

part of the country. He developed real estate and built houses and apartments for rent. He was always busy.

When I eventually left journalism and entered politics, he was also a source of invaluable advice in my races for the House and Senate, and later when I ran for President he personally campaigned in every single county in both Iowa and New Hampshire. I constantly run into people in both states who know him well, not from his days in the Senate, but from his days as a tireless octogenarian campaigner.

In 1992, when then Governor Clinton asked me to join his ticket, my father became an active campaigner once again. At the age of 84, he and my mother took their own bus trip that year, and what a crew was on that bus—Albert and Pauline Gore, Tony Randall, Mitch Miller, and Dr. Ruth. (Laughter.)

He convinced one young man from our campaign to come back to the farm with him. But the fellow soon left, and asked me, how do you tell a man who is working beside you and is 84 years old that you are quitting because it's too hot and the work is too hard? (Laughter.) I could have told him I learned the answer to that one when I was still young—you don't. (Laughter.)

At 85, he embarked on a major new project—the antique mall and car museum in south Carthage. Two years ago, when he was 89, he was still driving his car. I had great difficulty persuading him to stop. When I asked my friends and neighbors in Carthage to help, one of them said, "Oh, don't worry, Al, we know his car—we just get off the road when we see him coming."

Once, though, he didn't know his own car. He left the store, got in somebody else's car and drove home. (Laughter.) Carthage is the kind of place where people often leave the keys in the ignition. Luckily, the store owner drove my father's car up to his farm, left it in the driveway and then drove the other fellow's care back to the store before he knew it was missing. (Laughter.)

There are so many people in Carthage who have bent over backwards to help my parents, especially over the last few years. My family is so grateful for the quality of kindness in Smith County, and we thank you. And during the months and weeks before my father's death, we've been blessed with the devotion of a wonderful collection of around-the-clock caregivers and doctors and nurses.

Reverend Billy Graham wrote recently, "We may not always be aware of the presence of angels. We cannot always predict how they will appear. But angels have been said to be our neighbors." All I know is that my family is mighty grateful to the people who have shown so much love to my father. And we found out that a lot of our neighbors in Smith County and the surrounding counties really are angels. A lot of them are here today, and on behalf of my family I want to say thank you.

He died bravely and well. As it was written of the patriarch, Abraham, "he breathed his last and died at a good old age, an old man and full of years, and he was gathered to his people. And we know that those who walk uprightly enter into peace, they find rest as they lie in death."

As many here know, it's hard to watch the sharpness of a parent's face, hard to watch, in the words of the poet, "how body from spirit does slowly unwind until we are pure spirit at the end."

We're a close family. But the time we had together over the last few weeks to say goodbye truly brought us closer still. We're grateful to all those who have reached out to us, many of whom understand the need because they, themselves, have suffered loss. As is our custom here, neighbors brought food and we tried to concentrate on making ready for today.

So here's what I decided I would like to say today—to that young boy with the fiddle in Possum Hollow, contemplating his future: I'm proud of the choices you made. I'm proud of the road you traveled. I'm proud of your courage, your righteousness, and your truth. I feel, in the words of the poet, because my father "lived his soul, love is the whole and more than all."

I'll miss your humor, the sound of your laughter, your wonderful stories and your sound advice, and all those times you were so happy that you brought the house down.

Dad, your whole life has been an inspiration. I'd take the 91 years—your life brought the house down.

ELBERT COUNTY RESOLUTION 98-112

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, over the course of the past few weeks, I have received numerous contacts from constituents regarding the matter of today's impeachment question.

On Wednesday, the Board of County Commissioners for Elbert County, Colorado adopted and forwarded to me, a Resolution calling upon the House to decide in favor of impeachment of President William Jefferson Clinton. Mr. Speaker, as Colorado's Fourth Congressional District Representative, and on behalf of the people of Elbert County, Colorado I hereby submit for the RECORD a full and complete copy of the Resolution adopted by Chairman John Dunn; Vice Chairman Ralph Johnson; and Commissioner Daniel A. McAndrew.

I further call upon my colleagues to carefully consider the thoughtful commentary, opinion, and findings of the Elbert County Commissioners. Finally Mr. Speaker, I extend my most sincere thanks to the Elbert County Commissioners for assisting the Congress in resolving this great question facing our beloved nation.

STATE OF COLORADO, COUNTY OF ELBERT

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for Elbert County, State of Colorado, held at the Courthouse in Kiowa on Wednesday, the 16th day of December A.D. 1998, there were present: John Dunn, Commissioner Chairman; Ralph Johnson, Commissioner Vice Chair; Daniel A. McAndrew, Commissioner; and Geri Scheidt, Deputy, Clerk to the Board.

When the following proceedings, among others were had and done, to wit:

RESOLUTION 98-112—CONSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT RESOLUTION

Whereas, elected officials are sworn to uphold the Constitution; and

Whereas, the President is the highest elected official in the land; and

Whereas, all House and Senators are sworn to uphold the Constitution; and

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners, as elected officials, are duly sworn to uphold the Constitution. Be it therefore

Resolved, the Board of Elbert County Commissioners do hereby request that the Colorado Delegation for the House, vote to impeach President Clinton, and be it further

Resolved, the Board of Elbert County Commissioners do hereby request that the Senate consider the evidence presented by the House and vote as the Constitution demands.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the

following vote: John Dunn, Chairman, Aye; Ralph Johnson, Vice Chairman, Aye; and Daniel R. McAndrew, Commissioner, Aye.

EXPRESSING UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT FOR MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR ARMED FORCES CURRENTLY CARRYING OUT MISSIONS IN AND AROUND PERSIAN GULF REGION

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 1998

Mr. JOHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the American men and women who are putting their lives on the line in the Persian Gulf to protect our nation and the world from the threat being posed by Saddam Hussein's arsenal of terror. Sadly, Saddam has again called into question the commitment of the United States and our allies to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq by blocking the United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM) from inspecting suspected sites and restricting its ability to review evidence.

Nobody in this chamber wishes harm on the people of Iraq, but the repeated refusal of Saddam to comply with the conditions of the 1991 cease-fire poses a clear and present danger to the national security interests of our nation. I stand by the decision of the President and his national security advisors to launch a military strike against Iraq and condemn Saddam for forcing this upon his people. There can be no doubt that decisive military action is justified and that Saddam bears full responsibility for these actions.

As the leader of the world community, the United States must remain vigilant in our efforts to expose and destroy Iraq's chemical, biological and nuclear capabilities. The UNSCOM inspectors are a critical tool in accomplishing this objective. With the UNSCOM report issued only days ago and Islamic observance of Ramadan beginning this weekend, the timing of U.S. air strikes were critical to the success of this mission. We can only hope that U.S. and British military forces in the Persian Gulf can accomplish what repeated efforts at diplomacy could not.

I want to express my gratitude to our soldiers, sailors and pilots who are carrying out this vital effort and tell their families that our thoughts and prayers will be with them during this holiday season. I offer my unequivocal support for their just cause and pray for their quick and safe return.

KORY KESSINGER EARNS THE AMERICAN FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA DEGREE

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Kory Kessinger of Akron, Colorado who has earned the prestigious American Future Farmers of

America, or FFA, Degree, their highest honor. Kory received this award at the national FFA convention this last November. He has worked closely with his family on their farm, raising and breeding good market beef, always striving to improve production. The son of Kim and Lila Kessinger, Kory Kessinger is attending Colorado State University and studying animal science. Mr. Speaker I commend Kory for his hard work and dedication. We have much to look forward to from this fine young man. Through good efforts such as his, the youth of today are the promise of tomorrow.

REMARKS OF THE HONORABLE
MARION BERRY DECEMBER 18,
1998 TRIBUTE TO MAURICE
SMITH JR.

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a good friend, Maurice Smith, a prominent farmer and banker in Birdeye, Arkansas, who passed from this world earlier this month Maurice was a great man who lived in Arkansas and provided leadership for the generations.

Maurice has had a long history in Arkansas politics. He served as highway commissioner and director of the state Highway and Transportation Department. He was also appointed to the University of Arkansas board of trustees and served as chief of staff to then-Governor Bill Clinton. But if it is one thing that Maurice Smith be remembered for, it is his leadership as the director of the state Highway Department. In 1991, under his direction, a 5-cent-a-gallon increase in the gas tax and a 2-cent-a-gallon increase in the diesel fuel tax pumped an additional \$48 million into the department's construction budget each year.

One of my favorite quotes is from former Senator Le Roy Percy of Greenville, MS. "I guess a man's job is to make the world a better place to live in, so far as he is able—always remembering the results will be infinitesimal—and to attend to his own soul." Maurice was such a man and he will be greatly missed. He was chairman of the St. Francis Levee Board. He provided support and leadership for generations of Arkansans to make the state a better place to live, work, and raise a family, with special attention to developing infrastructure.

A TRIBUTE TO STUB AND
JOSEPHINE ROBERTS

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Stub and Josephine Roberts, owners and operators of Stub's Gas and Oil near Wiggins, Colorado. In business since 1949, Stub's recently celebrated its fiftieth anniversary of service to residents and travelers along Highway 39 and Highway 34 in Colorado. From humble beginnings as a simple gas station, Stub's has

grown to a multiple service station that includes several gas and diesel pumps, a convenience store, and even a deli. With loyal customers going back for decades, Stub's has been, and will continue to be, an institution in eastern Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I commend Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, and all those who have contributed to this fine entrepreneurial business. They are true representatives of the spirit, hard work and dedication that built America as we know it.

JUDGE A. LEON HIGGINBOTHAM:
CONSTITUTIONAL SCHOLAR DIES
WITH HIS BOOTS ON

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I was greatly saddened to hear of the loss of Judge Leon Higginbotham this week. He was a great civil rights champion who died with his boots on, for just two weeks ago I had the honor of introducing him to the Judiciary Committee impeachment hearings, where he protested the current impeachment process in his last major appearance. Judge Higginbotham's death on December 14th was a loss not just for his wife Evelyn and his children, but for every American.

Leon Higginbotham was in every way a giant. His contribution to the law as a peerless judge and superb educator was immense. His large personality and his passionate love of justice made him a colossus of the civil rights movement. The attentive silence which marked his impeccably coherent and flawlessly logical testimony just 2 weeks ago to the Judiciary Committee reminded the nation's lawmakers, and the people, of the brilliance possessed by this giant of a man.

Leon Higginbotham's achievements have served as an inspiration to Americans of all ages. His brilliant record as a civil rights attorney led to his becoming a federal judge in 1964. His performance as one of the United States' most consistent and fair judges led to his being appointed to the US Circuit Court of appeals fourteen years later. In 1995 he was recognized by President Bill Clinton with the award of the Presidential Medal of Freedom. His authority and standing led South African President Nelson Mandela to seek his expertise and impartiality as a mediator in the landmark 1994 elections. Leon Higginbotham belongs to that group of exceptional people which any nation is proud to call its own.

His outspoken courage, and his passionate opposition to racism was clearly reinforced at the hearings two weeks ago. His clear condemnation of the damage that discrimination and disregard for individual civil rights does to the justice system made his magnum opus "Race and the American Legal System" one of the most important and influential legal texts in the lifetime of this Republic.

I join every American in mourning the passing of Leon Higginbotham and in saluting his living legacy. His compassion and his respect for the individual combined with his unrivalled knowledge and love of the law to making a person I am proud to say I knew. My sympathy and that of my family goes out to his family, whose loss we all share.

TRIBUTE TO THE PEOPLE OF
IDALIA, COLORADO

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the good people of Idalia, Colorado. Their innovative fundraising through the nonprofit Idalia Foundation earned the prestigious \$25,000 Julie and Spencer Penrose Award for Colorado's most outstanding nonprofit. Through this entity, the community of one hundred raised \$1.2 million in private donations for a new community center for recreation, health care, education and meetings. Mr. Speaker, I commend the people of Idalia and the Idalia Foundation for all of their hard work, dedication and commitment to overcoming obstacles. All of this had been accomplished without a town government, and most importantly, without raising any taxes? Members of Congress should take heed by the fine examples set in our backyards.

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SPEECH OF

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 1998

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of this resolution. I fully support the men and women of our Armed Forces who proudly serve this Nation in the Persian Gulf. I am certain that our Nation stands behind them one hundred fifty percent, and I salute them for their hard work, patriotism, and courage.

Saddam Hussein has been tolerated for far too long. We have tried to talk to him, and we have tried to reason with him, but to no avail. He continues to break promises and threaten the security of the civilized world. As that old adage goes: "Talk softly and carry a big stick." It's time to stop talking. He has terrorized too many innocent people for far too long, and he has thumbed his nose at the civilized world. He fancies himself a leader, but in reality, he is a ruffian and a thug who possesses a dangerous arsenal of lethal weapons and the will to use them for his own megalomaniac purposes. This time, we should not be there to teach a lesson. We should, once and for all, remove Saddam Hussein from Power.

I support this resolution, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

OF MICE AND BABBITT

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, Nobel laureate John Steinbeck