

part of my successful campaign for the California State Senate.

Rick worked for me in many capacities throughout my tenure in the state Senate, including as my district director. When I was elected to U.S. Congress in 1990, Rick chose to remain active in California politics. He served as chief of staff to Assemblyman David Knowles and as a consultant for the Republican caucus in the assembly.

While working in the California State Legislature, Rick remained active in volunteer organizations in California. He served as the statewide president of the California Republican Assembly, chairman of the Placer County Republican Party, credentials chairman for the California Republican Party, and in other important roles for groups that were advocating the conservative principles to which Rick has always been committed.

In 2004, Rick left California to retire in Idaho. Though he is retired, Rick remains active in politics and in public service. He currently sits on the board of directors for the Cabinet Mountains Water District and is still an important figure in California politics. I am pleased to have known Rick for many years as a colleague, a member of my staff, and a friend. I would like to express my gratitude to him for his work over the years for me and for the many causes he has championed, and I wish him all the very best in the future.

“KEVIN STOKESBURY—FRIEND OF
THE FISHERMEN”

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, on the last weekend of September of this year, I was supposed to be at the Fishermen's Festival in New Bedford, an event I always enjoy and which I look forward to attending. Instead, as you know, I was here in Washington, D.C. as we were working to try and put the \$700 billion credit system rescue plan into final form.

Among the events I missed at that festival was the awarding of the 2008 Friend of the Fishermen Award to Kevin Stokesbury. Dr. Stokesbury chairs the Department of Fisheries Oceanography at SMAST—the extremely important and valuable part of the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, which studies the fishing industry.

He received this award from the people in the fishing industry of New Bedford because of the high quality of the work he has done to provide the kind of first-rate scientific information that is so essential to the continued survival of the fishing industry. One of the great successes—probably the greatest success—we have seen in regulation of the fishing industry in New England is with the scallop fishery, and no one is more responsible for this success than Kevin Stokesbury.

Madam Speaker, because Kevin Stokesbury's work shows that it is possible to support a thriving fishery in an environmentally responsible way, it is particularly noteworthy that he received this award from the fishing industry of New Bedford—the most important fishing port in America. I ask that the explanation by the fishing industry of this award to Kevin Stokesbury be printed here.

INTRODUCTION OF 2008'S “FRIEND OF THE FISHERMEN”

This year's recipient of “The Friend of the Fishing Industry Award” needs no introduction to most of the NB fishing industry, particularly the scallop fishermen. It took him a while to find his way here to us as he seems to have taken a long way around, but he now lives in Westport with his wife Shawna, & four children; Kasey, Tyrez, Taysia, & Henry.

Starting with his B.Sc. & M.Sc. both of which he earned at Acadia University in Nova Scotia, he then received his PhD in Marine Ecology from Universite Laval, Quebec City, Quebec in 1994.

He worked as a Research Assistant 1994–1996 at the Center for Marine Science Research at the U. of NC at Wilmington before moving to the U of Alaska Fairbanks, as a Research Assistant from September 1996–1998.

Ten years ago in September 1998 he finally found his way here when he joined SMAST at U MASS, Dartmouth as an Associate Fellow. In September 2000 he became an Associate Professor. In September 2005 he became the Chair of the Department of Fisheries Oceanography. Do you sense a trend here?

In 1999 Kevin conceived a plan to videotape & map the seafloor; the resulting survey would actually count scallops with the intention of determining the size of the biomass. He got together with a few scallop vessel owners & others from the industry, & as they say, “the rest is history”.

Kevin & his associates from his lab at SMAST have probably logged more sea-time than a lot of fishermen over these past 9 or 10 years. They have completed more than 100 video cruises surveying Georges Bank & the Mid-Atlantic fishing grounds; this is more than 600 DAS. Their video library consisting of footage from more than 200,000 video samples has been used in every scallop fisheries management plan since 1999.

Today this work has become much more detailed & expansive & it now must be acclaimed as some of the leading environmental work regarding sea floor habitat, & the marine benthic community.

Not surprisingly, Kevin's work has not received the same acclaim from many of his peers that it has from the fishing industry & his associates. This unique cooperative research that has existed between the fishing industry, Kevin & SMAST since its inception, has turned much of the “Old Science” on its ear, & some did not take kindly to that. Without this “New Science”, it's possible that we still would not be scalloping in the Closed Areas!

As Chair of the Department of Fisheries & Oceanography, Kevin's oversight now includes along with scallops; groundfish, lobster & marine environments. Perhaps even more importantly, he is now fostering a new generation of marine scientists & researchers who, if the fishing industry is lucky, will follow the path that Kevin has so brightly blazed!

It gives me great pleasure to present “The Friend of the Fishermen's Award” to someone I'm proud to call my friend; Dr. Kevin D.E. Stokesbury.

HONORING DRU RYAN JORDAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dru Ryan Jordan of Platte City, Missouri. Dru is a very special young

man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Dru has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Dru has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Dru Ryan Jordan for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Sixty years since its inception, the Declaration of Human Rights continues to be a foundation for the protection of rights and a statement to the world that human rights abuse is an abomination of the human race.

On December 10, 1948, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted and proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The declaration was established from the horrific religious and racial bigotry of World War II. The declaration represented the first global expression of rights to which all human beings are inherently entitled. This declaration expresses to the world that human rights are not just a principle for the few, the wealthy, or for those who live in economically developed nations—human rights are universal and for all humankind.

Today, we still live in a world where people murder their neighbors over religion, the color of their skin, and national ideologies. This is unacceptable. It is my hope that we as a world of nations can settle our differences through dialogue and treat our fellow man with dignity and respect.

HONORING BRIGADIER GENERAL DELILAH R. WORKS

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today on the occasion of her promotion to the rank of Brigadier General to honor and congratulate Delilah R. Works for her many years of dedicated service to the State of Tennessee, the Tennessee Air National Guard, and to our Nation.

General Works earned her commission through Officer Training School at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in April 1980. In the years that followed, she distinguished herself in assignments in the Air Force and the Air National Guard that took her from Alaska to