

outdoors, Bill worked relentlessly to preserve the beauty of God's creation. His leadership on a vast range of conservation and environmental organizations was vital in protecting clean air, clean water, and public lands for our children and grandchildren.

Bill also understood the power of the arts to bring us together and dedicated decades to fostering beauty, culture, and the arts in the bay area and around the world.

Again, all who were fortunate enough to call Bill a friend knew him as a brilliant man of letters, a tireless champion of civic causes, and a trusted confidante of unsurpassed empathy and generosity. But it is Bill's profound love of family that we will miss the most.

Bill's favorite role was that of patriarch, or paterfamilias, of a big Irish brood. Family trips to Squaw Valley and Dutch Flat were his great joy, and he relished every opportunity to share books, stories, and special moments with his family, especially Irish literature.

Mr. Speaker, I will include in the RECORD an obituary written about Bill Newsom that I think everyone should read. It is about a person so special that you merely have to read the story to find it believable that somebody could accomplish such things with dignity and grace.

Mr. Speaker, his obituary says that Justice William Newsom was paterfamilias of a pioneering San Francisco family and a revered figure to his family, including his wonderful daughter, Hilary, whom we all love, and his son, Governor-elect Gavin Newsom, whom, unfortunately, he will not see sworn in, but he did see him elected Governor in November.

Again, he is a fourth-generation San Franciscan, born to a large Irish Catholic brood in Depression-era San Francisco. His story is really the story of America.

Again, throughout his life he served the community with great, great dignity. His civic and charitable commitments were substantial, serving on the Board of Regents of the University of Santa Clara. The list goes on in terms of education and the arts.

Sometimes, Mr. Speaker, we lose someone whose passing makes it seem like an entire era has vanished, but that is not so with Bill Newsom because he left such a legacy for us to continue to enjoy.

Again, he is survived by Hilary; Gavin; his beautiful grandchildren, whom he enjoyed so much time with in later years; and so many friends who revered him.

I want our colleagues to know this very special person made a mark on the lives of so many of us in the great State of California and our country. If you have a moment, read his obituary. It is a story of America, of the American Dream of a great Irish American family, a pioneer family in California.

Again, when Gavin is sworn in the first week of January, we will all take

such great pride in the love that his father had for him and his sister, Hilary, and know that he is looking down from Heaven on that blessed day for the State of California as the Newsom legacy lives on.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 17, 2018.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 17, 2018, at 1:36 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S.J. Res. 54.
That the Senate agreed to S.J. Res. 69.
That the Senate passed S. 645.
That the Senate passed S. 2322.
That the Senate passed S. 2599.
That the Senate passed S. 2827.
That the Senate passed S. 2863.
That the Senate passed S. 3461.
That the Senate passed with amendments H.R. 2606.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 6227.

That the Senate passed without an amendment H.R. 1318.

That the Senate passed without an amendment H.R. 4032.

That the Senate passed without an amendment H.R. 4431.

That the Senate passed without an amendment H.R. 6160.

Appointments:
Cyberspace Solarium Commission.
Syria Study Group.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 18, 2018.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 18, 2018, at 9:14 a.m.:

That the Senate agrees to the House amendment to the bill S. 1311.

That the Senate agrees to the House amendment to the bill S. 1312.

That the Senate passed S. 1520.

That the Senate passed S. 1862.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 2200.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 18, 2018.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 18, 2018, at 12:50 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 3191.

That the Senate passed S. 3238.

That the Senate agrees to the House amendment to the bill S. 2511.

Appointment:
Syria Study Group
With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 19, 2018.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 19, 2018, at 10:40 a.m.:

That the Senate agrees to the House amendment to the bill with a further amendment S. 756.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 6615.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 19, 2018.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 19, 2018, at 11:21 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 2.

That the Senate passed S. 2200.

That the Senate passed S. 3085.

That the Senate passed S. 3367.

That the Senate passed S. 3444.

That the Senate passed S. 3777.

That the Senate passed with amendments H.R. 4227.