

with a long record of unwavering advocacy for his constituency and the welfare of the American public.

Throughout his tenure, Congressman EVANS has been a staunch supporter of our Nation's servicemen and women, serving on the House Veterans' Affairs Committee since 1983. His ten years as ranking member have earned him the admiration and respect of every major veteran service organization.

A former Marine, Congressman EVANS is acutely aware to the needs of our men and women in uniform, and has advanced several important pieces of legislation which provide our servicemen and women with the proper care they are due.

Acting as one of the strongest voices for Desert Storm veterans, Congressman EVANS succeeded in raising awareness of the important specialized treatment returning veterans required, and ultimately enabled them to receive this life-saving care.

Congressman EVANS has also provided dedicated service to the troops currently serving our Nation in harms way, providing vigorous oversight of our military's spending and readiness as a member of the House Armed Services Committee.

Mr. Speaker, LANE EVANS has provided twenty four years of steadfast and honorable service to this great Nation, and I am proud to call him my colleague and friend. I would like to thank him for his career of service, and wish him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING CHAIRMAN MIKE
OXLEY

SPEECH OF

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2006

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to salute my friend and colleague from Findlay, Ohio, MIKE OXLEY. I think I can honestly say MIKE OXLEY is the most famous name to come out of Findlay since the original square hamburger, and MIKE is so well liked around here, even the square hamburger could well fall behind MIKE in popularity.

I got to know MIKE OXLEY from our days playing basketball when he brought the Congressional team to New York to play the New York State Assembly where I served at the time. Although we beat him twice, he never let me forget it!

He was always a good friend of my predecessor, Tom Manton. Tom, who recently passed away, developed a strong and lasting friendship with MIKE OXLEY; and as I came to Congress, Tom—my friend and mentor—told me to seek out MIKE. He told me MIKE was a straight shooter and someone who I should get to know. Tom was right.

And then, I had the pleasure of working with Chairman OXLEY during the 6 years I served as a member of the House Financial Services Committee, which he has chaired since its creation. Our Committee has had a long record of accomplishment, but he will be best known for the act that bears his name, Sarbanes-Oxley.

Created during the corporate scandals of Enron, Worldcom, Waste Management Inc.

and others, this law helped restore confidence to our nation's investors, who were questioning the safety of their funds in our country's capital markets. But he has had a hand in so many other laws as well, including tough new identity theft and anti-money laundering laws, as well as guiding our capital markets during a time of mergers, globalization and modernization. While these are the things he will be remembered for in the newspapers, and in the history books, it may not be the exactly what we all—those who know him remember him for.

We know him for his friendship, his great stories and his good nature. And of course, his great record on the baseball diamond—the only place I think he should have tried to be more bipartisan. But he was a great coach, and possibly the one area where a lot of us on this side won't miss him. But in an era of politics of personal destruction and "take no prisoners", MIKE succeeded here both professionally and personally as someone who worked with and listened to everybody. Friends were friends, not Democrats or Republicans.

MIKE is a solid conservative and a good Republican, but that never stopped him from working with Democrats to pass legislation, or to work to find common ground. If more members were like MIKE OXLEY, we wouldn't all be lamenting the partisan gridlock and meanness in Washington. MIKE, we will miss seeing you every day in the chamber but I know that this is not the last time we will see you. So as your career in Congress ends, and you start new adventures, I look forward to working with you again, albeit in your new capacity. So tonight, I wish you and Pat my best as you end one chapter and open another.

HONORING COLBERT KING ON THE
OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE WASHINGTON POST
EDITORIAL PAGE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Colbert (Colby) I. King, the Washington Post's Pulitzer Prize winning columnist and Deputy Editorial Page Editor. In a recent column, Mr. King informed his readers that he soon will cease writing editorials. However, Colby King's informal and spontaneous Saturday morning reading club takes some comfort in knowing that Colby King will continue to write his weekly column.

For 16 years, the Post, our city, and the region have benefited from reading a man who learned to write by doing it, not by going to journalism school. Colby went to school right here in the District, native born and native educated in the D.C. Public Schools and at Howard University.

Colby King's preparation for the career for which he will be best remembered came from the life he has lived—a childhood bereft of privilege, even equality, but rich in family love and upbringing. His pre-Post eclectic career ranged from the U.S. Army and VISTA to Treasury Department official and international banker.

Colby wrote about any and everything, but he was in his special element when he wrote

about his hometown. Most of what the Post editorial page has had to say about this city came from Colby King—sometimes sizzling with pride or indignation at shabby treatment by Congress and the like, even more often, hot with criticism of local officials and citizens alike, whose actions he thought unworthy of the city on a hill Colby wanted his hometown to become. Colbert King's role in writing the Home Rule Act, his special feel for the city of his birth, his wit and ability to laugh and to cry about this city, all contributed to the authority with which his views were received throughout the District and the region.

Colbert King has a way with words, a mark of pure talent, but talent alone won't win you a Pulitzer in his tough and competitive business. Colby's Pulitzer was his alone, the fruit of his columns. He used them to speak his mind on an unpredictable variety of subjects—too much crime and too little punishment; forgotten children and star-crossed residents, often remembered only in his Saturday columns; national and local politics and politicians scored without fear, favor or mercy; and the beloved family that raised him and the family that he and his wife, Gwendolyn, raised.

Colby King will be remembered also for his remarkable range. His contributions to the editorial page covered the page's territory, as Members know well from watching him on foreign and domestic affairs as a television opinion show panelist. His unusual set of talents and his judgment took him to editorial leadership on one of the world's most important papers. His contributions came during troubling times in our country and in this city. A failing war at home and an insolvent hometown, for example, badly needed unadulterated self-criticism and tough love. Colby King had the credibility, the talent, and the wisdom to offer both, to make us shake our heads up and down in agreement, and then to try again to reach his high expectations.

Mr. Speaker, if I may, I note a personal regret as well that Colby is ending one part of his career. His 16 years on the editorial page and my 16 years in Congress overlap. I will miss not only reading Colby. I will miss having someone at the Post with whom I personally identify in so many ways—a friend who remembers the District as it was when we both were born in a segregated city and when we went to Dunbar High School, and a city that is both the same and very different today. I wish the Post good luck in finding such invaluable, institutional and personal experience for its editorial page.

Colbert King has decided to no longer write editorials, but he has certainly left his signature in indelible ink on the Washington Post. I ask my colleagues to join me in both honoring and thanking Colbert King for using his craft in service to the public.

NATIONAL EPILEPSY AWARENESS
MONTH

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize November's celebration of National Epilepsy Awareness Month.

Almost 3 million Americans have epilepsy, a neurological condition that makes people susceptible to seizures. Ten percent of Americans