

HONORING HUGH SIDNEY

• Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, on November 21, America lost a great journalist and a wonderful human being when Hugh Sidey passed away at the age of 78. Hugh Sidey was a man I admired and read for many, many years. He was an observer of the world and a preeminent chronicler of our times. It was one of the great joys of my life that since coming to the Senate 9 years ago, I had the opportunity, from time to time, to sit-down with Hugh Sidey and get his sense of the world. He understood the intricacies of politics and policy but, more than that, he understood the human dynamic of our business. He understood people.

Hugh Sidey approached the world with a Midwestern sensibility and a simple decency. Raised in a newspaper family in Greenfield, IA, he learned his craft at the Omaha World-Herald among other stops early in his career. At Time Magazine he covered every American President from Dwight Eisenhower to George W. Bush. He understood politics and the presidency because he understood America. In a 1979 Time Magazine Presidency column, Hugh Sidey said this about our political system:

Politics, when all is said and done, is a business of belief and enthusiasm. Hope energizes, doubt destroys. Hopelessness is not our heritage.

That observation hangs on the wall of my Senate office. In three simple sentences, Hugh Sidey summed up what is good about our country and what American politics can be at its best.

President Gerald Ford paid an eloquent tribute to the life and legacy of Hugh Sidey in a November 26th Washington Post op-ed. Mr. President, I submit President Ford's tribute to this great American for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. America will miss Hugh Sidey.

The tribute follows.

[From the Washington Post, Nov. 26, 2005]
THE FRIENDSHIP, AND TOUGHNESS, OF HUGH
SIDNEY

(By Gerald R. Ford)

It wasn't supposed to be this way. Like most men my age, I have given a thought or two to my funeral. As a former president, I'm almost required to, since the military periodically updates its plans, and each presidential family is solicited for personal touches. Among these is a choice of eulogists. Thus it was, a few months ago, that I called Hugh Sidey.

We'd known each other forever. Hugh coming to Washington just a few years after the voters of Michigan's 5th Congressional District sent me there. Maybe it was our shared Midwestern background, his transparent decency or the tough but fair coverage he accorded me and nine other American presidents; in any event, I had always regarded Hugh as a friend. So I asked him if he would do me the honor of speaking at Washington's National Cathedral when the time came.

I did so in part for symbolic reasons. I like reporters, even if I haven't always liked what some wrote about me. I figure that's a pretty minor price to pay for a free press in a free society. But I also hoped to remind people in our often overheated era that it is

possible for a politician and a journalist to enjoy mutual respect, admiration and, yes, friendship, all the while understanding the necessarily adversarial relationship that often exists between those in power and those who report on their activities.

Hugh Sidey died this week at the age of 78. Anyone who read him knew America's presidents. Anyone who knew him knew America. In a very real sense, he never left Greenfield, Iowa, where four generations of Sideys practiced journalism with integrity and the perspective that laughter uniquely supplies. "A sense of humor . . . is needed armor," he once wrote of the presidency. "Joy in one's heart and some laughter on one's lips is a sign that the person down deep has a pretty good grasp on life."

Hugh had a sure grasp of life. An insider who never forgot those on the outside, he was warm and wise about Washington and its rituals. He appreciated Woodrow Wilson's observation that men who arrive in our nation's capital—presidents included—have a tendency to either grow or swell. But he was incapable of cynicism. Hugh scored more than, his share of scoops, but along with the ability to pierce official secrecy went an empathy that enabled him to see the White House and its occupants first and always as very human beings.

Whether reporting of the U-2 crisis, the Missiles of October or the 22nd of November; Vietnam or Watergate; Richard Nixon's opening to China, or Jimmy Carter's high-risk diplomacy at Camp David; Ronald Reagan's years of renewal; the tumult of the '90s followed by the shattering events of Sept. 11—Hugh put readers at the center of events. At the same time, he made it possible for millions who might never visit the White House to experience it, in good and not so good times, through a President's eyes and ears.

Over the years he became something of a Washington institution himself, seemingly as much a part of the presidency as Air Force One or Camp David. Yet he never behaved like an institution, and I suspect he never stopped pinching himself over his extraordinary good fortune.

For his friends, and they are legion, the good fortune was to know and learn from and simply enjoy Hugh's company. Now he is forever part of the old house whose history he brought to life. Hugh not only explained Washington to the rest of America; by being the kind of person, he was, no less than by setting the highest of journalistic standards, Hugh Sidey also embodied the best of America in Washington. •

CONGRATULATING THE MASSACHUSETTS LATINO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

• Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate the Massachusetts Latino Chamber of Commerce, La Cámara de Comercio, on the opening of their new Business Center in Springfield, MA. The Business Center will be the home of a number of Latino-owned businesses as well as providing owners with workshops and trainings for members to gain knowledge in their perspective business area. In addition, the center will establish a computer lab to assist members with business research and planning. The new center will serve as a resource able to provide support, referral, and advocacy services to small business owners. La Cámara de Comercio will establish a computer center to assist members with business

research and planning, as well as business language seminars. Latino businesses across the Commonwealth from Springfield to Boston are helping us to better compete in the global market. It is my privilege to congratulate La Cámara de Comercio on this new endeavor. •

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2005, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 21, 2005, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 308. Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a technical correction in the enrollment of H.R. 3058.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3058) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 208 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 75a-1), and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Speaker appoints as Clerk of the House of Representatives: Mrs. Karen L. Haas of Maryland.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4133. An act to temporarily increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for carrying out the national flood insurance program.

Under the authority of the order of January 4, 2005, the enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS) during the adjournment of the Senate, on November 21, 2005.

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ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2005, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 22,