

tenuous, and that's a good thing. Both parties benefit by taking turns in the wilderness every now and then.

Over the past 12 years I've offered hundreds of amendments, privileged resolutions, and points of order in this Chamber. These offerings, most of which were to curb spending, were not always successful. In fact, the vast majority of these offerings resulted in far more red marks next to Members' names than green marks up on the wall above me. But I like to think that we, over time, made a difference, and that this institution is better for it.

In addition to my own capable staff, both here and in Arizona, I want to thank those who staff this Chamber, from the floor staff who answer to leadership on both sides of the aisle, to the clerks, to the stenographers, to the parliamentarians who keep us operating within the rules, to the cloakroom staff who keep us fed and remind us when to vote. I've found that there resides in all of these individuals an abiding love and a deep respect for this institution.

Most of all, I want to thank my family—my wife Cheryl and my five children, Ryan, Alexis, Austin, Tanner, and Dallin. They have been supportive, patient, and long-suffering in dealing with a schedule that is anything but family friendly. Thank you.

Finally, I want to thank the good people of Arizona, who, perhaps against their better judgment, have sent me here six times to represent them. I will be forever grateful.

So now I head through the rotunda and into the other Chamber, the Senate, better known to this body as enemy territory. I've used that phrase many times myself, for which I will have to now repent. But at least my penance will be practiced during a 6-year term.

A few weeks ago the 12 newly elected Senate freshmen were invited to the National Archives. Before our meal we were taken to the legislative vault, where we viewed the original signed copy of the first bill enacted by Congress, as well as other landmark pieces of legislation and memorabilia. Oaths of allegiance signed by Revolutionary War soldiers, witnessed by General Washington, documents and artifacts related to the Civil War, segregation, and women's suffrage were also on hand.

It was an affirmation of the tumultuous seas through which our ship of state has sailed for more than 200 years. We have had many brilliant and inspired individuals at the helm and trimming the sails along the way. We've also had personalities ranging from mediocre to malevolent, but our system of government has survived them all.

Serious challenges lie ahead, particularly on the fiscal side, but any honest reckoning of our history and our prospects will note that we've confronted and survived more daunting challenges than we now face. It's a durable, resil-

ient system of government that we have here, designed to withstand the foibles of men, including yours truly.

May God continue to bless the United States of America, and may He be ever mindful of this great and honorable institution, the House of Representatives, the people's House.

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

PAYING A DEBT OF GRATITUDE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE) for the remaining time until 10 p.m. as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise for what will be my last time speaking as a Member of the United States House of Representatives. The people of Indiana have given me a new assignment. But I rise tonight to pay a debt of gratitude to all those who gave me the privilege to serve in this place.

As a boy, I dreamed of someday representing my hometown in our Nation's Capital. And 12 years ago, the people of the Sixth Congressional District made that dream a reality, and so I begin tonight by simply saying thank you to all of them for letting me live that dream in these past 12 years, to come to this place again and again and to be some small part of the story of this institution and America's story.

My only ambition in Congress has been to look after my family and keep my word to the people that sent me here, to let my yes be yes and my no be no. And it is my hope that as people review the totality of my record and my life, they'll see that we've done just that.

But there are those to thank tonight that made that possible, and that's what brings me to this task this evening.

First, permit me to give thanks to God, whose grace and mercy has sustained us every day that we have served the people of Indiana in this place.

Next, and on this earth most of all, I rise to honor and thank my beloved wife, Karen Pence, whose love, whose support, whose sacrifice, patience and kindness, have made all that I have done in the service of the people of Indiana and this place possible. Thanks for believing in me. I love you, and I'll see you home.

To our children, Michael, Charlotte and Audrey, they were 6, 7, and 8 when I first arrived in this place and stood on this floor with my right hand raised 12 years ago. They're now 18, 19, and 21. Thank you for your love. But thank you for the sacrifices that you made so that we could live our dreams. Now go make your dreams come true. I know every one of you can.

To my colleagues, with whom I've stood in this place, shoulder to shoulder, doing freedom's work, standing

each and every day cheerfully on behalf of the founding principles of this Nation, standing for a strong national defense, for limited government, for economic freedom and for the moral foundations of this Nation, you know who you are, and we will take you from this place in our hearts always.

You know, there's a saying back home that when you see a turtle on a fence post, one thing you know for sure is he didn't get there on his own. And so lastly, what I want to do tonight, Mr. Speaker, is really pay a debt of gratitude to the best congressional staff in American history, the men and women who have served our efforts in this city and at home in Indiana for the past 12 years.

I leave this body truly humbled when I look back at the caliber of the staff that we've been able to call to this mission, servant leaders, all. They are men and women who approached each and every day with a servant's heart, made sacrifices over the years in order to serve the people of Indiana with integrity and energy.

Names like Bill Smith and Lani Czarniecki, Jennifer Pavlik and Josh Pitcock, Matt Lloyd and Paul Teller, Marc Short, Brian Neale and Ryan Jarmula, just to name a few.

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I don't really have time tonight to name all the men and women who've served us in various capacities over these last 12 years.

Before I yield the floor for the last time, let me close simply by speaking a word of confidence and one more word of gratitude.

Some people look on Washington, D.C., and they're rightly frustrated. Some people come to this Nation's Capital and lose their idealism. I'm not such a person. When I walk out of this Capitol for the last time, I will leave here with my idealism in tact. I will continue to believe, as our Founders did, that we are one Nation under God, rich with a purpose yet to be fulfilled. No matter how dark the day may seem, we can be confident when we stand for freedom and we do freedom's work. Because freedom is not just our story, it's His story. And when we stand for freedom, however imperfectly, we make His work on this Earth our own.

In the words of the poet, I depart this place by saying:

The woods are lovely dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

I say to my colleagues and friends and neighbors in Indiana, my duties take me elsewhere, but wherever providence leads this Nation, let us ever remember that we have promises to keep for future generations of Americans in preserving, protecting, and defending the blessings of liberty for ourselves and for our posterity. And I know we'll keep that promise—because we're Americans.

Thank you for the honor of addressing you tonight. And to the people of

the Sixth Congressional District, know that I will always be grateful for the privilege you have given me to serve in this place, and I will always cherish my days in the people's House.

May God bless the United States House of Representatives and all who serve her now and all who will ever serve on this floor. And may God bless the United States of America.

I yield back the balance of my time.

MIKE PENCE STAFF ROSTER: 2001–2012

Acornley, Mark—Part-Time Admin Assistant: October 6, 2011–2012

Adams, Susan—Staff Assistant: October 6, 2003–February 29, 2004

Ahearn, Mark—Legislative Director: January 22, 2002–April 2, 2003

Alexander, Jerry—Constituent Services Representative & Director of Community Outreach: July 9, 2001–May 15, 2007

Arnold, Ron—Director of Administration & Deputy Chief of Staff: January 3, 2001–October 31, 2009

Atterholt, Kathleen—Caseworker: January 3, 2001–January 2, 2010

Bauer, Zachary—Staff Assistant & Legislative Correspondent: January 4, 2010–2012

Bennett, Kim—Deputy District Director: January 3, 2001–2012

Berry, Debra—District Representative: August 6, 2001–2012

Breeding, Mary—Paid Intern & Staff Assistant: April 1, 2001–January 18, 2002

Brinkman, Muffet—Staff Assistant: January 8, 2001–March 31, 2001

Brown, Skip—Communications Assistant: January 2, 2004–November 16, 2005

Brown, Will—Staff Assistant & Legislative Correspondent: January 3, 2009–January 2, 2011

Castor, Amy—Staff Assistant: May 16, 2004–March 12, 2006

Collins, Larry Ken—Communications Director: January 3, 2001–March 31, 2001

Craig, Lindsey—Legislative Assistant: January 2, 2009–April 2012

Crouch, Daniel—Legislative Assistant & Senior Legislative Assistant: January 16, 2007–August 7, 2009

Czarniecki, Cary (Lani)—District Director: January 3, 2001–2012

Dilly, Jonathan—Paid Intern: May 21, 2001–August 8, 2001

Evans, Ben—Constituent Services Representative: January 4, 2010–2012

Fisher, Ryan—Legislative Assistant & Legislative Director: January 3, 2001–January 2, 2007

Fortin, Kristin—Paid Intern: May 7, 2001–July 13, 2001

Gaskill, Kily Smith—Executive Assistant: January 13, 2009–2012

Gibbs, LeAnne Holdman—Staff Assistant, Legislative Assistant, Senior Legislative Assistant & Legislative Director: February 24, 2004–October 21, 2008

Hawkins, Nicole—Community Development Assistant: January 23, 2006–April 6, 2007

Howe, Jeff—Field Representative: January 3, 2003–February 28, 2010

Hughes, Kaitlynn—Press Assistant, Press Secretary: January 2, 2011–2012

Jarmula, Ryan—Staff Assistant, Legislative Assistant and Senior Legislative Assistant: January 22, 2008–2012

Karchner, Derek—Staff Assistant & Press Assistant: January 22, 2002–March 6, 2003

Keller, Aaron—Paid Intern: June 12, 2001–July 31, 2001

Kennedy, Elizabeth—Staff Assistant: February 23, 2004–April 30, 2005

Kiefer, Chris—Legislative Assistant & Senior Legislative Assistant: January 3, 2001–April 30, 2005

Kincaid, Andrew—Legislative Assistant: January 3, 2001–December 31, 2001

Lahr, Matt—Press Assistant: February 1, 2006–January 2, 2007; Press Secretary: May 10, 2010–January 9, 2011

Lavoie, Matt—Staff Assistant: March 13, 2006–April 15, 2007

Likens, Darlene—Caseworker: January 3, 2001–May 31, 2002

Lloyd, Matthew—Communications Director: January 29, 2003–December 31, 2008; Communications Director for GOP Conference: January 1, 2009–December 31, 2010; Communications Director: January 1, 2011–2012

McCarthy, Greg—Staff Director of Foreign Affairs, Middle East and South Asia Subcommittee while Rep. Pence served as Ranking Member: January 1, 2007–January 2, 2009

Meeker, Autumn—Staff Assistant: June 1, 2010–2012

Milazzo, Nathaniel—Legislative Correspondent, Legislative Assistant & Legislative Director: April 25, 2005–January 2, 2011

Miller, Craig—Legislative Assistant: January 3, 2004–June 4, 2005

Miller, Molly Jarmu—Communications Assistant & Legislative Assistant: January 1, 2002–July 28, 2003

Miner, Ryan—Paid Intern: June 1, 2007–July 11, 2007

Myers, Janille—Executive Assistant: January 12, 2009–2012

Neale, Brian—Legislative Assistant & Legislative Director: June 17, 2009–2012

Pardieck, Karrie—Casework Director: January 3, 2001–2012

Pavlik, Jennifer Marsh—Executive Assistant & Staff Director: January 6, 2001–2012

Perdew, Abby—Administrative Assistant & Administrative Director: January 27, 2009–October 31, 2011

Phipps, Andrew—Director of Community Relations: January 3, 2001–October 31, 2001

Piegrass, Stephen—Communications Director: April 23, 2001–August 15, 2002

Pitcock, Joshua—Legislative Assistant, Deputy Chief of Staff and General Counsel: May 11, 2005–Dec 31, 2008; Deputy Chief of Staff and General Counsel for GOP Conference: January 1, 2009–June 30, 2011; Deputy Chief of Staff and General Counsel: January 1, 2011–July 31, 2012; Chief of Staff—August 1, 2012–2012

Radtke, Schrade (Trip)—Legislative Director: March 22, 2003–December 30, 2003

Reger, Ryan—Field Representative: January 3, 2001–December 31, 2007

Shettle, John—Part-Time Caseworker: January 3, 2001–2012

Siktberg, Alan—Staff Assistant/Field Representative: February 1, 2005–February 14, 2008

Slatter, Ian—Legislative Assistant & Communications Director: January 1, 2002–January 31, 2003

Smith, William A.—Chief of Staff: January 3, 2001–July 31, 2012; Senior Advisor: August 1, 2012–2012

Son, Daniel—Communications Assistant & Press Secretary: January 26, 2008–May 31, 2010

Sulc, Kevin—Constituent Services Representative: July 9, 2001–2012

Tronovitch, Ryan—Staff Assistant: April 27, 2007–December 31, 2007

Wilson, Mikah—Constituent Services Representative/Caseworker/Administrator: January 3, 2003–October 31, 2009

Wilson, Duncan—February 23, 2005–February 28, 2005

Wilson, William Patrick—Legislative Director: January 2, 2001–December 31, 2001

CHAIRMAN MIKE PENCE, REPUBLICAN STUDY COMMITTEE STAFF ROSTER: 2005–2006

Executive Director—Sheila Cole

Deputy Director—Paul Teller

Policy Director—Russ Vought

Senior Policy Analyst—Derek Baker

Policy Analyst—Joelle Cannon

Research Assistant—Marcus Kelley
Communications Director—Matt Lloyd
CHAIRMAN MIKE PENCE, HOUSE REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE STAFF ROSTER: 2009–2010

Name	Title	Tenure
Marc Short	Chief of Staff	Jan. 2009–Dec. 2010
Josh Pitcock	Deputy Chief of Staff	Jan. 2009–Feb. 2010
	Deputy Chief of Staff/General Counsel	Mar. 2010–Dec. 2010
Emily Seidel	Director of Operations/Assistant to the Chief of Staff	Jan. 2009–Dec. 2010
Katie Strand	Director of Member Services and Events	Jan. 2009–Dec. 2010
Melanie Looney	Coalitions Director/General Counsel	Jan. 2009–Feb. 2010
Russ Vought	Policy Director	Jan. 2009–Aug. 2010
Daris Meeks	Policy Advisor and Legislative Counsel	June 2009–Aug. 2010
Adam Hepburn	Policy Director	Aug. 2010–Dec. 2010
Chris Jacobs	Policy Advisor	Jan. 2009–Dec. 2010
Andy Koenig	Policy Advisor	Jan. 2009–Jan. 2010
Jonathan Hier	Policy Advisor	Jan. 2009–Dec. 2010
John Gray	Policy Advisor	July 2010–Dec. 2010
Sarah Makin	Policy Advisor	Apr. 2010–Dec. 2010
	Policy Advisor/Coalitions Liaison	Mar. 2010–Dec. 2010
Brian McManus	Policy Advisor/Coalitions Liaison	Apr. 2010–Dec. 2010
Lisa Tanner	Policy Advisor	June 2009–Aug. 2009
Matt Lloyd	Communications Director	Jan. 2009–Mar. 2010
Mary Vought	Press Secretary	Feb. 2009–Dec. 2010
Andeliz Castillo	Deputy Press Secretary and Director of Specialty Media	Feb. 2009–Dec. 2010
Courtney Kolb	Media Coordinator	Jan. 2009–July 2010
	Deputy Press Secretary	July 2010–Dec. 2010
Rachel Semmel	Press Assistant	Jan. 2009–July 2010
	Radio/TV Booker	July 2010–Dec. 2010
Brian Newell	Deputy Press Secretary/Speechwriter	Jan. 2009–Mar. 2010
Doug Sachtleben	Deputy Press Secretary/Speechwriter	Apr. 2010–Dec. 2010
Katie Hughes	Press Assistant	June 2010–Dec. 2010
Emily Pickett	Press Assistant	June 2010–Dec. 2010
Ben Howard	Staff Assistant	Feb. 2009–Dec. 2010
Scott Neale	Staff Assistant	Jan. 2009–May 2010
Ja'Ron Smith	Staff Assistant	Jan. 2009–Dec. 2010
Ryan Howell	Visual Media	Jan. 2009–Dec. 2010
Bryant Avondoglio	Visual Media	Jan. 2009–Dec. 2010
David Holley	Visual Media	Jan. 2009–Dec. 2010
Rebecca Propp	Visual Media	June 2009–Dec. 2010
Ericka Anderson	Visual Media (blogger)	Mar. 2009–Dec. 2010

AMERICA'S FUTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) for the remaining time until 10 p.m. as the designee of the majority leader.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. I am absolutely delighted to stand and say "thank you" to Mr. FLAKE—Senator Flake, it will be—and to Mr. PENCE. It will be Governor Pence. We are delighted that they have served here. And I will have to say that they have been happy warriors as we have many times stood on this floor and have fought against earmarks, have fought against increased spending.

And I dare say, Mr. Speaker, as Mr. FLAKE crosses the rotunda and into the other Chamber, I don't think the Senate will ever go back to earmarks, because I know someone who can filibuster an earmark with the best of them. That talent is coming to that other Chamber.

Indeed, the happy warrior who will be the Governor of Indiana, my concern there, quite frankly, Mr. Speaker, is I know some of the reforms that he has in mind for that great State, and I don't want them to become too competitive with my home State of Tennessee. I'm going to be keeping a very close eye on the good work that he is