

committee assignment. And over chocolate, Mark made me promise that his beautiful home State of Hawaii would always be my priority, and I did.

Mark created so many opportunities for us to visit and get to know his home State, the beauty that it offers with its natural resources. He actually created a long list of people that I should meet in order to fully understand the needs of the island. I am sorry, Mark, that I didn't get to join you in Hawaii, but thank you for the opportunity to know you.

Sami, thank you for sharing such a wonderful man with not only the freshmen class, but with the entire membership of Congress and the Senate. We love Mark, we love you, and your family, and we are here for you.

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

Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great sadness to honor a colleague and a friend, Congressman Mark Takai.

Even though I only had two short years to work with Mark, that's all I needed to gain a sense of his overwhelming passion for public service. He served Hawaii as a state representative for 20 years, and defended our freedoms as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Hawaii Army National Guard. Mark honorably represented his constituents in the House of Representatives, and was a model to those who put service to others before themselves.

He always talked about his wife Sami, and kids, Matthew and Kaila. He beamed with excitement when they were coming to visit or when he was going back home.

Mark was very humble—when he was curious about something he didn't hesitate to ask questions. He was a fierce advocate for Hawaii, small businesses, and veterans, and was always thinking of ways to help. We are all better for having known him, and he will be missed.

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember a friend and dear colleague who was taken from us far too soon.

Congressman Mark Takai was a true statesman, public servant and an inspiration to each and every person who had the honor of knowing him. All of us in this Chamber are heartbroken by this loss.

Throughout his life—as a National Guardsman, a leader in the Hawaii state legislature, and as a Member of Congress, Mark epitomized what it means to serve.

He fought tenaciously to better the lives of his constituents, and showed courage and strength in the face of adversity.

Mark loved his family—his wife Sami and his children Matthew and Kaila. He wanted to make this country better for them and for everyone who calls it home.

Mark was an example of what Congress should be, and his legacy will live on through his vision and unyielding commitment to bettering the lives of others.

My sincerest thoughts and prayers continue to be with Mark's family. I can only imagine the sense of loss they feel, because I lost a friend and there is a hole in my heart.

We thank them for sharing Mark with us. May they find comfort in knowing that his impact on the American people and the people of Hawaii is indelible and will not be forgotten.

REMEMBERING THE LATE HONORABLE MARK TAKAI

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2015, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. HONDA) for 30 minutes.

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. MATSUI).

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I thank Ms. GABBARD for bringing us together here this afternoon.

I have to say that this is a special time here for all of us. I was sitting here listening to all of the wonderful memories of Mark. We are so privileged to have known Mark.

May I just say this: I have been in and around Congress a long time, and this is so highly unusual for an individual, any individual, who has been here to have this kind of response. Mark was special. Amongst our sadness that we feel here, we can't help but smile when we think about him. That is what he did for us all the time.

I didn't know Mark very long at all, but I feel like I have known Mark forever. He has been a joy to all of us. He is somebody that has come into our lives and grabbed our hearts in such a meaningful way. And he came to Congress with a purpose. He said: Oh, he is merely a freshman. Mark Takai was never merely a freshman. He came with his commitment and his duty and his love of country wanting to do the best thing.

His impact was immediate. He had already been in the legislature and served in the Army National Guard. He had experience. He understood what it meant to be American and to do the right thing. He also understood what it meant to be a loving father, a husband, a son, and a wonderful sibling. He was the complete person. We don't meet many of those people in our lives. And when we do, we remember, we will always remember.

He demonstrated a selfless dedication to public service, to all of us, from a young age, by being a State representative for two decades, and through his service to our country in the Army National Guard and in Congress for such a short time.

My memories of him are just so joyful because I watched his commitment. I went on that trip with Leader PELOSI last April, and he was so privileged to be a part of that group. As the Leader said, we started out in San Francisco and then we went to Hawaii. We met many service people, and we were meeting the military with security aspects in mind.

Leader PELOSI said to Mark: Mark, you are our expert here, you have served, and you understand.

And Mark said: Oh, yes, ma'am.

Then he turned to me after a while and said: DORIS, I am just a freshman.

I said: You are not a freshman; you know what is going on; and you can stand up to the generals and everyone else because you understand.

And do you know what? He was our expert, and we were so proud of him throughout that whole trip.

That is what I remember so much about him. He took responsibility, but he also understood the human side. Because on that trip, as we went through our official duties, there would be Mark always with a smile and a laugh and always trying to find a better place to eat, a place he had heard about from someone he met on the street, some person who said: You have got to try this little restaurant.

So sometimes after our official dinners, he would say: Do you want to go to this little restaurant that I just found?

We would say: No, we don't want to do that.

But do you know what? He was a Pied Piper. He was a Pied Piper, and we wanted to be with him.

We are going to miss him so much. He was a complete person. We love him. We are going to miss him.

Let me just say this: Sami, Matthew, Kaila, the family, we will never forget him. He touched us in a way that few people have. We love him, and we will miss him. We love you, and we will always remember him.

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Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LOFGREN).

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, so much has been said about Mark today, I can't repeat it all. But as I have been looking at this picture, I just find it hard to accept that he is gone.

You know, we meet each other here in the House. There are 435 people. We don't know each person who is here. We tend to meet each other best when we serve on committees. I actually first met Mark on the airplane, of course, because each Member of the California delegation flies home to California every week. It is to be forgiven if Members from Hawaii or Samoa don't go every week because, by the time you get there, it is time to come back to Washington, but Mark went home every week. And I would get on that plane, and there he would be, because he was so devoted not only to his constituents, but to his wife and to his children. He needed to be with them every week.

Much has been said about this trip to Asia. I was on that trip. And on these congressional delegations, spouses are invited to come to keep company with the Members. My husband was not able to come, and Mark's wife was not able to come either, so we sat next to each other for that entire trip. I heard all about his wonderful wife and his wonderful children throughout that trip in Asia.

I have such precise memories of Mark, as DORIS MATSUI has said. He was a freshman Member but someone who was on the Armed Services Committee, who had served in Iraq, who was Active Duty Hawaii National

Guard, and who spoke with such clarity and poise not only with our American military, but, as we met with foreign leaders, was able to hold his own.

I have vivid memories of us meeting with the communists in Vietnam and facing off with those communist leaders to advocate for human rights. Mark did that for freedom. He believed in freedom. He believed in this country. He loved his family. He loved this institution.

We will miss him greatly. But I actually think, in a way that is very profound, his short time here has changed this institution for the better. We thank Mark for that, and we thank his family for letting him serve here with us.

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from the Northern Mariana Islands (Mr. SABLÁN).

Mr. SABLÁN. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congressman HONDA for yielding.

It is a great sadness to lose a neighbor, and Mark Takai was my neighbor. He was a man of the Pacific, an islander. And though our islands are thousands of miles apart, for the people of the Pacific, distance does not separate. Distance and the knowledge that we have the stamina, the ability to read sea and sky and the courage to trust in our own capacity—distance connects us. Distance makes us neighbors. Mark Takai was my neighbor. As islanders, our foothold is trimmed by the vast sea, but our vision sweeps beyond the horizon.

Look at the legislation Mark Takai brought out in his brief time here. We can see the islander's breadth of vision reflected in his concerns: veterans, students, small-business people, homeowners. Mark Takai took them all to heart, wanted to help them all.

As an islander, he cared too. He cared a lot about the natural environment. We who have so little land cherish it all the more. We take seriously our responsibility to steward the land, to pass it on to the next generation whole and thriving. We honor the deep wisdom that the land is inseparable; my land and yours are one.

We know the union of neighbors. Mark Takai was my neighbor. Here in Congress as well, Mark's office stands across the hall from mine in Cannon. We could have opened both our doors and, seated at our desks, seen each other at work. We would pass in the hall, share a word, feel the connection of our shared experience. We both traveled a very long way from very different cultures to be here. In that, we were neighbors. Now his door is closed. Now his lights are dimmed.

Farewell, Mark. Farewell, neighbor.

Our Lord decides our time—I Saina Man Des Popone.

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I was going to start out by saying that I rise today in mourning, but I don't think it is about mourning. It is about celebrating Mark's life.

We have heard all about Mark's character, his person, his presence in this

Hall; and I think it is important for not only the family to hear this, but for Matthew and Kaila to hear it, too.

For their short lives, they must have shared their dad intermittently. And while he was here, I used to ask him: Did you call home? Did you call your kids? Well, he always said yes, so I stopped asking him because I knew that that was part of the way he lived his life here.

It is fitting that we talk about Mark here in the dome, the Capitol, because I think there are three places that Mark did his work. He did his work in church, under this dome, and his home, and he did it well. He did it according to, I think, the way his parents had raised him, both Erik and Naomi. I could tell because, when he used my car, he returned it better than I gave it to him: clean and with the tank full.

I didn't know he was so much into sustainable energy, so I hope it didn't offend him if he drove the hybrid. But I certainly feel good every time I sit in the car right now, because I know he was there with Sami, his family, whenever he went to church or took the drive to Baltimore for treatment.

I always told him that my prayers are with him because I believe in the power of prayer. But I suppose that there is a greater power, and that is the will of his Savior. I think he is with him right now.

I tried to think of a way to describe Mark here in front of his family and his two youngsters, but I guess because church is such an important aspect of his life—I know that because he and Sami would go to church a lot, consistently, faithfully, to the First Presbyterian Church of Honolulu at Ko'olau and here in Virginia. So that told me that, between his upbringing and his faith, that everything that people talk about was a pure reflection of his upbringing and the kind of person he was.

To Naomi and Erik, you have done good, and I know that he had followed your teachings, because when you were staying over, you left behind a lot of kakimochi, Hawaiian coffee. And I have to tell you, for the record, I never shared it because it was so meaningful and delightful to have eaten that stuff by myself, but I also know that that is part of aloha, that is part of being ohana.

So those things I have learned from Mark. I am older than he is, but I still learned that, as a son, as a husband, as a father, as a brother, as an uncle, that how we live is the demonstration of a person's life.

I think that someone said earlier: What would Mark do? What would Mark say? I suspect that Mark, when he would wonder what he had to do, he would probably say: What would Jesus do? And I think that that would be probably an accurate statement.

Mark lived his life well, and he lived his life in such a way that it is something that I wanted to be able to copy, because I always look for something

that makes me a better person. He was gentle, Christlike, thoughtful, kashikoi, and at peace with himself. And I think that sense of peace is the strength that we saw every day here. The day that he came back from the hospital, he was here on the floor, and the first thing he said to me, as he said to TAMMY: How are you? He asked me how I was. He demonstrated to me that the way you are, the way you speak, the way you behave is another way of ministering to others of who you are and what you believe in.

When he came down here with his friend Scott Nishimoto, they did borrow my car to visit another friend who was recuperating at the hospital from her battle wounds, TAMMY DUCKWORTH.

So even though it was a short time that I had been able to know Mark, your dad, he was a wonderful example of someone that I would hope and imagine that you would be able to keep in mind and try to emulate also. There is nothing greater than children who would want to be like their parents, and I think that this is something that you might want to consider.

Every day when I was a kid, my dad used to say: When you leave this house, be a mirror. I said: Be a mirror? He said: Yes, be a good reflection of who you are and where you come from so that you will always bring pride to our family.

So, Matthew, Kaila, you shared your dad with us, and I hope that you get the sense that the idea of immortality is what my dad used to say: Immortality is sharing a bit of yourself with somebody else. They take that which was shared and pass it on to others, and that is an earthly immortality.

But right now, he is with his own Savior, and he is waiting. And I think that our faith will sustain us and give us strength to move on and live life as he has taught us and has taught you.

To the family, thank you for allowing me to be briefly part of your ohana and your friend.

I will sign off from this floor to both you, Matthew and Kaila, as Uncle Mike.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SPEIER).

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Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from our beautiful State of Hawaii (Ms. GABBARD) for giving us the opportunity to reflect on an extraordinary man.

To the family, let me say, as I was sitting here and contemplating the pain and anguish and loss that you feel, I also was reflecting on the fact that many people leave this Chamber after they have served their time. They may be remembered by a moment of silence, maybe not.

As painful as it is to have lost Mark and in the way that you have lost him, I hope there is some solace, some balm that will soothe you in knowing how extraordinary it is to have a person like Mark, who has served in this

House, be so loved to the point that we would have a special ceremony in Statuary Hall and we would spend an hour reflecting on his life.

It is a great reflection on his family. It is a great reflection on our country that we have so recognized such an outstanding leader.

When I think of Mark, I think of a number of words to describe him. I think of grace. I think of stoic courage. I think of integrity. Now, many people have spoken about the grace with which he handled this horrific disease and the stoic courage he showed.

I am going to spend a few minutes just talking about integrity. I have been working on an issue for some time here in Congress on the incidence of military sexual trauma and the fact that there is so much of it that goes on that goes unaddressed. Each year, I have brought an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act to try and take these cases out of the chain of command. I have not succeeded.

I took it up last March and was certainly counting the votes, but I wasn't counting Mark as one of those votes because my experience had been that those who have served in leadership in the military would side with the military and not be willing to take these cases out of the chain of command.

You can imagine how shocked and in awe I was of him when not only did he vote for the amendment—which was a huge message to the entire membership of the committee that someone actively in the military would recognize the importance of this reform—he spoke up in favor of it. That is a man of extraordinary integrity. I will forever be grateful to him for cracking open the myth that members of the military don't recognize the importance of dealing with that issue.

Mark Takai, you live on for all of us. You are a great example for all of us as to how to lead as a Member of Congress with great dignity, with great integrity, and with great grace.

Mr. HONDA. I yield back the balance of my time.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would remind the Members that clause 7 of rule XVII does not permit references to occupants of the gallery.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, September 19, 2016, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

6851. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department of Defense Chemical Demilitarization Program Semi-Annual Report to Congress for September 2016, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1521(j); Public Law 99-145, Sec. 1412 (as amended by Public Law 112-239, Sec. 1421(a)); (126 Stat. 204); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6852. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: New Designated Country-Moldova (DFARS Case 2016-D028) [Docket: DARS-2016-0032] (RIN: 0750-AJ07) received September 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6853. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Department of Energy Property Management Regulations (RIN: 1991-AB73) received September 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6854. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe that was declared in Executive Order 13288 of March 6, 2003, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6855. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Venezuela that was declared in Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6856. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Ukraine that was declared in Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6857. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revisions to the Entity List [160609506-6506-01] (RIN: 0694-AH00) received September 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6858. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendments to Existing Validated End-User Authorization in the People's Republic of China: Boeing Tianjin Composites Co. Ltd. [Docket No.: 160810722-6722-01] (RIN: 0694-AH05) received September 12, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6859. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Wassenaar Arrangement 2015 Plenary Agree-

ments Implementation, Removal of Foreign National Review Requirements, and Information Security Updates [160217120-6120-01] (RIN: 0694-AG85) received September 12, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6860. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting the Second Quarter report of Settlements Against the United States Exceeding \$2 Million and Settlements by the United States with Nonmonetary Relief Exceeding Three Years, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 530D(a)(1); Public Law 107-273, Sec. 202(a); (116 Stat. 1771); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6861. A letter from the Chair, Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting a letter regarding the pending amendment to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(m); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6862. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's interim final rule — Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustments (RIN: 3245-AG80) received September 12, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6863. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2016-3696; Directorate Identifier 2015-NM-113-AD; Amendment 39-18625; AD 2016-17-12] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 12, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6864. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; PILATUS Aircraft Ltd. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2016-7026; Directorate Identifier 2016-CE-016-AD; Amendment 39-18620; AD 2016-17-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 12, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6865. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2016-3990; Directorate Identifier 2015-NM-153-AD; Amendment 39-18622; AD 2016-17-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 12, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6866. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; RUAG Aerospace Services GmbH Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2016-6983; Directorate Identifier 2016-CE-012-AD; Amendment 39-18618; AD 2016-17-05] received September 12, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6867. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2016-0463; Directorate Identifier 2015-NM-155-AD; Amendment 39-18623; AD 2016-17-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 12, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.