

When the 38–10 win was in the books, Adam sat next to Tuck for the celebration, even though he was sporting a No. 90 Pierre-Paul jersey. Tuck didn't mind, Adam said, and even gave him a No. 91 jersey to add to his wardrobe.

"I have a newfound love for Justin Tuck," Adam said. "The locker room was awesome. Make-A-Wish didn't just create a wish—it was a dream."

REMEMBERING JIM SPELLMAN

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to one of Connecticut's most dedicated and admired public officials, former Stonington first selectman, James Spellman, Sr., who passed away at the age of 92.

Mr. Spellman's legacy of public service is remarkable. Elected 12 times over a span of 24 years, he made history as Stonington's longest serving first selectman. And he retired as Connecticut's longest serving municipal executive. At age 80, he received a rare, lifetime public service award from the town of Stonington. His lasting impact will be measured by the local landmarks erected under his leadership that will endure for generations.

As first selectman, Mr. Spellman was an expert manager during a time of tremendous growth, and he guided historic development in infrastructure. Most especially, he oversaw construction of the portion of Interstate 95 connecting Stonington with the rest of the State and east coast, and the development of several schools and shared recreational spaces. Mr. Spellman always stayed true to the core values of his hometown. Born and raised in the area, he considered the town his family.

Mr. Spellman's loved ones are quick to point out he never asked for—or expected—a local namesake. In fact, town officials quickly chose to dedicate Spellman Drive at a time when Mr. Spellman was physically unable to decline the honor while hospitalized.

His work was his life and his job was his personal pride. In this way, one of his shining accomplishments—the preservation of the Stonington Town Dock and commercial fishing for Stonington—is both personal and public. He was a courageous and highly decorated veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II, and he led deliberately, kindly, and with stellar intuition.

In addition to his leadership of town hall, Mr. Spellman chaired the Water Pollution Control Authority and guided the creation of an intermunicipal sewage system. He also donated his time serving on the school board, and volunteering with the Pawcatuck Fire Department, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, and the Connecticut Judicial Selection Commission. In 1955, he was one of the first Connecticut residents to be given a real-estate brokerage license, and from 1956 to 1961 was appointed by then-Governor Abraham Ribicoff as judge of the Stonington Town Court—the only appointee without a law degree.

Even in retirement, Mr. Spellman demonstrated his truly heartfelt care and concern for Stonington. He was generous with sage advice for local leaders throughout Connecticut, checking in frequently at town hall, and writing to the local newspaper.

Mr. Spellman was deservedly proud of all his family, including his son Steve, a friend and former colleague in the State senate. He will be missed for his caring courage, sense of humor, and good heart. A true statesman, he will never be forgotten.

REMEMBERING JUDGE MARK KRAVITZ

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to one of our Nation's most preeminent legal minds and dedicated public servants, who recently passed away. U.S. District Judge Mark Kravitz was known throughout Connecticut and our Nation's highest courts as a respected judicial authority, experienced appellate litigator, legal scholar, and community leader.

Judge Kravitz was deeply regarded and admired for his extraordinary analytical mind and trial expertise. He devoted his vast experience—27 years at New Haven firm Wiggin and Dana as a trial and appellate lawyer—to public service. Just out of law school, he emerged as a leader, clerking for Chief Justice William Rehnquist, who, in 2003, swore him in as a U.S. district judge. In 2001, and then again in 2007, he was appointed by Chief Justice Roberts to serve on the Committee on the Rules of Practice and Procedure and to chair the Advisory Committee on Civil Rules. Over the years, he engaged in vital national discussions, writing for the National Law Journal and serving as an American Law Institute Fellow and a board member of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. In addition, he taught at the University of Connecticut School of Law, Yale Law, and the University of Melbourne Graduate School of Law.

I knew Judge Kravitz personally and professionally, on and off the bench. As attorney general, I appeared before him, arguing positions and causes that did not always prevail. Win or lose, I felt that the result was fair and well-reasoned. And that view of him was common to almost all litigants in his courtroom. Judge Kravitz presided and ruled on important national issues, including the constitutionality of No Child Left Behind, free speech and property cases, and recently first amendment rights cases raised by the movement to "occupy Wall Street" on the New Haven Green. Even when diagnosed with ALS, he continued relentlessly and tirelessly to work full time, demonstrating his passion for the law and dedication to his country.

As a footnote, I spent many hours with Judge Kravitz, even before he became a judge. He headed a moot court team that prepared me for Supreme Court arguments.

More importantly, I consistently witnessed Judge Kravitz's commitment to the philosophy of equality under the law, while remaining carefully attuned to the facets of each legal question before him. He was trustworthy, and loyal in his relationship with others, especially his beloved family—and my dear colleague and friend.

Outside of the law, he gave back to Connecticut as founding director of both the Yale Children's Hospital and Connecticut Food Bank. In addition, he volunteered his time on the boards of several nonprofit organizations, including the Connecticut Foundation for Open Government, Guilford Library Association, and Board of Ethics for the Town of Guilford. Judge Kravitz cared deeply about morality and integrity—and lived according to the highest principles.

I was inspired and moved by a recent unveiling of his portrait, commissioned by the Connecticut Bar Foundation, which will be hung in New Haven's Federal courthouse. I invite my Senate colleagues to join me in paying respect to Judge Mark Kravitz and sending condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues, who mourn his loss, and remember a man who made his life's work contributing to the world around him.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 2:32 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 915. An act to establish a Border Enforcement Security Task Force program to enhance border security by fostering coordinated efforts among Federal, State, and local border and law enforcement officials to protect United States border cities and communities from trans-national crime, including violence associated with drug trafficking, arms smuggling, illegal alien trafficking and smuggling, violence, and kidnapping along and across the international borders of the United States, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 810. A bill to prohibit the conducting of invasive research on great apes, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-242).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 1735. A bill to approve the transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties in Iuka, Mississippi (Rept. No. 112-243).