

Ohio," the title of the State song, Mr. Latta was born and educated in the State whose motto is, "With God all things are possible." He went on to serve in the Ohio National Guard and the U.S. Marines before settling down and practicing law in Bowling Green.

Prior to his election to the U.S. House of Representatives, Delbert Latta served in the State senate for three terms. In November of 1958, he was elected to the 86th Congress. During his 30 years in Congress, Representative Latta served on the House Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on the Budget, and the Committee on Rules. In 1988, Representative Latta decided not to run for reelection and returned home to Bowling Green, Ohio, where he is active in numerous community and civic organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. GILLMOR) for seeking to honor former Congressman Del Latta in this matter, and I urge swift passage of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I have no additional requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. GILLMOR), the sponsor of this legislation.

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

I am very pleased to rise and ask my colleagues to support H.R. 985, which would duly honor a man who was my predecessor in this body, Congressman Del Latta. Del served for 30 years in this Chamber, and it was 30 years of distinguished service to the people of the fifth district of Ohio.

It designates the post office at 111 West Washington Street in Bowling Green as the Delbert L. Latta Post Office building, and I think it is particularly appropriate, because Del spent a great deal of time in that building. During most of his career in Congress, his congressional office was located there.

He was born in Weston, Ohio, in Wood County. He attended Findlay College and Ohio Northern University; and before World War II, from 1938 to 1941, he served in the Ohio National Guard and in the U.S. Army. He was in the Marine Corps Reserve from 1942 to 1943. He was admitted to practice law in 1944. He served later in the Ohio senate for three terms, from 1953 to 1958. After some gap in service, I had the privilege of also representing that State senate district. He was elected to the 86th Congress in November 1958.

During his tenure, he had a number of very important assignments: the Committee on Rules; the Committee on the Budget, where he was ranking minority member; and he also served three terms on the House Committee on Agriculture. He was very well known as the cosponsor of the Graham-Latta bill, which was a major tax cut bill in the Reagan administration. And after deciding he would not run for re-

election in 1988, he returned to his home in Bowling Green, and Del remains active in the community today.

Among his achievements in public service are his involvement in the Watergate hearings and his role as dean of the Ohio delegation. The character, hard work, and the commitment he brought to public life had a significant effect on our State and on our Nation's public policy, and his accomplishments should not go unnoticed.

So I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation.

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I have no other speakers on this issue, and I want to again thank the gentleman from Ohio for introducing this important legislation. I urge all Members to support the adoption of this measure.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURPHY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 985.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK OF FORMER SPEAKER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MATTHEW J. RYAN

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 178) honoring the life and work of former Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Matthew J. Ryan and offering the deepest condolences of the United States House of Representatives to his wife and family on his death.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 178

Whereas Matthew J. Ryan, born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, led a distinguished career of public service devoted to the United States and the State of Pennsylvania;

Whereas Matthew J. Ryan served as a First Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps from 1954 to 1956;

Whereas Matthew J. Ryan began his service to the 168th District of Pennsylvania in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1962;

Whereas Matthew J. Ryan was elected Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1981, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, and 2003;

Whereas Matthew J. Ryan was the second longest serving Member and the third longest serving Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in its 321 year history;

Whereas Speaker Ryan's ability to negotiate with and unite Members possessing differing viewpoints in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives contributed to the betterment of Pennsylvania throughout his six terms as Speaker;

Whereas Speaker Ryan will be remembered for his quick wit and gracious demeanor, attributes which endeared him to colleagues and citizens alike;

Whereas Speaker Ryan received hundreds of awards and commendations during his four decades of service, including the National Conference of State Legislators' "Legislator of the Year Award" and the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce's "Citizen of the Year Award"; and

Whereas the "Speaker Matthew J. Ryan Building" of the Pennsylvania Capitol complex will forever serve as a testament to Speaker Ryan's faithful service to the State and as a reminder of his unwavering leadership in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the United States House of Representatives honors the outstanding life and work of former Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Matthew J. Ryan and offers its deepest condolences to his wife and family on his death.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURPHY) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURPHY).

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 178, introduced by my distinguished colleague, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. WELDON), honors the life and work of former Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Matthew J. Ryan and offers the deepest condolences of the United States House of Representatives to his wife and family on his death.

Mr. Speaker, Matthew Ryan was one of the most influential public servants in the great State of Pennsylvania for more than 20 years. After winning his first term to the State House in 1981, he ultimately rose to the level of Speaker where he served the longest tenure as House Speaker of any Republican in Pennsylvania history.

Speaker Ryan was a well-regarded member of the Pennsylvania State House, largely due to his close relations with all representatives of both parties. Current Pennsylvania Governor, Ed Rendell, a Democrat, kindly spoke to Speaker Ryan's effectiveness and affability, saying that he consistently provided "strong and effective leadership without resorting to destructive partisanship."

Governor Tom Ridge, who is now the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, often spoke in affectionate terms of the positive working relationship he had with Speaker Ryan; and similarly, Governor Mark Schweiker, who followed Governor Ridge, talked of Matt Ryan in the most endearing of terms.

Longtime Delaware County GOP Chairman Thomas Judge, Sr. has said, "You couldn't get mad at him. He was just an individual who would say he would disagree with you, and he certainly would give his viewpoint, but when you left the room, you were friends. He never held a grudge."

Because of this respect, Speaker Ryan's colleagues in the legislature

honored him by rededicating the Capitol Annex in Harrisburg as the Matthew J. Ryan Legislative Office Building. Luckily, they could do that before Matt Ryan passed away so he could see his name on that building.

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Matt Ryan, sadly, passed away on March 29, 2003, after a long battle with stomach cancer. He is survived by his wife, Delaware County Judge Patricia H. Jenkins; five children, Matt, Jr., Maureen, Katie, Terry and Jayne, and 12 grandchildren.

As the resolution states, we offer each of them the condolences of this House and the reassurance that Matthew J. Ryan will never be forgotten. Therefore, I urge all members to support the adoption of House Resolution 178 that honors the career and life of Matthew J. Ryan; and I thank my colleague, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. WELDON) for introducing this important measure.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Matthew J. Ryan, is well known throughout Pennsylvania as an advocate for welfare reform, tax relief and creating jobs.

Speaker Ryan served in the House for 41 years. During that time he served as Republican policy chairman and whip and for longer than anyone else who ever held office.

Speaker Ryan was the elected Speaker for the first time in 1981, and colleagues from both sides of the aisle lauded him for the nonpartisan way in which he presided over that session. Elected Speaker again in 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003, Ryan is respected by his peers as a caucus unifier, feisty debater, parliamentary tactician, government expert, Pennsylvania booster, and a committed leader who plays fair and with esprit.

A member of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts since 1995, Ryan founded Arts Education Day at the State capitol, an annual event that features hundreds of young performing and visual artists from across the State. For this and other support of arts education, in 2001 he received the Champion of Arts Education Award from the Pennsylvania Alliance for Arts Education.

In his 1981 acknowledgment speech, Ryan is quoted as saying, "We representatives of the Pennsylvania House, honored by our special heritage and enabled by our unique tradition, have sworn our pledges to serve our Commonwealth, to serve our country, and to save the dream of William Penn, and this service begins when this day's meeting ends."

Speaker Ryan served the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania well, and I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I do not have any additional requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to my distinguished colleague, the gentleman from the State of Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER).

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 178, honoring the life and work of the former Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Matthew J. Ryan. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wonderful family.

Matt Ryan was a legendary figure in Pennsylvania politics and a true definition of an American statesman. As we remember Matt, we speak of dignity, wisdom and fairness. We also recall his strong-willed determination and focus in serving the State that he loved so dearly. In the world of politics it is rare to find someone who was so effective on so many levels and touched so many people.

Speaker Ryan offered an extended hand to both friend and foe, and it is fitting that his legacy includes friends and admirers who sat on both sides of the aisle.

Earlier this year, the Speaker told colleagues, "I'll be back," when he was forced to take leave and battle his illness. It was perhaps unnecessary because Matt Ryan has never left. He will always be with us.

The State of Pennsylvania has lost a leader, and the United States has lost one of its great citizens. I am honored to support House Resolution 178, to recognize the life and work of our distinguished and deeply missed Speaker.

Mr. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I want to again thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. WELDON) for introducing this important legislation. Unfortunately, he was not able to be here personally.

I urge all Members to support the adoption of this measure.

Mr. HOFFEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember Matthew J. Ryan, the former Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Speaker Ryan, who passed away on March 29, 2003, dutifully served the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for over 40 years. I am glad to see that his life and work are being honored here today in the United States House of Representatives, and I deeply share the sentiments expressed in H. Res. 178.

Speaker Ryan climbed the ranks in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, and I had the distinct pleasure of working with him while he was serving as the Majority Leader and then when he was first elected as Speaker in 1981. His leadership and sense of humor will be greatly missed as will his tireless work for the citizens of Pennsylvania.

Matt Ryan had a very effective way of maintaining order in the Pennsylvania House from the Speaker's chair. When the debate became loud and tempers were flaring, Matt would gently tap the gavel on the desk rather than

bang the gavel head, and his gentle persuasion always returned the House to order.

I also want to express my condolences to Speaker Ryan's wife and family on their loss. I thank them for sharing Speaker Ryan with us with the people he represented. Speaker Matthew J. Ryan will be greatly missed, and I am very grateful to him and the work he did throughout his career.

Mr. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. CAPITO). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURPHY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 178.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD REMOVE THE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST IRAQ COMPLETELY AND WITHOUT CONDITION

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 160) expressing the sense of Congress that the United Nations should remove the economic sanctions against Iraq completely and without condition, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 160

Whereas United Nations Security Council Resolution 661 established sanctions as a result of Saddam Hussein's unprovoked, illegal aggression against the sovereign Arab State of Kuwait;

Whereas United Nations Security Council Resolution 687 continued the sanctions, which were intended to deprive the government of Saddam Hussein of maintaining or acquiring the means to threaten other states or peoples, or to continue to oppress his own people;

Whereas the United Nations Security Council, through the Oil-for-Food program, allowed for humanitarian goods to flow to Iraq while maintaining the sanctions regime and control over Iraq's oil revenue;

Whereas the Coalition that liberated Iraq poses no risk to other states or peoples, and there is no reason to believe that the people of Iraq, liberated from the tyrant Saddam Hussein, pose such a risk;

Whereas the Coalition is providing for the humanitarian needs of the Iraqi people;

Whereas the people of Iraq are now ready to rebuild their nation after over 30 years of tyranny;

Whereas the sanctions established by United Nations Security Council Resolutions 661 and 687 prohibit the importation of goods necessary for the Iraqi people to rebuild their country;

Whereas these sanctions restrict the trade of Iraqi goods, by and on behalf of the Iraqi people, necessary to allow expeditious rebuilding of Iraq and recovery from the tyranny of Saddam Hussein; and

Whereas continuing the sanctions imposed on the government of Saddam Hussein punishes the people of Iraq for the actions of a