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REMEMBERING QUENTIN BURDICK

IT WAS WITH GREAT SADNESS THAT WE LEARNED TODAY OF THE DEATH OF OUR FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE QUENTIN BURDICK. IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE A SENATE WITHOUT HIM.

QUENTIN BURDICK WAS ONE OF THE SENATE'S MOST RESPECTED, ADMIRED AND TRUSTED MEMBERS. HIS WORD WAS ALWAYS HIS BOND, AND THAT MEANS A LOT AROUND THIS PLACE.

I HAD THE HONOR OF WORKING WITH QUENTIN BURDICK IN THIS BODY FOR NEARLY 24 YEARS. AS FELLOW MIDWESTERNERS, WE OFTEN FOUGHT SHOULDER TO SHOULDER FOR THE INTERESTS OF OUR NATION'S FARMERS AND SMALL TOWN AMERICA. AS A TIRELESS FIGHTER FOR RURAL AMERICA, SENATOR BURDICK WAS AMONG THE FIRST TO RECOGNIZE THE PROBLEMS OF HEALTH CARE DELIVERY TO SMALL TOWNS. HIS COMMITMENT LED HIM TO ORGANIZE THE SENATE RURAL HEALTH CAUCUS TO TACKLE AN ISSUE THAT IS ABSOLUTELY CRUCIAL TO OUR SMALL TOWNS AND RURAL COMMUNITIES. NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, QUENTIN BURDICK ALWAYS WENT THE DISTANCE FOR THE PEOPLE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE MIDWEST, AND THE UNITED STATES.

IN THE 32 YEARS THAT QUENTIN BURDICK REPRESENTED NORTH DAKOTA IN THE SENATE, HE SERVED ON NO FEWER THAN NINE DIFFERENT COMMITTEES, ASCENDING TO THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AND THE AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE.

OUT OF THE 1,799 AMERICANS WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE, ONLY 20 SERVED LONGER THAN QUENTIN BURDICK. BEING CHOSEN TO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF YOUR STATE SIX TIMES IS AMONG THE RAREST TRIBUTES A PUBLIC SERVANT CAN EVER RECEIVE.

TODAY, WE REMEMBER THIS GOOD MAN FROM FARGO, A MAN WHO NEVER FORGET HIS ROOTS AND THE PEOPLE WHO SENT HIM HERE.

I KNOW ALL MY COLLEAGUES JOIN ME IN SENDING OUR MOST HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO QUENTIN BURDICK'S WIFE JOCELYN AND TO HIS ENTIRE FAMILY.

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