

The mark of Theodore Roosevelt McKeldin perhaps was best told in the spontaneous tributes made to him at the time of his passing.

The Governor of Maryland, for example, described him as "a giant of his era" and said that his loss would be felt by "all those who shared his belief in decency and in the dignity of the individual."

Mayor William Donald Schaefer of Baltimore City spoke of Mr. McKeldin as "a man who scaled the tallest heights but never lost the common touch." Mayor Schaefer pointed out how Mr. McKeldin loved people and continued that "in a way, he belonged to each of us."

In the words of U. S. Senator Mathias, "Ted McKeldin was a Baltimore original. His style has been imitated but never duplicated. He had a monopoly on charisma before we knew what the term was. He had a personal appeal that transcended party lines and cut across all class and ethnic barriers. We are richer for having known him. We are poorer now that we have lost him."

U. S. Representative Paul S. Sarbanes described Mr. McKeldin as "a leader of extraordinary humanity and decency." He said that Mr. McKeldin's actions were "marked by a deep and uncompromising commitment to the brotherhood of man and to the American ideals of equality and justice."

One of the highlights of Ted McKeldin's career was the nominating speech on behalf of Dwight D. Eisenhower in the Republican National Convention of 1952.

Perhaps an outstanding facet of his career was his deep religious nature. He has been described as a man who could be completely sincere in presenting a rosary to a Catholic and a King James New Testament to a Protestant before donning a skullcap to enter a synagogue for Rosh Hashanah service.

In the passing of Theodore Roosevelt McKeldin, the State of Maryland, the City of Baltimore, and the entire country have lost an appealing and an outstanding figure of rare stature. He will be remembered by a great host of friends and co-workers as a foremost citizen of his state and nation; as a man with ideals and commitments which were a part of his life. The General Assembly of Maryland is proud to join in the universal acclaim of the life of a great Marylander; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That on behalf of the entire State of Maryland, this Body