

Looking at the two of us, the gentleman from Michigan and me, at first blush the casual observer might think Big JOHN and I cannot see eye to eye on much at all. JOHN DINGELL always looks deeper, into the smallest of details. The fact is the two of us have enjoyed over three and a half decades of working together on a number of fronts.

As the youngest member of the 95th Congress, I was outranked by JOHN DINGELL in more ways than one when I came to Congress. But not once in all our years of serving in this body, has he shown me any less courtesy, less attention, or less respect than he would to those with far more seniority than I.

Call it statesmanship, shrewd politics, or simply sheer human decency; it is darn effective, when someone of JOHN DINGELL's stature listens to you.

Members of Congress cannot serve, produce, and deliver for their Districts and States without listening. That includes back home as well as here in the halls and cubby holes of the Congress. Listening is the first chapter in the book of Congressional comity.

In an institution designed to reach consensus through the art of compromise, the entire Congress can take a page from Representative JOHN DINGELL's playbook. The Congress and the entire country would most certainly be well-served.

Godspeed to JOHN DINGELL and his dear wife, Debbie.

IN MEMORY OF RUSSELL JOSEPH  
MARTINEAU

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 6, 2013*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a friend and a man beloved by his family, friends and community.

Russell "Russ" Martineau would be described by anyone as a humble and a genuinely decent man who took no acclaim for himself but who worked tirelessly in support of others. Russ dedicated his career as a licensed clinical social worker to serving aging veterans at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center in Houston, Texas. During his career, he earned many accolades including recognition for Outstanding Social Work Team from the William Hearst Foundation for his work with colleagues in forming the AGIF Consortium promoting and developing Gerontology studies for graduate students. His dedication to our veterans followed his own service to our nation. Russ enlisted in the United States Air Force serving during the Vietnam War with the Pacific Air Forces.

Those that knew Russ would tell you that his most cherished role was that of family man. He met Julie, his wife of 33 years, and someone I am glad to count as a dear friend, while a student at California State University Long Beach. Julie has done so much in her own right for our region through her leadership of the Friendship Center and the Montgomery County United Way. Yet, none of her efforts would have been possible without Russ as her strongest supporter and confidant. Russ

proudly played his part as the father of two wonderful daughters and two delightful grandchildren. To see his warm smile or the gleam in his eye when surrounded by those he loved was proof enough of the great pride he had for his family.

I will forever remember the quiet courageousness with which Russ valiantly faced his battle with Multiple Myeloma for the last six years. Russ Martineau was a devout man who gained peace from the grace of his Lord and fortitude from those he dearly loved. Today, the friends and loved ones who stood in faith and encouragement will celebrate his life at Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in The Woodlands, Texas.

To Julie, his daughters Adria and Brittany, grandchildren Brice and Delaney, his stepmother Elizabeth Hypes Martineau, sister Barbara Moore and his brothers Don, Bill and Jeff Martineau, I offer the words of Thomas Campbell, "To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die."

REMEMBERING THE USS  
"SCORPION"

**HON. BOB GOODLATTE**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 6, 2013*

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, The USS *Scorpion* went down May 22, 1968, killing 99 men and was consequently buried 11,220 feet underwater in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. There are more questions than answers for those familiar with the *Scorpion* but today let the record show, we will never forget.

The crisis exploded without warning across the sprawling U.S. Navy community in Norfolk, Virginia. A nuclear submarine and its crew had vanished in the Atlantic. The *Scorpion* and its 99-man crew had left Norfolk on February 15 for a three-month Mediterranean deployment. The crew participated in several naval exercises with the U.S. Sixth Fleet and NATO, and conducted ongoing reconnaissance of Soviet naval units, with stops in Italy and Sicily before reentering the Atlantic for the homeward voyage on May 17. *Scorpion's* skipper, Commander Francis A. Slatery, had radioed Atlantic Submarine Force headquarters early on May 22 that the sub would arrive in Norfolk at 1 p.m. the following Monday, Memorial Day. The 1 p.m. arrival time came and went with no sign of *Scorpion*.

Later a Navy admiral involved in the *Scorpion* incident would describe it as "one of the greatest unsolved sea mysteries of our era." The 251-foot-long submarine and its crew had inexplicably disappeared somewhere in the trackless Atlantic Ocean.

On June 5, 1968 the *Scorpion* was declared "presumed lost." Yesterday, we marked the 45th Anniversary of the sub being presumed lost; and we honor the sacrifice of the USS *Scorpion* and its entire crew. The reason for this tragedy remains a mystery, but the honor and valor of the 99 men lost that day is no mystery. Our Nation owes them an unfaltering debt of gratitude for their service and commitment to freedom.

Not only are we forever indebted to the crew of the USS *Scorpion*, but we are forever

indebted to their families who have lived these 45 years with uncertainty and without closure.

I applaud the mission, the memory, and the memorial of the USS *Scorpion* and its crew of 99.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2013  
SERVICE ACADEMY APPOINTEES  
FROM THE 21ST CONGRESSIONAL  
DISTRICT OF TEXAS

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 6, 2013*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2013 Service Academy appointees from the 21st Congressional District of Texas.

The following individuals have accepted academy appointments: Liam Thomas Catoe, Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University, United States Naval Academy; Lucas Adrian Fumagalli, New Braunfels High School, United States Air Force Academy; Nathaniel Robert Guney, Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University, United States Naval Academy; Dillon Mitchell Launius, Vandegrift High School, United States Air Force Academy; Adam S. Lee, East Central High School, United States Air Force Academy; Kevin Michael McGinty, MacArthur High School, United States Naval Academy; Joshua Andrew McMillen, International School of the Americas, United States Air Force Academy; John Edward Monday, Jr., Boerne—Samuel V. Champion High School, United States Military Academy; Clara Elizabeth Navarro, Rice University, United States Naval Academy; James Lyn Pazdral, Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University, United States Military Academy; Albert Dixon Patillo III, Heritage School, United States Military Academy; Rafael David Ramos-Michael, Brackenridge High School, United States Military Academy; and Kirsten S. Redmon, United States Military Preparatory School/Sam Houston High School, United States Military Academy.

Again, congratulations to these outstanding students. I know they will serve our country well and I trust success will follow them in all their endeavors.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 6, 2013*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,738,767,256,596.67. We've added \$6,111,890,207,683.59 to our debt in 4 and a half years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.