

These words resonate with me because I was one of the many people who had the honor to call Brent a role model and a friend. Brent served as a mentor to multiple generations of men and women who valued his wisdom and sought to emulate his example.

I met Brent between my sophomore and junior year of college when I interned at The Scowcroft Group, a firm Brent founded after leaving government.

I was assigned to write a piece on the prospect of Russia selling missiles to Cyprus. I remember gingerly asking Brent for guidance in the way a young nobody approaches a distinguished somebody, expecting to be brushed off. He couldn't have been kinder, patiently walking me through the intricacies of the issue, telling me stories about his experience negotiating with the Soviets, and making me feel at ease.

It was these small acts of grace, repeated so many times, for so many people, when nobody else was watching, that made Brent so special.

Our first meeting was the start of a lifelong friendship that I cherished. Brent took more joy in the success of others than in his own success, and he genuinely cared about me, my family, and my career.

I know how happy he was when his former intern became the first Vietnamese-American woman ever elected to Congress. It made me proud to make him proud.

In fact, it was Brent Scowcroft who is partially responsible for my decision to enter public service. As luck would have it, Brent gave the commencement speech at my college graduation. His message was about the importance of a strong but humble American leadership around the world. It was also about the value of public service, especially government service.

Brent's words stirred something in me. I was a refugee from Vietnam whose family's life had been saved by the U.S. Navy. Brent's speech made me realize that public service might be the best way for me to chisel away at the debt of gratitude I owed this country.

I recalled that speech after 9/11, when I left my private-sector job, went to grad school, and on to work at the Department of Defense. I also recalled that speech a decade later when I made what some might call a foolhardy decision to run for Congress.

After Brent's passing, I tracked down that speech. It wasn't easy because Brent often wrote things by himself and then tended to throw them away, which was consistent with his unpretentious character.

Reading it again made me emotional, and it made me miss Brent. It still inspires me all these years later. In the speech, Brent asked me and my young classmates, our futures before us, to reflect on what we would like our epitaph to say after we drew our last breath.

Then he offered this gentle advice: "I would hope that many of you would consider turning to public service.

There is something enormously fulfilling about being engaged in something bigger than you yourself. It imparts a satisfying sense of purpose which, in my experience, is not attained in any other way. And there is a desperate need in this country for good people to man our government structures. I know it is getting more and more difficult to be a public servant. We have driven many of our best people away. But I ask you to consider public service, not because it is easy, but because it is hard, rewarding, and oh-so-necessary. How well the wonderful things this great Nation stands for will be preserved and projected will depend on the quality of people whose hands are on the helm of state."

This Nation was blessed to have Brent's steady hands on the helm of state.

Ginny Mulberger, one of Brent's closest friends and colleagues, said the word that best described Brent was "devotion." He was devoted to his country, his family, and his friends.

His legacy will be carried forward by men and women he taught, mentored, and inspired to pursue public service. What better epitaph could there be?

Rest in peace, General.

#### PROMISE OF OPERATION WARP SPEED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Operation Warp Speed moves us closer to a cure for COVID-19. Thanks to President Trump, the administration, and the private sector, a viable vaccine is now within reach.

Operation Warp Speed has proceeded at an unprecedented pace, and it reflects a profound level of urgency. It is a direct reflection of President Trump's commitment to protecting the American people.

Taxpayers at the Federal level have committed over \$10 billion to support the development of a vaccine, and the private sector has stepped up to meet this challenge head-on.

Keep in mind that many vaccines and their subsequent clinical trials can take many years to complete. Without a doubt, we are closer to eradicating COVID-19 thanks to Operation Warp Speed.

#### PROGROWTH POLICIES BENEFIT AMERICANS

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, in a recent report released by the U.S. Census, it was revealed that the median household income in the United States rose by 6.8 percent in 2019. I want to repeat that. The median household income in the United States rose by 6.8 percent in 2019.

This was the highest annual increase on record, and it is all thanks to the commonsense, progrowth policies that are being led by President Trump and congressional Republicans.

Not surprisingly, household incomes also grew 50 percent faster last year

than the entire 8 years of the Obama administration.

The good news doesn't stop there. New small business applications increased twice as much in President Trump's first 2 years in office versus President Obama's last 2.

Mr. Speaker, it is quite evident that progrowth policies are the difference between inflating government bureaucracy and empowering American families. It is just that simple.

Mr. Speaker, on September 23, there was an article in *The Washington Times* titled "Trump creates jobs. Biden destroys them. It's not complicated," and I include in the RECORD the article.

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Donald Trump has proven that he knows what it takes to create jobs on a massive scale and ensure that prosperity is shared by all Americans. Democrat presidential nominee Joe Biden doesn't even know how many letters are in the word "jobs."

President Trump's record proves that he knows how to create a strong and growing economy that generates enormous opportunity for all Americans to succeed. Prior to the artificial contraction caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the national unemployment rate had been consistently hovering at a 50-year low, and joblessness had reached the lowest level ever recorded for both black and Hispanic workers.

The president's pro-growth economic policies played a major role in creating the strongest economy in history, which was a particularly impressive feat after eight years of stagnation under the Obama-Biden administration. The 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, for example, cut taxes for every income bracket, particularly benefitting middle-income Americans. The tax bill also created Opportunity Zones, driving tens of billions of dollars in new investment to historically underdeveloped communities in every state, providing jobs, housing, and infrastructure necessary to revive those communities.

Mr. Trump's emphasis on targeted deregulation has also made it easier and more efficient to create jobs and start new business ventures in this country. In 2012, halfway through the Obama-Biden era, federal regulations were placing a massive burden on the small businesses that account for almost half of all jobs in this country, costing an average of \$11,724 each year in regulatory compliance costs for each new employee they hired. The Trump administration slashed tens of billions of dollars worth of harmful, job-killing regulations, saving American households over \$3,000 per year on average. Mr. Biden, however, is vowing to undo these effective policies and replace them with even more crippling taxes and regulations than before, particularly on middle-income Americans. His proposals to eliminate entire industries such as fracking and increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour would be a blow to small- and medium-sized businesses that are only just getting back on their feet after months of pandemic-related lockdowns.

We don't have to take him at his word, though. Mr. Biden, a career politician who has spent nearly half a century in Washington, has a long history of supporting job-killing policies such as the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), which cost Americans over a million jobs. Mr. Biden also supported normalizing trade relations

with China, paving the way for the repressive communist country to secure membership in the World Trade Organization (WTO), leading to the loss of over 60,000 American factories and millions more blue collar jobs.

The former vice president clearly has no idea how to manage an economy, and his extensive record of bungling the job as both a senator and vice president proves it. Under the Obama-Biden administration's job-killing policies, the American middle class experienced a double-whammy in the aftermath of the Great Recession, contributing to this country's slowest economic recovery since World War II.

While Mr. Biden was still struggling to pinpoint just how many letters are in the word "jobs," former President Obama entrusted him to manage the administration's economic recovery agenda—and it turned out to be a miserable failure. President Trump turned things around in a hurry once he took office, and he's already working the same magic as he orchestrates a "V-shaped" recovery from the artificial coronavirus downturn. Results matter, and Donald Trump is the only candidate with a proven track record of delivering the sort of results the American people need.

#### CELEBRATING 78TH ANNIVERSARY OF CAMP PENDLETON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. LEVIN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LEVIN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Camp Pendleton's 78th anniversary.

In 1942, the Marine Corps began construction on a new base north of Camp Elliott in San Diego. When it was ready, the 9th Marine Regiment marched north from Camp Elliott to the new base at the former Rancho Santa Margarita.

On September 25, 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt named the base Camp Pendleton in honor of World War I Major General Joseph H. Pendleton.

As a key amphibious training base, Camp Pendleton is crucial to the Marine Corps in advancing and sustaining the readiness of operations forces. Since World War II, Camp Pendleton has served as a major training base used by Marine forces before deploying into combat, and I am proud of the role that they have played in defending our country.

After the horrific attacks on September 11, Camp Pendleton provided crucial training to the Army, Army National Guard units, and allied forces, who deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Camp Pendleton isn't just a military base; it is a vital part of our community throughout the 49th District. The military families and veterans who live on and around the base make our district a special place, and I am proud to serve them in Congress.

Those families are also just one of the reasons why serving on the House Veterans' Affairs Committee is so important to me.

I have made the well-being of our veterans and servicemembers one of my top priorities in Congress. They have sacrificed for our freedom, and it is our responsibility to honor that sac-

rifice by supporting them in civilian life.

Once again, I am honored to represent Camp Pendleton and the families who call it home.

Happy birthday, Camp Pendleton.

#### HONORING DON CORAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. TIPTON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Don Coram of Montrose, Colorado.

Don was born in Montrose and raised in a farming and ranching family. He has been married to his wife, Dianna, for 53 years. Together, they have a son, Dee.

Don's agricultural background provided him with a thorough understanding of the unique needs of the communities on the Western Slope that led him to be a successful businessman and a well-respected elected official.

Don began his career in public service first as a county commissioner, later serving in the Colorado State House and, most recently, as a Colorado State senator.

At the Colorado Capitol, he has extensive influence in crafting legislation to preserve and to protect water rights, bringing resources to local agencies to more effectively prevent and combat wildfires and revitalize investment into Main Streets across the State. Don consistently works with his colleagues across the aisle on common-sense policies, which has earned him high remarks from legislators from all four corners of the State.

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Don's leadership, experience, and knowledge of rural interests and needs have helped him to advance legislation that have no doubt improved the lives of thousands of families and businesses and communities throughout western Colorado.

While he would never admit it, Don is a role model for others. For decades, he has selflessly supported local causes by serving on the school board, the Delta-Montrose Vocational Center, volunteering for nonprofits, and actively participating with several other local organizations.

Don's efforts to serve his community reach all the way to Washington. He has been a trusted adviser to me on numerous pieces of legislation and always puts thoughtful consideration in any time I ask for his input. Don has been a great leader for the Third District during my tenure in Congress, and he is personally a good and loyal friend.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to give my utmost praise to Don for his compassionate service to our great State and the Nation over the years, and I wish him and his wife, Dianna, the best as they continue their work to be able to improve the quality of life in communities throughout the West Slope.

#### HONORING DIANNA CORAM

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dianna Coram of Montrose, Colorado, for her lifelong service to her community and to the State of Colorado.

Born during the middle of a blizzard on her grandfather's farm, Dianna is a third-generation Coloradan who truly embodies the unique spirit of western Colorado.

Dianna has been a loving wife for over 53 years to her husband, Don, with whom they have one son, Dee. Her husband, Don, noted to me that, of those 53 years, 35 of those years have been happy.

Dianna spent most of her adult life building a reputation as a respected figure in Delta and Montrose, where she spends much of her time strengthening and improving her community through her dedicated volunteer work with nonprofits, the local school, county fairs, and organizations such as the Dolphin House, the Boys & Girls Club, Downtown Improvement Group, the San Juan Cancer Center, and currently serves as the Third Congressional District representative on the Colorado State Fair Board.

Dianna's reputation reaches far beyond the West Slope. If you visit the Colorado State Capitol and mention the name Dianna Coram, legislators and staff from both sides of the aisle will give a smile and be quick to share a story of her.

Dianna is always front and center in the political arena within the Third District, where she has been active since the young age of 14. It was then she could very well have been the only person of her age to be found walking the streets of Montrose with a "Barry Goldwater for President" sign.

A few years back, when the Montrose Chapter of Republican Women's future was at stake, Dianna stepped forward as soon as their president resigned. Since then, her work has paid dividends, where, just this past year, it was the only chapter in Colorado to receive the Gold Achievement Award.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to recognize Dianna for her hard work for her community. Like so many others who have had the privilege to be able to know her, I will always be grateful for her friendship to my wife, Jean, and me.

Her service to the State of Colorado and the Third Congressional District is truly appreciated by so many who have gotten to know her over the years. I stand with the residents of Montrose in congratulating Dianna for her achievements, and I look forward to her continued success as a community leader.

#### WE HAVE MUCH WORK TO DO TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE CAUSE OF SUDDEN UNEXPECTED DEATH SYNDROME

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New Hampshire (Ms. KUSTER) for 5 minutes.