

As up in Heaven your valor,  
 so too made our Lord cry!  
 As you so taught us all,  
 that anything is possible when hearts decide!  
 Yea Travis,  
 you are Pure!  
 Pure Michigan,  
 and that's for sure!  
 As a leader of men,  
 who so gallantly marched off to war!  
 And came back home,  
 and yet to us all gave so much more!  
 Whose heart and soul, and body and  
 mind . . .  
 are but now all of folklore!  
 As Travis,  
 your courage makes us all so weep!  
 As we will follow,  
 as you lead!  
 As into the future,  
 as up with you we will all so try to keep!  
 For you are pure Michigan,  
 For you are Travis,  
 are but The Deepest of The Deep!  
 And so is your fine wife Kelsey,  
 so very sweet!  
 For Travis,  
 men like you up in Heaven our Lord shall  
 keep!  
 And . . .  
 And On . . .  
 That Morning When You Woke!  
 As to you your fine heart so spoke!  
 As The Deep . . .  
 The Deepest of The Deep!

*By Albert Carey Caswell.*

IN APPRECIATION OF STAFF  
 MEMBER WARREN TRYON

**HON. SPENCER BACHUS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2013*

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, in Congress, there are some legislative staff professionals who are known for their policy expertise. Others are recognized for their ability to build political alliances and move legislation. Still others are noted for their ability to manage a staff and develop relationships. It is rare to find all of those qualities in a single staff member, but I have been most fortunate to have one in Warren Tryon.

As Warren prepares to leave Capitol Hill after 20 years of public service, I am pleased to have this opportunity to publicly express my gratitude for his advice, loyalty, and friendship. Warren has a keen insight into the inner workings of the House, the movement of legislation, and the way Members think and achieve their goals. The privilege that I was given to serve as Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee would not have happened without the contributions that Warren made to my talented staff team.

Warren joined me in 2000 and his loyal service has spanned some of the most momentous events in our nation's financial sector since the 1930s: 9/11, the accounting scandals at Enron and other major companies, and the financial crisis of 2008 and subsequent legislative response. He performed with distinction as my Deputy Chief of Staff on the Financial Services Committee. Warren's ability to learn about an issue, seek out all opinions, and provide me with his honest opinion served this Congress and our nation well during these stressful times.

Warren can take pride in his role in helping to pass landmark legislation including federal

deposit insurance reform, the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act, the money laundering provisions in the PATRIOT Act, Check 21, and the JOBS Act.

Warren's personal story is both fascinating and uniquely American. The son of a U.S. diplomat, Warren spent a portion of his early childhood in Thailand. Raised in a family of Democrats, like many young people in the early 1980s he was inspired by the leadership and conservatism of President Ronald Reagan. His journey took him from being a Republican student leader at the University of Vermont to presidential campaign work and then legislative staff work for Senator Slade Gordon, Representative Linda Smith, and Representative Rick Hill.

But a listing of resume accomplishments, impressive as they are, cannot begin to capture Warren's pure inimitability. With a distinctive laugh that ought to be trademarked and the seeming ability to be in three places at the same time, Warren has sometimes been referred to—only partly in jest—as the “mayor” of Capitol Hill. There are Members of Congress, myself included who would like to have his name recognition. What this speaks to, in a serious vein, is his ability to form personal friendships across any line, his reputation for always being willing to provide help and offer advice, and the fact that he is just a fun person to be around.

As Warren prepares for a new chapter in his career, I know that his delightful wife Emily and his entire family are justifiably proud of his achievements. The great admiration that he has earned from so many in the Capitol Hill community is a reminder that, whatever, the policy and political divisions, Congress is still a place where personal relationships matter. When you treat others with respect, civility, and friendship, it comes back your way many times over.

IT'S TIME FOR RECONCILIATION IN  
 SRI LANKA

**HON. STEVE CHABOT**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2013*

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, May 18th marks the 4th anniversary of the end of a brutal 26 year civil war in Sri Lanka—a war which claimed tens of thousands of lives and cost the Sri Lankan economy billions of dollars.

Four years later, many in Sri Lanka still suffer from the lingering effects of that war. Many have not been able to return to their homes. Land mines are still being cleared, and minority Tamils have yet to be fully integrated into local affairs.

It is my hope, and the hope of most Sri Lankans, I believe, that political reconciliation can finally come to Sri Lanka and that the battle-scarred nation can enter a new era where former combatants live in harmony. But that reconciliation can only come if a legitimate mechanism for reconciliation and accountability is established. True reconciliation, Mr. Speaker, will come not from government edict but from the establishment of an equal justice system with full respect for the rule of law.

OLD TOWN SPRING

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2013*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, driving around Houston, there's an endless amount of things that you can do. You can take in an Astros game, visit some of the best museums in the world, or if you're feeling a bit adventurous, kayak Buffalo Bayou. But, if sometimes you just need to get away from the big city life, Old Town Spring is an excellent option.

At one time, Old Town Spring played a vital role in Texas. It was first settled by the Orcoquisac Indians, who depended on the abundant resources they found there. Then, Spanish and French traders arrived. They too recognized the importance of the region and established trading posts that worked closely with the natives.

In 1836, Texas won its independence from Mexico. With this independence came droves of new colonists seeking to make a living in the wide open spaces of Texas. This influx of colonists led to the city of Houston being founded in 1836, just months after independence. Ten years later, the great Republic of Texas became the 28th State of these United States.

The entrance of Texas into the Union brought even more people to the City of Houston and the surrounding regions, such as Spring. This flood of people only increased in the 1870's when railroad tracks were laid, connecting Houston to the rest of the United States. It was at this time that Spring, Texas got its name. Railroad workers building the line to Houston arrived in the area at the end of an extremely harsh winter. In their excitement at the end of winter, they dubbed their new home Camp Spring. Luckily for us, the “camp” part was dropped in 1873 when an official settlement for railroad workers was established by the I.&G.N. Railroad. A bustling railroad town was born.

For the next 50 years, Spring continued to grow. In 1901, it became a crossroads for two railways. As a major railroad switchyard, Spring began to attract businesses of all sorts. Unfortunately, this attraction soon faded when the town was dealt a series of devastating blows. In 1923 the railroad moved its headquarters from Spring to Houston. This move forced local businesses to move or close their doors. Those that stayed were soon put out of business by the Great Depression.

After years of quiet, businesses slowly started coming back to the town in the 1960's with the oil boom in Houston. Through growth and investment the area began to resemble itself once again. Since 1980, one section of Spring, Old Town Spring, has been very popular. It is continually voted as one of the top attractions in Texas every year. Through its Victorian style buildings and turn of the century feel, Old Town Spring harkens back to the days when the railroad dominated the landscape of the west.

Today, Old Town Spring features hundreds of mom and pop shops and restaurants, which provide great places to shop for antiques or simply to bathe in the nostalgia of times past. These small businesses exude a sense of family and tradition that wouldn't be possible without them. Thus, Old Town Spring stands