

had five children. Mrs. Halbeisen frequently volunteered at the Hayes Research Library where she worked as a genealogist for many years. Her dedication and volunteerism were always commended by her neighbors and friends.

Shirley's love for her friends and family, dedication to her work and education, and commitment to the Hayes Research Library, all highlight a few of the qualities we all love and will miss most. She is survived by her five children Rynda, Veda, Renee, Brock, and Cana; her brother Tomas; her twelve grandchildren; and her ten great-grandchildren. Shirley was a beloved part of our community, and she will be deeply missed.

IN MEMORY OF CHRISTIAN R.  
LONG

**HON. CHARLES W. DENT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2015*

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life of Christian R. Long.

Unfortunately, but fittingly, Mr. Long passed away over the Memorial Day weekend, our solemn holiday for remembrance and recognition of the heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

Mr. Long saw front-line service in Europe with the 44th Infantry Division during World War II. Raised in Lebanon County, which is home to many people of Pennsylvania German (Dutch) ancestry, Mr. Long was also assigned as a German-language interpreter. What could be more Pennsylvanian?

After the war, he was determined to learn a trade. He worked as a carpenter for over 40 years building and renovating homes and other properties for Carlos Adams in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Long, who was known as "Christ" (pronounced "Krist"), was a lifetime member of The American Legion. He enjoyed gardening, hunting, fishing, and trapping. His carpentry skills and love of the outdoors enabled him and his sons to buy land and build a hunting cabin, primarily using recycled building materials, in Sullivan County, Pennsylvania. He also built his own home, as well as constructed and renovated residences, decks and boat docks for his children.

Born on March 12, 1924 in Harpers, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Christian Adam Long, Sr. and Mary Hoover Long. He grew up in Lawn, Pennsylvania. Mr. Long was a devoted father and husband; he and Pearl Weaver Long of Palmyra were married April 27, 1947 and she preceded him in death on January 14, 1995. They reared their family in Campbelltown, Pennsylvania. He is survived by four children, seven grandchildren, five great grandchildren, six step-grandchildren and five great step grandchildren.

Ronald Reagan aptly recognized in his first inaugural address that, "Those who say that we're in a time when there are not heroes, they just don't know where to look." Mr. Long was one of those everyday heroes who made our country the great nation it is today.

# STRENGTHENING FISHING COMMUNITIES AND INCREASING FLEXIBILITY IN FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 1, 2015*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1335) to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fishermen, and for other purposes:

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Chair, I rise today deeply disappointed that the Magnuson-Stevens reauthorization before us does not follow in its long-held tradition of thoughtful bipartisanship.

The bill before us would roll back protections our citizens enjoy under the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, and the Antiquities Act. This bill would remove requirements that prevent overfishing, thereby preventing us from enjoying the benefits of healthy fisheries. We cannot simply wish for more fish in the ocean, we must create the conditions that make it possible.

Magnuson should promote innovation and responsible flexibility, while ensuring we have the resources to obtain the best data possible to make informed decisions about one of our most precious economic and food resources—our fisheries.

This is the kind of flexibility my bill, the Rhode Island Fishermen's Fairness Act, would provide. My bill would create two new spots for Rhode Island on the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council.

Rhode Island lands more Mid-Atlantic-regulated species than any other state in the Mid-Atlantic region besides New Jersey. Our circumstance parallels that of Florida and North Carolina, which each have voting membership on two different fishery management councils.

The decisions of the Mid-Atlantic Council directly affect the success of Rhode Island's fishing industry and the ability of our fishermen to maintain their businesses, and they deserve a say in how those resources are managed.

We all believe that Magnuson can be improved. The last Magnuson reauthorization was a bipartisan and widely supported bill. I am sorry to say that this bill does not follow the same path, and it is not a bill I can support.

I look forward to working with Mr. GRIJALVA and my Republican colleagues on a bipartisan product which includes provisions our fishermen need and support, like H.R. 2541, the Rhode Island Fishermen's Fairness Act.

HONORING MSGT. JERIS DAVIS

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2015*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I stand to honor a public servant in the field of law enforcement, MSgt. Jeris Davis. Mr. Davis is from Shaw, MS.

There are many capacities in which one can be a public servant, each one requiring certain talent and passion for the position. Environment plays a big role in preparing people for their destiny. MSgt. Davis' family and home environment was that of a middle class working family. His father, Warren Davis, worked at Dixie Tobacco and Candy Company in Shaw for over 40 years. His mother, Ruth Davis had two jobs: she was employed with the Shaw Sewing Factory and Lewis Grocery Warehouse in Indianola for over 30 years.

MSgt. Davis had influence all around him: His grandmother, Mattie Davis; aunts: Judy Freeman and Mildred Johnson; and several of his uncles, all were important role models. Warren Davis, his father, and his uncle, Frank Freeman, were members of the Shaw Volunteer Fire Department. At the age of 12, while still in elementary school, they would take him to the fire department with them on weekends, which was his reward for good grades and good behavior. Those visits to the fire department, watching his dad and uncle, and community men work around the fire, created a desire in him to do the same.

MSgt. Davis continued this for years, volunteering to clean the equipment, listening to the firemen talk, learning how to operate the equipment, and developing the skills of a fireman. In fact, many people actually thought he was a fireman for the city, because he would be at all the fires (e.g., spraying water, pulling down equipment, always asking the firemen to let him go into the fire and rescue someone). Those opportunities fueled his desire, even more, to help and serve the public, especially in Shaw.

MSgt. Davis graduated from Shaw High School and went on to join many organizations and clubs that focused on some role of public service. Through this he was able to develop more skills and leadership ability, all the time preparing him for a career in public service.

MSgt. Davis held down two jobs, and eventually, became a member of the Shaw Volunteer Fire Department and a dispatcher for the Shaw Police Department. From there in 1992 he became an equipment operator for the Mississippi State Highway Department, while continuing his role as a member of the fire department. The year 1998 was the beginning of MSgt. Davis' career as a professional in law enforcement. His resume of experience and accomplishments include:

1998 Year: Completion of the Mississippi Law Enforcement Training Academy, 1998 Year: Police Officer, City of Shaw Police Department, 1992 Year: Highway Officer for the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT), 2000 Year: MDOT Honor Guard Officer representing Fallen Law Enforcement Officers in Washington, DC, 2001 Year: Completion of the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics Training Academy, 2003 Year: Completion of the Mississippi Highway Patrol Cadet School, 2009 Year: US Marshal Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Taskforce, Oxford, MS, created by Congress, and 2013 Year: Completion of the Mississippi Certified Investigators Program, Pearl, MS.

MSgt. Davis has recently been promoted to Master Sergeant within the Mississippi Highway Patrol. In this capacity he is assigned to the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation as an investigator. MSgt. Davis is often assigned to special assignments because of the various

trainings and acquired knowledge of expertise. Some of those assignments are: narcotic investigations, high level fugitive investigations and searches, and special homicide cases.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring MSgt. Jeris Davis for his dedication and service as a public servant in the field of law enforcement. I am proud to have him as a resident of the Mississippi Second Congressional District.

#### CELEBRATING THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOROUGH OF CHATHAM

#### HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2015*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very special occasion for the Borough of Chatham, New Jersey. Located in Morris County, the Borough is celebrating the 300th Anniversary of its establishment.

Prior to the first colonial settlers arriving in the area in 1680, the Lenni-Lenape Indians helped create trails that would eventually lead Europeans to the area in 1680. In 1715, a land transaction gave 1,200 acres to John Budd, a Philadelphia merchant who would farm the land. Just six years later, that same merchant owned all of the land of what today is the Borough of Chatham.

In 1773, the name Chatham was given to the village in honor of William Pitt, the first Earl of Chatham. During the Revolutionary War, Chatham played an instrumental role in the success of the Colonists. Not only did Chatham and surrounding towns help stop further westward British advancement, but it was also used to fool the enemy. General Washington constructed a full-scale base of operations including brick ovens large enough to appear to be able to bake 3,000 loaves of bread to feed the troops.

What is seen as the most important event in Chatham's history occurred on September 14, 1837. This is when the first steam train of the Morris & Essex Railroad Company arrived in the Borough. This event improved both commerce and travel time to all towns along the line.

On March 1, 1897, Chatham became the first New Jersey village to become incorporated as a borough. The improvements of electric lights, water and sewage plants, installation of gas lines, and even the beautification efforts can be attributed to the first council of the Borough and its first Mayor, Frederick H. Lum. The Borough has continued to grow and flourish.

In 2005, Chatham was named "One of the Top Ten Places to Live in the United States" by Money Magazine. Chatham's rich history and patriotic residents make Chatham Borough an extraordinary community in our nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Chatham for its 300 year Anniversary of its establishment, and wish the Borough and its residents many more years of continued success and celebration.

#### HONORING THE TEXAS COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

#### HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2015*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Texas County Memorial Hospital in Houston, Missouri.

Texas County has reported 29 tornados since 1950, five in the last eight years. With this, the Texas County Memorial Hospital saw great need for a way to protect citizens during severe weather, and a great opportunity with their hospital. From there, in 2013, the idea of a community safe room was born. After securing state and federal grants, as well as donations from community members, and just over a year and a half of construction, the project is complete and ready for use.

The safe room has 4,000 square feet of climate-controlled space that is designed to withstand 250 mile per hour winds and provide shelter for up to 462 people. The safe room will be great for the Houston area in times of emergency. Additionally, the safe room can be utilized as a meeting space during non-threatening weather times, which provides an even greater asset to the Houston community.

For the many years of service to others and commitment to future safety, it is my pleasure to recognize the Texas County Memorial Hospital of Houston before the United States House of Representatives.

#### RECOGNIZING CDR KERWIN E. MILLER, USN (RET.)

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2015*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak to a changing era in the District of Columbia. Tonight, at the Columbia Heights Education Campus, CDR Kerwin E. Miller, USNR, Ret., Chair of our District of Columbia Service Academy Selection Board, conducts his last Service Academy College ceremony as Chair for recognition of new appointees to the Service Academies and recruitment of District of Columbia high school students for future years. After 10 distinguished years of service as Chair, CDR Miller passes his baton to David P. Gragan, our current Vice Chair.

CDR Miller, a graduate of U.S. Naval Academy Class of '75, joined the Service Academy Selection Board under my predecessor, Walter Fauntroy, in 1986. He has served during my congressional service since 1991 as a board member, as Vice-Chair, and since 2005, as chairman.

In those 10 years, CDR Miller has directed his formidable energies toward District of Columbia students, encouraging them to join him on the road leading to the inestimable opportunities afforded by an appointment to one of the five Service Academies of United States.

During his service, CDR Miller has been an inspirational figure and a highly effective chair. Not long ago, for example, there were years in which few, if any, students from the D.C. public schools applied for the nominations. As always, we were pleased and proud to have our

private and parochial school students. Tonight, D.C. will feast on a more diverse harvest of CDR Miller's leadership as he and I present certificates of appointment to the U.S. Military, U.S. Naval, U.S. Coast Guard, and U.S. Air Force academies to nine D.C. students. Four of our appointees attended D.C. public schools and one attended a D.C. public charter school.

When CDR Miller becomes Chairman Emeritus of our Selection Board, he will not "retire." In continued devotion to the Academies and to recruitment of the finest to serve, he will remain on our Service Academy Selection Board, and, in addition, he will work with the academies on an effort to increase Academy nominations from Congressional Black Caucus member districts. He will join with Academy graduates like Pat Locke, the first African-American woman to graduate from West Point, to help advise CBC members concerning recruitment of their constituents to take advantage of the educational and career opportunities offered by the Service Academies.

The District of Columbia is very fortunate that CDR Miller has not worked alone. He achieved his success in collaboration with the hard work of the other members of our Selection Board, David P. Gragan, USAFA '77, Vice Chair, Timothy M. Ash, USAFA '00, Lewis D. Baker, USMA '91, Capt Holly D. Childs, USAFR, USAFA '06, Lt Col Patrick Clowney, USAF (Ret), USAFA '94, O.V. Johnson, Daniel J. Keenaghan, USMA '00, George R. Keys, USAFA '70, Past Chairman, Mr. Charles B. King, III, USMA '94, Riaz K. Latifullah USMMA '78, Laila Linares, USMMA '06, Merita Carter, Pierpont Mobley, Ofc. James N. Rimensnyder, DCMP, USMA '05, Prof. Barbara J. Smith, Joel C. Spangenberg, USNA '00, Michael B. Velasquez, USNA '89, and Harry Wingo, USNA '88.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding service of CDR Kerwin E. Miller, in congratulating David Gragan on becoming Chair, and in thanking the members of our D.C. Service Academy Selection Board for their dedication and service to the District of Columbia, to the U.S. Service Academies and to the nation.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF MR. EARL J. MORRIS

#### HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2015*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding individual, Mr. Earl J. Morris, of Owingsville, Kentucky, for his distinguished military service during World War II. Mr. Morris, a part of the greatest generation, served our nation in the United States Army.

Mr. Morris left the comforts of home and family on November 6, 1944 for Camp Shanks, New York. He then boarded a ship and left for the European Theater of Operations. He served in Belgium, France, Holland, and Germany. His unit first engaged the Germans on Christmas Eve of 1944 in Biren, Belgium. During the fighting in Europe, he and his fellow soldiers endured below zero temperatures, terrible snowstorms, hunger, fatigue, and heavy enemy fire. He fought in the Battle