

great state with the highest distinction and recently passed away at the age of 80.

Former Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives, Lloyd L. Duxbury, Jr., served in the Minnesota Legislature from 1951 to 1969, the final eight years as Speaker. I had the privilege of working for Speaker Duxbury as his chief aide in 1969—and I will forever be grateful for that invaluable experience and our friendship of the past 33 years.

“Dux,” as he was affectionately known to his countless friends, was a very influential leader in our state’s political history, a brilliant lawyer-legislator and legendary politician.

Everyone loved “Dux”—for his infectious laugh and great sense of humor, as well as his warmth, charm and love for people from all walks of life.

Speaker Duxbury was born and raised in Caledonia, Minnesota, a small town in the southeastern part of our state. Dux loved his bluff-and-farm-filled native southeastern Minnesota. He loved the farmers and small shopkeepers, and he loved his fellow lawyers and legislators.

And everyone loved Dux!

From his prep school days at Phillips Exeter Academy to his college and law school years at Harvard University, Dux had literally thousands of friends and admirers, as his legendary career touched thousands of lives.

Dux served his country in the U.S. Army from 1943 until 1946. He received his B.A. degree from Harvard University in 1947 and his J.D. degree from Harvard Law School in 1949.

Elected to the Minnesota House in 1950, shortly after graduating from Harvard Law School, Dux rose to the leadership ranks. He was highly respected as a legislator, served the House Conservative Caucus as its leader from 1959 until 1962, and was elected Speaker of the Minnesota House in 1963.

Lloyd Duxbury’s top legislative priority was fairness. That’s why he worked so hard in Minnesota to remove the tax on people’s personal property and convert it to a sales tax.

Speaker Duxbury worked with people of all sides to get things done and he was at his best when circumstances got the most heated.

Dux brought people together to solve problems, and he hated partisan wrangling. When President Richard Nixon nominated Dux to be U.S. Attorney in 1969, he turned the post down because of its partisan nature.

Following his retirement as Speaker in 1969, Dux was appointed Vice President and Counsel of the Burlington-Northern Railroad and moved to Washington, D.C.

Subsequently, Dux worked for the U.S. Senate Committee on Aging and lobbied for the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare. At age 78, he was still taking the subway to his office here before returning to Minnesota so he could spend more time with his beloved family and friends.

Lloyd Duxbury is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Dr. David and Margaret Duxbury, daughter, Marna Duxbury and 3 grandchildren, Nicole, Christine and Jacob Duxbury, as well as his brother, John Duxbury.

You might be gone, Dux, but you will never be forgotten, as your legacy will live forever.

You truly represented the best in public service, Speaker Duxbury, and your love for your family, friends and country will live forever in the hearts of each of us. God bless you, Dux, and rest in peace dear friend.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ROGER BOYKIN

HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2002

Mr. MEEKS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man whose commitment and dedication in the areas of health and community service warrant our utmost commendation. On Friday, Dr. Roger Boykin will be honored for his many years of community service in the City of New York at a celebration entitled “A Salute to Our Very Own.”

I feel privileged to have known and worked along side Dr. Boykin, a long time resident of Jamaica, New York. On a first hand basis, I can attest to the fact that the quality of life in communities across the great State of New York has been enriched by the diligence and compassionate commitment of Dr. Boykin. Very early in his life, career and residency, Dr. Boykin demonstrated his singular purpose as care and concern for others. With patience and compassion, Dr. Boykin served his community and his state in fine form.

Dr. Boykin was born the son of Richard Boykin, Sr. and Thelma Boykin. He attended Brooklyn Technical High School. He went on to receive his Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences (cum laude) from Columbia University School of Pharmaceutical Sciences. Following his life long passion to become an M.D. and a servant in the community, young Roger successfully completed his Doctor of Medicine degree (cum laude) from State University of New York-Downstate in June of 1973.

After completing his residency and internship at State University of New York Downstate Medical Center/Kings County Hospital Center and Brooklyn Veteran’s Administration Medical Center respectively, in Internal Medicine, he received a Fellowship and served at Albert Einstein Hospital, Bronx Municipal Hospital and VanEtten in Pulmonary Medicine.

His unique talent for giving to the community and his expertise in his profession were not lost on his peers and colleagues. Among his many achievements include certification as a Diplomate of The National Board of Medical Examiners; Diplomate of The American Board of Pulmonary Medicine; Diplomate of the American Board of Critical Care Medicine; Diplomate of the American Board of Geriatric Medicine; and, he is a Member in good standing of the American Lung Association of Queens.

Dr. Boykin practiced his unique brand of compassionate medical care and considerate patient relations as a staff physician at Brooklyn Veterans’ Administration Medical Center, Catholic Medical Center of New York, Mary Immaculate Hospital, and The Jamaica Hospital. In 1982, he began his career as an instructor in Clinical Medicine at State University of New York Downstate Medical Center and in 1992, Dr. Boykin became an Assistant Professor. Currently, Dr. Boykin is the Associate Chief of Staff for Primary and Extended Care for Veterans Affairs, New York Harbor Healthcare System; Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at state University of New York Health Sciences at Brooklyn; Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at Touro College and an Instructor for the American Heart Association.

Throughout his career, Dr. Boykin has served his patients with compassion and care. Through his many years of service to the community, he has contributed to the improvement and enrichment of his neighborhood family. Dr. Boykin may have single handedly changed the standard of behavior for community physicians involved in public service. He has for many many years worked with and perpetuated the highest professional standards, unwavering commitment, and irreplaceable knowledge and expertise. He has put much more than a dent in the quest for quality health care for all and we in the State of New York are most grateful to be the recipient of his personal largess and generosity.

“A Salute to Our Very Own” is a fitting title for honoring Dr. Boykin. He is our very own. He has made a nation and a neighborhood a much better place to live. He has given without reserve and we can only hope to thank and commemorate him adequately.

I wish him well in all his future endeavors and join with my Queens family, friends, colleagues and fellow elected officials in commemorating his years of service.

IN HONOR OF TOM BARRON

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tom Barron for his extraordinary advocacy of environmental causes and his unwavering commitment to young people everywhere.

A dear friend of mine once said that she looked for two qualities in leaders—that they care about the earth, and that they care about kids. If caring about the earth and kids is the mark of a special leader, and I believe it is, then Tom Barron is such a man.

Tom grew up in the ranch country of Colorado with his seven brothers and sisters. It was on the family ranch that he developed a love for the land and a passion for exploring nature—all at a very young age. Tom has been a manager of a successful venture capital business, a Rhodes Scholar, a board member of the Wilderness Society, Yale University and a Trustee for the Nature Conservancy of Colorado. Today he is a very popular writer who has created the beloved characters of young Merlin and Kate, in *The Ancient One*.

He believes that stories are the most powerful and effective way to express complicated and philosophical points of view. He knows that experience, rather than lectures, are often what teach us the most in life. This is very clear in all of his work. In *The Lost Years of Merlin*, Merlin learns all of his most important lessons from nature. He learns how to be humble and to understand his connection to the larger universe. Most important of all, he realizes his fundamental responsibility to something greater than his own self-interest. Tom’s character Kate, the heroine of *The Ancient One*, turns herself into an ancient redwood tree in order to save her town. In the book, a chain saw cuts into the side of the tree, into Kate’s side, which is a powerful metaphor for violence, cruelty and senseless destruction.

Throughout his professional and private life Tom Barron has made it a goal to bolster educational causes and recognize exceptional