

of Atlanta in celebrating Saturday, December 12, 2015, as Children's Museum of Atlanta Day.●

TRIBUTE TO DEONTAY WILDER

● Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the current World Boxing Council, WBC, World Heavyweight Champion Deontay Leshun Wilder.

Mr. Wilder is a native of Tuscaloosa, AL. He graduated from Tuscaloosa Central High School in 2004, and he attended Shelton State Community College. From there, he focused on forging a career in boxing.

Mr. Wilder began his boxing career in 2005, and he has achieved outstanding success as both an amateur and professional boxer. In 2007, Wilder upset the favorites to win the National Golden Gloves and the U.S. championships. Wilder was awarded the bronze medal in boxing at the 2008 Olympics. In 2012, he won the WBC Continental Americas heavyweight boxing title.

In January of this year, Wilder became the first American heavyweight champion in 9 years after his win over Bermame Stiverne. Since then, Wilder has successfully defended his WBC title twice, most recently in September.

Deontay Wilder has made a proactive effort to give back to the State of Alabama by hosting his first two title defenses in Birmingham, AL. He has also been a champion of charitable causes such as the fight against spina bifida.

Mr. Wilder is an incredible athlete and an inspiration to many. I am honored to recognize his great talent and success, and I am proud to call him a fellow Alabamian.●

REMEMBERING JAMES JOSEPH MARSHALL

● Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, today I wish to honor James Joseph Marshall, a third generation Montanan and a veteran of World War II.

On behalf of all Montanans and Americans, I stand to say thank you to Jim's family for his service to our Nation.

It is my honor to share the story of Jim's life and service, a story that most certainly will not be forgotten, and a story he perhaps wouldn't have told himself.

In fact, it wasn't until his oldest daughter, Vicki, was in eighth grade that she even noticed her father's limp. She asked her mother, "Why does daddy limp?"

Ruth told her that he limped because of his war wound. He never talked about his experience during the war, and it wasn't until he wrote about his injury for a presentation to middle schoolers that his family heard the full story.

Jim was shot in the leg while fighting in the Ruhr Pocket, in Germany, near the border of Czechoslovakia on April 25, 1945.

After sweeping the countryside searching for any remaining resistance,

his platoon butted up against German troops on a mountainside. It wasn't long until the platoon was pinned down by the automatic weapon fire.

The platoon made a dash for cover but to no avail. Every man was hit. Jim described the shot to his leg like being hit by a sledgehammer.

German troops came to confirm they were all dead and to gather any rifles and ammo. Jim, with his orders shoved underneath him and the sole survivor, played dead. They passed on.

Not long after, German medics came through.

Surprisingly, a young German, whom Jim identified by the swastika on his arm, put a compress on his leg and a jacket over top of him before moving on.

Shortly after, an American Jeep rolled up and rescued him.

Jim always said he never would have made it out alive had that young German not stopped to show him some compassion.

Once home from the war in 1946, Jim enrolled at Montana State University at Bozeman.

It was there that he met his future wife Ruth Officer, a nurse who tended to some residual issues with Jim's hip. They married on March 15, 1947.

Jim was always a man who took care of his family, and that devotion took them to Livingston, Ruth's hometown. There, he began work as a carpenter's apprentice, eventually becoming a journeyman.

After returning to MSU to get his industrial art degree, he began teaching shop at Emerson Junior High in Bozeman. Eventually, he became a purchasing agent for Missoula School District No. 1.

Jim and Ruth had three children: Vicki, Leann, and Jim. They remember him as a humble man who cared deeply for his family and frequently demonstrated that devotion.

The fondness with which Jim is remembered is reflective of the life he lived. Folks will remember his willingness to help out a friend and his love of photography, especially bald eagles. He was passionate about making Montana better for future generations.

In September of 2012, Jim had the pleasure of participating in one of the earliest Honor Flights to Washington, DC, to see the World War II Memorial there.

His daughter, Leann, helped him register himself as a World War II veteran at the memorial, and his name will remain in the kiosks there for anyone to see.

In fact, I had the honor of greeting that particular Honor Flight back to Montana afterward and am happy to hear that Jim immensely enjoyed that experience.

Jim died on April 8, 2014, surrounded by family.

It was my honor to recognize James Joseph Marshall's bravery and service to the United States by presenting his family with the Bronze Star Medal for

meritorious achievement based on his prior award of the combat infantryman badge and the Army of Occupation Medal with Germany Clasp.

Our Nation is forever grateful for Jim's service.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:09 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 611. An act to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1541. An act to amend title 54, United States Code, to make Hispanic-serving institutions eligible for technical and financial assistance for the establishment of preservation training and degree programs.

H.R. 1755. An act to amend title 36, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the congressional charter of the Disabled American Veterans.

H.R. 2212. An act to take certain Federal lands located in Lassen County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Susanville Indian Rancheria, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2270. An act to redesignate the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, located in the State of Washington, as the Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, to establish the Medicine Creek Treaty National Memorial within the wildlife refuge, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2288. An act to remove the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3279. An act to amend titles 5 and 28, United States Code, to require annual reports to Congress on, and the maintenance of databases on, awards of fees and other expenses to prevailing parties in certain administrative proceedings and court cases to which the United States is a party, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3490. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the National Computer Forensics Institute, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Joint Economic Committee: Mr. TIBERI of Ohio, to rank before Mr. AMASH.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 6:41 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 611. An act to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated: