

The Forbes family has demonstrated that in a very eloquent fashion.

I also think about how he touched lives. When we talk to people who walk the street, they will tell us how Dr. James Alexander Forbes, Senior, was able to motivate people. Young people would just sort of come and spend time with him, because he had so much to offer.

I am certain that in his homegoing, that many people wanted to say things and wanted to be part of the ceremony, but were not able to be part of that ceremony because of the fact that he was such a special person.

I remember from my early years, in terms of dealing with him, how he always wanted you to have all the facts, wanted you to have all the information. If you decided to talk to him, if you were not prepared, he would tell you to go away and come back after you have collected all the data.

So I would say to the family and to all the friends of Dr. James Alexander Forbes, Senior, here is a man who has really made a difference in the lives of people. As much as he is gone now, think of the fact that he has touched so many lives, and the people that he has touched. I am certain that he will continue to live through those people that he trained, through those people that he was able to help, through those people that he counseled. I think that will make a difference in terms of their lives as well.

In closing, let me just say to the family that, sure, they are going to miss their dad, their granddad, their uncle, and of course, brother, all of that, and friend. But I think we need to just, at this moment in time, think about the contributions that he has made. I am certain that the angels in heaven are probably being told by God today, step aside, angels, let me handle Reverend Forbes myself, because that is the kind of life that he lived. I think that he would say to the angels, you are not prepared to handle this right now.

TRIBUTE TO DAN GABLE

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

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to invite my colleagues' attention to the career of Dan Gable, an Iowan who has made a unique contribution to amateur wrestling, and in the process, become a hero and role model for athletes in the United States and around the world.

Based on his personal record and that of his team's, Dan Gable may well be the greatest competitor and greatest coach in the history of sports. After winning a series of State championships for Waterloo West High School in Waterloo, Iowa, Dan attended Iowa State University, where he won two national collegiate championships.

Subsequently he won the prestigious Tblisi Tournament in Russia, captured championships in the Pan American games, and the world wrestling tournament. In the 1972 Olympic games, Dan not only won a Gold Medal, but in the six matches he had to win to do so, he did not give up a single point. It was the first time an American had ever gone through an entire Olympics unscored upon.

Dan concluded his career as a wrestler with an overall record of 307 wins and 7 losses, with no new worlds to conquer. He turned to coaching, beginning at the University of Iowa as an assistant, and soon taking over as head coach.

As head coach of the Iowa Hawkeyes, his teams won 15 NCAA team championships in 21 years, including nine straight between 1978 to 1986, and three in a row on two subsequent sessions.

In listing Iowa University wrestling alongside the New York Yankees and the Green Bay Packers as one of the greatest sports dynasties in the 20th century, Sports Illustrated said, in part:

As terrifying as Dan Gable was to opposing wrestlers when he won the Olympic Gold Medal in 1972, he was just as discomfiting matside as he seemed to will his Hawkeyes to total dominance.

In the final analysis, Dan Gable's influence cannot be measured simply in wins and losses. By precept and example, he has both taught and embodied the values wrestling preeminently imparts: equality of opportunity, discipline, and respect for self and opponent.

There is no more egalitarian circle than a wrestling mat. While all sports involve God-given athleticism, wrestling eliminates the advantages of size and rewards hard work and conditioning. The talented, unschooled athlete simply cannot prevail over the dedicated plugger.

Wrestling teaches a healthy respect for the role of limits in life. All experienced wrestlers know the structure of all the moves. Unlike the professional entertainment that is its namesake, amateur wrestling is devoid of tricks. Yet, within the context of a limited number of moves, each wrestler develops his own style which best reflects his nature, physique, and ability.

Just as the successful wrestler must know his limits, he must understand his opponent, modifying his moves to adjust to his opponent's strengths and weaknesses. Wrestlers learn to live within limits imposed by the exacting discipline of the sport, a sport that is uniquely individualist, yet fosters team comradery.

Wrestling teaches that, as in life, nothing serious can be accomplished without a work ethic. Above anything else, Dan Gable exemplifies the work ethic. In his career as a wrestler and coach, he stands as the apotheosis of American competitive values.

On Sunday, November 14, the cable television channel HBO Signature will air a documentary on the career of Dan Gable entitled "Freestyle: The victories of Dan Gable."

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It will introduce millions to this exemplary American athlete. I highly recommend young people in particular to watch this program with the understanding that excellence is a worthy goal, but it does not come easily.

A.C. GREEN IS A TRUE ROLE MODEL FOR OUR CHILDREN

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 of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, one night last week, I watched Hannity & Colmes on the Fox News Channel. The show featured two professional athletes and a discussion on whether sports figures should be role models.

The men and women our children look to for guidance is an issue I have taken a great deal of interest in, especially in the last few years. In fact, I have come to the House floor a number of times to discuss the lack of morality within our society and its potential impact on our Nation's future.

Too many times the leaders and public figures our children look to for guidance fall short in their responsibility. Thank goodness for men and women at the local level who work to teach our youth the value that they need to succeed in life. They are the parents, the little league coaches, Boy Scout and Girl Scout leaders, and volunteers across this country. These individuals work directly with our children to encourage character and integrity in their lives and the lives of our children.

As Oliver Wendell Holmes once said, "The noblest services come from the nameless hands, and the best servant does his work unseen."

Mr. Speaker, I agree with this statement. In fact, I wish that more of our children could see their parents and community leaders as the heroes they truly are. Too often the athletes and actors our children look up to fail our children. They may have money or fame, but their own behavior often lacks the sense of responsibility our children must see in order to succeed in life.

Thank goodness there are exceptions. As I watch Hannity & Colmes, I was most impressed to see one fine athlete who takes his position as a role model very seriously. In fact, he uses his success and popularity to help children gain the skills they need to succeed.

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