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Cannon, Who Will Succeed David B. Henderson as Speaker of the House



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"Uncle Joe" laughed.

Washington, D. C. does have a building honoring Cannon. David McCullough opines in *The American Spirit: Who We Are And What We Stand For*

[y]ou may wonder how many who pour in and out of . . .the Cannon Building have any notion of who [was] Joseph Gurney Cannon. . . .There is no adequate biography[of Cannon]. . . .

As Speaker of the House and head of the Rules Committee, Uncle Joe Cannon, of Danville, Illinois, once wielded power here of the kind unimaginable today. [Simon & Schuster (2017), page 8]

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Sam Rayburn, a powerful Speaker of the House in his own times, once commented

I have always admired Mr. Reed and Mr. Cannon for one thing, especially, and that is they had the ability, they had the confidence in themselves to believe that they could exercise, well, all the power that went with the great office of Speaker under the rules of the House of Representatives. When I used to look upon Mr. Cannon in this House, I always thought that I looked upon a man with iron in his backbone and brains in his head. [*Congressional Record*, Special Session, 1939, page 570]

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New York Times Dateline November 12,1926, Danville, IL

“The fiery spirit of Joseph Gurney Cannon, former Speaker of the House of Representatives, dimmed to an ember by the weight of 90 years, was quenched today by death. . . .He declined several invitations to appear publically in the weeks preceding his death, but his greatest regret was occasioned by his inability to speak at a schoolhouse near Annapolis, IN where he made his first public speech as a schoolboy.”

“No public man in America has had a more colorful career than Joseph Gurney Cannon. That career lasted fully fifty years...It was a career of sunshine and tempest. If Roosevelt had a “bully good time” as he said after he had served seven and a half years in the White House, Cannon had a bully good time for half a century.”

“America knew Cannon as “Uncle Joe” the stalwart leader of the lower house, the fire-eating debater, the genial, whiskered politician, clenching a cigar in his teeth under a broad brimmed hat.”