

ever seen in this body, and his presence will be sorely missed. Barbara and I wish my friend and his beautiful wife Ann the very best in the years to come.

Mr. President, I know that all of my friends who are leaving will miss the Senate. But I have even more confidence that those remaining in the Senate, and millions of citizens back home, will miss these wonderful public servants and the energy and wisdom they go generously gave to their country. We are truly a better nation for their contributions.

A TRIBUTE TO SENATOR HANK BROWN

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I rise today to salute the senior Senator from Colorado, Senator HANK BROWN, for his 16 years of service in Congress. He has worked for the citizens of Colorado as a Member of the House of Representatives, and was elected president of the 97th Congress Republican freshman class. He also has served his State for one term as a U.S. Senator.

Everyone was surprised when Senator BROWN was the first Republican to announce in late December 1994 that he would not seek reelection in 1996. At that time, Senator BROWN said he had tired of his life inside the beltway and had always thought of his time in Washington as a "period of temporary service." As a result, at the end of this Congress, HANK BROWN will leave the Senate and return to Colorado with his wife, Nan, and their family.

During the last 6 years, I have seen Senator BROWN work diligently on the budget, support environmental and agriculture issues affecting his State of Colorado, and deal with foreign policy matters that affect our Nation as a whole.

HANK BROWN and I have worked side-by-side on the Budget Committee and, while we did not see eye-to-eye all the time, his dedication to Republican spending priorities was tireless and unsurpassed. I know that members of his party will miss his ideas and input when we begin the arduous budget process next year.

Senator BROWN has also work for the people of Colorado on environmental and agriculture issues. He introduced legislation to protect the Cache La Poudre River flood plain and worked diligently to establish national trails along Colorado's western slope. He also came down to the Senate floor to fight for the rights of Colorado ranchers when we debated the controversial topic of grazing fees.

As a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, HANK BROWN has supported military aid and training to Eastern European countries. And, I am pleased to say, after studying the ins and outs of the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs, Senator BROWN joined me and several other Senators by voting against that abomination of a trade agreement. Even today, I regret that the Senate in the 103d Congress saw fit to pass that treaty and that the President supported its passage. But, I'll save that talk for another time.

The long and short of it, Mr. President, is that HANK BROWN will be missed in the Halls of the Capitol. I bid the good Senator, his wife Nan, and their three children farewell as they leave Washington, DC, and wish HANK many happy years of retirement. May it hold new challenges and exciting opportunities.

A TRIBUTE TO SENATOR DAVID PRYOR

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the great men of the Senate. He has served his State of Arkansas with honor as a State Representative, Governor, Member of Congress and finally as a U.S. Senator. Despite this wonderful career, he has not lost touch with the "common man."

I know all my colleagues agree, DAVID PRYOR is truly one of the most well-liked members of this body. Whether defending the Special Committee on Aging and the Nation's elderly or as the primary sponsor of the Tax Payer Bill of Rights, you can count on the Senator from Arkansas tirelessly and doggedly fighting to do what he believes is right. However, no matter how heated the battle, Senator PRYOR always maintains his cool and always treats his fellow Senators with dignity and respect.

Senator PRYOR has accomplished much in his career, but he will always be remembered as the No. 1 advocate for the Nation's elderly. Having served as chairman and ranking member of the Special Committee on Aging, he has led the way in his dedication to protecting and enhancing the lives of our senior citizens.

As a member of the Agriculture Committee, DAVID PRYOR has worked to protect the American farmer, and, as the primary sponsor of the Tax Payer Bill of Rights, he almost singlehandedly focused attention on IRS abuses of the American taxpayer.

There is no doubt the Senate will miss DAVID and his charming wife, Barbara. Barbara has worked diligently to bring outstanding Arkansas art to Washington so all visitors to DAVID's office can enjoy it. The Senate will miss their personal touch and we wish them well.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR WILLIAM COHEN

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, Senator BILL COHEN is one of our colleagues who often comes to mind when considering the mainstream in this body. The presence of these individuals who defy labeling is indeed fortunate in the effort to achieve the compromise so essential in government. I have noted over the years that observers attempting to define these so called liberal Republicans, conservative Democrats, and "moderates", often were describing colleagues like BILL COHEN who simply considered the issue at hand on the merits and decided, in his judgement, in the interest of the great-

er good. Party Line and dogma have never been decisive factors in his decisions, and as a result he was regularly numbered among those who brought about the compromise necessary for progress.

First elected to the House in 1972, BILL COHEN immediately demonstrated his fortitude and independent thinking in dealing with perhaps the most traumatic issue to face the Congress in this century. As a member of the impeachment committee charged with the responsibility of considering the actions of the Nixon Administration, he spoke eloquently of the imperatives of accountability and responsibility in the conduct of public officials. True to the principles evidenced in that courageous beginning, he remains today a spokesman for and example of civility in government and public service.

BILL came to the Senate in 1978 where he quickly established himself as a dedicated and studious member, mastering the intricacies of a diverse set of issues facing our Nation. He was a spokesman for military preparedness long before others in more recent times adopted the popular mantra of "military readiness". His service on the Armed Services Committee has clearly established BILL COHEN not only as a guardian of military preparedness but also as a protector of those who serve in the ranks of our Armed Forces. His exemplary service on the Intelligence Committee was of invaluable benefit to this Nation on issues of grave importance to our National Security. His evenhandedness in his service on the Judiciary Committee and his sensitivity and compassion demonstrated while on the Committee on Aging again stand as testimony to the quality of his service to the people of Maine and this Nation.

Senator BILL COHEN departs our ranks with the respect and admiration of all of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle. We wish him and Janet the very best in the future.

A TRIBUTE TO SENATOR PAUL SIMON

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend and colleague, Senator PAUL SIMON, who is leaving the Halls of Congress after 22 years of distinguished service in both the House and the Senate.

Simply put, PAUL SIMON epitomizes what we think of when we use the term public servant. Since 1954, he has served the people of Illinois as a State Representative, as a State Senator, as Lieutenant Governor, as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives and as a United States Senator. At every level of government, PAUL has proven to be a model of thoughtfulness and integrity.

As a fellow member of the Senate Budget Committee, PAUL SIMON stands