

some of my friends are against it, and I will support my friends.’

This steady and collaborative approach to governance led to many accomplishments that were only overshadowed by the strength of Governor King’s character and the size of his heart. With the helpful guidance of his wife, Alice, he made the Children, Youth, and Families Department a new State agency to look out for New Mexico’s children, and he made sure the students statewide had access to kindergarten, and their schools had steady funding, no matter if they lived in a growing city or in a quiet little farm.

He valued the land, and he made sure it was protected through an environmental improvement agency. And his commonsense approach to finances led to the creation of the State’s Rainy Day Fund and the Mineral Trust.

Governor King’s accomplishments were many, but his legacy will be shaped by his deep affection for our State and his ability to connect with New Mexicans. He remembered names and family members all over the State, whether you were a mom or a dad or a brother or a sister. When he walked into a general store, a local restaurant or a farmhouse, he made sure to extend his hand to everyone and ask them with a drawl, “How are y’all doing?” When they returned the question, he answered, “Mighty fine, mighty fine” before starting a conversation.

Our State and our country are better for Governor King’s service, and his words and deeds will long echo in our State. For generations, people will remember Governor King’s legacy and benefit from his work, and I hope all New Mexicans will heed his most important lessons and take some time to talk to their neighbors and get to know them, help their communities, and give a little back to our State. If we do this, if we all work a little bit harder, with a little more compassion and a little more common sense, when someone asks you how you’re doing, we might be able to look them in the eye and say, “Mighty fine, mighty fine.”

We’re going to miss you, Bruce.

HONORING GOVERNOR BRUCE KING OF NEW MEXICO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. TEAGUE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. TEAGUE. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague BEN RAY LUJÁN from the great State of New Mexico. I also want to thank the gentleman from New Mexico’s First Congressional District, MARTIN HEINRICH, for helping to arrange this tribute to one of New Mexico’s greatest citizens. Bruce King is, without a doubt, a New Mexico legend. If you never got a chance to meet him, then all I can tell you is that you missed an opportunity to meet someone who really was a dedicated public servant and a good man.

Many of us that are public servants in New Mexico today have learned from

his example. One thing I learned from Bruce King was how important it is to stay in touch with the people that you represent. In fact, I first met Governor King in the steer barn at the Lea County Fair. And over the years, it seemed that you would run across the Governor shaking hands at nearly every fair in New Mexico. Bruce King was New Mexico. A lot of people describe him as “the cowboy Governor,” and that could mean a lot of different things to a lot of different people. But for Bruce King, it meant that his heart was as big as our skies. It meant that his handshake was as good as his word. It meant the only way he knew how to work was hard. It meant his family and the people he represented always came first, and that he was willing to look out for their needs. It meant that when he had to make tough choices, he stuck by them, even when that meant that he had to make sacrifices.

It also meant that he led by example. During one of his terms as Governor, Bruce King had to contend with an energy crisis like the rest of the country. He didn’t just tell New Mexicans that they had to save energy. He showed them by trading in his motorcade for a horse. For a while, Bruce would actually ride his horse from the Governor’s mansion in Santa Fe to the State capitol as a way of showing folks that he was willing to do his part.

When I ran for Congress, I kept telling voters that I was running to put New Mexico’s families first in everything that I did. Governor King did that when he created the Children, Youth and Families Department in New Mexico that looks after the well-being of our children and our loved ones. He put New Mexico families first because, in a lot of ways, the people of New Mexico were his family. He put the education of our kids first when he changed the way we fund our schools back home.

In too many States, wealthy neighborhoods have the best schools while poor rural areas or inner city schools have to scramble for funds every year because their families are poor. Governor King changed that. He made sure that every single child in New Mexico got a shot at an education when he made sure that all money for education was doled out equally for every school district. He knew that one child’s education was not more important than another’s, and countless New Mexicans have benefited from that change.

In a recent interview, Bruce told a story about how he started making a few people angry on the Santa Fe County Commission when he, as a first-term commissioner, kept pushing the county employees to get roads paved faster. He remembered that one person took him aside and said, “Bruce, you’re new here, and you don’t know how things are done.” He just smiled and told him, “I understand the way things are done. The people pay their taxes on time, and they expect us to do our work on time. That’s how it’s done.”

Governor King’s service to our Nation and our State should never be forgotten. As a county commissioner, speaker of the House and as Governor, he was one of those unique public officials who never had forgotten where he came from. He listened sincerely to the needs and concerns of his constituents, and then he got to work addressing those issues because he cared deeply about the State of New Mexico. He showed the rest of the country what it meant to be a New Mexican. He brought out the best in all of us.

That’s probably why so many of his political rivals became friends of his afterwards. For so many years, Bruce King was ours. Now the cowboy Governor’s ridden off into the sunset one last time, and he will be missed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. WOOLSEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. JOHNSON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DEFAZIO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

REVISIONS TO THE 302(a) ALLOCATIONS AND BUDGETARY AGGREGATES ESTABLISHED BY THE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 2010 AND 2014

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SPRATT. Madam Speaker, under section 421(a)(4) of S. Con. Res. 13, the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2010, I hereby submit a revision to the budget allocations and aggregates for certain House committees for fiscal year 2010 and the period of fiscal years 2010 through 2014. This adjustment responds to House consideration of the bill H.R. 3961, the Medicare Physician Payment Reform Act of 2009. Corresponding tables are attached.