

happy retirement—with much time spent with her husband, Tom; her daughter Lora and Lora's husband John Williams and their son Evan; and Tom's son Sean.

I am proud to also note that Eve has a number of family connections to West Virginia, Mr. Speaker and it is my hope that her travels will bring her to our state often.

It is a pleasure to help recognize the career of one who has served this House so very well. Thank you, Eve, and all the best in the days to come.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. I yield to the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Eve, I want to rise with my colleagues. I was here at 3 o'clock when DAVID DREIER gave that short, but very heartfelt thanks to you. I did not join him at that point in time; I thought that at 3 a.m. you might want to go home. But I do want to rise at this point in time.

Mr. Speaker, the Members of the House, the House as an institution, and this country are all blessed by having some extraordinarily dedicated, extraordinarily able people serving this body. Other than our terrific reading clerks, few of them get on camera, at least in terms of being identified. But without them, this House would not run nearly as well as it does. And to the extent that it does not run well, it is not for any lack of ability or dedication on their part but because the Members sometimes get out of hand.

But the staff that serves this House of Representatives, the people's House, is an extraordinary one. Each time we lose one of them by retirement or for any other reason, we are a lesser place. We will be a lesser place for some period of time because one cannot replace the 20 years of experience that Eve takes with her. But she takes with her the thanks and gratitude of all of us who are Members of this body. Whether brought in by the majority or the minority, Democrats or Republicans, matters not to any of our desk personnel or our Parliamentarian or our timekeepers or whatever their particular designation. They serve us well and they serve this country well.

Eve, I wish you and Tom the very best. You are still a very young person and you will have many years to enjoy service to church, service to God, but I know that you will continue in many ways to serve your country. I know you will take with you the deep affection and respect for this institution that you have served so well. Godspeed.

#### FAREWELL TO KIRK BOYLE

(Mr. CANTOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to be here today to salute an individual who has served this House for many years, who is also leaving us today. Kirk Boyle first

started his career with this House with the former majority leader, Dick Arme. He served as Dick Arme's page in the House and later returned after schooling to be a floor assistant for Dick Arme. In the last year he has become part of the majority whip's team and has been on the floor with leadership, with the majority whip ROY BLUNT.

Anybody who knows Kirk knows he is a source of accurate information. He always knows what is going on. He has been a tremendous asset to all of us.

Lastly, I would just like to note that I think he will be best remembered as the cofounder and creator of the Boyle-Turton precedent which, as you know, contributes to the expeditious proceedings of this House.

Again, I salute Kirk Boyle and wish him well as he continues his life journey and development as an individual as he goes and moves on to Chicago to perform some mission work and to do good for the people of this great land.

Congratulations. We will miss you, Kirk.

#### APPOINTMENT OF HON. TOM DAVIS OF VIRGINIA TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3, 2003

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
July 25, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM DAVIS or, if not available to perform this duty, the Honorable FRANK R. WOLF or, if not available to perform this duty, the Honorable ROSCOE G. BARTLETT to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through September 3, 2003.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

There was no objection.

#### APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR 108TH CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule II, and the order of the House of January 8, 2003, the Chair announces the joint appointment by the Speaker, majority leader and minority leader of Mr. Steven A. McNamara of Sterling, Virginia, to the position of Inspector General for the United States House of Representatives for the 108th Congress effective January 3, 2003.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(a) of the National Cul-

tural Center Act (20 U.S.C. 76h(a)), amended by Public Law 107-117, and order of the House of January 8, 2003, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts:

Mr. KENNEDY, Rhode Island.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COUNCIL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 2301, and the order of the House of January 8, 2003, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council:

Mr. LANTOS, California;  
Mr. FROST, Texas.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO BOARD OF VISITORS TO UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ACADEMY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194(a), and the order of the House of January 8, 2003, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy:

Mr. FILNER, California.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

#### THE HORROR STORIES OF CASTRO'S JAILS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to draw attention to the continued plight of political prisoners locked away in Cuban jails. In March of this year, Fidel Castro began a campaign against political opposition. Over the course of a few weeks, Castro's regime arrested an array of political opposition leaders, including signers and supporters of a joint statement from the Cuban dissident community to the European Union, promoters of the Varela Project, members of the independent press, owners of independent libraries and members of Cuba's independent civil society.

Inside of a month, the dissidents were arrested, arraigned, tried and sentenced, some receiving prison terms as long as 27 years. The prisoners were refused access to their wives and family, allowed little or no legal defense and were denied the ability to read the state's case against them. The Cuban Government provided no information