

grounds exist for the House of Representatives to exercise its Constitutional power to impeach Donald John Trump, President of the United States of America. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 604, On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 660, Directing certain committees to continue their ongoing investigations as part of the existing House of Representatives inquiry into whether sufficient grounds exist for the House of Representatives to exercise its Constitutional power to impeach Donald John Trump, President of the United States of America. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 605, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 823, Curtis of Utah Part B Amendment No. 1. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 606, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 823, Tipton of Colorado Part B Amendment No. 5. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 607, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 823, Crow of Colorado Part B Amendment No. 6. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 608, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, H.R. 823, Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 609, On Passage, H.R. 823, Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JAMES C. BOHAN

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with the heaviest of hearts that I rise today to remember and pay tribute to my dear friend, James Bohan, who was taken from us much too soon as he lost his hard-fought battle with cancer. I am heartbroken for his wife Janice, and his two children, Jim Jr. and Jennifer. Jim was one of a kind and I, like all those fortunate enough to have known him, will miss him.

If there were two things you knew about Jim Bohan, it was that he "worked for the City" for too many years to count and that he was enormously proud of his Irish heritage. Jim had a story for any occasion, with most of them starting "when I worked for the City . . ." and the rest of them some adventure or antic that had ensued at "the Parade." He was a storyteller and would impart his knowledge to anyone willing to listen.

Jim dedicated his professional life to housing and community development. He began his career at the New Haven Redevelopment Agency as an Administrative Assistant with the Hill Project Office where he served as a liaison between federal officials and the City and developed planning proposals for neighborhood schools, housing, and parks. He went on to spend nearly a decade at the organization as a Development Officer where he was responsible for monitoring construction projects across the City as well as liaising with state

and local elected officials and community groups. In 1976, he began his career with the City of New Haven as the Coordinator of the Neighborhood Preservation Program. Jim would eventually go on to serve in the City's Development Administration where he was really a jack-of-all-trades. He was the Coordinator of Protocol, organizing major public events around the City; a liaison between various City Departments and local engineering firms; and the manager of the site selection process for the City Infill Housing Program to name just a few. It was from the Development Administration that Jim retired from City service in 1990.

Jim's retirement from the City turned out to be one of my most fortunate opportunities. Having been elected to my first term in the United States Congress, I found myself in search of trusted staff who would be able to manage the volumes of constituent services that were in demand. Jim was one of the first members of my staff. From his long history with the City of New Haven, Jim was not only familiar with the City at its heart but also with neighboring communities that made up Connecticut's 3rd Congressional District. Over the decade Jim worked with me, we spent countless hours traveling to events and meeting across the District. He became so much more than a staff member and friend—he became family. And though he left the Congressional office in 2002, he stayed in touch through frequent visits and passing on a variety of constituent requests.

As I mentioned, Jim was extraordinarily proud of his Irish heritage and he made every effort to celebrate and share his heritage with everyone he knew. Nothing demonstrates that more than his dedication to the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade—the City's annual tribute to all things Irish. Jim was a dedicated member of the parade committee for many years and served as Grand Marshal in 1981. He went on to serve as the Parade's Executive Chairman for nearly a decade and, even after stepping down from the Executive Committee, Jim served as the Parade Coordinator—perhaps the most thankless of jobs—for a number of years. Even after he and Janice bought a home in Florida, Jim would make frequent trips to New Haven for parade meetings and, of course, the parade itself. The shrine in his home, a collection of memorabilia and keepsakes, speaks to the special place the Parade and the Committee held in his heart.

In his retirement, Jim also followed another of his passions—firefighting. The son of Captain in the New Haven Fire Department, Jim proudly followed in his footsteps becoming a volunteer with the Branford Fire Department for many years. Jim's fascination with his father's legacy could be seen in his collection of hundreds of carefully crafted fire engine models which he painstakingly built in his free time. One of his other favorite pastimes was serving in the Connecticut Foot Guard's 2nd Company—a historical state military organization whose members volunteer their time and talents to events and programs across Connecticut.

I consider myself fortunate to have called Jim my friend and, like for so many others, his absence will leave a hole that will never quite be filled. I extend my deepest sympathies to Janice, Jim Jr. and Jennifer. I hope that they know what an incredible impact he had on the

lives of his friends and colleagues. Jim will be missed but never forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE REP. ELIJAH CUMMINGS BY HIS STAFF

HON. AYANNA PRESSLEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Ms. PRESSLEY. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following op-ed article, authored by the current and former staff of our dear friend, and forever Chairman, Elijah Cummings of the Oversight and Reform Committee, who passed away last month. The op-ed ran in USA Today on October 25, paying tribute to the man who served his constituents and country so well in this House for more than twenty-three years.

[From the USA Today, Oct. 25, 2019]

HOW WE WILL REMEMBER OUR BOSS, CHAIRMAN ELIJAH CUMMINGS: MORAL CLARITY IN ALL HE DID

(By Current and Former Staff of Rep. Elijah Cummings)

As current and former congressional staff of the late Rep. Elijah E. Cummings, chairman of the House Oversight and Reform Committee, we had the great honor and privilege of working with him over the course of more than two decades.

Many public figures have praised the chairman in recent days, extolling his unmatched integrity, courageous leadership and commitment to service and justice. To these well-deserved tributes, we would like to add our own eulogy, based on our experience working by his side.

He was inspiring, both in public and even more so in private. He brought moral clarity to everything he did, and his purpose was pure—to help those among us who needed it most. He taught us that our aim should be to "give a voice to the voiceless," including families whose drinking water had been poisoned, sick patients who could no longer afford their medicine and, most of all, vulnerable children and "generations yet unborn."

Whether in a hearing room full of members of Congress or in a quiet conversation with staff, his example motivated us to become our best selves in the service of others.

He was genuine. He insisted on personally interviewing every staff member he hired so he could "look into their eyes." Each of us has a personal memory of sitting down with him for the first time, and it was like nothing we had experienced before. He would ask why we were interested in public service, how we thought we could contribute and what motivated us.

Then he would lean in and ask in his low baritone voice, "But . . . what feeds your soul?"

More than a few of us left those interviews with tears in our eyes, perhaps feeling that we had learned more about ourselves than about him. He made that kind of personal connection with everyone he met, from the people of his district, to witnesses who testified at hearings, to whistleblowers who reported waste, fraud or abuse. Since his passing, we have been inundated with messages from many whose lives he touched.

He was demanding. He would boast that he had the hardest working staff in Congress and that he sometimes would call or email us in the middle of the night, which was absolutely true. His directive to be "effective and efficient in everything you do" still rings in our ears.