

expand the Food Stamp Program. Millions of people in America who may not remember his name will not go hungry today because of George—and others half a world away are alive and whose children are alive because of his service from Food for Peace from 1961 to 2001, when he resigned as ambassador to the U.N. food agency.

His is a dual legacy, of ideas and of so many individuals he brought into politics who stayed to make their own mark.

There was his proposal for tax simplification—lowering rates and closing loopholes—which predated the reform Reagan negotiated with the Democrats by 14 years. The notion is still at the center of campaign conversation today, in the bastardized form Mitt Romney exploits to conceal his giveaways to the wealthy. George would be the first to denounce it; as he once said: “Money made by money should be taxed at the same rate as money made by men”

Those who enlisted with George in 1972 constitute a legion of significance in our national life, foremost among them the young Yale Law student who was our co-campaign manager in Texas, BM Clinton, along with friend Hillary Rodham. As president, Clinton would cast himself as a centrist Democrat, and George sometimes thought he was wrong, for example, on gay rights and the Defense of Marriage Act. (Clinton now thinks he was wrong too.) But George was also fiercely loyal to Clinton and quietly proud that he had started out in the McGovern campaign, in one of the toughest and most hopeless states.

I have been fortunate. Two leaders were at the center of my life in politics. I was graced by their friendship and the privilege of a place in their campaigns and their causes. Ted Kennedy was the greatest senator in a century, and maybe ever. George McGovern served in the Senate for a little more than a third as long, but he too had a singular greatness. He too changed America—and brought us close to the best America.

I will never forget what happened as the 1972 landslide poured in on us. I walked into the candidate's suite where he was standing over the sink, shaving. His assistant Jeff Smith, who ran the traveling party, was crying. George put down his razor and said: “Jeff, it's OK. It's OK. We'll wake up in the morning and our lives will go on.” Jeff choked back his tears and replied: “That's easy for you to say.”

It wasn't, of course. And things weren't always easy for him, in politics or in a life where he lost two adult children, his daughter Terry and son Steve. He spent his last years without his Eleanor. But he got up in the morning, and for him life didn't just go on. He made it count, in his youth and his age, in office and out, in victory and defeat.

People close to George admired him because he held himself to a higher standard. We loved him for the person he was.

It has been used as a term of derision, but I will always be proud to be a McGovernite.

TRIBUTE TO SHERIFF JOSEPH
WAMPLER

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay special tribute to Hood River County Sheriff Joe Wampler. My long time friend, Sheriff Wampler is retiring on January 1, 2013, capping a career in law enforcement that dates back to 1973 when he

began working for Hood River County at the age of 19 as a seasonal Marine Deputy. Sheriff Wampler has dedicated nearly four decades to duty, honor and service to the citizens and visitors of Hood River County, Oregon.

Joe began his full-time career in law enforcement in my home town of Hood River as a patrolman with Hood River Police Department, steadily rising through the ranks to that of captain. He was elected sheriff and took office in 1993. At that time, the entire patrol division had four vehicles to share, prompting Sheriff Wampler to institute a vehicle replacement program that endures today. Every deputy on his watch now has their own dedicated vehicle, improving response time and reducing vehicle maintenance.

During Sheriff Wampler's five terms in office, the agency acquired much needed, specialized equipment to assist with rural law enforcement and search and rescue needs. Today, the office has three airplanes, a snow cat, snow machines, ATV's, a mobile command vehicle and a mobile command trailer just to name a few.

This equipment has aided the sheriff's office in numerous search and rescue operations, including a December 2006 mission that gained national attention. Sheriff Wampler led the search effort for three missing climbers on Mt. Hood, personally piloting the department's Piper Cub airplane to look into one final tip before making the difficult decision, after two weeks of searching, to focus on recovery of the climber's remains. His personal passion for the residents and visitors of Hood River County is an inspiration.

Additionally, Sheriff Wampler was one of the founding members of Northern Oregon Regional Corrections (NORCOR), the regional jail facility in The Dalles. NORCOR, which opened in 1999, replaced Hood River and Wasco Counties' aging jail facilities and gave Sherman and Gilliam Counties a dedicated jail. NORCOR gave Hood River County over 40% more jail space with minimal financial impact.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my fellow colleagues join me in recognizing Sheriff Joe Wampler. He has earned the thanks of a grateful nation not only for his dedication to service, but also for his unwavering commitment to his community. Please join me in wishing him a very long and happy retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, due to mechanical difficulties, I was unable to make votes on Monday, December 17, 2012. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on both H.R. 4604 and S. 3193.

HONORING THE HONORABLE
WILLIAM C. COLEMAN, JR.

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great American patriot, an accom-

plished state and national leader and a wonderful personal mentor and friend, William C. Coleman, Jr. passed away on December 13, 2012. With the passing of Bill Coleman, the Central Florida community and our country has lost one of the outstanding figures of our time.

Born in Tennessee, Bill was first introduced to Central Florida when he would frequently visit his grandparents who lived in Lancaster Park. Hours after graduating High School, Bill enlisted in the United States Army.

During World War II, as an Army Paratrooper with the 101st Airborne Division, he landed in France in June of 1944 during the Normandy Invasion behind enemy lines. After his capture and survival as a Prisoner of War, he returned to civilian life. He is the recipient of the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and POW medal. His passion to aid those who served in our nations military never faltered. Bill would make two more jumps into Normandy; one in 1994 and another in 2004 to mark the 50th and 60th Anniversary of D-Day.

Bill enjoyed a successful real estate career and also taught the subject to many at Rollins College as well as launching what has been decades of community service. He was an active member and leader in numerous organizations including the University Club and Republican Party of Florida. In Central Florida, he was a Charter Member of the Tiger Bay Club, a founding Member of the Central Orlando Kiwanis Club and President of the Central Florida Veterans Council. In addition, Bill served as Chairman of the Orange County and Orlando Mayor's Advisory Council as well as serving as the Central Florida Veterans Memorial Park Foundation's first President. Countless community organizations and events were successful because of his tireless work and support.

Bill Coleman was elected to the Florida State House of Representatives in 1955 and later served as Florida's first Secretary of Transportation. At the national level, he was selected by President George W. Bush to serve as United States Commissioner of Public Buildings.

Bill Coleman's tireless efforts to aid American Veterans were instrumental in securing a new VA Hospital and extensive medical complex in Central Florida scheduled to open next year.

To honor the service and memory of our veterans and military, Bill also helped to lead and support memorial projects to commemorate and recognize their contributions to keeping America free.

While Bill's family has lost a loved one, I have lost a wonderful friend and mentor. From my very first days in Central Florida 40 years ago, Bill Coleman never stopped assisting or inspiring me. He, more than anyone in the community, helped me be part of numerous civic endeavors, veterans' programs and Republican Party and leadership positions. For this special guidance, assistance and friendship I will forever be grateful.

As we honor and recognize Bill Coleman's many life achievements, our sympathy is extended to his wife, Toni, and family. Bill's passion for our veterans was only exceeded by his love of his wonderful wife and children. They include his sons Kevin and Billy and his daughter Kim as well as eleven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.