

Bangor's experience with bath salts. His testimony will be a valuable resource as drug enforcement agencies develop comprehensive strategies to address the emergency of synthetic drugs like bath salts.

While much work still needs to be done to address the threat of bath salts, I know that the Bangor community and the State of Maine are fortunate to have Chief Gastia on watch. I wish him and the Bangor Police Department the best of luck as we continue to tackle this important problem.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in thanking Chief Ron Gastia for his tremendous service to the people of the City of Bangor and the State of Maine.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, November 4, 2011, I was unable to be present for part of a series of recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

"No" on rollcall vote No. 830 (on agreeing to H. Res. 455, providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 2838);

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 831 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3321);

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 832 (on agreeing to the Cummings amendment to H.R. 2838);

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 833 (on agreeing to the Thompson amendment to H.R. 2838);

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 834 (on agreeing to the Napolitano amendment to H.R. 2838);

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 835 (on agreeing to the Bishop amendment to H.R. 2838); and

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 836 (on agreeing to the Slaughter amendment to H.R. 2838).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2011

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for the following rollcall votes on November 4, 2011 and would like the record to reflect that I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 829: "no"; rollcall No. 830: "no"; rollcall No. 831: "yes"; rollcall No. 832: "yes"; rollcall No. 833: "yes"; rollcall No. 834: "yes"; rollcall No. 835: "yes"; rollcall No. 836: "yes."

THE PASSING OF "MR. WINCHESTER," BEN DUTTON

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2011

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I share with the House today the sad news of the passing of iconic Winchester, Virginia, native, Benjamin Dutton, Jr., 86. Known as "Mr. Winchester," Ben died November 9 at his home with his wife Jean, fondly called "Whip," at his side.

A man of honor and the highest moral character, Ben was one of the finest Virginia gentlemen that I have ever known.

After Whip and their three daughters and their families, Ben's lifelong love was Winchester and especially the annual Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival. He was one of the festival's longest serving contributors, holding positions of executive director, president, and board member. Ben continued to be involved in "the Bloom" up until his passing.

The son of the late Dr. Benjamin and Ann Dutton, Ben attended Winchester public schools, graduating from Handley High School in 1943. He served his country in the U.S. Army infantry from 1943–46 and afterward attended the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, receiving an A.B. degree in 1950. After college, he began a career in the insurance industry, serving as an agent in Louisiana and Roanoke, Virginia, from 1951–63. But the tug of his native city brought him back to Winchester in 1963 and he became associated with J.V. Arthur Inc. as a vice president and partner, retiring from there in 1987.

Never one to sit idly, Ben soon found a second career as a public servant. He first served as the field representative in the Winchester office of our former colleague, the late D. French Slaughter Jr., who represented Winchester and Frederick and Clarke counties until 1991 when the area was part of the 7th Congressional District, and later served in the same position for George Allen, who succeeded Congressman Slaughter for a year before his successful election as governor of Virginia. When redistricting in 1992 brought that area of Virginia into the 10th District, I was proud that Ben became a member of my constituent services staff in my Winchester office, serving for 15 years until his retirement in 2010.

Ben was a "people" person. When you met Ben, you became his friend for life. He had a warm and infectious smile and always made time for anyone who crossed his path. His foremost motivation in life was helping people and thousands of residents of Winchester and the surrounding area can attest to his servant's heart.

Ben also was a "doer." He was involved throughout his long life in city government and numerous civic and community organizations. Among his citations of public recognition were the Outstanding Citizen Award from the Winchester-Frederick County Chamber of Commerce and the President's Award for Community Service from Shenandoah University. I will submit for the RECORD, Ben's obituary from the Winchester Star, which includes greater detail on Ben's illustrious life.

Ben truly fulfilled in his life the biblical praise: "Well done, good and faithful servant." We are all better for having had the honor of knowing Ben and calling him our friend.

To Whip, his wife of 59 years, and their daughters Fay, Virginia, and Whipple, and their families, I express on behalf of the people of the 10th District our heartfelt sympathy and also our gratitude to you for sharing Ben with us.

BENJAMIN BLANTON DUTTON, JR.

Benjamin Blanton Dutton, Jr., 86, died on Wednesday, November 9, 2011, in his home in Winchester, Virginia.

Mr. Dutton was born in 1925, in Winchester, Virginia, the son of the late Dr. Benjamin and Ann Dutton. He attended Winchester

Public Schools and graduated from Handley High School, Class of 1943. Mr. Dutton served in the United States Army, in the Infantry, from 1943–1946 achieving the rank of Sergeant. He attended University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia where he received, an A.B. Degree in 1950. He was employed by Hartford Fires Insurance Company from 1951–1963 and served as Special Agent for The Hartford in Louisiana and Roanoke, Virginia.

Mr. Dutton returned to Winchester in 1963 to become associated with J. V. Arthur, Inc., as a Vice President and partner, remaining in that position until his retirement in June 1987. He was employed by Congressman D. French Slaughter, Jr., as Field Representative in the Winchester, Virginia office and served in that capacity until Mr. Slaughter's resignation in November 1991. Mr. Dutton continued as a Field Representative for Congressman George Allen during his tenure in congress, from November 1991 until December 1992. Mr. Dutton then became the Field Representative for Congressman Frank R. Wolf from January, 1993 until April, 1995.

He served as Executive Director of the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival from April 1995 until July 1997 and was then hired by Congressman Wolf as a Field Representative in July, 1997 until his retirement in 2010.

Mr. Dutton was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Winchester, a member of the Winchester Rotary from 1963 to present and served on the Board of Directors several times as well as Secretary and Treasurer. He was active in the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival since childhood and was President of the festival in 1970, 1971, and 1972. He volunteered as Executive Director in 1972 and currently is on the Festival Board of Directors. Mr. Dutton was a two term President of the Winchester-Frederick County Chamber of Commerce, member of the Winchester Common Council for three terms, from 1966–1978, Winchester Parking Authority from 1966–1990 and Chairman 1980–1990; Winchester Transportation Safety Commission from 1968–1988. In addition he was a member of and Secretary-Treasurer of the Winchester Regional Airport Authority from 1987–1994; and served as Past Chairman of the Salvation Army Advisory Board.

Mr. Dutton was an Honorary member of the Winchester Medical Center Board; a licensed Amateur Radio operator and was licensed as a Glider Pilot.

His Virginia State activities include past chairman, State Insurance Board, Commonwealth of Virginia; past member, State Fire Services Commission, Commonwealth of Virginia; Past President, Independent Insurance Agents of Virginia, Inc.; past member, Board of Directors, Virginia Financial Services Corporation and past member, Regional Economic Development Advisory Council for District 5, Commonwealth of Virginia.

He was Past President of the Independent Insurance Agents of Winchester, Inc.; a member of the Board of Directors Emeritus and the Wayside Theatre, Middletown, Virginia from 1976–1979; and currently a member of the Corporation of Valley Health System, Inc and current member of the Advisory Committee of the Institute for Government and Public Policy at Shenandoah University.

Mr. Dutton was awarded the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels in 1970; Outstanding Citizen Award, Winchester-Frederick County Chamber of Commerce, 1975; Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow; Winchester-Frederick County Chamber of Commerce Transportation Award, 1992, and Presidents Award for Community Service (Shenandoah University), 2002.

He married Jean Rogers Whipple on June 14, 1952, in Vienna, Georgia.