

issues, I always knew him to be a man of principle and decency, and I never doubted his commitment to the people of his State and to doing what he believed was right.

One of the few times we found ourselves on the same side came when our mutual friend, the late Senator Ted Stevens, asked us both for help when his character was called into question. Politically speaking, participating in Senator Stevens' trial held no benefit for Senator INOUE. It would have been easy for Senator INOUE to deny his friend's request, and few would have blamed him for it. But that wasn't how Senator INOUE operated. Rather than letting a friend fend for himself, Senator INOUE showed great loyalty and characteristic integrity in his willingness to testify to his friend's good character, and put his own reputation on the line in service of a friend. And I had a similar privilege.

Both Senator INOUE and I were mystified by what happened in that trial, and we were justified in our mystification when, finally, they had to admit it was a trial that should never have been brought. All I can say is I remember him testifying and I testified after he did, and I would mention that Colin Powell also testified as to Ted Stevens' character. All three of us felt this was a besmirchment of a truly honorable and decent man.

Once again, I am proud to have been Senator INOUE's colleague, but I am more proud and more pleased to have been his friend over all these years. He actually showed me a great deal of concern, showed me a great deal of friendship, and spent time with me when I needed particular help, and was there in many ways for not just me but for others as well, one of the kindest, most decent, and honorable people I have ever met. I express my deepest sympathies to his wife and family and their many, many friends.

DANIEL INOUE left an indelible mark on the Nation he loved so much and he will surely be missed. Aloha, my friend.

SENATOR PAT LEAHY

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I wanted to compliment Senator LEAHY, who now is the President pro tempore of the Senate.

I have served with PAT LEAHY all my 35 years. He is a strong, intelligent, hard-working Senator, and I am sure he will fill this position in every way it can possibly be filled.

I know he, like I, is sad that we lost Senator INOUE, but Senator LEAHY will be a worthy successor and he will have my support. I hope everything goes well for him in this transition and in this new opportunity he has.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maryland.

REMEMBERING SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I too rise to pay tribute to the great Senator DANIEL INOUE.

First, I want to express my deep and most heartfelt condolences to Senator INOUE's family, his wife Irene, his daughter Jennifer, his son Ken, Ken's wife Jessica, and their lovely little granddaughter Maggie. And to the people of Hawaii, also our condolences, because he loved them dearly, and they reciprocated by sending him time and time back to the Senate. I also want to express condolences to his very able and capable staff, the other INOUE family, many of whom were among the longest serving staff in the Senate, who were devoted to helping him help the people of Hawaii and helping the people of America. Hawaii and the Nation have lost a great hero and a true patriot, and I have lost a real good friend.

Senator INOUE was one of the great men of the Senate who welcomed me and helped me get started when I first came to the Senate. It is well known that I was the first Democratic woman elected in her own right. When I came to the Senate there was only one other woman, Senator Nancy Kassebaum of Kansas. But I said this, and I say today, though I was the only Democratic woman, though I was all by myself: I was never alone because I had great men in the U.S. Senate who helped me get started and mentored me and taught me how to be an effective Senator.

Senator INOUE was in a group of those men who in the warmest, most generous, most helpful way welcomed me to the U.S. Senate. He helped me get on the powerful Appropriations Committee. He was my teacher. He was my mentor.

He also had a wonderful way of communicating with all of us. And as each new class of Senators—and each new class of women Senators arrived—he welcomed each and every one of us with the same warmth and generosity he showed to me.

We have a saying among us, the women of the Senate, which is that men of quality always stand up for us women fighting for equality. And DAN INOUE was there every step of the way. When we wanted equal pay for equal work, he was there. When we wanted to be included in the protocols at NIH and establish an Office of Women's Health, he was there, issue after issue.

Last year, I had the wonderful honor of traveling to the Middle East with Senator INOUE, and he admired the pin that I have on today. It is an eagle that many of the women in the Senate wear. There are those of various styles, of which we have a little collection. This one is from the Smithsonian. He said, I love it. It is so pretty. I want to get one for my wife.

Well, I don't know if Senator INOUE ever got it for his wife Irene, but I say to my colleagues today, at an appro-

priate time, on behalf of the women of the U.S. Senate, I will present this pin to Mrs. Inoue in honor of her husband, our gift to her, because he gave so many gifts to us.

He was a lion in the Senate, a real American hero. Although gentle in style, he was a fierce warrior when it came to fighting for his Nation or standing up for Hawaii.

When he received his Medal of Honor, he was rising to the call of the sirens of Pearl Harbor, volunteering to serve his country, putting aside his own dreams to be a physician. But he went on to be a healer of many wounds. He was decorated in World War II for saving his fellow soldiers.

My experience with Senator INOUE as a friend was that he was a devoted, dedicated public servant. He was Hawaii's first representative of the Nation's newest State. He was the first person of Japanese heritage ever to be elected to the Senate. Imagine, he himself knew what it was like to break barriers and to break boundaries. When he came to the Senate, he cherished his love for Hawaii and its people. He fought tirelessly to improve their lives.

His style was one of absolute civility. He was the one who believed that the decorum of the Senate enabled the Senate to do the people's business. He was the essence of civility, and he showed that often good manners was good politics, and that led to good politics. He did not argue the loudest; instead, he worked diligently. He marshaled his arguments and with quiet determination won the day.

As a fellow appropriator, I saw that he loved his earmarks. He liked earmarks. And what did he do with those earmarks? I can tell you. He made sure that we looked out for Indian tribes. He made sure we looked out for the poorest of the poor in Hawaii. He cleaned up a superfund site that had been left by an old agricultural legacy. And he made sure that children who needed help were able to get the education they needed in a small community setting who might not have been able to do it.

Yes, he was the old school. And it was the old school that should teach us a lesson or two.

As a member of the Appropriations Committee for 41 years, he led us by example. He came in 1971 and became the chairman in 2009. Leading by example, he showed how we can accomplish great things by working together. He saw we could have a stronger country, a stronger economy, and yet have a sense of frugality. He treated the minority party with great respect.

All have spoken about his legendary friendship with Senator Ted Stevens, another World War II hero. But now, as Senator COCHRAN, serving as the ranking member—he called him his vice chairman, and I know he was ready to reach out to Senator SHELBY who assumed the role. He knew we needed the input of all Senators to not only enact our bills but to craft our bills.