

a fair wage, a fair treatment in their workplace, DAVID BONIOR is the first to be there to understand the problem and the first on the floor to talk about righting that wrong.

The people of Michigan are so fortunate to have this person in elective office. I hope they have the good wisdom to select him as governor because he is going to be a great leader in this country as a governor, as he was a Member of the House of Representatives. He rose to a leadership position. Who knows, if he were staying here, he could have been Speaker of the House, perhaps Vice President of the country, and maybe those days will still come.

But this is truly one of the great Members serving in a great institution at a great time in our history. This institution is going to suffer with his leaving, but the people of Michigan I hope will have the great wisdom to keep him in the public limelight and keep him in public office by electing him as their governor.

(By unanimous consent, Ms. KAPTUR was allowed to speak out of order for 5 minutes.)

#### TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE DAVID E. BONIOR, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to say what a joy it has been in my life for 19 years to be able to work with the great gentleman from the State of Michigan, DAVE BONIOR. There must be something in the water of Lake Michigan and Lake Erie to produce the Phil Harts of this country and the Dave Boniors. I want to thank the Wolverine State for sending this incredibly decent human being here to the Congress of the United States.

There are many things I like about DAVE BONIOR. The first thing I like is his wife. I think Judy is just so incredible and what a great partnership they do have. But I like the way that he treats her. I like the way he treats the Members. I watch the way he treats people, always with great love and with affection and with such great passion for the work that he does.

We have had so many fights here that deal with economic justice domestically and internationally. DAVE BONIOR has always been at the head of that line. He has always been leading us. I can remember during the great fight on the rules that would govern trade in the Americas, as he stood here and he talked about what would happen to working people on this continent in the factories and on the farms, I was sitting out there with tears in my eyes; and I thought, how could he have the strength and the intestinal fortitude, knowing what is going to happen, to stand there and to be such a strong advocate and to maintain his passion and his composure. That was a point in my career where I could not have done that.

I hope that from him I have learned how to do that better, and I thank him

for what he is, because what he is has kept other Members here and running for office because of his beliefs and his unwillingness to change who he is and who he represents and how he loves people, that it is still possible to be here and to carry those values so close to your heart. In fact, they are his heart.

I just want to say from the Buckeye State, always a competitor to those to the north, that we deeply, deeply appreciate your service to the people of our country and the world. We appreciate your service as a spokesman for those who have no voice or who have less voice. You have never wavered, you have always been a gentleman, you have always been a leader, you have always been a scholar.

It has been my deep privilege to serve with you, Congressman DAVE BONIOR of Michigan. May you be Michigan's next governor. I only wish I could vote for you. God bless you.

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Ms. KAPTUR. I yield to the gentleman from Oregon.

Mr. WU. I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, the wonderful thing about being a junior Member is that all the large issues are thoroughly addressed by others. I just want to focus briefly for one moment on how DAVE BONIOR has treated fellow Members and me.

I have seen him defend others with whom he deeply disagrees. I have seen his gentle guidance on sensitive votes. And I also wanted to share just briefly how well he treated me as a very new Member of Congress. With a name that starts with W, I was definitely last in my class. Yet he spent a chunk of time with me early on when it was just of benefit to me and clearly of no benefit to him.

But we spent some time together. I learned many, many things, but I want to mention three specific things that he said to me: There is a small lunchroom where you should share food with other Members and get to know them. Be sure to get some exercise. And there is a spiritual piece to being here and you should pay attention to that, also.

It took me 6 months to eat lunch with any regularity. After being here for 3 years, I think I am finally getting to the exercise piece. And I am working hard toward the spiritual piece. I tell this story because I think that it is an allegory for DAVE as he goes on to the governor's race and far beyond, because as we are eating lunch or getting exercise or becoming more spiritual, for DAVE BONIOR, for this country as a whole, it is always the case that the best is yet to be, the best of life for which the rest was meant.

Thank you, DAVE, for treating everyone, large, small and in the middle with grace and with dignity. Thank you very, very much.

(By unanimous consent, Ms. WOOLSEY was allowed to speak out of order for 5 minutes.)

#### TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE DAVID E. BONIOR, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Nebraska.

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, we have people here who make a very major contribution. There are partisan differences in this body, too many to my judgment, but when a person here is retiring from an important post and still going to make some contributions here, no doubt, I think he ought to be recognized for the extraordinary public service that he has provided here.

I admire DAVE BONIOR for the kind of person he is as well as for his effectiveness. I was thinking just yesterday, if I might say to the gentleman from Michigan, about you and the gentleman from Illinois, Mr. EVANS, because to your credit some years ago, you helped Mr. Cavanaugh and I, two Nebraskans, deauthorize the O'Neill project, which made it possible for us to subsequently declare the Niobrara River as a scenic river. It is the most appreciated ecological feature in the State of Nebraska by its citizens today.

So we actually owe you a debt of gratitude in Nebraska. You stepped up and helped John Cavanaugh and this Member at that time, along with Mr. EVANS. I want to commend you for your public service, but also thank you, as a Nebraskan, for what you did to preserve part of our natural heritage.

I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Vermont.

Mr. SANDERS. I thank the gentlewoman for yielding. I was watching C-Span and I heard all these fine words about DAVE BONIOR. I thought, "My God, something has happened. He's dead. What a shame."

I came down here, he looks very good and the only thing that is happening to him is, he is going to be governor of the great State of Michigan and certainly while it is our loss, it is Michigan's gain.

In this institution, given all of the political and economic and financial pressures that are on all the Members, it is very difficult to hold out a moral compass, to be very sure that the values that you are fighting for are what you believe. It is doubly difficult to do that year after year. The first year you could do it and the second year, but after many years, it becomes harder and harder to do.

I think on virtually every issue affecting the lives of working people, whether it is helping people join unions and fight for their dignity there, whether it is developing a sane trade policy which protects the needs of American workers or raising the minimum wage or affordable housing or all the things that millions and millions of working families need, year after year, right up here, at this podium, DAVE BONIOR has been leading the fight. We are very proud of him, not just because