

guided by his heart and his mind, not by any polls.

He almost seems like a character from a Frank Capra film. He was a World War II veteran from a small town who attended college and law school on the G.I. Bill. After practicing law for 20 years in his home town, he earned a reputation as a political giant-killer on his way to the Governor's mansion and eventually the Senate. Even his home address seems straight out of Hollywood. Believe it or not, he actually lives on a street named Honesty Way.

Oftentimes when you're watching DALE BUMPERS speak from the Senate floor, you can't help but think of the character made famous by Jimmy Stewart—Senator Jefferson Smith—whose political philosophy was “the only causes worth fighting for are lost causes,” and whose most famous line was, “Either I'm dead right, or I'm crazy.”

As Senator BUMPERS said just the other day on this floor, he's probably fought more losing battles than any other Senator. I can picture Senator BUMPERS right now, speaking from the heart on some issue about which he cares very deeply. He knows that he's right, but whatever he says, he can't seem to sway a majority of his colleagues. But no matter what, he won't give up. He won't back down. And in 18 years of serving with DALE BUMPERS, I can honestly say that I never saw him waver in his beliefs or back down from a good, honest debate.

Two years ago, when DALE BUMPERS was speaking on the retirement of his former colleague from Arkansas, David Pryor, he said, and I quote, “I am not a terribly effective legislator because I have a very difficult time compromising. I have strong beliefs, and sometimes compromise is just out of the question for me.”

Maybe there is some truth to that statement. Maybe DALE BUMPERS could have scored a few more political victories if he had been more willing to compromise.

But I think that my friend from Arkansas is being a little hard on himself in his self-assessment. I think that he is an excellent legislator, and it was his candor and his devotion to his convictions that made him effective. Obviously, compromise is often essential to getting things done around here. But equally essential is having people around here who are passionate about issues and willing to fight for their beliefs in the face of opposition.

DALE BUMPERS is not only thought of highly by his colleagues, but I think that everyone in the entire Senate family thinks fondly of this man. And I know for a fact that many members of my staff share a deep admiration for Senator BUMPERS.

The past few weeks, there has actually been a “Dale Bumpers watch” in the L.A. room in my office, much like the Mark McGwire watch that captivated the country during the baseball

season. Every time Senator BUMPERS has come to the floor, hands have pulled back from keyboards and the volumes on television sets have been turned up, as my staffers have watched and wondered if this would be the last time that DALE BUMPERS will speak on the Senate floor. I only hope that they were watching C-SPAN on the afternoon of Saturday, October 10.

Of course, DALE BUMPERS will most likely be remembered for his unsurpassed oratory skills. One thing that made our friend from Arkansas such an effective speaker was that his positions were always based on common sense. Whether or not you agreed with DALE BUMPERS, you could always understand the logic behind his argument. But what set him apart was his passion. Not many people can get excited over a 120 year-old mining law, but DALE BUMPERS could speak on this issue and convince you that this was the defining issue of the decade.

I only regret that he was never elected Majority Leader so that he may one day come back to speak as a part of the Leaders' Speaker Series. Maybe we can come up with a waiver provision to let certain colleagues who were never Majority Leader speak—and call it the “Bumpers Rule.”

For DALE BUMPERS the final judgment on the merit of his arguments will not be rendered by the yeas and nays of his colleagues. It will rather be rendered by the illuminating perspective of time. And I have little doubt that time will rule in favor of the Senator from Arkansas.

Just the other day, Senator BUMPERS was on the floor talking about a speech he gave about the ozone layer in the mid 1970s. Most of his statements were considered alarmist at the time, but more than a decade later, an exhaustive study by the National Academy of Sciences confirmed that everything he said has in fact been proven true. And I am confident that time will ultimately prove that DALE BUMPERS was right far more often than he was wrong.

I also think that time will reveal that our friend from Arkansas was one of the most capable, intelligent, and principled legislators that this body has ever known. I can honestly say that it has been an honor to serve alongside DALE BUMPERS for the past 18 years. I will truly miss his friendship, and I wish him and his wife Betty only the best in all their future endeavors.

JOHN GLENN

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I've been fortunate to be a member of the United States Senate for nearly 18 years, and I have seen a lot of members come and go. But I must admit that I have never seen anyone make a more dramatic exit than our colleague from Ohio. Then again, who in this Chamber would expect anything less?

JOHN GLENN is a man who has served his nation as a Marine fighter pilot in

World War II and Korea, flying a total of 149 combat missions.

He has served as a test pilot in the first era of supersonic jets—an occupation where attending a colleague's funeral was as common as a new speed record.

Then of course, JOHN GLENN became a part of our national consciousness when he was chosen to be one of the seven Mercury Astronauts. As much as any event since World War II, his historic flight aboard *Friendship 7* on February 20, 1962 united this Nation and made us believe that there are no limits on what we as humans and as Americans can accomplish.

For the past 24 years, JOHN GLENN has served the people of Ohio and this country as a United States Senator. He has performed his duties with an uncommon grace and dignity. He is a credit to this institution and I am proud to call him a friend.

And now, on October 29th, in perhaps his last act as a U.S. Senator, JOHN GLENN will return to the heavens aboard the space shuttle *Discovery*, becoming the oldest man to ever travel in outer space.

It is very common in this body to feel emotions of deep admiration and respect for one's colleagues, but JOHN GLENN is the rare Senator who inspires feelings of sheer awe.

I was trying to think of what would be an appropriate way to pay tribute to my friend from Ohio, and to put into perspective how remarkable and inspiring is his impending voyage aboard *Discovery*. And I was reminded of the famous farewell of another American hero to whom Senator GLENN is linked historically.

I'm sure all of my colleagues remember Ted Williams—and those of us from New England remember him quite fondly. The Boston Red Sox left-fielder is considered by many to be the greatest hitter who ever lived. The last man to ever hit .400 and the winner of two Triple Crowns, Ted Williams' ability to hit for both power and average has never been matched.

One fact most people don't know about Ted Williams is that he served in the same squadron with JOHN GLENN during the Korean War. Our friend from Ohio was the squadron commander, and the Mr. Williams was his wing-man. People talk about Ruth and Gehrig as the best one-two punch in history, but JOHN GLENN and Ted Williams isn't half bad.

As the story is told, when Ted Williams went to Korea, he knew he would be going into combat. Therefore, he was going to pick the best person to fly alongside him. He had been told that JOHN GLENN was one of the best test pilots in the world, so he sought out our colleague in the reception center before shipping out. And while Ted Williams sought out JOHN GLENN, in tapping Ted Williams to be his wing-man, JOHN GLENN was saying that Williams was the best and sharpest pilot he had in his squadron.

Ted Williams had many great moments on the baseball diamond, but no moment more perfectly encapsulates his career than his last major league at-bat on September 28, 1960. And as JOHN GLENN prepares for his *Discovery* mission, I cannot help but be reminded of that crisp autumn afternoon at Fenway Park.

The game was meaningless in the standings, with the Red Sox limping to the end of their worst season in 27 years. But the day was significant for it was the last time that Hub fans would ever get a glimpse of Number Nine's classic swing. After going 0 for 2 with two fly outs and a walk, Ted Williams came to the plate in the bottom of the eighth inning for what was sure to be his last at-bat. Writer John Updike was at the game, and his accounts of that day are considered scripture by baseball fans everywhere.

As Updike wrote: "Understand that we were a crowd of rational people. We knew that a home run cannot be produced at will; the right pitch must be perfectly met and luck must ride with the ball. Three innings before, we had seen a brave effort fail. The air was soggy, the season was exhausted. Nevertheless, there will always lurk, around the corner in a pocket of our knowledge of the odds, an indefensible hope, and this was one of the times, which you now and then find in sports, when a density of expectation hangs in the air and plucks an event out of the future."

As many of my colleagues already know, Ted Williams did not disappoint. In his final swing, he hit a one-one pitch that soared majestically through the air before disappearing into the right-field bullpen.

As John Updike wrote, "Ted Williams' last word had been so exquisitely chosen, such a perfect fusion of expectation, intention, and execution." Well, I feel that Senator JOHN GLENN's final word has been just as exquisitely chosen.

Here is a man whose career of service to this country is unparalleled. Taken separately, his service as a Marine pilot, as an astronaut, and as a Senator are extraordinary. Put together, they are mythic.

Thirty-six years ago, JOHN GLENN convinced a nation that there are no limits to human potential. At the end of this month, he will once more extend the envelope of human accomplishment. JOHN GLENN's mission on the *Discovery* is his home run in his last at bat. I only wish that they could find a seat on the *Discovery* for John Updike.

Ted Williams' last home run reminds me of JOHN GLENN, not simply because it shows that both men know how to go out in style. It does so because the emotions that were stirred in this fabled at-bat are the very same emotions that have made JOHN GLENN an American hero.

It is that feeling of indefensible hope, our desire to believe in something that

is bigger than ourselves. Simply put, it is our belief in heroes.

Life will always be full of disappointment and tribulations. But it helps us to conquer the everyday battles in our own lives when we see someone whom we admire accomplish great things. And we cheer for those persons, because in them, we see the best in ourselves. By believing in them, we believe in ourselves.

When you read John Updike's description of the mood in Fenway Park before that last at bat, it could just as easily be a description of the mood in the Grandstands watching Senator GLENN's launch from Cape Canaveral later this month, or in every American living room when JOHN GLENN boarded *Friendship 7* thirty-six years ago.

Reason insists that we be practical. That we accept our limitations. Yet we hold out hope that we can achieve things once unimaginable, that we can do better. And JOHN GLENN has shown us time and again, as an astronaut, as a test pilot, as a Marine, and as a Senator that we can do better.

Surprisingly, the fact that JOHN GLENN and Ted Williams served together in Korea remained largely a secret until 10 years ago, when Senator GLENN appeared at a reception to honor Ted Williams on his 70th birthday. At the end of the evening, Ted Williams, a man not known for lavishing praise on others, spoke about his former commander. He said, and I quote: "I was so happy and proud of the fact that I knew him. JOHN GLENN is an extraordinarily talented, brave hero. He's a hell of a man. It's just too bad that he's a Democrat."

When Ted Williams is singing your praises, you must be doing something right, and aside from his comments about Senator GLENN's politics, I couldn't agree more with Mr. Williams' statement.

What we seem to forget about Senator GLENN's departure is that, while he is going into space at the end of the month, he is also coming back. I understand that he plans to set up an institute at Ohio State to encourage young people to become involved in politics and public service. In today's climate, it may be harder to turn young people on to politics than it was to put a man into orbit in 1962. But as a public servant, I cannot imagine a better advocate for the profession of public service than JOHN GLENN. He reminds all of us, young and old, that there is honor in service to others and to your country.

While I am certain that he will keep busy, I hope that he and Annie will have a chance to relax and enjoy his retirement. They have certainly earned it.

So as I bid my friend farewell and good luck in his future years, and in particular his mission, I will repeat those words made famous by Scott Carpenter 37 years ago: "Godspeed, JOHN GLENN."

ENCRYPTION CHALLENGE IN THE NEXT CONGRESS

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, we have made some important advances on the encryption issue during this Congress. We held a hearing in the Senate Constitution Subcommittee, which pointed out the constitutional problems with the Administration's proposed domestic encryption policy and put individual privacy rights back into the discussion. More recently, as everyone is aware, the Administration has taken a few modest steps toward liberalizing its export policy.

However, we have to be wary of piecemeal approaches to the problem. The Administration's decision to relax its export policy helps out big businesses with subsidiaries in certain selected countries, but it leaves most ordinary consumers out in the cold.

In the Judiciary Committee, I resisted another piecemeal approach—making the use of encryption in furtherance of a felony a separate crime, without addressing the broader encryption issue. As a former Attorney General of Missouri, I am keenly aware of the interests of law enforcement in not having encryption unduly hinder law enforcement. On the other hand, in my work on the encryption issue, I have come to appreciate the concerns of privacy groups who are opposed to this proposal. I explored some ways of working this issue out with my colleagues in this Congress, but we could not work out an acceptable compromise. In the next Congress, I look forward to working with my colleagues—on and off the Judiciary Committee—to fashion a comprehensive resolution of the encryption issues that balances the needs of law enforcement and law-abiding citizens.

In the next Congress, our goal must be to move beyond such piecemeal approaches to find a comprehensive solution to computer privacy issues. This will not be easy.

Twice recently, President Clinton has told high-tech audiences that "we've reached broad agreement on encryption policy." Unfortunately, that is just not true—at least not yet. The Administration's water torture approach to encryption—liberalizing export policy drip by drip—demonstrates that they do not understand two fundamental principles: (1) that robust and reliable encryption is available on the world market, and (2) that ordinary Americans should have access to the best available encryption to protect their privacy.

In short, it does us no good to talk about "broad agreement" that does not actually exist. Instead, we need to work hard to make such broad agreement a reality. That is the task for the next Congress, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to get the job done.

SENATOR WENDELL FORD

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to bid a fond