

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
BRUCE ROY

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

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, the State of Maine and the working families across the Nation lost a determined advocate when Bruce Roy passed away on April 7. I rise tonight to honor my dear friend. My heart goes out to his wife for over 29 years, Nancy; his two daughters, Jessica and Joanne; and his five grandchildren, Courtney, Britney, Logan, Isabell, and Cooper, as well as his extended family during this very difficult time.

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Bruce reminds us all of how short and precious life can be, but unlike most people who let life pass by them, Bruce lived in the moment. He gave everything he had to the betterment of his family's life and those around him.

I believe that a true measure of a man should always be the size of his heart. And God knows, and everyone who knew Bruce knew, that the size of his heart was enormous. He loved so many, and he was loved by so many, and there is nothing more important in life than that.

Bruce's idea of family far extends beyond the traditional norm; it includes his fellow mill workers, his union brothers and sisters, and his neighbors. He devoted his life to helping struggling families all across the State of Maine. And in the weeks preceding his death, helping the laid-off workers at Wausau Paper Mill get the assistance that they deserved.

Bruce also was a member of PACE International Union, known today as United Steelworkers Local 11 of Jay. He also served as Treasurer/Recording Secretary and President of the Maine Labor Council of the United Steelworkers, and Secretary/Treasurer of the Maine AFL-CIO. He was recently appointed and confirmed to the Maine Workers' Compensation Board.

But in no way can Bruce's resume encapsulate who he was and what he stood for. When I first ran for Congress, many people did not believe that a mill worker could be elected. I was in a six-way primary in 2002, and the odds were stacked against me. Bruce devoted his life full-time to my campaign. And even though he wasn't a paid staffer, he was very much part of our campaign team. Bruce would get up at the crack of dawn to do mill gates, and spent long evenings plastering neighborhoods with campaign signs and literature. He was instrumental in my "Get Out the Vote" effort in the Katahdin region. I know he did all this at the expense of spending time with his loving family. He made an enormous sacrifice, but it was for a cause that he believed in. And that is how Bruce lived his life, he devoted his whole heart to the cause he believed in. When I won the seat to the United States Congress, my victory

was not just for me, but for people like Bruce.

Bruce always reminded me that you can't stop fighting for the working men and women of this country. He lived that pledge in everything that he did. I have never forgotten those words. They are the words that we all should live by today.

Bruce always made a decision based on what was right. His approach to life was a combination of good humor, high ideals, and honor. He lived by that example. His son-in-law said about Bruce, "He was the nicest guy I ever met," and I couldn't agree more.

There are no words to express the pain we all feel with his passing away. We love you, Bruce, and we know that you are among the angels. Your work here on Earth will never be forgotten from your brothers and sisters in the labor movement, and from your families and friends who lived and worked by you each and every day of your life.

May God bless you and your wonderful family.

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

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

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY, CARL
LINDNER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mrs. SCHMIDT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 90th birthday of one of Cincinnati's greatest citizens, Carl H. Lindner, Jr. I have the privilege and honor of calling Carl a constituent of mine.

For more than 70 years, the greater Cincinnati region has come to admire and appreciate Carl's business and philanthropic skills. Carl Lindner is a living example of the American Dream and proof positive that anything is possible in the United States.

At the age of 14, Carl left school to work in the family dairy business, along with his brothers, Robert and Richard, and his sister, Dorothy. They operated a cash-and-carry dairy market in Norwood, Ohio. The store was the origin of United Dairy Farmers, and so began Carl Lindner's storied career.

Throughout his career, Mr. Lindner has touched thousands of lives in southwestern Ohio. His generosity has built schools, cured the sick, and changed the face of a city. Be it supporting the arts or building a new hospital, Carl has contributed mightily to the economic and cultural lives of his fellow Cincinnatians.

Carl remains active in his varied business ventures as chairman of the board and chief executive of the Amer-

ican Financial Group. Mr. Lindner has been married to his beautiful bride, Edith, for well over 50 years. And United Dairy Farmers continues to make the best ice cream in Cincinnati, including my favorite homemade brand, chocolate chip.

Mr. Speaker, if a man is truly judged by his deeds, then there can be no higher example than set by Carl Lindner. Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating Carl's 90th birthday.

Happy birthday, Carl. I hope you have 90 more. God bless you.

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

(Ms. WOOLSEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

HONORING CLAUDE "TAPPY"
MOLLOY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, once again the people of my district, the U.S. Virgin Islands, have lost a beloved political leader who for the past half century has selflessly given of his time and talents to the betterment of our community.

Claude A. Molloy, a native of St. Croix—"Tappy," as he was affectionately known to one and all—served this country in the U.S. Air Force during the 1950s and later went on to obtain a Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting from the University of Puerto Rico in 1962, and then subsequently an MBA, with a specialization in economics, finance, and industrial relations from the Columbia University School of Business in 1976.

He served our territorial government with dedication and distinction in many capacities over the years in the Departments of Finance, Property and Procurement, Labor, and the Board of the VI Water and Power Authority in crucial and vital positions. But according to those who knew him best, his most significant contributions were in his service to the Virgin Islands Legislature and the Government Employee Retirement System. He was elected to the Virgin Islands Legislature for three terms and served as Senate President in the 10th Legislature of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

As a legislator, he made his mark as chairman of the Committee of Agriculture and Procurement, Tourism and Advertising, Labor and Veterans Affairs, the Cost of Living Commission, and Banking and Interest Rates. He also served on the Second Constitutional Convention's Committee on Taxation, Finance and Federal Relations, as well as the Cultural Heritage Commission.

As administrator for the Virgin Islands Employees Retirement System, he fought to preserve the integrity of the system, even so far as going to court to ensure that the system's assets were protected and that government contributions were submitted on time. That was quintessential Tappy—fiercely protecting the people of the Virgin Islands in any instance where he felt they or their rights were being threatened.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, many in my community have fond memories of a man who cared for his family, his people, and his islands. His contributions to the formative years of the young democracy that is the U.S. Virgin Islands will be a prominent part of our history.

I extend my condolences to his wife, Juel, his sisters, his children and his grandchildren. I know that his wit and wisdom will remain an indelible part of their and our memories in the days to come, and we thank them all for sharing this lion of a man with us so generously.

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

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

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

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

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

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

HONORING JAMES BARTON "MICKEY" VERNON

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

Mr. SESTAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the achievements of one of the finest athletes and men ever to call the Seventh Congressional District of Pennsylvania home. James Barton "Mickey" Vernon, a native of Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania, passed away on September 24, 2008, having lived a life of great success and purpose. Today is the anniversary of his birthday.

Long before he became an exceptional professional baseball player, Mickey Vernon's character and work ethic were shaped by his parents, Clarence and Katherine Morris Vernon, his sister, Edith, and the good people of

Marcus Hook, the cornerstone of Pennsylvania.

In addition, he benefited from the dedicated faculty and coaches of Eddystone High School and Villanova University. Ranked among the best players of baseball's golden era, Mickey was twice the American League's batting champ and, over a career that included time with the Washington Senators, Cleveland Indians, Boston Red Sox, Milwaukee Braves and Pittsburgh Pirates, he played in 2,409 Major League games. In each, he played with skill, determination, and a complete commitment to his team and teammates.

More important than his skills on the diamond, Mickey Vernon stands apart for his modesty and unflinching service to our Nation and to our community. I am especially proud to call him "shipmate." Mickey Vernon served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the brutally hot and dangerous South Pacific. Following that conflict, he continued his brilliant career, and with his lovely wife, Anne, raised a lovely daughter, Gay.

In a year when the Seventh Congressional District lost both Mickey Vernon and Harry Kalas, there is a temptation to feel great pain and sadness, that is understandable; but it is more in keeping with the lives of both men that we celebrate their greatness and decency.

I ask that our Chamber and our Nation pause to honor James Barton "Mickey" Vernon as a model athlete, a veteran, husband, father and friend, an inspiration to us all. He was some man.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Ms. MOORE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

RECKLESS OVERSPENDING BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. AKIN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. AKIN. Good evening, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for recognizing me.

I am interested tonight in talking about a subject that I think is on the minds of Americans everywhere and has gotten people not just on their minds, but on their hearts as well. They're exercised, they're concerned, they're worried. And that is the subject of taxes, and really reckless overspending on the part of the Federal Government.

We have heard over the past about 6 years or 7 years the high cost of the war, particularly in Iraq. People say, hey, we are spending a tremendous amount of money every day in Iraq, what are we getting for our money? This thing is breaking our budget. We're spending too much money. This is terrible. And then what we see here in the first 5 weeks of the Congress meeting, we saw them passing what was supposed to be a stimulus bill—or I call it a porkulus bill—and that bill, at \$840 billion, was more money than we spent in 6 and 7 years, respectively, in the war in Iraq added to the war in Afghanistan. So we were really burning some serious money just in the first 5 weeks.

Now, let's add to that, turn forward a little bit, and the American public is becoming exercised about this subject. And just this last week, on the day when filing of taxes is due, we saw all across our country a massive turnout of people, just average citizens, largely—at least certainly that's what it was in the St. Louis area—having these TEA parties. And they were very upset. And they carried all kinds of signs to express their concern about this problem of reckless overspending on the part of the Federal Government. Some of the signs read—and they were fairly clever—"Give Me Liberty, Not Debt," obviously taking off of Patrick Henry. And it said "No More Pork." Here's one, "Got Taxes? Got Government? Get Liberty."

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Then there was a 6 year-old that carried the sign, "I am 6 years old and I