

YATES TRIBUTE

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2000

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, the late great Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Every man must decide if he will walk in the light of creative altruism or the darkness of destructive selfishness. This is the judgment. Life's most urgent and persistent question is what are you doing for others?" If service is the judgment, then heaven's gates have greeted the late Congressman Sidney R. Yates with open arms. Mr. Yates spent his life tirelessly, shamelessly, and unselfishly advocating for others who would have otherwise gone unheard. Our country would be a much better place if we all did.

Although our nation is a great one, it has not . . . because our laws and our statesmen, have not, always served the interests of certain persons and certain disciplines very well. However, in his more than sixty years of public service, Sidney Yates always did. I applaud him as a protector of the arts, a protector of the environment, a protector of children, and a protector of civil rights. His advocacy in these areas has never wavered.

I do not merely regard Mr. Yates as a great statesman for what he did, but when he did what he did. Sidney Yates has often stood up for people when doing so was not only unpopular, but in many instances, taboo. His advocacy for civil rights predates back to the 1940s, even though the Civil Rights Act was not passed until 1964. As the last of the New Deal Democrats and against the persistence of an emerging Grand Old Party majority in the 1990s, he fought to save, and did save, the National Education Association, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the nuclear submarine program. Furthermore, his leadership efforts have saved innumerable national parks and led to the establishment of the National Memorial Holocaust Museum. These are but a few of his contributions. Perhaps even more intriguing than what he accomplished was how he went about his work.

Although Congressman Yates was a hard worker, he, unlike many of us, was a rather silent and modest one. In his close to fifty years on Capitol Hill, he never held a press conference. He never even had a press secretary. He conducted his affairs and gained the trust and respect of his constituents the old-fashioned way. He earned it one act and one handshake at a time.

Although Sidney goes down as a member of Congress who served for the longest period of time, serving twenty-four full terms, his status when leaving the House in 1998 did not reflect that. His service record was interrupted in 1962 when he ran for a seat in the United States Senate for which he was unsuccessful. Although he won his U.S. House of Representatives seat back in 1964, but for his lack of continuity, he ranked 27th on the House Appropriations Committee when he otherwise would have been chairman. Although frustrated, as any of us would be, his manner of working and dedication to the betterment of

life for America's citizens never faltered. A well-deserved honor, in 1993, toward the end of his career, President Clinton bestowed the Presidential Citizens Medal of Honor on Congressman Yates for his efforts on behalf of the arts and humanities.

Mr. Yates' belief has always been "[e]very civilization throughout history, you know, has been judged not by its military conquests but by its civilized achievements." He lived his life with this quote as his guide. Let it guide our lives. As we bid farewell to the great Sidney Yates, may his spirit of service to every American forever live in all of us.

GUAM INSURANCE WEEK

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, the governor of Guam has designated the week of November 12-18, 2000 as "Insurance Week." The focus of this proclamation is the Guam Association of Life Underwriters (GALU), a territorial chapter of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA).

Chartered in 1972, the GALU is currently comprised of licensed general agents and subagents of the life insurance industry on the island of Guam. At the very onset of its inception, GALU worked toward bringing the industry together in order to improve the quality of products and services to the people of Guam. Between 1972 until 1990, GALU leaders David Cassidy, Carl Peterson, Charles Paulino, Frank Cruz and Evelyn Blas set the course which the association was to take. Under their leadership and guidance, GALU survived periods of economic slumps.

In the 1990's, past presidents Ben Toves, Frank B. Salas, Jess M. Dela Cruz, and Robert L. Wade Sr., worked toward providing continuing education for licensed agents. Together with the Guam Insurance Commissioner and the University of Guam, GALU made it possible for LUTC life insurance courses to be offered to agents on Guam. LUTC, the premier provider of sales skills training for the life and health insurance industry, enables local agents to achieve their highest potential through professional skills and leadership development training.

GALU's efforts toward the passage of Guam Public Law 25-134 further ensured the promotion of professionalism within the island's insurance industry. The law which requires 15 classroom hours per year for license renewal ensures that members remain in compliance with the rules and regulations of the insurance industry. In addition, personal enrichment among agents is also fostered by these annual sessions.

"Insurance Week" culminates with an induction ball to be held on November 17. At this point, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate GALU's 2000-2001 Executive Officers: Fred Magdalar, President; Bobby Shringi, Vice President; Lourdes CN Ada, Secretary; Danilo S. Cruz, Treasurer; and the Board of Directors: Mercy Alegre, Jess Dela Cruz, Thad Jones, James Moylan, Patrick

Matanane, John Baza and Roger Surban. I am sure that these officers will more than meet the challenge of operating in a rapidly changing environment. As they take upon the responsibilities of their respective posts, I wish these individuals the best for their ensuing terms. As we celebrate "Insurance Week," I commend the Guam Association of Life Underwriters for the excellent service it has provided the island and people of Guam.

IN RECOGNITION OF STATE SENATOR GRACE DRAKE FOR HER SERVICE TO OHIO

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary member of the Ohio Senate for her outstanding contribution and dedication to the State of Ohio. Senator Grace Drake currently serves as a Senator from Ohio's 22nd Senatorial district, which includes a portion of Cuyahoga County and all of Medina and Wayne counties.

As Chairperson of the Senate Health Committee since 1989, she has received countless awards for her work to ensure access to high quality, affordable health care for all Ohioans. She was also instrumental in the overhaul of Ohio's domestic relations laws, working to ensure that a child's needs are considered the top priority when determining custody.

Senator Drake has received awards and commendations from a wide variety of groups. She has received the Ohio Bar Association Distinguished Service Award, was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame, received the President's Award for Distinguished Service from the Ohio Speech and Hearing Association, and she is a four time winner of the Watchdog of the Treasury award from the Unite Conservatives of Ohio. Additionally, she has received numerous awards for her work in the area of health care. The Ohio Hospital Association, the Ohio Academy of Nursing Homes, and the County Boards of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities each have recognized her for distinguished service. She received an Honorary Doctorate in Public Administration from Cleveland State University and an Honorary Masters Degree in Anesthesiology from Case Western Reserve University.

Mr. Speaker, Senator Drake is a caring and effective legislator for the State of Ohio, and more specifically, for her constituents. I ask my colleagues of the 106th Congress to join me in commending her for her seventeen years of service and to wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

CARSON COMMENDS THE EINHORN FOR CIVIC VIRTUE

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2000

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to commend to the nation two distinguished

citizens of Indianapolis, Claudette and Dr. Lawrence Einhorn. On Sunday, November 19, 2000, they are to be especially honored at the Indianapolis-Israel Dinner of State in Indiana's 10th Congressional District.

These true friends of the city have lived their lives as models of civic virtue for all to emulate. Claudette taught school and worked as a social worker before undertaking the challenge of motherhood, then operated her own small business. She has actively engaged with the work of Gleaner's Food Bank, the Dayspring Center Family Shelter, Meridian Street Co-Op, Dialogue Today, Arts Indiana, the Indianapolis Public School Education Foundation, and Common Cause and many other charitable and community organizations. She has served well the Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Community Relations Council, the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, the National Council of Jewish Women and Congressional Beth El Zedeck.

Dr. Einhorn, Distinguished Professor of Medicine at Indiana University and former President of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, is especially renowned as a collaborator in the development of the Einhorn Regimen, instrumental in vast reductions in the mortality rate for advanced testicular cancer. He has been honored with the Claude Jacquillat Award, the University of Utah Cartwright Award, the Dartmouth University Kaner Award, the University of Nebraska Carol Bell Cancer Award and has been named an Honorary Citizen of Paris.

Individually and together, the Einhorn's personify the best traditions of service to the larger world. I ask, Mr. Speaker, that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending each of the Einhorn's for their lives of service to Indianapolis, to the Tenth Congressional District, to the nation and to the world.

WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL
GROUNDBREAKING

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2000

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to comment on an important event which took place last weekend in Washington. This past Saturday, I joined President Bill Clinton, Secretary of Defense William Cohen, former Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Colin Powell, former Senator Bob Dole, motion picture actor Tom Hanks, and more than 10,000 World War II veterans and their families for the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new World War II Memorial in the Nation's Capital.

The official groundbreaking ceremony took place at a 7.4 acre site on the Mall, halfway between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial. The site for the Memorial had been previously dedicated on veterans day in 1995, with construction on the memorial expected to be finished by Memorial Day 2003.

As one of eleven World War II veterans who are current members of the House, I was pleased to be able to participate in this ceremony.

World War II was not only the defining event of our generation, it was the most significant event in the history of the world. This World War II Memorial is long overdue. It is important that it is completed while many of us who participated in the hostilities remain as witnesses.

The ground-breaking ceremony was made possible after the National World War II Memorial Foundation successfully raised an estimated \$130 million needed for construction of the memorial. The funds were raised entirely from private donations from corporations, veterans organizations, school groups, and individuals. This fundraising campaign was led by former Senator Dole and Frederick W. Smith, chief executive officer of the Federal Express Company.

"We have reached a time," stated Senator Dole, "where there are few around to contradict what we World War II veterans say. All the more reason for the war's survivors, widows and orphans to gather here, in Democracy's front yard, to place the Second World War within the larger story of America. After today, it belongs where our dwindling ranks will soon belong—in the history books."

When completed, this World War II Memorial will stand as a permanent tribute to veterans of both the European and Pacific Theaters, as well as the dedication of the United States to the defense of freedom and liberty in the 20th century.

The original idea for the World War II Memorial originated with Representative MARCY KAPTUR who introduced legislation establishing the memorial in 1987 after a constituent pointed out to her that no such memorial had been dedicated up until that point.

In her remarks, Congresswoman KAPTUR (Ohio) stated: "individual acts by ordinary men and women in an extraordinary time bound our country together as it has not been since—bound the living to the dead in common purpose and in service to freedom, and to life."

This World War II Monument, which demonstrates America's dedication to the defense of liberty and freedom, will stand in the company of the monuments to Washington and Lincoln, its counterparts for the 18th and 19th centuries, respectively. This World War II Monument is also a tribute to the millions of Americans who worked for victory in the war effort on the home front.

Mr. Speaker, I submit the full statements of Senator Dole and Representative KAPTUR at this point in the RECORD:

SENATOR BOB DOLE, WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL GROUNDBREAKING, THE MALL, NOVEMBER 11, 2000

Thank you very much. Mr. President, Tom, and Fred, and our countless supporters and other guests. I am honored to stand here as a representative of the more than 16 million men and women who served in World War II. God bless you all.

It has been said that "to be young is to sit under the shade of trees you did not plant; to be mature is to plant trees under the shade of which you will not sit." Our generation has gone from the shade to the shadows so some ask, why now—55 years after the peace treaty ending World War II was signed aboard the USS Missouri—there is a simple answer: because in another 55 years there

won't be anyone around to bear witness to our part in history's greatest conflict.

For some, inevitably, this memorial will be a place to mourn. For millions of others, it will be a place to learn, to reflect, and to draw inspiration for whatever tests confront generations yet unborn. As one of many here today who bears battle scars, I can never forget the losses suffered by the greatest generation. But I prefer to dwell on the victories we gained. For ours was more than a war against hated tyrannies that scarred the twentieth century with their crimes against humanity. It was, in a very real sense, a crusade for everything that makes life worth living.

Over the years I've attended many a reunion, and listened to many a war story—even told a few myself. And we have about reached a time where there are few around to contradict what we say. All the more reason, then, for the war's survivors, and its widows and orphans, to gather here, in democracy's front yard to place the Second World War within the larger story of America. After today it belongs where our dwindling ranks will soon belong—to the history books.

Some ask why this memorial should rise in the majestic company of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Roosevelt. They remind us that the mall is hallowed ground. And so it is.

But what makes it hallowed? Is it the monuments that sanctify the vista before us—or is it the democratic faith reflected in those monuments? It is a faith older than America, a love of liberty that each generation must define and sometimes defend in its own way.

It was to justify this idea that Washington donned a soldier's uniform and later reluctantly agreed to serve as first President of the Nation he conceived. It was to broadcast this idea that Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence, and later as President, doubled the size of the United States so that it might become a true Empire of Liberty. It was to vindicate this idea that Abraham Lincoln came out of Illinois to wage a bloody yet tragically necessary Civil War purging the strain of slavery from freedom's soil. And it was to defend this idea around the world that Franklin D. Roosevelt led a coalition of conscience against those who would exterminate whole races and put the soul itself in bondage.

Today we revere Washington for breathing life into the American experiment—Jefferson for articulating our democratic creed—Lincoln for the high and holy work of abolition—and Roosevelt for upholding popular government at home and abroad. But it isn't only Presidents who make history, or help realize the promise of democracy. Unfettered by ancient hatreds, America's founders raised a lofty standard—admittedly too high for their own generation to attain—yet a continuing source of inspiration to their descendants, for who America is nothing if not a work in progress.

If the overriding struggle of the 18th century was to establish popular government in an era of divine right; if the moral imperative of the 19th century was to abolish slavery; then in the 20th century it fell to millions of citizen-soldiers—and millions more on the home front, men and women—to preserve democratic freedoms at a time when murderous dictators threatened their very existence. Their service deserves commemoration here, because they wrote an imperishable chapter in the liberation of mankind—even as their Nation accepted the responsibilities that came with global leadership.