

A TRIBUTE TO THE HON. DAN
SCHAEFER**HON. JOE SKEEN**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 1998

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay special recognition to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. SCHAEFER) who is retiring from Congress at the end of the 105th Congressional session.

I am honored and pleased to have served with DAN SCHAEFER throughout my tenure in the House of Representatives. Working together, we have served as members of the minority and majority party in Congress and have always held principle over politics.

We are going to miss Mr. SCHAEFER next session. Throughout his distinguished career in the House, he has served his constituents from Colorado and the United States with honor and distinction.

DAN will be remembered here for many notable legislative accomplishments. Passing the Federal Facilities Compliance Act ensured that those of us with Federal facilities in our districts received the same level of environmental protection as everyone else in the country. He was and is a major player in helping us in New Mexico streamline the bureaucratic process to get the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant up and running—and while we're still not there yet, we're a lot closer today because of DAN SCHAEFER's efforts and I look forward to riding shotgun on that first truck with him.

Mr. SCHAEFER also helped spark the national debate on reforming our nation's tax code. His legislation to eliminate income tax raised a lot of eyebrows, but also raised the national awareness of the mess our tax system is in. I also recall that DAN was talking about a balanced budget long before the majority of our colleagues in Congress. His balanced budget legislation, introduced in the 103rd Congress, was the blueprint for many subsequent bills, and saw its fulfillment in the Balanced Budget Act passed by this Congress.

While I have just scratched the surface of DAN's distinguished career, it is a pretty impressive list of accomplishments. Just as impressive, though, has been DAN's non-legislative accomplishments. As manager of the Republican baseball team, he turned the event from a back-alley pepper game into a major-league success, to the point where the game now gets nationwide radio and TV coverage, and helps support a number of worthy charities in the Washington area. I know I've enjoyed his participation in the Western Caucus and the Wild Turkey Club, where Members facing similar problems and with similar constituencies are able to work through the difficult issues facing Congress in a sober and thought-provoking atmosphere. While Congress as an institution will certainly be poorer without DAN's presence, I also know that many Members will suffer a personal loss from his retirement as well.

In closing, I sincerely wish DAN SCHAEFER and his family all the best and look forward to the day the Colorado Rockies name him as their Manager. Good luck and God bless you DAN, we'll miss you around here.

RETIREMENT TRIBUTE TO BOB
BOYER**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 1998

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, this election day Robert Kent Boyer will be retiring from government service. Bob has been a close friend and colleague to many members and staffers in the Congress. His career has been marked by a long commitment and deep dedication to America's place in the world.

Bob worked his way up from hardscrabble beginnings in Arkansas through perseverance and elbow grease. He served our nation in the United States Air Force before coming to the U.S. Congress as a staffer in 1968. Bob served on the staffs of Senator John McClellan and Representatives Allard, Lowenstein, WILLIAM ROTH and William Mailliard with distinction. In 1971, Representatives Thomas (Doc) Morgan, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Representative Mailliard, the Ranking Minority Member appointed Bob to the professional staff of the full Committee on Foreign Affairs, where he worked for more than 22 years.

During his tenure on the Hill, Bob oversaw some of this nation's most important international work in combating narcotics, improving diplomatic security, fighting terrorism and assisting refugees who were the innocent victims of conflict and disaster.

In 1993 Bob, was appointed as the Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for Legislative and Public Affairs at the U.S. Agency for International Development, a post he still holds. Bob's sage counsel and abiding knowledge of international affairs has helped USAID make it through some of its most difficult times. I know Bob's colleagues at USAID will miss him every bit as much as we will.

In closing, let me just say that Bob Boyer is genuinely one of the kindest, most warm-hearted and talented people I have had the pleasure to work with. We will miss seeing him in his cowboy boots dispensing advice during the authorization and appropriations process. I wish he and his lovely wife, Sandy, and daughter, Vanessa, the very best in his retirement. He has served the country well and in the best tradition of government servants everywhere.

REGARDING STEEL IMPORTS

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 1998

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge support for the resolution offered by my colleague from Ohio. Along with my friends from Indiana and Ohio, and many other Members of the House who have been working to get debate and a fair vote on this issue—I am deeply concerned about the current crisis in the U.S. steel industry. We are worried about this steel crisis and we want to send a strong message to the White House.

The U.S. steel industry and its workers are suffering tremendously from reduced orders,

as a result of dumping by Asian and Russian producers. But the Administration has not acted to stop this illegal practice.

The Members of the European Union have been smart enough to protect their steel industry from dumping by erecting temporary barriers to steel imports during the financial crisis. Their steel industry will weather this storm.

American steel workers—the most efficient in the world—cannot continue to be besieged by foreign steel products while waiting indefinitely for trade cases to be settled. Damage to the American steel industry is extensive, severe, and rapidly growing.

I want to say that I do think there is a legitimate role for the United States, Japan, the European Union, and others to play, together, to help Russia and the newly industrialized Asian countries get through this economic crisis. But the American steel industry cannot and should not shoulder the burden alone.

Just recently, just in the Pittsburgh area, Riverview Steel in Glassport, and a number of other steel producers have been forced out of business by unfair imports. Steel has already been through tough times in our lifetimes—but the industry has come back more competitive than ever. The current steel crisis is an external, macroeconomic problem that is unfairly impacting American workers. We already have the laws in place to address this problem. We need to act now to stop another hollowing out of American industry, by acting to stop illegal dumping.

This House must act today to urge concrete measures on the Administration to stop the flow of dumped steel. The Traficant Resolution makes the strongly worded statement that needs to be made on this subject. Although it's non-binding, the Traficant Resolution would call on the Administration to investigate these low-priced steel imports for 10 days. If the Asians, former Soviet states, or anyone else is flouting international trade agreements, the President should impose a 1-year ban on steel imports from that country. By asking for these actions, the Traficant Resolution is making a real statement. This is not just some toothless piece of paper that would make this issue go away. Because this issue will not go away.

I urge my colleagues to think over this serious problem, and vote in favor of the Traficant Resolution.

HONORING REVEREND DR. ERIC R.
FIGUEROA, SR. BISHOP-DESIGNATE**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 1998

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Dr. Eric R. Figueroa, Sr. Bishop-Designate. A man of vision, devotion and tireless service to others in the spirit of God.

Reverend Dr. Eric R. Figueroa, Sr. was born on February 15, 1954 in New York, NY and is the oldest of three children born to Elder Ronald L. Figueroa and Mother Minnie M. Figueroa. He is the husband of Evangelist Doreen Figueroa for 23 years, and the father of three anointed and marvelously gifted children, Timiney, Anaysha and Eric Jr.