

Tributes

As *The Ottawa Citizen* said, he wore many hats and he discharged his responsibilities with distinction.

On behalf of all of us on this side of the House, I want to extend our sincerest sympathy to his family, his two sons and his daughters. We, on this side, appreciate very much the significant contribution he has made to Canada and the business world in public leadership. Most important, as members of the House of Commons, we appreciate very much the class, the distinction, and the leadership that he showed here on the floor of the House.

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While I am on my feet, I would like to also pay tribute as well to a former colleague of ours, namely, Lawrence Watson, who was the former member of Parliament for the riding of Assiniboia in the province of Saskatchewan. Lawrence served the House from 1963 to 1968. He passed away on December 22.

While I did not have the privilege of serving in the House with him, I got to know him as one who was a champion of rural affairs and the farmers of western Canada, particularly the wheat growers in the Assiniboia area. He was a big fellow and we used to refer to him as Hoss and he enjoyed that very much. He had a lot of friends and made a lot of friends here. He was a man who looked after his constituency affairs and certainly always had the interests of the farmers at heart.

We want to, on this occasion, send to his wife, Louise, and his family our deepest sympathy and to assure them, that the contribution of Lawrence Watson will always be remembered and treasured.

Hon. Audrey McLaughlin (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my party, I would like to join in the condolences to the families of Mr. Watson and the Hon. Bud Drury. While I did not serve with either of those gentlemen, I think the very wonderful recounts of those who did serve with them are a great tribute.

Perhaps the greatest tributes one can have from one's colleagues have been given today concerning those two parliamentarians, particularly the Hon. Bud Drury, who served in a number of capacities, over a number of years, under two Prime Ministers. We see a model that all of us

could afford to emulate in taking an interest in a diversity of affairs to serve the Canadian people well and to be a role model for all Canadians. So, I too, would like to add condolences, on behalf of my party, to the families of those two great parliamentarians.

Hon. Ralph Ferguson (Lambton—Middlesex): Mr. Speaker, I, too, want to express our condolences to the family and friends of the former member from Saskatchewan. He was certainly recognized across Canada as one of those farm leaders who took the bit in his mouth and fought on behalf of the constituents he represented. He will be sadly missed by all those who knew him.

I also rise today to pay tribute to a former member of this House, Larry Condon, who died last Friday and was buried this morning. Larry Condon was a member of this House from 1974 to 1979. For those who knew Larry, he was an enthusiastic person with boundless energy who loved his country and his family. He served his constituents well, in his former position as mayor of the town of Strathroy and as member of Parliament for Lambton—Middlesex. Larry Condon was a true friend of the working people. He will be sadly missed by his former colleagues, his friends, his family and all of those who were dear to him.

Mr. Ken Monteith (Elgin—Norfolk): Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a true Canadian and a former member of Parliament, Larry Condon. Larry was the member for Lambton—Middlesex. Mr. Condon always had the interests of his community and Canada at heart. Larry is remembered as a likeable, non-partisan individual. On behalf of our government, I extend to his wife and family our sympathies.

Mr. Bruce Halliday (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I want also to add my condolences to the family of Larry Condon. There are few of us in the House from the class of 1974—two colleagues to my right and perhaps one or two across the way. We are very limited in number now.

We all remember Larry as being a very affable person, easy to get along with, friendly, congenial, and so on. We enjoyed his fellowship while we were here in the House. It is something that this House brings to itself that is quite remarkable.