

XX, the Chair announces that she will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record votes on postponed questions will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules, but not before 6 p.m. today.

**COMMENDING CLEAR CHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS AND AMERICAN FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND EFFORTS FOR PROTECTING CHILDREN**

Mr. OSBORNE. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 100) commending Clear Channel Communications and the American Football Coaches Association for their dedication and efforts for protecting children by providing a vital means for locating the Nation's missing, kidnapped, and runaway children, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

**H. CON. RES. 100**

Whereas children are the Nation's greatest asset for the future and are essential for the Nation's strong and vital growth;

Whereas more than 800,000 children disappear each year in the United States, and the problem of missing, kidnapped, and runaway children potentially affects every community in the Nation;

Whereas the United States is committed to the protection of its children;

Whereas the American Football Coaches Association is a leader in the protection of children and has provided 60 million Inkless Child Identification Kits for use by parents;

Whereas these kits allow parents to keep vital information, current photographs, and fingerprints readily available to provide to law enforcement agencies throughout the Nation in the event of an emergency; and

Whereas the American Football Coaches Association displays outstanding dedication to the children in communities throughout the Nation; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),* That the Congress commends the American Football Coaches Association for its dedication and efforts to protect children and locate the Nation's missing, kidnapped, and runaway children.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE).

**GENERAL LEAVE**

Mr. OSBORNE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on House Concurrent Resolution 100.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Nebraska?

There was no objection.

Mr. OSBORNE. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Concurrent Resolution 100 which recognizes the American Football Coaches Association for its dedication and efforts to protect children by providing inkless child identification kits for use by parents. In the past 4 years, over 4.2 million identification kits have been passed out at college football stadiums. As a member of the American Football Coaches Association and a former football coach, I have participated in this program myself and know that the kits can be useful tools for parents. My former university, the University of Nebraska, has participated in this program since the program's inception in 1997. In the spring of 1999, 60,000 ID kits were distributed to Nebraska's school children in grades kindergarten through the fourth grade.

Statistics about missing children in the United States are staggering. According to the FBI and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, 750,000 children were reported missing last year. Approximately 450,000 of these children ran away, an additional 350,000 were abducted by a family member, and over 4,500 were abducted by a stranger. This works out to be about 2,100 children missing each day. In 1999, the last year with statistics available, almost 3,000 cases of on-line child exploitation were prosecuted.

No place in America is immune from child abductions or exploitation. Earlier this year in a high profile case, a teenager in my district was kidnapped by an escaped fugitive in the parking lot of a shopping mall in Kearney, Nebraska. Fortunately, this kidnapping ended peacefully with the kidnapper's surrender, but many children are not as lucky.

If the worst happens and a child is abducted or decides to run away, parents need to have tools to help police locate and identify their children. Because less than 2 percent of parents have a copy of their child's fingerprints to use in the case of an emergency, the American Football Coaches Association created the National Child Identification Program with the goal of fingerprinting 20 million children. The program provides a free inkless fingerprint kit for each child. The inkless ID kit allows parents to take and store their child's fingerprints in their own home. The card remains in the parents' possession. But if it is ever needed, this card will give authorities vital information to assist them in their efforts to locate a missing child.

To fund the program, the coaches association has teamed up with local and national businesses and media. In my previous occupation, I signed several hundred football helmets to auction off to raise money for this worthy cause.

I believe we must approach the protection of our Nation's youth from a variety of angles. These kits are a start, and they may open the doors of communication for parents to talk to their children about the rules of safety advocated by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and discuss ways to address family problems. I also am a longtime supporter of youth mentoring projects. I believe mentors can provide youth a positive role model and a line of communication with a caring adult. Quality mentoring programs can prevent youth from ever running away from home in the first place.

I am pleased to support this resolution that commends the work of the American Football Coaches Association for its efforts to locate missing, kidnapped, and runaway children through the distribution of the inkless fingerprinting kits. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution and join the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE) and its author, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN), in commending the American Football Coaches Association for its important work to help make our children safer.

The American Football Coaches Association has provided 60 million inkless child identification kits for use by parents. These kits allow parents to keep vital information, current photographs, and fingerprints readily available to provide to law enforcement agencies throughout the Nation in the event of an emergency. The program is expected to reach several million children this year, making it the largest identification drive ever conducted.

At a time 800,000 children become missing each year in the United States, more needs to be done to address this horrible issue. Our law enforcement agencies and personnel continue to need the help of parents when children are missing. Efforts like those of the American Football Coaches Association and other public-private partnerships are essential if we are to ensure that no child becomes missing and suffers from the separation of their parents.

Madam Speaker, I urge all Members to support this resolution.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. OSBORNE. Madam Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN), the sponsor of this resolution.

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE) for yielding me this time.

Madam Speaker, every Saturday in the fall, football coaches across America are cheered on by thousands of fans for their work on the field.

Today we have a resolution on the House floor which honors them for their work off the field. The resolution that I have introduced, H.Con.Res. 100, recognizes the American Football Coaches Association and its efforts to protect our country's children.

The American Football Coaches Association has teamed up with Clear Channel Communications, one of our Nation's leading companies, to distribute child identification kits to thousands of parents every year.

These kits, which are handed out at no cost to families, allow parents to fingerprint their children and keep the prints at home. Should their child ever become missing, parents can turn over these fingerprint records to local law enforcement authorities who use the information to help locate the missing children.

The National Child Identification Program distributes these free kits to parents and guardians at college football games across the Nation.

This program began in 1997. In that year alone, 2.1 million of the child ID kits were given to parents. Since then, over 8 million kits have been distributed at football games. The stadium effort was so successful that the coaches have worked with Clear Channel Communications to reach even more families and more people in their communities.

Football coaches across America have promoted this program on the more than 1200 radio stations owned or operated by Clear Channel Communications. Clear Channel has been instrumental in providing the program publicity as well as recruiting other sponsors to help finance the purchase of these kits.

Unfortunately, 800,000 children are reported missing each year in the United States. This is a tragedy that should never happen. The American Football Coaches Association and Clear Channel Communications have taken the initiative to try to help parents and authorities return missing children to their homes.

In my district, the coach of the University of Tennessee football team, my good friend Phillip Fulmer, has taken an active role in promoting this program. Hundreds of thousands of these kits have been handed out at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, Tennessee. Other individuals who have helped with this effort include coaches and athletes like Grant Teaff, R.C. Slocum, Nolan Ryan, Joe Montana, Cal Ripken, David Robinson, and many, many others.

I should mention that my colleague, the gentleman from Nebraska, who is a former college football coach, has very actively participated as well, as he has just mentioned. He has helped raise

funds as well as handed out personally some of the first kits in Nebraska. In addition to his work on this resolution, I want to thank him for his efforts on this very worthwhile program.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Lowry Mays and Mark Mays for their leadership in bringing Clear Channel Communications on board with this effort.

In Tennessee, Governor Don Sundquist proclaimed March as Child Identification Awareness Month to raise awareness of the need for fingerprinting children. And as the governor of Texas, President Bush helped raise funds for the National Child Identification Program.

Madam Speaker, I am from Tennessee which is known as the Volunteer State. I am happy to see that volunteers from all across the country have come together to support this important program that helps bring children home to their parents.

Finally, I want to thank the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BOEHNER) and the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) for allowing this, what I believe to be a very non-controversial resolution, to come to the House floor today. I want to thank the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) for his support.

I hope that all of my colleagues will join me by supporting H. Con. Res. 100 and recognize those who have helped make our country a safer place for children.

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. EDWARDS).

Mr. EDWARDS. Madam Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) for sponsoring this resolution and the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) for their leadership in its passage.

Public service comes in many forms. When individuals and groups provide extraordinary services to our Nation, they deserve the appreciation of our Congress and our country. Such is the case today with Clear Channel Communications and the American Football Coaches Association. With the generosity of these two organizations, 60 million child identification kits will be given to parents all across our country.

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These kits will help parents keep vital information and current photographs and fingerprints of their own children to be used in cases of missing, kidnapped or runaway children. In such emergencies, this information can be instrumental in helping law enforcement agencies bring children and their parents back together.

Madam Speaker, I speak today as a parent of two sons, ages 3 and 5. I cannot imagine anything worse for my wife and me than to find one day our children are missing.

Every parent, every parent, knows the fear of turning around in a playground or at a public meeting or event and momentarily not finding his or her child. Unfortunately, that fear is not just momentary for many parents. In fact, nearly 800,000 children disappear every year in the United States. That would be the equivalent of approximately 8 times the entire population of my hometown of Waco, Texas, where the American Football Coaches Association has its office.

These 800,000 are not just statistics. They are real children of real parents, a nightmare many of us can only imagine.

Madam Speaker, I have known Lowery Mays, CEO of Clear Channel Communications, and Grant Teaff, executive director of the American Football Coaches Association, for well over a decade. They are individuals of great integrity and compassion. Knowing them personally, frankly, it does not surprise me that their organizations are providing American families with this terribly important service. However, that lack of surprise does not reduce whatsoever my deep gratitude to them for their generosity in reuniting thousands of American families with their children.

Madam Speaker, Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Based on that high standard, Lowery and Mark Mays, Coach Grant Teaff and all those they represent in their respective organizations have lived an extraordinary successful life. They have earned and deserve the gratitude of not only this Congress, but American families across this great land of ours. I urge every Member to vote for this resolution.

Mr. OSBORNE. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Delaware (Mr. CASTLE), the chairman of the Subcommittee on Education Reform.

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE), the wonderful coach himself, for yielding me this time. I also want to particularly thank the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) for putting this work together.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to rise in very strong support of H. Con. Res. 100, a resolution commending the American Football Coaches Association and others for their efforts in helping to recover our Nation's missing, kidnapped, and runaway children.

According to recent data, an estimated 3,200 to 4,600 short-term, non-family abductions are reported in law enforcement each year. Of these, an estimated 200 to 300 are stereotypical kidnappings where a child is gone overnight, killed, or transported a distance of 50 miles or more.

For these reasons, the first 48 hours following the disappearance of a child are the most critical in terms of finding and returning that child safely, and the child's descriptive information, including height, weight, and eye and hair color, and an updated photograph are the most important tools a parent has to bring their missing child home.

Far too often, though, the search for missing children is slowed by an incomplete physical description and outdated photographs.

For this reason, the American Football Coaches Association, in conjunction with Clear Channel Communications, has proudly sponsored the National Child Identification Program, a community service project which distributes free child ID kits at community events.

These child ID kits help ensure that families have updated pictures, fingerprints and a complete physical description of their child in the event of an emergency.

According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, current photographs and physical descriptions help return 1 out of 7 featured children, often as a result of tips received from members of the public who have recognized the missing child and then notified the authorities.

Under the leadership of the American Football Coaches Association, I am especially pleased to report that Delaware State University and many other colleges and universities have handed out millions of child ID kits at college football games and other athletic events across the country.

In closing, I want to commend the gentleman for his resolution and, again, commend the American Football Coaches Association and the many others who have made it their mission to help ensure the mission of safety of our children. It is my experience that being prepared for the worst possible scenario and possessing the necessary tools to help prevent a greater tragedy makes a world of difference to parents and children in a time of crisis.

For all these reasons, I urge an aye vote on this resolution.

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. LAMPSON).

Mr. LAMPSON. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) for yielding me this time, and I also thank the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) and other leaders on this important piece of legislation.

As chairman and founder of the Congressional Caucus on Missing and Exploited Children, I have much too often had the occasion to look into the eyes of a parent who has lost a child. I spend a great deal of my time, along with so many of my other colleagues, trying to ask parents to be prepared, and hopefully not ever have to need to have

been prepared, and therefore I rise today to commend the American Football Coaches Association and Clear Channel Communications for their dedication and efforts that they are making in protecting children by providing a vital means for locating the Nation's missing, kidnapped, and runaway children, and to urge a yes vote on this important resolution.

The National Child Identification Program was created in 1997, with the goal of fingerprinting 20 million children. This program provides a free fingerprint kit to parents who then take and store their child's fingerprints in their own homes. If this information is ever needed, fingerprints would be given to the police to help them in locating a missing child, being prepared and hoping they do not ever have to be.

The American Football Coaches Association, in partnership with Clear Channel Communications, a large chain of radio stations, has pledged to raise funds to help provide such a fingerprint kit for every child in America.

Well, having just recognized National Missing Children's Day on May 25, the thought of keeping our children safe remains fresh in our minds. We must all work together to raise awareness about the power of fingerprinting in the search for missing children.

Clear Channel Communications and the American Football Coaches Association have taken raising the importance of fingerprinting to a whole new level, and they are to be commended for their leadership in the broadcast and sports industries. Once again, I urge a yes vote on this important resolution.

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. OSBORNE. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I would particularly like to thank the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) for his efforts on this resolution, and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) for his efforts as well.

Mr. HASTERT. Madam Speaker, today, I would like to join with my colleagues in commending the American Football Coaches Association for providing parents with identification kits to locate children who are missing.

In 1997, the American Football Coaches Association—concerned about the 800,000 children who disappear every year—launched the National Child Identification Program. Their group distributes millions of identification kits that can be used as a means to locate lost children. Parents use the kits to make ID cards for their children, containing important identifying information, such as a picture, fingerprints and the location of a child's medical and dental records.

The American Coaches Association deserves to be recognized for taking the lead on this important issue. This respected group saw that they could help American families, and they have worked long and hard to achieve

that goal. Through the National Identification Program, they are providing a valuable resource for parents who are looking for missing, kidnapped or runaway children. These kits provide parents with the peace of mind of knowing that they have their child's vital statistics at their fingertips in the event of an emergency.

I want to thank the American Coaches Association for handing out kit at churches, schools and community events. Their work could be essential in returning missing children back to their families. They have made a generous contribution to our nation, particularly, to our nation's children.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of this resolution commending Clear Channel Communications and the American Football Coaches Association for their efforts in providing a means for locating the nation's missing, kidnapped, and runaway children. As a member of the Missing and Exploited Children's Caucus, I have witnessed the dedication of both Clear Channel Communications and the American Football Coaches Association and am pleased to say their efforts have been outstanding.

In 2000, an estimated 750,000 children were reported missing. This figure marks a decrease of twelve percent since 1997, when the number of missing children was at an all time high. In my home state of Connecticut, 293 children were reported missing as of May 7, 2001. Connecticut is fortunate in that there are few non-family child abductions. Clear Channel Communications and the American Football Coaches Association have greatly contributed to increase awareness and parental education in our effort to safely return missing children.

In September of 2000, the American Football Coaches Association collaborated with Clear Channel Communications to raise millions of dollars to provide free fingerprint kits for parents. Using the ID kit, parents can take and store their children's fingerprints in their own home. Their efforts were part of the National Child Identification Program created in 1997. In the program's first year, two million kits were distributed to parents at college football games, and 8 million kits were distributed overall.

Programs such as these are invaluable to our nation as we try to locate our nation's missing, kidnapped, and runaway children. I urge all of my fellow Members to vote with me in support of H. Con. Res. 100 and commend Clear Channel Communications and the American Football Coaches Association for their service to our country and reaffirm Congress' commitment to missing and exploited children.

Mr. OSBORNE. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 100, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. OSBORNE. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

ELWOOD HAYNES "BUD" HILLIS  
POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. OTTER. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2043) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2719 South Webster Street in Kokomo, Indiana, as the "Elwood Haynes 'Bud' Hillis Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2043

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. ELWOOD HAYNES "BUD" HILLIS POST OFFICE BUILDING.**

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2719 South Webster Street in Kokomo, Indiana, shall be known and designated as the "Elwood Haynes 'Bud' Hillis Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the Elwood Haynes "Bud" Hillis Post Office Building.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. OTTER) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. OTTER).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. OTTER. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 2043.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Idaho?

There was no objection.

Mr. OTTER. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, House Resolution 2043, introduced by the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BUYER) on May 25, 2001, designates the facility at the United States Postal Service located at 2719 South Webster Street in Kokomo, IN, as the Elwood Haynes "Bud" Hillis Post Office Building.

Pursuant to the policy of the policy of the Committee on Government Reform, all Members of the House delegation of the State of Indiana are cosponsors of the measure.

Bud Hillis is a native Hoosier. He was born in Kokomo and attended public schools there. He was a graduate of Culver Military Academy. At the age of 18, he enlisted as an infantryman in

World War II and served in Europe for 27 months. When he returned, he received his bachelor's degree from Indiana University and, continuing his studies there, he earned a law degree.

He practiced law in Indiana and was chairman of the Howard County Bar Association. He was elected to the Indiana State House of Representatives and served for two terms. Because of a vacancy in the Fifth Congressional District when the incumbent was chosen to fill a U.S. Senate seat, Bud Hillis was selected to run for the House seat and was elected to the 92nd Congress in 1970, and he served there until 1986.

Representative Hillis was a member of the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. He was a founding member of the Congressional Auto Task Force and a strong advocate of the Congressional Steel Caucus.

Madam Speaker, it is a fitting tribute to name a post office in Kokomo, IN, after the distinguished gentleman from that city who selflessly served the interests of his constituents in the State house and in Congress for many years.

I urge our colleagues to support House Resolution 2043.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, H.R. 2043 to designate the U.S. Post Office at 2719 South Webster Street in Kokomo, IN, as the Elwood Haynes "Bud" Hillis Post Office Building was introduced by the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BUYER) on May 26, 2001. This measure has the support and cosponsorship of the entire Indiana delegation.

Of course, former Congressman Elwood "Bud" Hillis served honorably and with great distinction, representing Indiana's Fifth District from 1971 to 1986. He was an outstanding member of the House, well loved by his constituents, well loved by the people in the communities that he represented and that he served, and I think it is altogether fitting and proper that we bestow upon him and upon his memory the honor of naming one of our institutions in his honor.

I certainly join in sponsorship, as well as in support of this resolution.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. OTTER. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE).

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. OTTER) for yielding me this time.

Madam Speaker, I would like to thank my friend and colleague, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BUYER), for his leadership on this measure and the balance of the Indiana delegation for their efforts in designating the Ko-

komo Post Office in honor of Congressman Bud Hillis.

Madam Speaker, many Hoosiers might be deserving of this honor, but few are more deserving than Congressman Hillis. His career and distinguished record of public service testify to his dedication to the U.S. and the State of IN.

As a member of this Chamber, he was instrumental in saving thousands of Hoosier jobs through the Chrysler bailout, and his membership on the Committee on Armed Services ensured that Indiana's sons and daughters who served in the military were well equipped to face the threats across the world.

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Madam Speaker, on a personal note, as a young candidate during my first bid for Congress in 1988, I looked at the service and the career and the integrity of Congressman Bud Hillis, and I pledged to myself then that if ever elected to serve in this body, it would be my purpose to serve as a man of integrity and commitment, to serve as did Congressman Bud Hillis. Thirteen years later, Congressman Hillis still stands as an example for all of us who seek to be men and women of integrity in the U.S. House of Representatives.

It is said that a good name is more precious than rubies. Madam Speaker, I believe I speak for every Member of the Indiana delegation when I say we are proud to put the good name of a great Hoosier Congressman, Bud Hillis, on the Post Office on South Webster Street in Kokomo, IN.

Mr. OTTER. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BUYER).

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, I thank both gentleman for coming to the House floor with this bipartisan legislation, and I also want to thank my good friend the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE) for his eloquent words. I think he said it very well, and I feel sort of awkward here following him.

Madam Speaker, I rise to honor who I believe is one of the most distinguished men ever to represent the State of Indiana in the U.S. House of Representatives, my dear friend and former Congressman, Elwood Haynes Bud Hillis. Those of us that know this gentleman the best, I suppose, all refer to him as "Bud."

Bud honorably and effectively served the people of Indiana's fifth district in the House of Representatives from 1971 to 1986, 16 years of dedicated service to his country. During his time in the House of Representatives, he was a reasonable and authoritative voice on matters of national security, trade, and veterans' issues.

He is a graduate of Indiana's Culver Military Academy, and he enlisted to fight in World War II at the age of 18.