

bill would do is ensure that students with disabilities are given equal treatment now and in the future as new, innovative technologies are developed and used more often in the classroom.

I hope that my colleagues will join me in support of this legislation.

THE PASSING OF WILLIAM J.
COYNE

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 15, 2013

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to former Member of Congress William J. Coyne, who represented Pennsylvania's 14th District from 1981 until 2003. Bill passed away on November 3, 2013.

I was honored to work with Bill for eight years as members of Pennsylvania's Congressional delegation from adjacent districts, and I have had the privilege of serving many of his former constituents since he retired in January 2003. I wanted to take this opportunity to remember Bill.

Bill was born on August 24, 1936. He grew up in a house on Halket Street in Pittsburgh's Oakland neighborhood, and he lived in that house for most of his life.

Bill graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1954. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea from 1955 through 1957. He returned to Pittsburgh after completing his military service and began working as an accountant for a trucking company. He subsequently attended Robert Morris College, graduating with a B.S. in accounting in 1965. In all, he worked as an accountant for 13 years.

Bill became involved in local politics in the 1960s, doing volunteer work on a number of local Democratic campaigns. He ran for office himself in 1970 and was elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, where he served one term. He was elected to Pittsburgh City Council in 1973, and he served as a City Councilman from 1974 until 1980.

In 1980, Bill ran for Congress, and was elected to represent Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. At that time, the 14th District consisted of the City of Pittsburgh and a number of adjacent communities in Allegheny County. He was re-elected 10 times and represented the 14th District in Congress for 22 years from 1981 until 2003.

During his first 2 terms in Congress, Bill served on the House Banking Committee and the Committee on House Administration. He also served on the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, known unofficially as the House Ethics Committee.

In 1985, he was appointed to serve on the Ways and Means Committee. In addition, from 1993 through 1998, he served on the House Budget Committee.

In the 1980s, when Bill started serving in Congress, southwestern Pennsylvania was experiencing high unemployment and economic disruption as a result of the decline of the steel industry, which up until then had been the dominant driver of the region's economy. Consequently, job creation and economic re-

development were his top priorities when he began serving in Congress and throughout his service there.

At that time, due to many young and working-age individuals leaving the region to seek work elsewhere, Pittsburgh had a disproportionately large elderly population—with more senior citizens than any Congressional District outside of Miami. As a result, Bill also focused his efforts on programs which, like Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, were essential to the health and well-being of older Americans. He worked on the Ways and Means Committee, for example, to protect Americans' pensions and other retirement benefits, enact a Medicare prescription drug benefit, and oppose efforts to cut federal safety net programs.

Bill worked closely with local and state elected leaders to develop a plan for the region's renewal, which consisted of building on the region's greatest assets—its research universities, hospitals, and financial institutions—while attempting to preserve the region's remaining manufacturing base. His efforts to achieve those goals focused on federal investments in scientific and biomedical research, higher education, housing and community development, transportation, and the clean-up and redevelopment of abandoned industrial sites. He also pursued complementary tax and trade policies. He was actively involved in securing federal funding for important projects in southwestern Pennsylvania as well as efforts to preserve and expand federal programs nationwide.

With hundreds of acres of shuttered steel mills in the region, Bill worked on the Ways and Means Committee to provide tax incentives for businesses and municipalities to clean up and redevelop vacant, often polluted industrial sites—often referred to as brownfields—including a provision in the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 which allowed businesses to deduct the cost of cleaning up brownfields sites in certain targeted areas. He also worked successfully to expand the brownfields tax incentive and delay its expiration date by several years. In addition, he supported legislation to create federal empowerment zones and enterprise communities, which provided tax breaks for businesses that operated in economically distressed areas.

Bill believed that the federal tax code could and should be used to create or preserve American manufacturing jobs, and he worked successfully to make the federal tax-exempt Industrial Development Bond program permanent to keep U.S. manufacturing jobs from moving overseas.

Bill also worked successfully to secure hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funding for local infrastructure projects—including reconstruction of the Drake, Library, and Overbrook trolley lines in Allegheny County and construction of an extension of the MLK Jr. Busway. He worked successfully to get local locks and dams updated—most notably, Locks and Dams 2, 3, and 4 on the Lower Monongahela River—and a flood control project built along Saw Mill Run. Bill also secured the cost-free transfer of the Hays Ammunition Plant to the City of Pittsburgh for redevelopment. He secured millions of dollars in seed money for the Software Engineering Institute at Carnegie Mellon University and the NASA Robotics Engineering Consortium. In addition, he worked successfully to enact a bill

designating the Steel Industry Heritage Project in Homestead as a national heritage area to preserve the region's history and culture and promote local tourism.

Bill was also an unabashed liberal—a vocal defender of workers' rights, women's rights, and gay rights as well as all of the New Deal and Great Society programs. He believed in tougher federal gun control laws—voting, for example, in support of the 1994 assault weapons ban. He opposed efforts to roll back American workers' rights to organize and bargain collectively, and he worked to expand protection for workers' rights in international trade agreements.

Bill strongly opposed efforts to cut domestic spending programs in the 1980s and 1990s, especially programs to help local governments undertake important redevelopment activities—programs like Community Development Block Grants, Urban Development Action Grants, the Economic Development Administration, and General Revenue Sharing. Bill also worked with many of his colleagues to protect federal programs that served children, senior citizens, the disabled, and working families. On the other side of the ledger, he opposed increased defense spending in the 1980s and supported deep defense cuts in the 1990s after the end of the Cold War and the demise of the Soviet Union. Bill worked on the House Ways and Means Committee to reduce the tax burden on low- and middle-income families. He was also actively involved in developing and enacting legislation to reform the Internal Revenue Service.

In 2002, Bill decided to retire at the end of his 11th term. In January of 2003, he wrapped up his career in politics and returned home to Pittsburgh. In the 10 years since then, Bill has enjoyed retirement, dividing his time between his home in Pittsburgh and a home in Ireland.

When you take into account his military service, his service in the Pennsylvania State legislature, his service on Pittsburgh City Council, and his 22 years in Congress, you can't help but conclude that Bill Coyne was a dedicated public servant. He was quiet but effective—and he was living proof that nice guys can get ahead. Bill Coyne was a credit to this institution and to his home town. Those of us who had the privilege to know him will miss him.

He is survived by his long-time companion Kathy Kozdemba, his brother Philip Coyne, Jr. and many nieces and nephews.

I'd like to include this eulogy given by his nephew Daniel Coyne at his funeral in Pittsburgh last week.

BILLY: A EULOGY FOR CONGRESSMAN BILL COYNE DELIVERED AT HIS FUNERAL, NOVEMBER 7, 2013

(By Daniel V. Coyne, Managing Editor,
Boston Consulting Group)

Bill Coyne was my father's older brother, and I have the honor and privilege of saying a few words about who he was and the full life he lived.

Bill, or Billy as I called him, was devoted to his long-time companion Kathy; to his surviving brother Philly; to his nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family; to his faith; to the city of Pittsburgh, which he served for decades; and to his neighborhood of Oakland, which gave rise to characters, stories, and legends that made me wish I'd grown up in a different time.

He was best known, of course, for being a politician. Articles about Bill Coyne always described him as quiet. But that belied his passion and his commitment. He worked incredibly hard for the things he believed in. Economic development and opportunity, equality, measures to help the working class. He was sometimes described as an old-fashioned Democrat. I think he was very proud of that—proud to be called liberal or progressive. Not that he'd ever brag about it. Billy never cared for grandstanding, never sought the limelight.

To me, his legacy is not just about what he did, it's about how he did it. Billy was civil, sincere, genuine, and honorable. He epitomized everything that's good and noble about the title "public servant". He simply wanted to help people. He got involved in politics in the late 60s, he said, because of the conditions of the country. He wanted to make a difference. And that's what he and his dedicated staff did.

In a 1986 profile of Billy in the Pittsburgh Press, Tip O'Neill summed it up nicely: "You can get a lot done for your constituents when you have the respect and admiration of your colleagues," he said. "And Bill Coyne is one of the best liked guys down here." Incidentally, when Billy heard that the Press wanted to do a story on him, he had a one-word response: "Why?"

Billy was more than a politician. He was a kind and generous uncle. He was thoughtful and warm. He loved being with Kathy and hosting Christmas dinners with her. He loved being with his nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was happy being in Pittsburgh, living a short walk from Halket Street, where he grew up. And he was energized by the visits he and Kathy made to Ireland several times each year.

For his brother Philly's 90th birthday, a group of us travelled to Ireland. Billy and Kathy were our guides. Billy's excitement was infectious. He was like a little kid, reveling in the music, the scenery, the streetscapes, the people, being with our relatives. He wanted so much for us to be a part of it. It reminded me of how he'd treat people who visited him in Washington.

I lived there for a few years while Billy was in office. He'd sometimes sneak me and a friend onto the floor of the House of Representatives for small occasions, like the State of the Union Address. It was never to show off. Billy wasn't in the habit of trying to impress people. I just think he saw the House floor in the same way he and others who grew up in Oakland saw Forbes Field. It's historic, and it's hallowed ground. But it's sort of public property . . . you don't really need a ticket to get in. The fact that it was there was permission enough.

Billy did those sorts of things all the time. He'd go out of his way to do something if he thought it would make you happy. The fact is, Billy would go out of his way for anyone, anytime. Selfless hardly begins to describe his compassion and his sense of service. That's how he worked his job. That's how he lived his life.

His passing is a profound loss for Kathy, for Philly, and for our whole family. We were blessed to have had him in our lives, and we will miss him dearly.

There's a quote, attributed to an ancient Chinese philosopher, whom Billy was fond of. Kathy gave it to me. She said that Billy carried it around in his wallet. It obviously meant a lot to him, and I'd like to close by reading it:

A leader is best when people barely know he exists
Not so good when people obey and acclaim him
Worse when they despise him

But of a good leader who talks little, when his work is done they will say:
"We did it ourselves"

HONORING REP. HELEN DELICH BENTLEY

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 15, 2013

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Congresswoman Helen Delich Bentley, a longtime member of the U.S. House of Representatives, a champion of the Port of Baltimore and a dear friend on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

A graduate of the University of Missouri, Congresswoman Bentley is a former journalist who worked as a reporter and editor for the Baltimore Sun, where she developed her lifelong passion for the Port of Baltimore and Chesapeake Bay. She then hosted a TV program about the Port focusing on maritime and transportation issues. She was elected to represent Maryland's Second Congressional District in 1985 and served the next four terms. She chaired the Federal Maritime Commission and became a strong advocate for responsible trade policies, the U.S. Merchant Marine fleet and, of course, American ports. As chair, she was then the fourth-highest ranking woman in federal government history, the first woman to serve in a key government position in the maritime field and the first woman appointed by a President to head a regulatory agency.

It is because of Congresswoman Bentley's decades of dedication, passion and advocacy that the Port of Baltimore will continue to prosper and provide honest, good-paying jobs to many Maryland families for generations to come. In 2006, the Port was rightly renamed the Helen Delich Bentley Port of Baltimore.

Congresswoman Bentley continues to exercise her expertise in the maritime and manufacturing industries as President and CEO of Helen Bentley & Associates, Inc. She also serves on the Board of Trustees for the Baltimore Museum of Industry. While too numerous to list in their entirety, Congresswoman Bentley is the recipient of countless awards and accolades. In 2006, she earned the Governor's International Leadership Award and was named the 2010 William Donald Schaefer Industrialist of the Year. She was inducted into the International Maritime Hall of Fame in 2004 and has earned 10 honorary doctorates.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Congresswoman Bentley for many years. Once political rivals, I consider her a mentor and trusted advisor, especially on maritime issues. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Congresswoman Helen Delich Bentley. The citizens of Maryland have been lucky to have her as a champion all these years. It is with great pride that I wish her the happiest of birthdays and many more years of success.

HONORING LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR THEIR GREAT SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 15, 2013

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the following law enforcement personnel who have recently been honored by the Horseshoe Curve Benevolent Association for their tireless service and continued willingness to put their lives on the line to protect our communities. These honorees include: Trooper Ronnie Riggs, Deputy Greg E. Lambert, Deputy Stephen A. Moore, Officer George Bell, Sergeant Travis Short, Officer John Dixon, Investigator Greg Frenzel and Sheriff Lenny Millholland.

Senior Trooper Ronnie Riggs has served the Virginia Department of State Police for over 10 years. Working out of the state police barracks in Kernstown, Trooper Riggs has become a tremendous asset to the area through his efforts to improve public safety. Trooper Riggs' service to the community and professionalism are seriously appreciated.

Chief Deputy Travis Sumption began his career as a communications officer with the Clarke County Sheriff's Office in February 1993. In 1998, he was appointed Deputy Sheriff and after an assignment as a traffic enforcement deputy in 2004, he became the first person to hold the title of First Sergeant in Clarke County. In 2006, he worked with the Clarke County Sheriff's Office regional drug task force and supervised the general investigations and gang units. After graduating from the Virginia Forensic Science Academy in 2008, he successfully managed a complex, multi-jurisdictional murder case. I wish him all the best in his new role of Chief Deputy.

Deputy Greg E. Lambert has served the Winchester Sheriff's Office since 2011. He came to the sheriff's office with previous experience with the Winchester Police Department and the U.S. Capitol Police. He excelled in his work with the "Don't Bust the Bus" operation designed to ticket offenders for passing school buses and is also involved with Project Life-saver, a program to save the lives and reduce injury of the elderly, as well as those who suffer from cognitive conditions such as Alzheimer's and autism. He is a member of the North and South End Citizens Groups, which focus on eliminating crime in the City of Winchester. Deputy Lambert's hard work and commitment to keeping citizens safe is greatly appreciated.

Deputy Stephen A. Moore serves the Frederick County Sheriff's Office. This summer he demonstrated courage when he rescued a mother of five from her burning home. He got the mother out of the house safely, and then ran back into the home when it was engulfed in flames and full of smoke to ensure that all of the children were safe. I commend him for his outstanding ability to remain calm and focused in a crisis.

Officer George Bell serves the Northwestern Regional Adult Detention Center and was recently honored for his remarkable efforts to prevent the escape of a high-risk inmate. Officer Bell showed resolve when he took action to address the situation and protect the civilians who would have otherwise been in grave