

the Bronze Star, the Korean Service Medal, and the United Nations Medal with two battle stars in the Korean war.

After being honorably discharged in June 1953, with the rank of captain, he returned to his native Georgia and began to build a life for himself and his family.

In 1996, Joe was elected to the Georgia Legislature, serving District 4 in southeast Georgia.

He went on to represent that district for a total of 24 years, 24 years in a position where he set the standard for being responsive to his constituents.

Although fiercely proud of being a Democrat, and proud of his conservative credentials, Joe was not a partisan.

His loyalty was to a better Georgia for all citizens.

This came before party or politics.

He loved nothing more than finding a way to achieve his goals while obscuring the source of the credit.

But we must give credit where credit is due, and the state of Georgia is marked in many ways by his legacy of accomplishments.

The highway running through Claxton to Interstate 16, a section of which now bears his name, was expanded to four lanes as a result of his efforts.

Joe was behind the construction of the Claxton Regional Youth Development Center, an activity employing 30 people.

The determined perseverance of Joe Kennedy was also behind the Southeast Detention/Probation Center, the Ogeechee Technical Institute, and the Claxton Seniors Citizens Park—institutions which provide a service to Georgians and which employ hundreds of our citizens.

And Georgia Southern University obtained its university status in great part as a result of Joe's persistent efforts to improve the higher education opportunities that would be available to southeastern Georgia students.

The list of his accomplishments is long, and they are, indeed, the visible reminders of his legacy.

But to the people who knew him, and who loved him, those are not the things that will bring a wistful smile to our faces when we recall his memory.

As a young man, Joe soon earned a reputation for being a man of his word.

As he rose in power and influence, that never changed.

To Joe, honesty was simply the way to do business, and he would never sacrifice the trust he had earned for some short-term advantage.

Joe did not win every election he entered, but he did win the hearts of the people who knew him best, and his performance during his race for lieutenant governor validated the high opinion we had of him.

Slick out-of-state consultants with briefcases full of dirty tricks never worked for Joe Kennedy.

He was straightforward to supporters and opponents.

After the polls closed, Joe accepted the decision of the voters with the same quiet dignity that has been characteristic of his rich, extraordinary life.

He still had his integrity and he still had a passion to serve his fellow Georgians.

Joe went on to occupy other high positions in the Georgia State government, and to his

last days he did what he loved most: talking to people about public policy issues and finding out how best to solve the political problems that confront us all.

He brought that enthusiasm to his last position in government as a member of the Georgia Board of Regents.

How fitting it was to learn that on the day that God had decided was his time, Joe was speaking to the downtown Rotary Club of Statesboro.

He was doing what he loved right to the end.

He will be dearly, dearly missed.

God bless you, Joe Kennedy. To his beautiful wife Lalah, children Debra, Cliff, and Adam, to all of his in-laws, grandchildren, and relatives, thank you for sharing him with us.

TRIBUTE TO WESLEY E. BISGAARD

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 1998

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, on August 6th of this year the State of California and specifically the communities of Imperial County within my district suffered a great loss with the death of Mr. Wesley E. Bisgaard. Throughout his life, Wes was dedicated to his family, church and community. I rise today to recognize his remarkable dedication and contributions to all of us.

I met Wes in 1979 during my first campaign for Congress when he was serving as the Republican Party chair for Imperial County. I still remember the look in his eye when he first shook my hand, it was as if to say "this is what I have to work with?" From that day forward, he was always ready to lend me a hand and offer advice that he gleaned from years of working through the various systems of government, whether it was the State of California or the U.S. Congress. One thing about Wes, he never left you wondering what his opinion was.

Wes led a remarkable life that reads like a John Steinbeck novel. After the dust bowl the Bisgaard family moved from their farm in North Dakota to California where they eventually began a new life in Holtville, California, where they remain today. During World War II, while Wes worked for Douglas Aircraft, he met and married Mildred "Millie" Eppeleman. In 1952, Wes and Millie, along with their two children, Karen and Christopher, moved to Imperial Valley to join his brother and once again take up his first love: farming. The Bisgaard Brothers farmed 1,000 acres of alfalfa, lettuce, cotton, sugar beets, barley, cabbage, and later wheat for seed.

Agriculture is the mainstay of not only Imperial Valley, but California as well and Wes played a very active role through his memberships on many local and state farming advisory boards and commissions. In fact, when he finally retired at the age of 79 he was the Manager of the Imperial County Farm Bureau, completing a 45 year career in the industry.

Wes and his wife Millie lived their lives with a strong work ethic, unimpeachable ethical standards, a central place for God in their lives, an abiding sense of charity towards others and a compelling degree of commitment to the wider community. Those of us lucky

enough to know Wes will forever be grateful for that opportunity. Imperial County and the farmers there are better off today because of his dedication and commitment to his community: for that, all of us are grateful.

S. 505 VIOLATES U.S. INTERNATIONAL TREATY OBLIGATIONS

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 1998

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, recently, the House passed S. 505, the Sonny Bono Copyright Term Extension Act. Provisions were included in this legislation relating to fairness in music licensing. Some have expressed concerns over these provisions.

The Congress has been advised by the Secretary of Commerce that the fairness in music licensing reform legislation violates U.S. international treaty obligations. The United States Trade Representative, the Register of Copyrights, and the Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks have all joined with the Secretary of Commerce in voicing concerns over these provisions. They believe that the exemptions included in Section 202 of Title II would "violate our obligations under the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works." As a consequence, it could result in the WTO finding that United States has violated its multilateral treaty obligations. Adequate attention was not given to these concerns.

WORLD POPULATION AWARENESS WEEK 1998

HON. ALBERT RUSSELL WYNN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 1998

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call World Population Awareness Week 1998 to the attention of my colleagues. October 24–31 marks the annual celebration of World Population Awareness Week. More than 300 family planning, environmental, educational, community and service organizations in 61 countries are co-sponsoring the week in an effort to raise awareness of the need for universal voluntary family planning.

I call the Governor of Maryland's, the Honorable Paris Glendening, proclamation to the attention of my colleagues.

WORLD POPULATION AWARENESS WEEK PROCLAMATION—1998

Whereas world population stands today at more than 5.9 billion and increase by more than 80 million per year, with virtually all of this growth in the least developed countries;

Whereas the consequences of rapid population growth are not limited to the developing world but extend to all nations and to all people, including every citizen of the State of Maryland concerned for human dignity, freedom and democracy, as well as for the impact on the global economy;

Whereas 1.3 billion people—more than the combined population of Europe and North Africa—live in absolute poverty on the equivalent of one U.S. dollar or less a day;

Whereas 1.5 billion people—nearly one-quarter of the world population—lack an adequate supply of clean drinking water and sanitation;

Whereas more than 840 million people—one-fifth of the entire population of the developing world—are hungry or malnourished;

Whereas demographic studies and surveys indicate that at least 120 million married women in the developing world—and a large but undefined number of unmarried women—want more control over their fertility but lack access to family planning;

Whereas this unmet demand for family planning is projected to result in 1.2 billion unintended births;

Whereas the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development determined that political commitment and appropriate programs aimed at providing universal access to voluntary family planning information, education and services can ensure world population stabilization at 8 billion or less rather than 12 billion or more.

Now, therefore, I Paris Glendening, Governor of the State of Maryland, do hereby proclaim the week of October 25-31, 1998 as World Population Awareness Week, and urge citizens of the State to take cognizance of this event and to participate appropriately in this observance.

HONORING STEVEN H. KRONETHAL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 1998

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Steven H. Kronethal for his dedicated service to the Brooklyn community and to congratulate him as a recipient of an Institute for Community Living award.

Steven H. Kronethal joined Integrated Planning Associates, Inc. as Vice President in 1991. Since 1995, Integrated Planning has been designing and implementing a variety of Employee Benefit programs for both the profit and non-profit communities. By working with the non-profit community, Integrated Planning has been able to help their clients provide comprehensive and cost effective benefits for their employees. Specializing in both health insurance and pension plans, Integrated Planning's goal is to help employers attract and keep the best employees available.

Steven is a graduate of Boston University's School of Management with a degree in finance. He also holds many industry awards and recognition. Steven and his wife, Andrea, just welcomed their first-born child, Brandon, in September.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Steven Kronethal for his invaluable contributions to the Institute for Community Living and the Brooklyn community.

IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY

HON. DARLENE HOOLEY

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 1998

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, based on the evidence, I believe that we should proceed with an impeachment inquiry that has a clear time line, not an open ended

inquiry that could drag on and on for the next two years.

The Republican proposal does not set any deadlines at all. If it were to pass, we could be debating this issue into the next millennium. One way or another I feel that we have to move forward with the impeachment process in a timely manner. In order to do that, I believe that it is crucial that we insist this inquiry be deliberate and focused.

The inquiry should also be limited to what the Starr report focuses on. Unfortunately, the Republican proposal is not limited in any fashion. According to the structure of the inquiry as outlined by the Republicans in the Judiciary Committee, it may include a re-investigation of Travelgate, Filegate, and campaign finance even though we have already spent four years and \$40 million investigating these matters.

I voted for a motion that was forwarded by RICK BOUCHER to modify the Republican proposal. Mr. BOUCHER's motion would allow the House to proceed with an impeachment inquiry that focuses on the material that Mr. Starr referred to the Congress and his proposal would require Congress to complete this inquiry by the end of the year unless there were compelling reasons to continue it. This is the sort of common-sense, fair-minded inquiry that I believe will bring this issue to a timely and appropriate conclusion.

The sooner we resolve this issue the sooner we can begin to deal with issues that make a difference in America's everyday lives. I hope that soon we will move toward bringing the Lewinsky matter to an appropriate close so that we can begin to re-focus our energies on issues like saving Social Security, cracking down on gang violence, and providing tax relief for middle class families.

HONORING CHARLES RINKEVICH, DIRECTOR OF FLETC, GLYNCO, GA, RETIRED ON MARCH 14, 1998 AFTER 34 YEARS OF GOVERNMENT SERVICE

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 1998

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, today Congress will pass a number of appropriations bills.

While there are many important agencies funded by the legislation involved in these bills, one that all Members of Congress and people in south Georgia can take particular pride in is the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC).

This, of course, is that important agency which trains our heroic Capitol police force.

I have the honor of representing FLETC, and had the pleasure of learning much about it through former director Charlie R. Rinkevich.

Today it is a special treat to recognize Charlie, who retired last March after 34 years of public service.

Thirty-four years of the kind of distinguished service that will be missed by the people he served, the people he worked with, and the people whose lives he touched in so many ways.

Although the expression "dedicated public servant" is used all the time, there is simply no other way to describe Charlie Rinkevich.

For 15 of those 34 years in government service, Charlie served as the director of FLETC, located in Glynn County, Georgia.

I think all my colleagues would agree, even those who, like me, are proud champions of limited government—I think everyone would agree that Charlie's job is a critically important one, and one that benefits the public to a degree that few realize.

In fact, law enforcement is one of the few things that all citizens expect and demand of their government.

In fact, it is the ultimate bipartisan public service—all citizens have the right to equality before the law, equal justice, and the rights to due process accorded by our Constitution.

Law enforcement is the bedrock of a civilized society; it is what distinguishes society which are governed by the rule of law and those which are governed by the whims and caprices of tyrannical leaders or petty bureaucrats.

Some societies—in fact, most societies do not trust their law enforcement agencies, for corruption is a way of life.

Americans expect more.

Americans expect their police force, their court system, and the Federal law enforcement officers to be honest and to serve the public whose rights they are sworn to uphold.

And for the most part, they can count on the people who make our system of justice work.

But to make our system of justice work, you need to have people like Charlie Rinkevich make it work.

Justice does not come from a piece of paper.

If it did, the Soviet Union would have been a paragon of justice.

Justice does not come from a sacred document, even one as wise and far-sighted as our Constitution.

If it did, Communist China would be a worker's paradise where everyone's rights and freedoms were respected.

No, justice comes from honest people who take part in a system they truly believe in, a system that, while never perfect, is the best one can hope for in an imperfect world.

Justice comes from honest people who teach honesty to others, who lead by example, and who care deeply about a country they are so, so proud to live in.

Justice comes from the work of honest people like Charlie Rinkevich.

The list of Charlie's Rinkevich's accomplishments is long and impressive.

But no professional achievement—no award, and no honor—can ever replace or compare with honesty and integrity.

Without honesty and integrity, professional achievements are meaningless and ultimately, unfulfilling.

Without honesty and integrity, no one's career, even one that lands you on the very top, is worth much.

Without honesty and integrity, you will never be a role model to your kids, your family, and your community.

Charlie Rinkevich IS a role model, not only for his life of professional achievements and accolades, but for his character as well.

Character is developed by toil, sacrifice, and struggle.

Hard-won, it is easily tarnished or destroyed. Charlie teaches the value of character in the law enforcement officials he trains.

It is the kind of thing that is often taught by people who take pride in their work, especially