

touched will be forever with us in spirit. There is a song and the lyrics of that song may have been heard but not listened to by many and it is that life is about more than who we are, it is about what we do with the span of time in which we have. FLOYD embodied that. He made sure that the imprint that he left upon each of us and the Nation was one that was very positive.

FLOYD, to your family, you spoke often of your sons and of your grandchildren, we wish you and your family well. One day we will join you, my friend.

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

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I join my colleagues in bidding a fond farewell to our colleague and "My Chairman," FLOYD SPENCE, who died last month. Our condolences to his wife Deborah and his four children. FLOYD SPENCE was a hero, a patriot, a family man, a man of God, and, above all, a gentleman. In his more than 30 years in this body, he demonstrated civility, respect and kindness toward his colleagues. He was in the finest tradition of Southern gentlemen.

Mr. Speaker, FLOYD SPENCE served his country honorably in the U.S. Navy, on active duty in the Korean War era, and then as a Reservist, even while a Member of Congress for decades thereafter. His commitment to our troops in uniform was unsurpassed and obvious to those of us who served with him.

In his role as Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee for the six years ending in January, FLOYD really came into his own, in highlighting the deteriorating conditioning of our armed forces and strengthening congressional resolve to address this issue.

I was honored to be in attendance at his funeral, along with Vice President CHENEY, Secretary Rumsfeld and so many others. His voice will be missed in this body, but never forgotten.

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, It is with a heavy heart that I stand here today to honor the memory of a dear friend and respected colleague, FLOYD SPENCE. FLOYD was a patriot and a statesman who devoted his 30 years in Congress to securing America's defense and supporting our nation's veterans. As such, he was a well-known voice of experience and leadership on both the House Armed Services and Veterans' Affairs Committees, on which he proudly served for much of his career.

FLOYD assumed the powerful chairmanship of the Armed Services Committee when Republicans gained control of the Congress in 1995. He quickly proved himself a skilled chairman, pushing for and securing billions more in desperately needed defense funding when the Clinton Administration was seeking to gut the military to pay for the massive growth of government social programs. FLOYD helped to save and protect our national defense and laid the groundwork for the current drive to rebuild and redefine our defense capability to better respond to the challenges of the new century battlefield.

Winning tough battles was not uncommon for FLOYD. During his tenure, the gentleman from South Carolina was successful in instituting instrumental legislative initiatives while gaining the admiration and friendship of members from both sides of the aisle.

His quiet strength also got him through some very rough health challenges. Despite these problems, I never heard FLOYD complain. In fact, I can't recall him ever walking into a room without a smile and kind word.

FLOYD was a great American and a personal friend. I greatly value my days serving with him, especially on the Armed Services and VA Committees. He was a source of wisdom and counsel on difficult issues, and his presence in these hallowed halls will be sorely missed.

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, also on the note earlier echoed by the gentleman from Indiana, Mr. BUYER, we will miss FLOYD but he has made us all richer.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO ATTEND FUNERAL OF THE LATE HONORABLE FLOYD SPENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KIRK). Pursuant to the order of the House of Thursday, August 2, 2001, the Speaker on Tuesday, August 21, 2001, appointed the following Members to attend the funeral of the late Honorable FLOYD SPENCE:

Mr. SPRATT of South Carolina;
Mr. HASTERT of Illinois;
Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma;
Mr. CLYBURN of South Carolina;
Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina;
Mr. DEMINT of South Carolina;
Mr. BROWN of South Carolina;
Mr. YOUNG of Florida;
Mr. HUNTER of California;
Mr. SAXTON of New Jersey;
Mr. HEFLEY of Colorado;
Mr. McNULTY of New York;
Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland;
Mr. MCHUGH of New York;
Mr. CHAMBLISS of Georgia.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, 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 New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

CURRENT IMMIGRATION ISSUES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KIRK). 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, first let me offer my deep appreciation and sympathy, appreciation

for FLOYD SPENCE's life and sympathy to his family.

Mr. Speaker, there is no question that we have been expecting new immigration agreements to be announced when the Mexican President, Vicente Fox, visits Washington this week. Instead, we have the White House issuing a statement that they expect a comprehensive U.S.-Mexico immigration reform package in the next 4 to 6 years.

Since their elections last year, both President Fox and President Bush have pressed immigration to the top of their agendas. President Bush has stated that he is willing to embrace a more inclusive vision of America, one that would welcome the talents and contributions of immigrant communities all over this Nation, hardworking, tax-paying immigrants coming from places as far away as Poland, England, Brazil, Guatemala, Singapore and other places that people would be interested in coming to the United States.

It is disappointing that both Presidents believe that reform will take so long to broker. Immigration is extremely complex; however, we cannot delay dealing with the issues involved. The time has come to bring these people out of the shadows and allow them to bask in the sunlight of mainstream American life. The time has come to educate the American people, to make them stakeholders in improving the lives of all Americans and those who access the American dream. Given the momentum the two Presidents have generated up until now and given the expectations, if they do not take advantage at this moment, they will have missed an historic opportunity.

By pushing back a reform in immigration policy, President Bush is losing sight of the millions of hardworking, tax-paying immigrants who have lived in this country for a number of years and have contributed to the economic prosperity of our Nation. What the White House is doing with our immigrant community is nothing more than gesturing, lip service designed to attract badly needed Hispanic support to the Republican fold. We cannot wait 4 to 6 years for real immigration reform. The time has come for a change in U.S. immigration policy.

The Democratic Principles on Immigration provides this necessary immigration reform by rectifying current problems in immigration policy. The principles of the statement are family reunification, earned access to legalization, border safety and protection, enhanced temporary worker program, and ending unfair discrimination against legal immigrants.

A policy based on these five principles will bring stability to the lives of millions of people. In addition to strengthening the national economy, such a policy would honor family values, reward hard work, provide worker protections and enhance civil rights. It would also benefit people who have come to the United States from every corner of the globe. Any new program