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PORTrait UNVEILING of CONGRESSMAN Olin Teague

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1975
I'm sure you're all familiar with the slogan, "Put a tiger in your tank." Well, America can be mighty grateful that, twenty-nine years ago, Texans put this tiger in our house!
CONGRESSMAN TEAGUE IS TRULY A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS.

I HAVE KNOWN HIM AS PATRIOT, LEGISLATOR, HUMANITARIAN AND ATHLETE. NOT TOO MANY PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT THE ATHLETE PART --

BUT I CAN TELL YOU FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, THEY DIDN'T CALL HIM THE MINNESOTA FATS OF THE HOUSE PADDLEBOARD COURT FOR NOTHING!
I HAVE KNOWN, WORKED WITH, ADMIRÉD AND RESPECTED TIGER TEAGUE SINCE I FIRST CAME TO THE CONGRESS IN 1949.

TIGER PRECEDED ME BY OVER A TERM AND I HAVE OFTEN CONSIDERED HIS ELECTION TO THE HOUSE TO BE ONE OF THE MOST DRAMATIC ON RECORD.
Sometimes the term "war hero" is used rather loosely, but in Tiger Teague's case, it is almost an understatement.

As the commander of a combat infantry battalion -- Tiger more than lived up to his name. He was wounded in battle more than once and was decorated eleven times by the French and United States governments. And it was while he was still being treated at an army hospital in 1946 -- recovering from these combat-incurred wounds -- that he learned of his highest honor -- that of being elected to the Congress of the United States.
Tiger Teague knows and has experienced the ultimate meaning of the words "trust" and "honor". As colonel and congressman, he has always fought to defend the vital interests of the American people. In twenty-nine years of distinguished legislative service, his record of achievement is enviable.
AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, HE HAS WORKED TIRELESSLY TO MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE OUR LEADERSHIP IN SPACE. AND AS "MR. VETERAN" HIMSELF -- HE HAS AUTHORED MORE PUBLIC LAWS FOR OUR FORMER SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN THAN ANY OTHER LEGISLATOR IN HISTORY.
HIS SENSITIVITY AND COMPASSION FOR OTHERS HAS
EXPRESSED ITSELF IN SO MANY LASTING AND TANGIBLE WAYS.

JUST ONE OF HIS CONCEPTS -- THE WAR ORPHAN SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM -- HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING THE EDUCATIONAL
BENEFITS OF THE G.I. BILL TO MORE THAN A QUARTER MILLION
DESERVING CHILDREN AND SPOUSES OF THOSE SERVICE MEN AND
WOMEN WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE FOR OUR NATION.
THOSE OF US WHO HAVE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO WORK WITH HIM,

KNOW TIGER AS A NO-NONSENSE, HARD-WORKING, GET-TO-THE-POINT COLLEAGUE. A MAN OF STRONG CONVICTIONS BUT A MAN WHO WILL HEAR OUT YOUR OWN CONVICTIONS AND CONSIDER THEM FULLY AND FAIRLY.

TONIGHT, LET ME CONGRATULATE THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL SPACE CLUB FOR COMMISSIONING THIS PORTRAIT -- AND MR. TERRY RODGERS FOR CAPTURING THESE MANY ASPECTS OF TIGER ON CANVAS.
BUT ABOVE ALL, LET ME CONGRATULATE MY GOOD FRIEND FOR AN OUTSTANDING LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENT.

IN MY YOUNGER DAYS THERE WAS A VERY POPULAR SONG WITH THE WORDS: "HOLD THAT TIGER". LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, HERE IS ONE TIGER YOU WILL NEVER HOLD.

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