In Detroit, President Clinton was key in ensuring the establishment of the Empowerment Zone, and in sending millions of federal funds that will provide for decent housing for senior citizens, better roads and safer bridges to drive on, and improved access to health care for all.

Our President has helped to make our streets safer. Under President Clinton, the City of Detroit has received a significant increase in police officers patrolling the beat and dedicated to community-based policing. Under President Clinton, the Brady Law has kept handguns out of over 20,000 potential felons. Under President Clinton, the stronger assault weapons ban has saved innumerable lives and made the City of Detroit and our nation a safer place to live.

Our President has begun to provide investment in Africa. President Clinton was the first President in a generation to visit the land of all of our birth, Africa. He stood in the dome of the site where perhaps my ancestors were taken in chains to the United States. President Clinton has fostered and used the strength of his office to ensure that Congress and private industry include Africa on its list of international development and investment.

In closing, let me repeat that I do not condone the actions to which the President has admitted. While we all strive for perfection and purity, there is not a single soul who is perfect, clean or untarnished. The President has apologized for the errors of his ways.

While I understand that impeachment is second only to declaring war in Constitutional importance, Congress still has work to do. We have not solved the problem of those senior citizens, unemployed persons or the poor who go to the hospital and cannot afford health insurance. We have not solved the problem of those persons who have mental illness and wander our nation's streets. We have not solved the problem of our crumbling and deteriorating elementary, secondary and high schools. We have not solved the problem of our frayed social safety net. It is important that Congress seriously weigh and analyze this referral, but not neglect the people's business. We have tough decisions to make; the consideration of this referral should not, and must not, push the concerns of our senior citizens, working families, and the poor aside.

FAREWELL TO SYDNEY SEAWARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in coming to this House, there are many times that we talk about issues of State, sometimes issues of war. But maybe it makes us more