

Task Force. In 1999, Kevin was promoted to Captain and named Commander of District 5 Joliet.

Captain Shaughnessy has received many decorations during his career including the Illinois State Police Director's Award of Honor and the Director's Award of Merit. In 2002, the Captain received the M.A.D.D. Officer of the year for Will County. During his career, Captain Shaughnessy has instructed over 3,000 Law Enforcement Officers on a variety of topics.

Captain Shaughnessy and his wife, Colleen are the proud parents of three children, Ryan, Kelly and Mary Beth. Friends of the Captain say he is an avid golfer and can often be found on his favorite golf course.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this body to identify and recognize other persons in their own districts whose actions have so greatly benefitted and strengthened America's families and communities.

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COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF REV. LUTHER VINCENT LAITE III

**HON. DAVE WELDON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 21, 2004*

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life and service of Rev. Luther Vincent Laite III. Rev. Laite, a pastor and disabled American veteran of the United States Navy. Rev. Laite died on December 7, 2003, of complications from asbestosis, a disease contracted while serving his country in the U.S. Navy.

Rev. Laite honorably served his country for six years aboard the USS *Goldsborough*, and was honorably discharged in 1984.

Rev. Laite served as a pastor for 19 years in Brevard County, Florida. At the time of his death, Rev. Laite was the Senior Pastor of Christian Life Family Church of Brevard.

As a result of Luther's belief that churches must be involved in the life of the community, many women and children in need were helped. There was always room at the Laite family table or in the Laite house for those who had no other place to go.

Luther served on the board of the Protestant Ministries of Florida Institute of Technology and was National Director of Life Coalition International, an international pro-life ministry.

Luther is survived by his wife, Patti; seven children, Lydia Baker, Luther V. Laite IV, Audra Laite, Amanda Laite, Jesse Laite, Josiah Laite and Jonathan Laite; grandchildren, Zechariah Baker and Ethan Baker; his loving parents Luther and Peggy Laite and sister Vicky Stites, her children and grandchildren.

Several hundred people from all over the Nation attended the Luther Vincent Laite III memorial service that was held at Truth Revealed Ministries, Palm Bay, Florida, on December 13, 2003. Burial services were held at the Military Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida on December 15, 2003.

As quoted in Matthew 25:21, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your Master's happiness."

Indeed, Rev. Laite will be remembered by those who loved him as a faithful family man, devoted pastor and loyal friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. We will all miss him.

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IN RECOGNITION OF THE QUEEN MARY II

**HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 21, 2004*

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, January 26, 2004, the world's newest and grandest passenger cruise ship, the Queen Mary II, makes its first international port of call to one

of the world's premier cruise ports, Port Everglades located in beautiful Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The Queen Mary II embarked on its two-week maiden voyage on Monday, January 12 following an extraordinary send-off amid fireworks and hundreds of well wishers from its home port of Southampton, England.

Named after her Royal Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the Queen Mary II is a state-of-the-art, luxury passenger vessel. In fact, the Queen Mary II is 1,132 feet in length, 236 feet in height, top speed of approximately 30 knots, and includes a crew of 1,253 and maximum capacity of 2,620 passengers. An impressive list of vital statistics.

It is a great privilege to have the Queen Mary II and her crew visit Fort Lauderdale. Port Everglades remains one of the nation's busiest ports in both commercial and passenger traffic. Port Everglades has become a major embarkation point along the east coast. In 2003, Port Everglades experienced 3,072,343 passengers through its cruise ship terminal generating more than \$89 million in total annual operating revenue. The continued success of Port Everglades is a testament to the financial commitment of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners and the stewardship of Port Director Ken Krauter.

Port Everglades is the port of call for more than 5,400 ships. Port Everglades is home to a number of seasonal or year-round ships representing a wide array of cruise lines; including Carnival, Celebrity, Costa, Crystal, Cunard, Holland America, Imperial Majesty, Mediterranean Shipping, Orient, Princess, Radisson Seven Seas, Regal, Royal Caribbean International, Seabourn and Silversea.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Broward County, Port Everglades, and the residents of South Florida, I welcome the Queen Mary II, Captain Ron Warwick, and crew to Fort Lauderdale on the occasion of entering their first port of call, and wish her and her crew many years of calm and safe seas on the many journeys across the Atlantic.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2004 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 27

- 9:30 a.m.  
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
To hold hearings to examine the current situation regarding the discovery of a case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy in Washington State as it relates to food safety, livestock marketing, and international trade. SD-106
- 10 a.m.  
Budget  
To hold hearings to examine the CBO budget and economic outlook. SD-608
- Governmental Affairs  
Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the fee structure of mutual funds that may lead to conflicts of interest, mislabeled costs and other practices in the industry that may be harmful to investors. SD-342
- Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine a proposed constitutional amendment to guarantee a functioning Congress, with respect to the continuity of the United States government. SD-226
- Aging  
To hold hearings to examine retirement planning. SD-628

- 10:30 a.m.  
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine health issues. SD-430
- 2:30 p.m.  
Judiciary  
Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine seaport security since September 11, 2001. SD-226

JANUARY 28

- 9:30 a.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine NASA's future space mission. SR-253
- 10 a.m.  
Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Franklin S. Van Antwerpen, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. SD-226
- 10:30 a.m.  
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine health issues relating to health care costs and the uninsured. SD-430

JANUARY 29

- 10 a.m.  
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry. SD-538

FEBRUARY 3

- 9:30 a.m.  
Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for Fiscal Year 2005 and the future years defense program. SH-216
- 10 a.m.  
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine fund operations and governance relating to current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry. SD-538

FEBRUARY 10

- 9:30 a.m.  
Armed Services  
To resume hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for Fiscal Year 2005 and the future years defense program. SR-325

FEBRUARY 24

- 2 p.m.  
Veterans' Affairs  
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans. SH-216

MARCH 4

- 10 a.m.  
Veterans' Affairs  
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Jewish War Veterans, and the Blinded Veterans Association. 345 CHOB

MARCH 10

- 10 a.m.  
Veterans' Affairs  
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. SH-216

MARCH 18

- 10 a.m.  
Veterans' Affairs  
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Air Force Sergeants Association, the Retired Enlisted Association, Gold Star Wives of America, and the Fleet Reserve Association. 345 CHOB

MARCH 25

- 10 a.m.  
Veterans' Affairs  
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, AMVETS, American Ex-Prisoners of War, the Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Military Officers Association of America. 345 CHOB

SEPTEMBER 21

- 10 a.m.  
Veterans' Affairs  
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion. 345 CHOB