

of the fictional Atticus Finch in "To Kill a Mocking Bird," "For God's sake, do your duty."

TRIBUTE TO JOHN GLENN

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to bid farewell to an American hero, a great Senator and a wonderful friend—Senator JOHN GLENN. Senator GLENN is retiring after serving the people of Ohio for four terms.

But his service to our country did not begin in the Senate, nor will it end here. Senator GLENN served in the Marine Corps during World War II and fought in combat in the South Pacific. He also fought with valor in the Korean conflict and ended up flying 149 missions in both wars. He has received numerous honors including six Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with 18 clusters.

He later became a test pilot and set a transcontinental speed record in 1957 for this first flight to average supersonic speed from Los Angeles to New York. In 1959, he was selected to be one of seven astronauts in the space program. Three years later, he made history as the first American to orbit the earth, completing a 5 hour, three orbit flight.

His heroism inspired me and all of the American people. He received the Space Congressional Medal of Honor for his service.

After 23 years in military service, he retired in 1965 and went into the private sector. Despite his outstanding service to his country, it was not enough for JOHN GLENN. He ran for the Senate in 1974 and is now completing his 24th year.

Despite his fame, Senator GLENN was a workhorse, not a showhorse in the Senate. He took on complicated issues like nuclear proliferation, troop readiness, government ethics, civil service reform and campaign finance reform. He did his work with great diligence and thoroughness, with his eye on accomplishment not partisanship.

If you add his 23 years of military service to his 24 years of Service to the people of Ohio, that is 47 years of dedication to our nation.

But even this is not enough for JOHN GLENN. On October 29th of this year, he will return to space on a shuttle mission. He will be the oldest person ever to travel in space but even then his journey will not be over.

He will continue to represent the best of the American spirit and be an informal ambassador for scientific exploration.

I wish him, his wife Annie, his children and grandchildren the very best for the future.

RETIREMENT OF DALE BUMPERS

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to an extraordinary person, a respected and honorable man, a true friend, and one whom I am truly saddened to see leave the Senate—Senator DALE BUMPERS.

Mr. President, Senator BUMPERS is, more than most, a true advocate for the citizens of the United States. I know of no better person who embraces issues with the passion and intellect that he demonstrates. His oratory skills are well-known and rarely matched. DALE is a true champion of the public's interests, and particularly when that clashes with special interests.

Throughout his decades of public service, as Governor of Arkansas and United States Senator, Senator BUMPERS has carried with him a strong, unyielding belief in a few basic ideas, ideas that have driven him in his tireless efforts to make our country—and the world—a better place.

Senator BUMPERS believes in ensuring equal opportunities for all, including the poor and indigent. He believes in providing high quality, comprehensive education and health care. He believes in the sanctity of our Constitution. He believes in the value of the arts and humanities in developing human creativity and a national culture. He believes in the importance of environmental conservation and preserving our natural resources. He believes in eliminating needless corporate subsidies and reducing wasteful defense spending. And he believes in the need to slow the growing gap between the rich and the poor.

Senator BUMPERS has never shied away from taking on the powerful special interests, year after year, even when he knows the odds are stacked against him and he is often disappointed with the results. But he has kept on trying.

We have all been witnesses to his eloquent and powerful discourses on a number of subjects. Every one of his presentations before us and before the country have been grounded in personal experience and intellectual strength. When Senator BUMPERS speaks, we know that he speaks from his heart.

Mr. President, in 1995, the Senate debated an amendment that would require zero tolerance for youth who had any amount of alcohol in their blood. Senator BUMPERS revealed his personal story about his parents and their friend who were killed by a drunk driver while returning from their small farm, just across the Arkansas River. Senator BUMPERS was in law school at the time, far away in Chicago.

DALE, more than most, has the power to sway with his words. That amendment was swiftly adopted.

Mr. President, also three years ago, the Senate was considering an amendment to add funds to the National Endowment for the Humanities. Now, the NEH is a small agency that can, and does, often come under the budget knife as an insignificant agency. Not to Senator BUMPERS. Senator BUMPERS took to the Senate floor, and told all of us about his high school English teacher, Miss Doll Means. He touched us with a personal story that was a turn-

ing point in his life. When he was a sophomore, Miss Doll Means told him, after he had read a page of "Beowulf" that he had a nice voice and he read beautifully. That one statement, from an English teacher in a town of 1,000 people, did more for his self-esteem than anybody, except, he said, his father. Not only does he indeed have a nice voice and he reads beautifully, he is among the best orators this Senate has ever seen.

Mr. President, earlier this year during the Appropriations Committee passed an amendment naming a vaccine center at NIH after DALE and Betty Bumpers. For almost 30 years, the two of them have worked tirelessly on a crusade to vaccinate all children—and because of their efforts and others, we have made great progress toward that goal.

Mr. President, when the Senior Senator from Arkansas leaves this body in a few weeks, there will be a noticeable void. We will lose a tireless champion for the underserved; a champion for the public's interest; a champion for responsible spending, not wasteful spending; and a champion for equal opportunity, for our environment, and for the arts and humanities. Senator BUMPERS has our respect, and he has the people's respect. We will miss him.

Mr. President, I wish my friend and his wife Betty, their children and grandchildren the very best for the future.

TRIBUTE TO WENDELL H. FORD

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President I rise today to pay tribute to our esteemed colleague from Kentucky, the Minority Whip, Senator WENDELL H. FORD. I wish him well. All of us know that we have not heard the last from this dedicated and effective public servant.

His retirement from the Senate will end a formal career of public service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the United States which has lasted over three decades. After first serving in the Kentucky Senate, he was elected Lieutenant Governor in 1967 and then Governor of Kentucky in 1971. In 1974, he was elected to serve in the United States Senate.

Mr. President, in the history of this body, few Senators have protected the interests of his or her state as doggedly as WENDELL FORD.

Whether the issue was aviation, tobacco, telecommunications or farm legislation, Senator FORD has always put the people of Kentucky first. And even though we have disagreed on a key issue or two, I know that he is guided by what he believes is best for the people of his state.

As the senior Senator from Kentucky put it himself: "If it ain't good for Kentucky, it ain't good for WENDELL FORD."

And the people of Kentucky have shown their deep appreciation to Senator FORD in return. In 1992, he received the largest number of votes ever