

Mr. Speaker, this is my first term; and if I serve just this one term, or 20 more, I hope to display just one ounce, one thimbleful, of the dignity and grace and wisdom of the senior Senator from New York.

Godspeed, Senator MOYNIHAN.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR DANIEL
PATRICK MOYNIHAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 19, 1999, the gentleman from New York (Mr. HOUGHTON) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. HOUGHTON. Senator, it is hard for me to stand up here and talk to you, of all people, who are so eloquent and has given so many wonderful and meaningful things to us over the years.

Also I think of the words of John Lord O'Brien, who you remember was the great lawyer from Buffalo and was the head of probably the greatest law firm in the history of the country, which was the War Production Board during World War II. Somebody was saying very nice things about him one time, and he says, "I accept that and I appreciate it. The problem I have is not inhaling them."

You have had so many nice things said about you, I know it must be very difficult. But as you know, no one person is indispensable, clearly you nor I nor anyone around here. But if anyone comes close to indispensability, it is you.

I think of that wonderful story that Archibald McLeash told at one time. He was talking to a group of students, and one of the students said at the end of the lecture, "Mr. McLeash, would you try to sum up what you have said?" And he said, "Yes, I will try." He said, "Don't forget the thing." And the student said, "What do you mean, Mr. McLeash, by 'the thing'?"

Mr. McLeash said, "I will tell you what 'the thing' is. You know, so many times in life we judge ourselves, are we a Congressman, a Senator, a head of this or in charge of that, what we do. The thing is not what we do, but what we are." And what you are and what you are to us and will continue to be, this is not a finite thing, it is more than I can express.

Obviously there are things that are important to me, what you have done in terms of our transportation in upstate New York, Route 17 or I-86, to be exact, extraordinary. Not only have you been able to do things which have really helped and opened up what could be an economic wasteland, and is not because of your efforts; but you put it all in perspective, such as many times in discussions we have, going away back, 30, 40 years, Governor Dewey and some of the things he was trying to do. It was very, very helpful.

I also remember being I think it was in the Cannon Caucus Room when Bob

Dole decided he was going to step out of the race in 1988. And who was there from the other side? It was you. You did not have to be there. I do not know whether anybody asked you, but you were there to lend support to your colleague.

Also I remember the times that we have been at Seneca Falls and the Women's Hall of Fame and the importance of women's issues in this country.

I could go on and on, but I want to go back to what Mr. McLeash said, it is what you are, rather than what you have done.

There was a wonderful statement that George Patton made to the Third Army in 1945, and it goes this way: "The highest honor I have attained is that of having my name coupled with yours in these great events." I echo that now with you, sir.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR DANIEL
PATRICK MOYNIHAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 19, 1999, the gentleman from New York (Mr. CROWLEY) is recognized during morning hour debates for 2 minutes.

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, time will not permit me to read my prepared remarks, Senator, so I will just summarize them. As a veteran of Hell's Kitchen, I went to Power Memorial High School in Hell's Kitchen, so we have that in common.

As a veteran of World War II, as a veteran of academia, as a veteran of four administrations serving as a cabinet official or sub-cabinet official, as a veteran of the U.N. and as a veteran of the United States Senate, what a career, what a life, a life that would be admired and is admired by all Americans. But especially we in New York admire you for your service to our State, to our city and to our country.

You have been an inspiration to millions of Americans, especially to the poor, for your work in dealing with the poor and helping those who are least fortunate. Really, I believe following through on the beliefs that you were taught as a young man I am sure and throughout your entire career, you have stuck to them, always looking out for the most unfortunate among us.

We are going to miss you here in Washington, but we are going to have you, we hope, a lot more back in New York where we can all cherish you as we have right now.

In the words of our ancestors, let me summarize by saying, may the road rise up to meet you, and may the wind be always at your back, your wife Liz's back, and your entire family.

God bless you, Senator.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR DANIEL
PATRICK MOYNIHAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 19, 1999, the gentleman from New York (Mr. KING) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, Senator MOYNIHAN has often said that there is no sense in being Irish unless you realize that some day, somehow, the world is going to break your heart. Well, obviously the hearts of New Yorkers are broken by the stepping down from the Senate of Senator MOYNIHAN. But, at the same time, we as New Yorkers can rejoice in the absolutely unparalleled contributions he has made to our country, to our State, and also in the fact that he is the quintessential New Yorker.

Whether it was growing up in the streets of New York, shining shoes, working on the docks, working for Governor Harriman, running for the president of the New York City Council many years ago, serving as ambassador to the U.N. in New York where he stood up for the dignity of people everywhere, where he almost single-handedly denounced the resolution against Zionism, a man who was willing to always come to the brink, to stand and fight for what was right. Certainly during the 24 years he has been in the United States Senate, he has never allowed partisanship to in any way interfere with the job that he did.

The gentleman from New York (Mr. BOEHLERT) stated that he has the privilege of being your Congressman. I got the short straw. I represented Senator D'Amato for many years as his Congressman. I remember the many conversations I had with Senator D'Amato, where he would say how you were invaluable to the Senate, how partisanship never entered into the relationship you had, going back to the very first meeting after his election you had with him in the Hotel Carlyle in Manhattan.

I remember Senator D'Amato preparing for that meeting with you, and afterwards saying, "I just met the greatest guy in the world." From that day forward you forged a close relationship.

But that really personifies the relationship you had with all the people of New York. You were always there. You were, on the one hand, always defending the institutions of the United States, but, at the same time, willing to challenge accepted thinking.

Your book *Beyond the Melting Pot* certainly redefined the importance of ethnicity in the United States, the fact that you were willing to challenge Federal programs that were not working, which certainly antagonized people on the left; but then you went against people on the right by telling them that we had much more to do to strengthen the American family, we

had more to do to be responsive to those who were being left behind in good economic times.

Senator MOYNIHAN, it really is a privilege for me as a Member of Congress to be able to join in this tribute to you. It certainly was a great meaning to me as a New Yorker for many years, whether it was reading your books, whether it was trying with my thesaurus and dictionary trying to understand all of your speeches and op-ed pieces in the New York Times and intellectual journals, whether it was always being challenged and sometimes provoked, other times really just put to the test by trying to measure up to the standards you set by answering the questions that you were posing; and you real personify what it means to be a Senator.

You are a man of Hell's Kitchen and a renaissance man; a working man and a Harvard professor; a street politician who ran for president of the city council; and a diplomat who walked with world leaders.

So I am again honored and privileged to be able to serve with you in the United States Government, but, most importantly, to be here today, and also to not really make a request, but almost impose upon you to say you have an obligation to work with us for all of your remaining years, to keep those columns coming, those op-ed pieces, to keep the letters and speeches coming, and never, ever stop probing our conscience, making us take that extra step to work for our constituents and the meaning of the United States.

Thank you, Senator MOYNIHAN.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 19, 1999, the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. LOWEY) is recognized during morning hour debates for 3 minutes.

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to a great public servant and a dear friend, Senator Daniel Patrick MOYNIHAN. It is hard to believe, but we know you are going to stay fighting with us all this time.

Senator MOYNIHAN has served our country honorably through more than 4 decades of public life and four distinguished terms as Senator from New York. I want to especially salute Liz, our friend, your soulmate, your champion, your partner, your friend and fighter for all the causes that are good in New York and this country. We know you are going to continue to fight with us, Liz.

As a New Yorker, it has been an honor to be represented by Senator MOYNIHAN; and, as a Member of Congress, it has truly been a privilege for me to work with him. A leading advocate for New York's renowned medical

schools and teaching hospitals, Senator MOYNIHAN has fought tirelessly to make sure that New York receives the Federal health care dollars that it deserves.

As a member of the Irish caucus, I have seen firsthand Senator MOYNIHAN's passionate commitment to establishing peace with justice for the people of Northern Ireland. Senator MOYNIHAN has also worked relentlessly to strengthen the United States-Israel relationship and to bring peace to that troubled region.

Yet Senator MOYNIHAN's storied legislative career, numerous political appointments and 62 honorary degrees are only part of what makes him so remarkable. Anyone who has had the pleasure of his company or the opportunity to work and fight by his side knows that his eloquence, intellect and dignity have made him a model leader for all Americans and a venerable advocate for the people of New York.

Indeed, Senator MOYNIHAN has been a guiding light on so many issues critical to the American landscape, perhaps nowhere more evident than his lifelong commitment to ending poverty in this country. With his incisive intellect, his boundless passion, Senator MOYNIHAN has worked tirelessly to speak for those who have no voice and to mend the social fabric of our Nation.

I know I speak for all New York and the Nation when I say that this institution will lose a brilliant mind when Senator MOYNIHAN retires next year, but we will continue to have your brilliant mind in fighting with us on all these critical issues that mean so much to New York and this country.

I will always treasure the time I have served with and have been represented by my good friend, Senator DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN. We wish you well. Godspeed to you, Liz, as well.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 19, 1999, the gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS) is recognized during morning hour debates for 1 minute.

Mr. MEEKS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to join my fellow colleagues in honoring the distinguished Senator from New York. For almost a quarter of a century, DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN has represented the interests of the people of New York with a thoughtful, diplomatic leadership presence in the Senate. He has defined politics of civility.

His experience and expertise in domestic policy, foreign policy, science and the arts has guided our country through some of her toughest challenges. As a new Member of Congress seeking guidance, Senator MOYNIHAN and his staff were there for me whenever I called on them on behalf of the

constituents of the 6th Congressional District.

Senator MOYNIHAN's professional story during four honorable Senate terms serves as a powerful contrast to the prevailing cynicism about politics and public service. PAT MOYNIHAN has been a larger-than-life figure for New York and the Senate, being a true role model and a great leader, with grace and wisdom, that has made all Americans proud, no matter what party, race, sex, religion or creed, no matter whether you are rich or you are poor. Indeed, Senator MOYNIHAN, your career has been about bringing people together. What a great legacy, about bringing people together and caring for all.

Open behalf of my constituents, I thank Senator MOYNIHAN for his dedication and distinguished public service; and I wish him and his wife, Liz, all of God's blessing. The people of New York will miss him greatly. So will the Congress, and so will our country.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 19, 1999, the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. KELLY) is recognized during morning hour debates for 3 minutes.

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, when I first met Senator DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN, it was early in his career. As a graduate of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts, he was, with characteristic concern for quality education, working with my husband and others to form a New York chapter of the Tufts Alumni Association. Its purpose was to found and fund scholarships and identify bright young students who would benefit from a college education. I remember then thinking how impressive he was in his grasp and understanding of the need of a quality education for all and the need for its early recognition.

When DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN ran for Senator from New York, it was as native son come home. A list of Senator MOYNIHAN's accomplishments would run on for hours, and we have heard many of them recounted here today. However, the most important things I believe so many will remember about him will be the fact that he changed their lives. He changed so many by applying intellect and concern for policy over politics.

During his distinguished career, many people gained a better quality of life and many people were able to better understand the government's functions, thanks to his thoughtful work.

Senator MOYNIHAN, it has been a great pleasure to work across the aisle from this House to the Senate and with you. We thank you for your hard work,