

Palmer worked over 175 cases per year with a solvability rate of 94.6 percent and a conviction rate of 99.7 percent.

In February, 2015, Chief Palmer was promoted from Investigator to Captain. After a brief stint as Captain, Chief Palmer was promoted to his current position as Chief in October, 2015. Chief Palmer has an excellent staff that includes fifteen (15) police officers, six (6) dispatchers, a Court Clerk and a Deputy Court Clerk. Chief Palmer works diligently each day to make sure all employees are updated with hourly classes to make them better Dispatchers, Court Clerks and Officers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Chief Chris Palmer for his dedication to serving our great state of Mississippi.

REMEMBERING DAVID GILKEY

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, last Sunday, David Gilkey, an NPR photojournalist from Portland, Oregon, was killed with his Afghani translator, Zabihullah Tamanna, in a Taliban ambush in Afghanistan.

I cannot express fully my gratitude for David's tireless commitment to his profession. His evocative, powerful work, and many contributions to NPR will be remembered for generations.

Graduating from Wilson High School in Portland in 1985, David followed the path of his father, Richard Gilkey, to Oregon State University, before following his passion of photojournalism at the Boulder Daily Camera, and then the Detroit Free Press before joining NPR in 2007.

David covered conflict areas from around the globe, ethnic violence in Rwanda and the Balkans, apartheid in South Africa, famine in Somalia and violence in the Gaza Strip. Since 2001 he extensively covered the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He was one of the most decorated of photojournalists, winning an Emmy in 2007 for a documentary video series and receiving 36 honors from the White House. In 2015, he was the first multimedia journalist to be awarded the Corporation for Public Broadcasting's prestigious Edward R. Murrow Award for Journalism.

David and journalists like him play an essential role in helping us all better understand global events, putting themselves in harm's way to open the world's window for the rest of us. They are true heroes.

Our hearts go out to David's mother and father, Alyda and Richard Gilkey, his circle of family and friends, and to his entire NPR family for their loss.

CONGRATULATING RICHARD
GABBERT ON HIS SELECTION AS
A MANSFIELD FELLOW

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Richard Gabbert on his selec-

tion as a Mansfield Fellow. Mr. Gabbert is among ten federal government officials who will begin the year-long Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program in Japan this year. Congress established the Mansfield Fellowship Program in 1994 to build a corps of U.S. government officials with substantial Japan expertise. Since then one hundred and forty Fellows—representing twenty-seven U.S. government agencies, commissions and the U.S. Congress—have entered the Fellowship Program.

Mr. Gabbert is a member of the twenty-first group of Mansfield Fellows, chosen through a selective recruitment and vetting process. Japan has long been an important part of Mr. Gabbert's life, and he is highly qualified for this unique professional development opportunity. He spent part of his childhood and early career in Japan, and continued this engagement during law school and in private practice.

As a Senior Special Counsel at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Mr. Gabbert helped develop a cross-border regulatory framework for the over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives markets and the global financial institutions active in those markets. His Mansfield Fellowship will give him the contacts and understanding needed to facilitate U.S. Japan coordination in this area, coordination that is critical for a smooth transition to this new regulatory framework in our countries and globally.

Mr. Gabbert will begin his Fellowship in Japan this summer with a seven-week homestay and language training in Ishikawa Prefecture. This will be followed by ten months of practical experience in Japanese government offices in Tokyo. During his placements he will work side-by-side with Japanese financial regulators. He will seek to understand the Japanese response to the 2008 financial crisis and its aftermath, particularly the legislative and regulatory reforms designed to increase transparency and stability in the OTC derivatives markets. He also will explore current issues in the implementation of these reforms in Japan, including the challenges of cross-border regulation and supervision of these markets, in order to support effective domestic regulatory efforts.

As a senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and its Subcommittee on the Asia-Pacific, I understand the important role Japan plays in the global economy and the critical need to coordinate with Japan on financial and other matters. Close coordination requires U.S. government officials like Mr. Gabbert who are prepared to develop the contacts and expertise needed to facilitate their agencies' work on Japan-related programs.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Gabbert on his selection as a Mansfield Fellow. I am confident his Mansfield Fellowship experience will enhance the work of the SEC and deepen its cooperation with Japan.

I hope you will also join me in recognizing the value of the Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program and the opportunities it provides U.S. government officials like Mr. Gabbert to learn about Japan and its government and to strengthen the U.S. relationship with this important ally.

COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND EMPLOYERS

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the National Association of Colleges and Employers—NACE—on its 60th anniversary of service to, leadership of, and advocacy for the community of college career services professionals and HR/recruiting professionals who are focused on the employment of the college educated. Located in Bethlehem, PA, NACE boasts more than 10,000 members across the country who perform work vital to our national labor force and national interests.

Founded in 1956, NACE supports the critical work of its members through research, advocacy, and professional development and serves the greater public by providing key data and insight to further the goals and dreams of those who choose higher education as their path to a rewarding and successful career. NACE's initiatives expand beyond its membership to also serve the larger national community and help our graduates achieve successful outcomes. To that end, NACE has undertaken efforts to ensure new college graduates can transition into the job market with the competencies they need to succeed and to keep our nation competitive in the global marketplace.

As NACE continues to look to the future and address critical issues facing our labor force, employment community, and country, I congratulate NACE on this 60th anniversary and wish it continued growth and prosperity in the years ahead.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY WILLIAMS
AND JEVON GRAHAM, ASSISTANT
CHIEFS, CLEARWATER FIRE
& RESCUE

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize two men, Larry Williams and Jevon Graham, and congratulate them for being named Assistant Chiefs of Clearwater Fire and Rescue.

Larry Williams and Jevon Graham were recently promoted to Assistant Fire Chiefs after achieving the top two scores among 43 applicants for the position. Mr. Williams and Mr. Graham, the first African American administrators in the history of the department, are making strides in their field and helping pave the way for future generations of the Clearwater Fire and Rescue teams.

In the City of Clearwater, there are 196 Fire and Rescue employees and only 14 of them are African-American, comprising seven percent of the force. Mr. Williams and Mr. Graham's promotion to Assistant Fire Chiefs is a tremendous step forward for the Tampa Bay area and I applaud Mr. Williams and Mr. Graham for their efforts in our community.

Mr. Williams' own heroes and mentors were firefighters who also broke racial barriers at