

He was best known, of course, for being a politician. Articles about Bill Coyne always described him as quiet. But that belied his passion and his commitment. He worked incredibly hard for the things he believed in. Economic development and opportunity, equality, measures to help the working class. He was sometimes described as an old-fashioned Democrat. I think he was very proud of that—proud to be called liberal or progressive. Not that he'd ever brag about it. Billy never cared for grandstanding, never sought the limelight.

To me, his legacy is not just about what he did, it's about how he did it. Billy was civil, sincere, genuine, and honorable. He epitomized everything that's good and noble about the title "public servant". He simply wanted to help people. He got involved in politics in the late 60s, he said, because of the conditions of the country. He wanted to make a difference. And that's what he and his dedicated staff did.

In a 1986 profile of Billy in the Pittsburgh Press, Tip O'Neill summed it up nicely: "You can get a lot done for your constituents when you have the respect and admiration of your colleagues," he said. "And Bill Coyne is one of the best liked guys down here." Incidentally, when Billy heard that the Press wanted to do a story on him, he had a one-word response: "Why?"

Billy was more than a politician. He was a kind and generous uncle. He was thoughtful and warm. He loved being with Kathy and hosting Christmas dinners with her. He loved being with his nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was happy being in Pittsburgh, living a short walk from Halket Street, where he grew up. And he was energized by the visits he and Kathy made to Ireland several times each year.

For his brother Philly's 90th birthday, a group of us travelled to Ireland. Billy and Kathy were our guides. Billy's excitement was infectious. He was like a little kid, reveling in the music, the scenery, the streetscapes, the people, being with our relatives. He wanted so much for us to be a part of it. It reminded me of how he'd treat people who visited him in Washington.

I lived there for a few years while Billy was in office. He'd sometimes sneak me and a friend onto the floor of the House of Representatives for small occasions, like the State of the Union Address. It was never to show off. Billy wasn't in the habit of trying to impress people. I just think he saw the House floor in the same way he and others who grew up in Oakland saw Forbes Field. It's historic, and it's hallowed ground. But it's sort of public property . . . you don't really need a ticket to get in. The fact that it was there was permission enough.

Billy did those sorts of things all the time. He'd go out of his way to do something if he thought it would make you happy. The fact is, Billy would go out of his way for anyone, anytime. Selfless hardly begins to describe his compassion and his sense of service. That's how he worked his job. That's how he lived his life.

His passing is a profound loss for Kathy, for Philly, and for our whole family. We were blessed to have had him in our lives, and we will miss him dearly.

There's a quote, attributed to an ancient Chinese philosopher, whom Billy was fond of. Kathy gave it to me. She said that Billy carried it around in his wallet. It obviously meant a lot to him, and I'd like to close by reading it:

A leader is best when people barely know he exists  
Not so good when people obey and acclaim him  
Worse when they despise him

But of a good leader who talks little, when his work is done they will say:  
"We did it ourselves"

HONORING REP. HELEN DELICH BENTLEY

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 15, 2013

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Congresswoman Helen Delich Bentley, a longtime member of the U.S. House of Representatives, a champion of the Port of Baltimore and a dear friend on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

A graduate of the University of Missouri, Congresswoman Bentley is a former journalist who worked as a reporter and editor for the Baltimore Sun, where she developed her lifelong passion for the Port of Baltimore and Chesapeake Bay. She then hosted a TV program about the Port focusing on maritime and transportation issues. She was elected to represent Maryland's Second Congressional District in 1985 and served the next four terms. She chaired the Federal Maritime Commission and became a strong advocate for responsible trade policies, the U.S. Merchant Marine fleet and, of course, American ports. As chair, she was then the fourth-highest ranking woman in federal government history, the first woman to serve in a key government position in the maritime field and the first woman appointed by a President to head a regulatory agency.

It is because of Congresswoman Bentley's decades of dedication, passion and advocacy that the Port of Baltimore will continue to prosper and provide honest, good-paying jobs to many Maryland families for generations to come. In 2006, the Port was rightly renamed the Helen Delich Bentley Port of Baltimore.

Congresswoman Bentley continues to exercise her expertise in the maritime and manufacturing industries as President and CEO of Helen Bentley & Associates, Inc. She also serves on the Board of Trustees for the Baltimore Museum of Industry. While too numerous to list in their entirety, Congresswoman Bentley is the recipient of countless awards and accolades. In 2006, she earned the Governor's International Leadership Award and was named the 2010 William Donald Schaefer Industrialist of the Year. She was inducted into the International Maritime Hall of Fame in 2004 and has earned 10 honorary doctorates.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Congresswoman Bentley for many years. Once political rivals, I consider her a mentor and trusted advisor, especially on maritime issues. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Congresswoman Helen Delich Bentley. The citizens of Maryland have been lucky to have her as a champion all these years. It is with great pride that I wish her the happiest of birthdays and many more years of success.

HONORING LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR THEIR GREAT SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 15, 2013

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the following law enforcement personnel who have recently been honored by the Horseshoe Curve Benevolent Association for their tireless service and continued willingness to put their lives on the line to protect our communities. These honorees include: Trooper Ronnie Riggs, Deputy Greg E. Lambert, Deputy Stephen A. Moore, Officer George Bell, Sergeant Travis Short, Officer John Dixon, Investigator Greg Frenzel and Sheriff Lenny Millholland.

Senior Trooper Ronnie Riggs has served the Virginia Department of State Police for over 10 years. Working out of the state police barracks in Kernstown, Trooper Riggs has become a tremendous asset to the area through his efforts to improve public safety. Trooper Riggs' service to the community and professionalism are seriously appreciated.

Chief Deputy Travis Sumption began his career as a communications officer with the Clarke County Sheriff's Office in February 1993. In 1998, he was appointed Deputy Sheriff and after an assignment as a traffic enforcement deputy in 2004, he became the first person to hold the title of First Sergeant in Clarke County. In 2006, he worked with the Clarke County Sheriff's Office regional drug task force and supervised the general investigations and gang units. After graduating from the Virginia Forensic Science Academy in 2008, he successfully managed a complex, multi-jurisdictional murder case. I wish him all the best in his new role of Chief Deputy.

Deputy Greg E. Lambert has served the Winchester Sheriff's Office since 2011. He came to the sheriff's office with previous experience with the Winchester Police Department and the U.S. Capitol Police. He excelled in his work with the "Don't Bust the Bus" operation designed to ticket offenders for passing school buses and is also involved with Project Life-saver, a program to save the lives and reduce injury of the elderly, as well as those who suffer from cognitive conditions such as Alzheimer's and autism. He is a member of the North and South End Citizens Groups, which focus on eliminating crime in the City of Winchester. Deputy Lambert's hard work and commitment to keeping citizens safe is greatly appreciated.

Deputy Stephen A. Moore serves the Frederick County Sheriff's Office. This summer he demonstrated courage when he rescued a mother of five from her burning home. He got the mother out of the house safely, and then ran back into the home when it was engulfed in flames and full of smoke to ensure that all of the children were safe. I commend him for his outstanding ability to remain calm and focused in a crisis.

Officer George Bell serves the Northwestern Regional Adult Detention Center and was recently honored for his remarkable efforts to prevent the escape of a high-risk inmate. Officer Bell showed resolve when he took action to address the situation and protect the civilians who would have otherwise been in grave