

A native of Moyock, NC, Senior Chief Gross was inducted in the Navy in 1972. After graduating from recruit training at Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL, he served in various managerial billets including Navy exchanges and bachelor enlisted quarters. In addition, he served as a shore patrol officer and as a recruiter. During his most recent shore duty, he served as a logistics management assessment team member at the NAVSURFLANT Readiness Support Group.

Senior Chief Gross accumulated 16 years of sea duty aboard various ships including the U.S.S. *Vulcan* (AR-5), U.S.S. *Conolly* (DD-979), U.S.S. *America* (CV-66), U.S.S. *Coontz* (DDG-40), U.S.S. *Hayler* (DD-997). He was a plank owner aboard U.S.S. *Supply* (AOE-6), the Navy's newest class of fast combat support ships, during his last tour afloat.

His impact on crew morale and readiness has been immeasurable. In addition to providing the finest ship's store, laundry, and barber services to crew members, he maintained tight financial accountability. Senior Chief Gross was also instrumental in providing logistics support to the fleet during his tour as a logistics management team member.

Producing one success story after another, Senior Chief Gross was awarded three Navy Commendation Medals, the Navy Achievement Medal, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Battle "E," five Good Conduct Medals, two Navy Expeditionary Medals, two National Defense Service Medals, Southwest Asia Service Medal with Bronze Star, four Sea Service Deployment Ribbons and Kuwait Liberation Medal. In addition, he attained Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist qualification.

A man of Ship's Serviceman Senior Chief Gross' talent and integrity is rare indeed. While his honorable service will be genuinely missed, it gives me great pleasure to recognize him before my colleagues and to wish him "Fair Winds and Following Seas," as he concludes a long and distinguished career in the U.S. naval service.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE HONORABLE MATTHEW E. WELSH, FORMER GOVERNOR OF INDIANA

HON. ANDREW JACOBS, JR.

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 1995

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker, former Governor, Matthew E. Welsh, was nothing less than a noble legend in Indiana and to a considerable extent our entire nation.

He was a giant among Hoosiers. We lost him on May 28, 1995.

He was a man of extraordinary scholarship and civility, quite literally a scholar and a gentleman.

The following tributes were editorials in both the Indianapolis Star and the Indianapolis News:

[From the Indianapolis Star, May 31, 1995]

MATTHEW E. WELSH

As Indiana's 41st governor from 1961 to 1965, Matthew E. Welsh was one of the state's busiest and most productive public servants.

In public life for half a century, as an attorney and Democratic elected official, he was respected by members of both parties.

In his first year as governor, he gave 260 speeches, traveled 27,000 miles by car and

plane, and visited 13 states and 42 Indiana counties.

Major accomplishments of his administration were creation of the Indiana Civil Rights Commission, which investigates complaints of discrimination; formation of the Department of Administration; and improving the general quality of state government by extending the merit system.

As Gov. Evan Bayh said, he led the state at a time of great growth and presided over the building of the state's interstate highway system, construction of flood-control reservoirs, improvement in the mental health system and the first land acquisition plan for public recreation since the 1920s.

Welsh took pride in biting the bullet in proposing Indiana's first sales tax. But much of the public expressed pain and resentment when the 2 percent bite was enacted in 1963.

Forming Indiana Citizens Against Legalized Gambling, working to improve mental health treatment facilities, serving on a task force on property tax control and the Mayor's Intergovernmental Relations Task Force, serving on the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee and heading its task force on poor relief were but a few of his many contributions to city, state and national life.

Always a modest and able leader, a perfect gentleman, gracious, with a sparkling sense of humor, Matt Welsh won many honors, made many friends and had many admirers during a productive public life. His death at 82 takes an honorable, respected and charming public servant from the Indiana scene.

[From the Indianapolis News, May 30, 1995]

MATTHEW E. WELSH

Matthew E. Welsh, Indiana's 41st governor and one of the most decent and able men ever to serve in Indiana politics, passed away over the weekend.

Welsh, a lawyer and former state legislator, first attempted to capture the governor's seat in 1956, losing the Democratic nomination to Ralph Tucker. Many considered that loss a blessing in disguise for Welsh, believing that the election of Republican Harold Handley was inevitable.

Four years later, Welsh got his party's nomination and, with some help from a strong presidential run by John Kennedy, won with a 23,177-vote victory over former Lt. Gov. Crawford Parker.

A moderate Democrat, Welsh was credited with boosting merit employment in state government, creating the Indiana Civil Rights Commission, pushing school consolidation and presiding over construction of the interstate highway commission. He has also been credited with, or blamed for, imposing the state sales tax.

Strongly believing in the necessity for overhauling the state's revenue system, including the imposition of the sales tax, Welsh had to battle a Republican-controlled Indiana General Assembly to get the job done.

The Indiana Constitution prevented him from seeking another consecutive term. In 1972, however, he ran for governor again.

Scars from that sales tax battle, coupled with having weak presidential coattails from Democratic presidential nominee George McGovern and a strong Republican opponent, Otis Bowen, led to Welsh's defeat the second time he sought the governor's office. With Welsh and Bowen running for the office, however, it was a race Hoosier voters could not lose.

"There was no one in government or politics I respected more," said Bowen of his former opponent. "Matt Welsh was a most honorable and dedicated public servant. Indiana is better off for his having been governor."

Losing the 1972 election did not end Welsh's public service or his contributions to Indiana.

He served on numerous boards, commissions and agencies for both the city of Indianapolis and the state. Welsh was particularly instrumental in working for the improvement of mental health facilities and treatment in Indiana. He also joined other political, educational, religious and civic leaders in lobbying against legalized gambling in the state.

Furthermore, he maintained an active involvement in the Democratic Party and served as an advisor to many Hoosier politicians, including former Indiana Sen. Birch Bayh.

"Governor Welsh was a great man," said Gov. Evan Bayh, who also received considerable help and advice from Welsh. "He was greatly loved by all Democrats and admired and respected by Democrats and Republicans alike."

He will be sorely missed by Hoosiers of all political persuasions who benefited from his leadership.

TRIBUTE TO REPUBLIC, MI, IN HONOR OF ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 1995

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my sincere congratulations to the Village of Republic in Michigan's Upper Peninsula which is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year.

The pioneers who settled in northern Michigan, and especially in the area later known as Republic, survived boom times and bad times with traditional American fortitude.

From the first recorded purchase of land in the area by William Pratt on March 13, 1851, the town, originally known as Iron City, flourished.

From the beginning, iron mining was an important industry to Republic. In 1856, an iron vein was discovered by explorer Silas Whetstone Smith, for whom the bay and mountain or iron were named. The first and most successful of the iron companies was formed in 1870. On November 3, 1871, Peter Pascal, an agent of the Republic Iron Mining Co., directed clearance of lands for the company. The first permanent settlers arrived in 1872, and mining operations began by 1873. Mining and lumbering industries attracted railroads, and the town flourished.

Like many other towns in Michigan, Republic had a prosperous lumbering industry, especially from the 1870's to the early 1900's. Lumbering was an important source of employment, and it continues to be a thriving industry.

By 1928, the economy slowed down, and Republic residents, along with the rest of the country, found themselves in the midst of the Great Depression. With the advent of the New Deal and the creation of the Works Progress Administration, many improvements were made to the town and surrounding area.

Although Republic was for many years a mining community, the closing of the mine in 1980 presented an enormous challenge to local residents. Fires in the area also took a toll, but the village rebuilt. Today, Republic is a viable, dynamic, and friendly community.

As part of its celebration of its 125th anniversary, Republic residents, the Republic Area Historical Society, and the Ethnic Days Committee have planned several events, including a Mid-Summer Festival in Munson Park, a Quasiquicentennial Home Tour, and construction of a Heritage Quilt.

I know my colleagues join me in honoring the residents of the Village of Republic as they celebrate the 125th anniversary of the founding of Republic.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE LINDSAY
NELSON

HON. ED BRYANT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 1995

Mr. BRYANT of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I wish to make all of my colleagues in this body aware that one of America's most famous voices in sports television and radio recently passed away. Mr. Lindsey Nelson was a long-time announcer for numerous sporting teams and events at both the collegiate and professional level. I am proud to say that Mr. Nelson was a native of the Seventh Congressional District of Tennessee, hailing from Columbia in Maury County. One of my good friends, Don Hinkle, is the editor of the Daily Herald in Columbia, and he recently wrote a fitting editorial in memory of Mr. Nelson and his illustrious career. I would like to bring Mr. Hinkles' work to the attention of my colleagues, for it would do each of us well to reflect upon the life of one of the most celebrated sports announcers in the history of this country. Mr. Hinkles' moving editorial reads as follows:

Lindsey Nelson was arguably the most famous person to ever come out of Maury County.

Though the Polk daughters and the Sterling Marlin fans can rightly claim an equally lofty position for their beloved sons, perhaps no one has been as enduring to living Maury countians—and to all American sports fans—as the talented Nelson.

Known for his colorful sports jackets, Nelson began his career in the news media here at the Daily Herald in the early 1930's, working first as a carrier then later as this newspaper's first sports writer.

He went on to the University of Tennessee and a Hall of Fame career as a sportscaster—both on radio and television. He distinguished himself as "The Voice" of the New York Mets in the 1960's and 1970's and the Cotton Bowl football game for 26 years. He also founded the far-flung UT Radio Network, now one of the largest in the nation.

"Hello Everybody, I'm Lindsey Nelson," became one of the most familiar introductions in all of sports broadcasting. Those words became so famous, that Nelson elected to use them as the title of his autobiography published in 1985.

His articulate descriptions of the action were not only exciting, but downright comfortable—kind of like your favorite easychair. His voice was clear and his style gracious, typical of the Southern gentleman he truly was.

Sadly we have all lost an old friend.

Even those who never had the privilege of meeting Nelson felt like they knew him anyway. Too many of us sat huddled up against our radios to hear him call a Tennessee football game or sat in our dads' laps and watched him on Sunday afternoon NFL telecasts.

Today Maury County mourns the loss of one of its greatest native sons.

Lindsey Nelson was loved and we will all miss him.

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HON. BILL BAKER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 1995

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Chairman, on June 29, 1920, California's first chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America [AGC] met in Los Angeles. Since then, the California AGC has played a vital role in the growth of California's economy and become the largest regional construction association west of the Mississippi River.

Next year, the AGC is likely to contribute over one-half million jobs to our economy. Tens of thousands of men and women, from Redding to Escondido, will find rewarding employment in construction and its related crafts.

Membership of the AGC includes building, highway, underground, and utility construction contractors, as well as subcontractors, material producers, and service providers. The AGC works closely with professional groups like the American Institute of Architects and State organizations such as the Bay Area Rapid Transit District and the California departments of transportation and corrections. Such affiliations result in the specifications that set the standard for California's construction industry.

It is pleasure for me to recognize the AGC, and to thank the many dedicated people who have literally helped build California. My best to the AGC for many years of continued success.

IN HONOR OF SISTER ANNE
VIRGINIE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 1995

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate one of Connecticut's most outstanding citizens, Sister Anne Virginie, whose wealth of good works has earned her the Easter Seal Goodwill Rehabilitation Center's Laurel Award.

Growing up in Waterbury, CT, Margaret Mary Grimes joined the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth and has ever since embodied the loving service characteristic of her order. Devoting her life to the Sisters of Charity and their mission, Sister Anne has brought many skills acquired during her undergraduate study of business at the College of Saint Elizabeth and her graduate study in hospital Administration at Saint Louis University.

The Sisters of Charity have made good use of Sister Anne's tremendous talents and her tireless commitment to serving others. She tended to the sick as an administrator of two hospitals in New Jersey and then strengthened her order by serving as provincial superior of the Northern Province of the Sisters of Charity. We in Connecticut are eternally grate-

ful that upon her return to her home State, Sister Anne has continued to help those in need. We constantly benefit from her efforts to model for others the values she upholds as a servant to the Church of Christ.

In New Haven, Sister Anne has continued her mission of healing and comforting the sick for over two decades at Saint Raphael's Hospital. First as associate administrator, then as president of the hospital, and finally as president and chief executive officer of the Saint Raphael Healthcare System, Sister Anne has provided Connecticut residents with the highest quality health care. It has been my personal pleasure to work with her to extend health care to those in the Greater New Haven area. Her inner strength has been a true inspiration.

Sister Anne's commitment to enhancing the community by helping others extends well beyond Saint Raphael's and includes efforts on behalf of causes as diverse and worthwhile as the Mercy Center and the Shubert Opera Board.

Her many contributions, especially her outstanding work to further the Easter Seal Goodwill Rehabilitation Center's mission, have earned her the Laurel Distinguished Service Award. Sister Anne knows that many people with special challenges, not just those who are able to pay, need the rehabilitation center's help to become more independent. As chairperson of the Easter Seals Telethon over the last 2 years, Sister Anne has been the key to the fundraising operation, raising over \$285,000 to make sure that the rehabilitation center will be able to help all those in need.

I congratulate Sister Anne on this well-deserved honor and express my sincere gratitude for all of her good works.

TRIBUTE TO NANDOR MARKOVIC

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 1995

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Nandor Markovic, who will be honored at the evening of B'nai David-Judea Congregation's 47th Annual Tribute Dinner on June 25, 1995.

Mr. Markovic survived the Holocaust, the most horrible episode in Jewish history, but not before witnessing the destruction of his hometown and suffering the travail of six concentration camps, including the notorious camp at Auschwitz.

Despite his terrible suffering during this dark period, Nandor Markovic never abandoned his faith in God or his confidence in the ultimate survival of the Jewish people.

Steeped in the sophisticated Judaic studies of the Yeshivot of his native Czechoslovakia, he became a leader in the struggle for the creation of the State of Israel and served as a commander in the war of independence.

Nandor Markovic and his wife, Frances, have devoted themselves to numerous worthwhile activities in Los Angeles and Israel. Mr. Markovic has served as president or chairman of the board of B'nai David-Judea Congregation for 15 years and has applied his erudition in matters of Jewish law to the work of B'nai David-Judea Congregation since 1960.