

they carry me away," he said, "and I will have a few routines on the way to the Big Dipper."

We will all miss him very much. As you know, we honored him just recently. For the first time in the history of this country, we made an honorary veteran. That took place in the rotunda of the Capitol. We are all going to miss him.

Mr. BONIOR. I would add these comments to my friend from Arizona, that we are all saddened by his passing. He has provided so much joy and happiness to our planet, and to our servicemen and women in particular. He was a great American, a great world figure, and we thank him for the memories.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1766 AND H. CON. RES. 240

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor from H.R. 1766 and H. Con. Res. 240.

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

There was no objection.

TRIBUTE TO PAGE CLASS OF 1998

(Mr. KOLBE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material.)

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as we do traditionally on the last day that our pages are with us, to recognize them, to talk about the program and the contributions that they make to the House of Representatives and to all of us individually.

The gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. FOWLER), the Chairman of the Page Board, wanted very much to have been here to do this herself, but she had to catch a plane from Baltimore and so has left us. But, Mr. Speaker, I will include at this point in the RECORD the remarks of the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. FOWLER) and the list of all the pages who have served us this year.

Mrs. FOWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as Chairman of the House Page Board to give my heartfelt thank you to all of the wonderful and talented students who have been involved over the last year in the House's Page Program.

I know the hard work and, at times, late hours involved in being a page. But I can assure you that it is good practice as you embark college and eventually a career. This program is designed to give you a rich experience as to how our democratic government works. As you leave these marble buildings I hope that you will take with you a deeper understanding of what it means to be an American.

After spending so many hours here in this honored chamber, you must know that you have played a role in history. Your name may not be up on the voting display or your words may not be printed in the Congressional

Record, but you helped to make what this Congress accomplished this year possible. You should feel proud of your achievement and I hope that your service here will inspire you to further success in life. We wish you the best of luck and thank you for your service to our country.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I will include for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, the names of the pages that we salute today:

Joshua Allen, Dominic Alpuche, Chad Appel, Thom Backes, Sarah Beckett, Charlie Bond, Andrew Brehm, Brian Callanan, Keegan Callanan, Marianne Certain, Sarah Clark, Michael Conlon, Leia Cooper, Jason Dore, Richard Downe, Jamie Etherton, Robert Evans, Nathaniel Finn, Julie Fishman, Rebecca Fowler, Stephanie Ginebra, Brock Grunhurd, Lexi Harlow, Ashley Heher, Kristyn Hemingway, and Robin Hill.

Jill Hogue, Shyanne Hughes, Monique Jackson, Michelle Jenkins, Amanda King, Emilie Klein, Jacob Kosoff, Rodney Lake, Ryan Lane, Jennifer Lewis-Pike, Abigail Look, Matthew McClellan, Danae McElroy, Jeremy Milne, Adam Morehouse, Anna Nichols, Jerry Paradise III, Janet Patton, Beth Pezik, Amy Phillips, Kevin Powell, Kristin Quinlan, Elizabeth Quinn, Abigail Racster, and Tracy Raeder.

Ambar Renova, Leslie Robertson, Glenn Schatz, Gina Schilmoeller, Erica Schmitt, Mike Shapiro, Kathleen Sherwin, Timothy Skidmore, Lauren Stafford, Brigit Swanson, Erin Vanderveldt, Meaghann Weniger, Adam Wiggins, Brian Woody, and Erik Yassenoff.

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, there are a number of Members who wish to speak on this, and I want to accommodate them all. I would like to begin with the other member of the Page Board who is with me today, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE).

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, about 15 years ago Tip O'Neill appointed me to the Page Board, and that appointment has been one of the most rewarding responsibilities I have had in the Congress of the United States.

We have had great pages in those years, in my 22 years in the Congress, very great pages, and this year's page group is among the very, very best I have known.

There is a program in this country called Close-Up, which is a very, very good program, but no one has seen the Congress as close up as have our pages. They have seen us at our best and at our worst; they have seen democracy in action; they have seen our national leaders; they have seen world leaders. They have enriched us, and I hope that they have been enriched by their experience here.

About a month ago they had an auction to raise some money, and among the things auctioned off was to have lunch with myself. I was the winner of that auction, because I had lunch today with Andy Brehm, Brian Callanan and Keegan Callanan, and I look at people like them, who are representative of all of the pages, and I really have hope for our future.

About sixty years ago Franklin Roosevelt spoke these words, which I think are as true today as they were then. He said, "There is a strange cycle in

human events. To some generations, much is given; of other generations, much is expected."

This generation of Americans has a rendezvous with destiny, and, knowing you, I know that you will meet the challenges of that rendezvous. Thank you and God bless you.

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague and friend and fellow member of the Page Board for his remarks. He has been one of the stalwart individuals who has helped to make this page program work so well, and we thank him for his kind remarks.

There are few Members of this body that are better friends of the pages, few Members that take more time to stop by and say hello and thank them and do things for them and even take them on to his boat on the Potomac, than my good friend and colleague from California, DUKE CUNNINGHAM. I would like to yield to him at this time.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding. You know, a critter is something that is usually cuddly. They know what a critter is. It is something that is underfoot all the time. Sometimes you swish it away, sometimes you pat it on the head for doing a good job, and critters do whatever critters do. So I aptly named this class "the critters."

We were fortunate enough to have a sunny day and we took 70 of these critters out on the Potomac. I want to tell you, I bought 20 pizzas, 12 bags of chips, 12 bags of pretzels, 15 cases of soda pop, two Price Club bags of nuts, and they were gone before we got to Mount Vernon. They are also hungry critters, as most kids are.

But we do not thank these kids enough. Sometimes they go about, they do their work. And if you have children and you want to talk about responsibility, when they left the boat, I said to a guy when I was up above driving the boat, I said, "Is it clean down below?" One of the critters looked at me and said, "Duke, we are pages," like that is expected.

That is the way that they carry on their daily basis. They do not do it because they have to or that it is expected. It is because they are professionals, they are loving critters, and God bless every one of you. If any of us can ever be the wind in your sails, please give us a call. Thank you.

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California for his remarks. It is because of individuals like him that the program for the pages is more than just a job, it becomes a real life experience, where they get to know real people that work here in our Congress and our government, and I thank DUKE CUNNINGHAM for making that very possible for us.

I would like to yield to the gentleman from Virginia, who also is, like myself, a former page, and knows something about this program, though from a slightly earlier day.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it was many years ago. I remember my

last day as a page. I was here for four years. In those days you could stay for the full time limit. I will add, in all these years on Capitol Hill, I have never been on DUKE CUNNINGHAM'S boat, so you are way ahead of me.

We have had a great outstanding group of young men and women who participated in the page program this last year, and I do not think everybody appreciates sometimes the dedication, the focus, the long, long hours and the flexibility that you have had to share, and hopefully the lessons that you have learned from that and the discipline that you have had to incur will stay with you and enable you to be successful in whatever you do.

But the average person sees you running around, doing errands on the floor, and does not recognize that you are getting up very early in the morning to attend school, and putting in a full day and sometimes a full night of work, and then going back to school the next day, and the rigors that it entails.

I know during this time you have witnessed some of the great debates, and some of the not-so-great debates, that go on here on a daily basis. I just hope you take the experience, the knowledge and the history that you have been part of with you, to be able to share it with others. And maybe some of you will, like the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. KOLBE) and myself, enter the public arena some day. But whatever you do, we hope you will be successful and hope to keep running into you throughout the years.

God bless all of you, and thank you for your efforts.

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Virginia for his kind comments about our pages and for his service here as a page, as well as a Member of Congress. I am sure he has had an opportunity to explain to the pages that he was always perfect when he was here and never engaged in any kind of antics. I know that certainly was the case for myself when I was here.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to yield to my friend and colleague, the distinguished gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER).

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the former page from Arizona for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I was never a page, but I had the opportunity, as I have told page classes in the past, as President of the Maryland Senate, to run the page program in the Maryland Senate for four years. It was, like the page program we have here, an extraordinary, unique education for a very select group of young people, a group of young people who had an experience, as you have had, like a very, very, very small percentage of their age group have.

We talk about the future being up to you. The gentleman from Michigan (DALE KILDEE), who has done so much for the page program over the years,

talked about Franklin Roosevelt's observation about some generations being given much, and some generations having much expected of them.

In my opinion, all generations through the ages of pages ought to have a lot expected of them, and we expect a lot of you. We expect a lot of you because you are outstanding members of your generation. Unlike some other outstanding members of your generation, you have had an experience that they will not have. You have had the opportunity to be present firsthand in the body that is looked to throughout the world by the billions of people who live on our planet as the center of democracy, as the center of a successful effort for people to come together and peacefully resolve differences.

During the course of your being a page here and your very outstanding service to not just us as individual Members of Congress but to this institution and to the people of America, you have had the opportunity to see some pretty animated debate. You have seen some of us get, I would say, angry at some times at one another. DUKE CUNNINGHAM has gotten angry from time to time, and I have gotten angry from time to time. But then you saw a DUKE CUNNINGHAM and a STENY HOYER come together as friends, honored by their neighbors in being elected to this House, knowing full well that we are all Americans, and though we are animated in debate, it is really that on which we agree that is most important. You have had that opportunity.

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There is a lot of cynicism in America among some people about their Democratic institutions, and that is not helpful in a democracy. We need to have citizens have confidence in their democracy, in their institutions of government, and particularly in this House and the Senate just down the hall, because that is the way we resolve our differences and make progress as a democracy, a model for the world.

You, with your special knowledge, can educate your generation to the substance of what their democracy is all about as represented here in the people's House. I am always pleased.

I thank my friend, the gentleman from California, and my friend, the gentleman from Arizona, for allowing me to participate in this farewell. But it is not farewell. Obviously the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. DAVIS) is here, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. KOLBE) is here, and you may be here for years to come in various capacities.

But thank you. Thank you for taking the time to expend the effort to learn, to participate, to contribute to making this House and this country a better place. You are richer for it. We are richer for your service. I hope that you will go back to your respective communities and your families and your schools and talk to your friends, educate them further, and make our de-

mocracy better. Congratulations to all of you. Godspeed.

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his remarks.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. CUNNINGHAM) who has had one more thought and has to catch a plane.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, as usual, I forget something, and I will be brief. But I would ask three things of you kids, critters.

First of all, when there is a page reunion, come back, and make it a positive thing to do that, whatever it takes, because you have made lasting friends. I think that is important.

Secondly, each and every one of you is going to go back home. You are used to going to Georgetown. You are used to going on the Metro. You are used to going down here to the little soup and salad place all together, all on your own.

The first time you go out the door, your mom and dad are going to say "Where are you going?" and you say "I am going out, mom and dad." They say "Not so fast." Break them in easy.

If I have ever seen a problem, it is with pages going back that have had their independence here and freedom, and all of a sudden going back home and to the reality of parenthood. Break in your parents easy.

The third thing is come see us in the offices. Call us and send us letters. God bless.

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California (Mr. CUNNINGHAM) very much.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend and colleague, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA).

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Arizona for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to take a moment, I have delayed my departure back to my district, to congratulate each of our pages this afternoon.

I just wanted to say briefly that the pages have had a great experience and a rare opportunity, and it is very similar to what we have as Members of Congress, a tremendous experience being elected to represent our individual districts. It is a rare opportunity that very few individuals ever get to experience. So you, too, have had that privilege, that honor, and you have served us very well.

Sometimes the pages are taken for granted. They get here, and they hit the ground running, and they are called on immediately to perform. Right up to their last hour of service this afternoon, they have been called on and performed so well. Again, it is, though, an incredible and rare experience, and we are so proud of the way that this class has conducted itself.

I am a little bit of a history nut, as some of you know, and my interest in the Capitol and the history of this Chamber. Today, as you leave on June 4, you will be part of the history of an incredible body.

I think you have had the opportunity to see, too, what very few individuals ever get to see up close; and that is that, in fact, this government does work and, in fact, it is truly representative of this Nation. Just like each of you have come from different families and different districts and different backgrounds and different party affiliations, but you have come together and been a part of the history and this process. So it is a tremendous and unique opportunity.

As Daniel Webster said up there, if you look, he said that you perform when you come here. If you perform a service, it is something worthy to be remembered. Certainly your service has been in the same light as asked by one of our great Americans who served in Congress with such distinguished history. You have been, again, a tremendous credit to us.

I thank you personally, and I now extend the thanks of all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle. We wish you Godspeed and the very best in your future careers. Thank you.

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his comments. I am very pleased to yield to the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. CLAYTON).

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me, and I thank him for assembling and having given me the opportunity for me to join in words of appreciation.

First, I am appreciative of the fact that you wanted to come; that you were talented enough to be selected for this unique opportunity. Not only were you talented or willing to come, but you so ably and so joyfully served in your capacity.

You did a variety of things. I know some of them were less exciting. Never did we see it on your face. Always with a sense of expectancy, always with a sense of your purpose. Your presence suggested that you had all the confidence.

I feel, as you go forth, that you bring us hope. Those of us who serve in Congress, sometimes we become a little cynical because we are not quite sure if what we do and all of the discussions we have are making that much sense. In fact, sometimes we know we are not making sense.

But one of the things we feel is that, of all the things we do, if we can give hope to young people, young people can share part of their life and inspire us to be all the things that we can be for this country, we know this country has embraced that.

So I thank you for being with us, but thank you for who you are and, more importantly, I thank you for what I think you will become.

All of you are very special, but one of you comes from my district. So, Monique Jackson, I expect great things. You one day may be in here in Congress yourself. So thank you very much.

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for her kind comments and good words.

Mr. Speaker, if I might ask my colleagues and the pages to indulge me for just 1 minute for a couple of comments of my own as we close here.

Mr. Speaker, let me also add my words of thanks to the pages for the service that they have given us. This is a program that goes back a long ways, almost 200 years ago, when an individual was appointed to serve as a runner here in the Congress.

Through the years, the program has sputtered on and off, but it has generally been with us. It has kind of been more formalized in this century. Of course, for the last 20 years it has been a much more organized and formal program.

But even though the program has changed dramatically through the years, when I was here as a page it was boys only, when I was here as a page it was 4 years of high school that you could be here for, the program has changed a lot but many things about it are still very much the same.

What is the same about it is the kind of good work you do for us, the kind of help you give us to make our lives just a little bit easier. It is like the grease on the wheel that just makes it turn a little bit easier. We sometimes take it for granted and forget about it, but you make our lives just better and easier for us.

I hope it is the same for you, that you take something back from this program, as I think you should and you will. I know for me there were many things I took back from it, good friends, and I know from the exchanges of phone numbers and addresses and, of course, now E-mail. We did not have that either when I was here as a page.

You are all going to be staying in touch and you will be coming back. But I have taken many good friends. Two of them are here on the floor of the House of Representatives that were in my class. Donn Anderson used to be the Clerk of the House of Representatives, and Ron Lasch, our majority person here on the floor, assistant on the floor, both of them were in my class. They have stayed and given an incredible amount of service to this body and to their country through the years.

You have an opportunity to do that as well. When I left here, people would ask me, "What is it you really learned about politicians and Senators and Congressmen from your experience as a page?" I thought about it, and I said, "Well, you know, I guess the most important thing I learned is that they put their pants on one leg at a time like everyone else." We may laugh at that, but it is true.

You learn the very best and you learn the worst about politicians here. You see them at their very best. You see them at their very worst. That is true of any experience you are going to have in life where you are close up with people. You will see the human frailties, but you will also see the good things that will come out about people. I hope you will remember the good things,

and you will use the good things to build on that.

This week I flew across this country of ours to attend the funeral of my sponsor, Barry Goldwater. He was a great mentor to me. I learned a lot from Barry Goldwater. But I think what I learned most was some very simple values that he gave of integrity, of honesty, of patriotism.

When you go away from this experience, I hope that above anything else that you get out of this, it will be some of those simple values that you can use in life no matter what you do.

Whether you return to the Congress as a Member, as a staff person, whether you serve in government as he served for so many years, there are values that go beyond any particular job. There are values of patriotism, of honor, of integrity. You have a great opportunity to make a lot from this.

We wish you Godspeed and we look forward to seeing each and every one of you come back. I thank each and every one of you.

ADJOURNMENT TO TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1998

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 1998, for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

HOOR OF MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1998

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Tuesday, June 9, 1998, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10.

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

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO DECLARE A RECESS ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1998, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING IN JOINT MEETING HIS EXCEL- LENCY KIM DAE-JUNG, PRESI- DENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Wednesday, June 10, 1998, for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting his excellency Kim Dae-Jung, President of the Republic of Korea.

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

There was no objection.