

school, Chris had a summer internship at Harvard Legal Aid, which changed his life. He could have been a private attorney with a high salary and a fraction of the workload of a public interest attorney. However, Chris devoted his entire professional career to Delaware's Community Legal Aid Society. Some of the highlights of his very bright career were when he argued before the Delaware Supreme Court.

One of his passions was the issue of safe, affordable, and adequate housing. The original Legal Aid Society dates back to 1946, but just recently CLASI added the Fair Housing Program to enforce fair housing rights for all people regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, and familial status. This is in large part due to Chris's commitment to this issue. He was involved with many community development and housing organizations and took up the cause before the State general assembly. He wrote a new State law to settle conflicts between manufactured-home owners and landlords. He also reworked New Castle County's landlord-tenant code so tenants could better understand their rights.

Chris's hard work was widely recognized by his peers. He received the New Lawyers Distinguished Service Award from the Delaware State Bar Association in 1999 and the Kind Policy Award from the Delaware Housing Coalition in 1997.

Only days after his passing, one of his many projects was opened in downtown Wilmington. He had led the renovation of an abandoned commercial space into "Shipley Lofts," a 23-unit artist community. The 1,500-square-foot gallery has been named the Christopher W. White Gallery in his memory, and the nonprofit organization that oversees the project has been renamed the Christopher W. White Community Development Corporation.

Chris gave everything he had—mind, body, time, resources—to those without a voice. Tragically, he was hit by a car in front of the building he worked so hard to develop as a place of vitality and creativity.

The loss of Christopher W. White is a great loss to Delaware. He will be truly missed. My sympathies go out to his family, friends, and colleagues, especially his wife Leandria and their children, Josh and Kayla, and his mother, Donna. ●

REMEMBERING CHRISTOPHER C. BOLKCOM

● Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I wish to speak in order to honor the life and achievements of Christopher C. Bolkcom, Congressional Research Service Specialist, on the occasion of the first anniversary of his passing away, on May 1, 2009.

Christopher Bolkcom served Congress with distinction for 9 years at the Library of Congress as a specialist in military aviation for the Congressional

Research Service. He held a bachelor's degree in international relations from the University of Minnesota, a master's degree in international affairs from American University in Washington, DC, and a master's degree in national security strategy from the National War College in Washington, DC.

Christopher was born on June 13, 1962, in Minneapolis, MN, raised there and then spent his adult life and career in the National Capitol Region until his untimely death on May 1, 2009.

Christopher was recognized throughout Congress, the military Services, the defense community, and the aeronautical industry as an expert on the management, operational use and procurement of military aircraft. In that capacity, he assisted Congress in its legislative and oversight activities, including testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee; the House Armed Services Committee; the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee; and the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. Christopher published many influential CRS reports on such subjects as Air Force aerial refueling; the role of airpower in counterinsurgency operations; tactical aviation and bomber force modernization; military aviation safety; suppression of enemy air defenses; and protecting commercial aircraft from shoulder-fired missiles. He provided objective, expert analysis on a number of issues, including the Joint Strike Fighter and the KC-X Tanker, to Congress, the Senate Armed Services Committee, and to me and my staff personally—analysis for which I am very grateful.

Christopher displayed generous enthusiasm for meeting the professional needs of colleagues and clients, enlivened by persistent humor and wit in his interpersonal relations. He worked hard at his public duties. He also played hard with friends, whether skiing or kick-boxing, and found time to serve others, at for example the Falls Church Presbyterian Church in Falls Church, VA.

On this occasion—the first anniversary of Christopher's passing away—I want to honor the life and achievements of Congressional Research Service Specialist Christopher Bolkcom, who is survived by his loving family, including his children Jessica and Maxwell Bolkcom; their mother Mary Anne Alexander; his parents Gene and Ann Bolkcom; his sister Elizabeth Matteson; his brother Bill Bolkcom; and his nephew Tristin Matteson. ●

TRIBUTE TO VICE ADMIRAL MIKE LOOSE

● Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment today to recognize the extraordinary contributions of VADM Mike Loose, Civil Engineer Corps, U.S. Navy to our Nation. Vice Admiral Loose has served with exceptional distinction as the Deputy Chief

of Naval Operations, CNO, for Fleet Readiness and Logistics, a position of great responsibility, from January 2007 to April 2010.

Vice Admiral Loose brought a unique and remarkable perspective to the CNO's leadership team, resulting in profound innovations to Navy policy, programs, and resourcing. His professional reach extended to the Joint Staff, the other Services, our international defense partners, and the industry to achieve alignment and collaboration resulting in great benefits to everyone involved. He was the visionary leader and driving force behind the Navy's transition from a level-of-effort based budget to a model-based approach that links Afloat Readiness to output metrics and resources. This transformational leap provided senior Navy leadership the intellectual basis and the tools to enhance core Warfighting capabilities in a restrained fiscal environment and to clearly define the relationship between baseline and overseas contingency operations funding.

Vice Admiral Loose was also the vanguard who recognized the strategic imperative of energy to the employment of Navy combat forces and spearheaded the establishment of Task Force Energy and the Navy Energy Coordination Office 2 years ago. He fully established the mindset that energy is a tactical advantage and strategic enabler for military forces. In short order, his Energy organization was recognized as the premier model for the other Services and as the foundation for the DON's Energy program. In addition, he profoundly reshaped and expertly guided the Navy's Environmental Program at a time when the importance of the program was paramount. His foresight and energetic leadership ensured the Navy achieved regulatory milestones and uninterrupted, critical operational training in support of national command authority objectives.

In recognition of the enormous challenges inherently facing the funding of future ownership costs of existing and new systems Vice Admiral Loose directed the development of a "2030 and Beyond" assessment that demonstrated that the growth in future ownership costs of existing and new systems would far exceed the expected growth in the Navy's topline budget over the next 20 years. His efforts led to an increased focus on total ownership costs across the Navy, specific direction in the 2010 Chief of Naval Operations Guidance and his assignment as the Navy's Executive Agent for Total Ownership Costs.

Today, I honor Vice Admiral Loose for his service to our country, his inspirational and visionary leadership, his extraordinary strength of character and moral courage, and his irrepressible drive and leadership. He and his wife Carol and their son Chris have made many sacrifices during his career in the Navy. I call upon my colleagues