

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 573 I was not present and am not recorded due to a family illness.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
SCOTT SCHLOEGEL**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend and Chief of Staff Scott Schloegel. Scott has worked for me for nearly two decades in both the Michigan House of Representatives and in Congress. Over the years, Scott has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to his work, and I am forever grateful for his tireless service to both me and the citizens of northern Michigan.

Scott began his service in 1990 when, fresh off his graduation from Northern Michigan University, he came to work as my legislative aide in Lansing, MI. When I came to Congress in 1993, Scott served as my District Director in Michigan where he oversaw hiring staff and opening six of my district offices. He instilled in the district staff that casework and constituent service should be their main focus and a hallmark of my tenure. As District Director, Scott logged hundreds of hours on the road with me and represented me at countless meetings and events across northern Michigan. He would meet with local officials, hold constituent outreach hours and would speak to groups for me while I was in Washington. Scott had a great feel for the political landscape of my rural district, and for more than four years he worked determinedly to help raise the profile of our office and convert what was a solid Republican area into one that consistently supported me with increasing re-election margins.

In 1997, I asked Scott to become my Chief of Staff. Scott and his wife Kirsten moved to DC and began what would become a 13½-year reign as my top advisor. Over the ensuing years, we have been through many historical and personal tribulations. During the years that Scott was my Chief of Staff, we experienced the impeachment trial of President Clinton; the cliffhanger election between Vice President Al Gore and then Governor George W. Bush; the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001; the anthrax attacks; the DC sniper; and key legislative battles regarding guns, energy, health care and many more. Also during this time, Scott and I both lost our mothers and my son B.J. passed away.

Throughout my tenure I knew that I could always count on Scott to give me sound advice on political and legislative issues. When he disagreed with me he would not hesitate to tell me so. And, while he didn't win every battle, I knew that he always had my best interests and the best interests of northern Michigan in mind. One of his favorite tactics when he dis-

agreed with how I was going to vote was to sit down and write a TV or radio commercial that he would run against me in the next election and then say, "If you can counter that in a 30 second TV spot or a 60 second radio spot, then go ahead and vote that way. If you can't, then maybe it isn't the right thing for the district."

Four years ago, when I became Chairman of the Energy & Commerce Committee's Oversight & Investigations Subcommittee, Scott took over to handle my O&I work in addition to his Chief of Staff duties. He assisted in dozens of hearings into such critical issues as our nation's nuclear weapon's labs, cyber security, food and drug imports, health care reform, automobile safety, telecommunications and energy hearings. He has a great mind for oversight and investigations and I could always count on him to think ahead and represent my interests with the Committee staff.

Over the years, we have done a tremendous amount of good for our nation and northern Michigan and I know that along the way, Scott has taken as much joy in helping his home district as I have. We have frequently reflected upon the many accomplishments of my tenure and the multitude of improvements across northern Michigan as a result of our work on improving infrastructure, helping businesses secure financing for research and development, and securing financing for communities and universities across the district.

Madam Speaker, as I prepare to leave this great institution, I want to thank Scott for his leadership and friendship over all these years. I also want to thank his wife Kirsten and his daughters Emma and Lauren for the sacrifice they have made as Scott toiled for Michigan's First Congressional District. Kirsten and the girls had to put up with Scott working extremely long hours and I know there are times where he put service to me above his duties at home. Any elected official will tell you that the sacrifice of service is one that can test the strength of relationships at home, and I want Kirsten and the girls to know that I truly do appreciate the fact that they have allowed Scott to serve the people of Michigan and our nation. I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Scott Schloegel's 20 years of public service.

HONORING CHARLIE KRUSE

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

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Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Charlie Kruse for his 18 years of service as President of the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation.

Over the years, Charlie's uncommonly wise counsel has been a blessing, as it was for my late husband, Bill, before me. Whether it was changes in agriculture policy, EPA regulations, or even school funding, I know I can rely on Charlie and the folks at Missouri Farm Bureau to provide, honest, reliable assessments for rural Missouri. But more important than Charlie's advice, I appreciate Charlie's friendship; and I look forward to keeping it for years to come.

Missouri Farm Bureau has grown to be an even more effective organization under Char-

lie's strong leadership. When Charlie was elected President of the organization in 1992, membership stood at just over 75,000. Membership today stands at just under 112,000 members. This is a testament to Charlie's leadership and the dedicated staff and membership he has surrounded himself with. Moreover, public servants from both political parties agree that Missouri Farm Bureau continues to be one of the most respected organizations in our state.

No tribute to Charlie would be complete without mentioning Charlie's wife, Pam. I believe it is clear to all that Pam's dedication to her husband and her family enabled Charlie to work so hard for rural Missouri. Pam's unselfishness and generosity of time and energy are to be commended.

On behalf of the farmers and ranchers of Southern Missouri and the grateful constituents of the Eighth Congressional District, I congratulate Charlie and Pam on this occasion. Thank you, Charlie, for your 18 years of dedicated leadership with Missouri Farm Bureau. Best of wishes to you and your family as you pursue new challenges in the many bright years ahead of you.

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HONORING KENNETH ROBERTS OF
LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Kenneth Roberts, who is celebrating his 80th birthday this Saturday. Mr. Roberts is being honored at a luncheon to commemorate this milestone along with his years of service to the community.

Mr. Roberts was born in Washington State in 1930. He went on to serve as a Buck Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War before settling in Lake County with his wonderful wife, Irene. He had a long and fruitful career with Homestake Mining and retired in 1995.

Mr. Roberts is a committed activist and outdoorsman. He is known for his patience, tolerance and kind demeanor, but he'll never shy away from a lively debate on the issues. He is an avid hiker who is a member of the Redbud Audubon Society and Sierra Club. His commitment and passion for his community has also manifested itself in his work with the Lake County Adult Literacy Coalition. Ken mentored three Hispanic adults in reading and writing English and tutored one in preparation for the U.S. Citizenship exam, which his student passed.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, it is appropriate at this time that we thank my friend Mr.