

tleman from Connecticut (Mr. LARSON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, let me join and thank my colleague and classmate STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES for organizing this tribute to JULIA CARSON.

President Kennedy was fond of saying that communities reveal an awful lot about themselves in the memorials they create and in the people that they honor. This evening my colleagues, led by STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES and the Speaker of the House, the majority leader, and the delegation from Indiana have stood tall in honoring the memory of JULIA CARSON.

Memory is what distinguishes us from every other creature on the face of the Earth. It's humbling listening to the reminiscing that took place this evening.

We have lost a number of people since I have been in Congress, wonderful, remarkable, dedicated citizens to this great country of ours. JULIA brought that warmth and dignity to this office. It was an honor to be with her and know her.

I often think at services such as this it's a shame she wasn't here to hear us all talk about her, and for those of us in this body who didn't get the opportunity to say good-bye, it's principally the ability to reminisce and the memories that so many of our colleagues have brought to this floor that make her come to life and live on. Not in memorials, though I am sure memorials will be created. Not in buildings named, because I'm sure that those things will follow. But those memorials that mean the most are those that are principally carried in our hearts. And listening to BARON and STEVE talk earlier and all the Members who spoke here, what a rich, rich life. What a wonderful person.

She has gone home to Indiana, but she will never leave us. God bless JULIA. God bless this country. I thank everyone here for the memorial that you created this evening.

JOY DIVINE: REMEMBERING THE LATE HON. JULIA CARSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. BALDWIN). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RUSH) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, there have been many characterizations and descriptions of our departed colleague JULIA CARSON. But let me just tell you how I view JULIA CARSON. For me JULIA CARSON epitomized the Christian value of joy divine. Joy divine, the Bible calls it an unspeakable joy. It's the kind of joy that the Congress, the world can't give you and the world can't take it away. This joy is based on your faith. JULIA CARSON had, in my estimation, joy divine because she understood the meaning of the Scripture when it states: "All things work together for good to those who love the Lord and those who are called according to His purpose."

What is His purpose, one might ask? Well, He makes it pretty clear in the Old Testament. He says: "What do I require of thee, o man, but to love mercy, do justly, and walk humbly with your God?"

Madam Speaker, JULIA CARSON had the joy divine. She epitomized it. She represented it. Because she knew that everything that we do, the things that we bind on Earth, we bind in heaven. And she was really not working for just her constituents, but she was, indeed, working for eternal life. And now she is at a better place in the heavens with her God.

And I can just, in my own imagination, imagine JULIA when she got to heaven how the angels erupted in applause because of the work that she had done while she lived here on Earth.

Madam Speaker, JULIA CARSON did something that was almost impossible in the few years that she served in this great House. She made this great House even greater because of her commitment, her dedication, her resolve, her leadership, her insight, her compassion, those things that make one great.

Madam Speaker, I know that in heaven when she approached the throne of grace, when she approached the company of her Lord and Savior, I can hear the words spoken to her right now in the old way. I can hear her Lord and her master telling her: JULIA, servant, servant, well done. You did an extraordinary job under ordinary conditions. Servant, well done.

HONORING THE LATE HON. JULIA CARSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. HILL) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I think it's a true testament to how people felt about JULIA CARSON based upon the fact that the hour has expired allotting time for her colleagues to get up here to say a few kind words about her and now we are in overtime and the hour is over and we still have colleagues on the House floor who want to take the time to eulogize our friend and colleague JULIA CARSON.

I have known JULIA for over 25 years. In this business of politics, you have friends and then you have allies. I can, with a great deal of assurance, tell my colleagues here that JULIA was a friend, not just an ally. She was that, too. But I came from a small town in southern Indiana to the Indiana legislature back in 1982; and one of the first people I ever met was from the great city, the large city of Indianapolis, Indiana: JULIA CARSON. And I will be honest with you from the rural community and the kind of sheltered atmosphere of southern Indiana and small-town Indiana, I, quite frankly, didn't know how to take JULIA CARSON when I first met her. She was something else. But as the years went by and I had the time to serve with JULIA both in the legisla-

ture and now here in Congress, I had come to love JULIA CARSON, a true friend. Not just a colleague, but a true friend.

We have all heard the stories about how she was revered in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Indianapolis Star was the newspaper there, and there was some friction between JULIA and the Indianapolis Star because the Indianapolis Star was basically a Republican-leaning newspaper. So there were moments between the Indianapolis Star and JULIA. But just recently the headline in the Indianapolis Star, and it was a large headline, said: "A Warrior for Indianapolis." And that's exactly what she was.

She was one of a kind. She had grace and she had flair, and she had a great sense of humor. She was a Hoosier to the core. She was the epitome of everything that Indiana is. And we will miss her.

I come to this microphone today with mixed emotions: sadness by the loss of JULIA, but also a sense of good memories that we have about JULIA CARSON. The one thread that all of us have been speaking about and I will speak about it too was JULIA was a champion, a champion for the downtrodden and the poor. She made no excuses that she was a liberal in the good sense of the word. She wanted to make life better for all Americans, not just a select few.

JULIA, we'll miss you.

I do believe that when she walked into the pearly white gates, as Congressman RUSH said, that the angels applauded.

Well done, JULIA. We love you and we miss you.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF THE LATE HON. JULIA CARSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Love conquers all. And I rise today, Madam Speaker, to join the celebration, for although we mourn, we celebrate the life of JULIA CARSON, and celebrate we must.

I'm delighted to have listened to my colleagues in the Special Order led by Congresswoman STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES and to hear my friends and colleagues from Indiana. But for a moment I offer my sympathy to those of JULIA CARSON's district, to the good people of Indianapolis, to the good people of Indiana, and, yes, to the American people. For JULIA CARSON truly represented and will be remembered as an American hero.

I believe that JULIA would not mind our recalling for our colleagues why she was so keenly committed to those who could not speak for themselves and could not help themselves. For JULIA CARSON's history, by its very nature, directed her into the fight for