

member-crew of an Air Force B-1B bomber that crashed Wednesday in the Indian Ocean.

Boatswain Mate 1st Class Stephen Lyons, 38, operated one boat that rescued the crew.

The rescue boats were launched from the destroyer USS *Russell* after the jet crashed on its way to bomb targets in Afghanistan.

The \$280 million bomber went out of control and fell into the ocean about 60 miles north of Diego Garcia after taking off from the British island, government sources reported.

It was the first manned, fixed wing U.S. aircraft lost in the Afghanistan campaign.

Crew members ejected from the plane at 15,000 feet and were in the water about two hours during the night.

Lyons, who is on the USS *Russell*, was driving one search and rescue boat that responded to the crash.

All four crew members were in good condition, said officials.

Lyons joined the Navy following his graduation from Meyers High School in 1983.

During his Navy career, he has served aboard the USS *Guam* for five years as well as the USS *Savannah*. He has served in Beirut, Somalia and the Gulf War. He has also completed several six-month tours of sea duty in the Mediterranean Sea and the Indian Ocean.

Lyons was responsible for collecting personal items from sailors on the USS *Guam* as well as the embassy personnel during the evacuation of the embassy in Somalia.

Aside from operating search and rescue craft, Lyons drives the captain's launch, a boat used to shuttle the ship's captain to and from shore.

He has also served at Norfolk, Va.; Pax River, Md.; Kings Bay, Ga., and Pearl Harbor.

While at Pax River, he worked in the testing of hovercraft and with the David Taylor Research in Norfolk.

He is the son of Harold and Jean Lyons, 160 Wood St., Wilkes-Barre. Boatswain Mate 1st Class Lyons is married to the former Sharon Gula, formerly of Edwardsville. They have two sons, Stephen, 13, and Justin, 11, and the family resides in Pearl Harbor. His grandmother, Lucy Machinshok, resides in the Pocomo area.

His mother said he is currently on his fourth six-month cruise since joining the Navy in 1984. He is set to return after Easter.

Although his exact location is classified, she said she keeps in touch with her son through e-mail.

"He e-mails me three times a week," she said, adding it can be difficult not knowing where he is.

"You worry and wonder and thank God when you hear from him that it's good news," she said. "He can't tell us where he is or even where he's going."

Mrs. Lyons explained that the long months away from his family are accepted as part of her son's job.

Although it can be difficult to be gone for extended periods of time, she said her son is doing what he loves.

"He's happiest when he's on the ocean. There's a certain calm about it that he enjoys while he's on the ship," she explained.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the service to our nation of the crew of the USS *Russell*, including Boatswain Mate 1st Class Stephen Lyons, as well as all the military personnel from Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania, and I send my best wishes to them and their families.

## INTRODUCTION OF THE ELECTRONIC MARKETPLACE OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE ACT

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2001

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced the Electronic Marketplace Ownership Disclosure Act. This legislation requires operators of Internet sites that match buyers and sellers to disclose whether they have financial relationships with parties involved in transactions that take place on their sites. Some Internet sites portray themselves as disinterested third parties that simply host a site matching buyers and sellers. The Electronic Marketplace Ownership Disclosure Act requires companies hosting such sites to affirmatively disclose corporate relationships they have with companies offering goods or services on their site.

Many consumers now rely on Internet marketplace sites to compare prices and buy goods. They should have the right to know who really owns an Internet exchange purporting to provide a neutral marketplace. The Electronic Marketplace Ownership Disclosure Act will enable consumers to make more informed purchasing decisions. In the long term, the continued growth of Internet commerce depends on the medium's integrity as a marketplace. This legislation will support the Internet's continued growth by increasing public confidence.

There is a tangible need for this legislation. Last year, Money magazine disclosed that QuickenInsurance.com, a site owned by Intuit Corporation, claimed to provide the "best prices from America's top insurance and loan companies." However, according to the article, Quicken does not disclose on their site that they receive a commission from every insurance policy they arrange.

The American people deserve honesty, whether they are shopping online or in person. For too long, some Internet retailers have avoided telling consumers the truth about who they are owned by and who benefits for special arrangements that may do harm to consumers. The Electronic Marketplace Ownership Disclosure Act let American consumers know the whole truth. This bill is good for consumers, it is good for businesses, and it will benefit the Internet.

## TRIBUTE TO MR. MITCHELL ROBINSON

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2001

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, on December 10th my good friend Mr. Mitchell Robinson passed away after a lengthy illness. He was someone who made a difference and dreamed the American Dream, and he truly represented what this country is all about. The following is a tribute to my friend.

Mr. Robinson, a Knoxville native for 77 years, founded Modern Supply Company in

1949. He devoted his life to family, business and philanthropy. He was married to Natalie Levison Robinson for 50 years.

Mr. Robinson was a lifelong member of Heska Amuna Synagogue and was a leader as chairman and longtime board member. He also chaired the Knoxville Jewish Federation. He established the Sylvia Robinson Memorial Fund and endowed the A.J. and Sylvia Robinson Chapel at the synagogue in memory of his parents.

Mr. Robinson, who served as president of the Southern Wholesalers Association and a Director of the American Supply Association, pioneered the concept of bath and kitchen showrooms in East Tennessee.

He was also active in the Knoxville business community, where he was a charter member of the Midtown Sertoma Club. He was a loyal supporter of the University of Tennessee, contributing to the Departments of Judaic Studies and Athletics.

A World War II veteran, Mr. Robinson served as a flight controller in the U.S. Air Corps Radar Unit in the Pacific.

His beloved family also includes children Rabbi Rayzel and Dr. Simcha Raphael of Philadelphia, A.J. Robinson and Dr. Nicole Ellerine of Atlanta, and Pace and Karen Robinson of Knoxville; grandchildren Yigdal and Hallet Raphael; Micaela, Ethan and Nathaniel Robinson, and Asher and Eli Robinson; sister and brother-in-law Fay and Bob Gluck of Boynton Beach, Fla.; brother-in-law Gilbert Levison of Knoxville; brother- and sister-in-law Jarvin and Deanne Levison of Atlanta; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Mitchell spent most of his 77 years in Knoxville, Tennessee. He was part of a generation that had a significant impact on Knoxville and the surrounding area. He came back from World War II with no money, no business, and a limited education. But he had enduring self-confidence, determination, and a desire for accomplishment that stayed with him his entire life right up to the end.

He was part of that "greatest generation" that we read so much about today, and who Tom Brokaw has made so famous. Men and women who have impacted and enriched all of our lives over the last half of the 20th century.

But as many of you know, and as Sinatra sings, Mitch did it his way . . . whether it was in his business, in his synagogue, or the various other circles he traveled. Everyone was a part of his empire, family, friends, customers, and employees alike. He shared the good and the bad with everyone.

The child of immigrant parents, he created his own style, his own flair in everything he did and everybody he touched.

He had style in his clothes, in his cars, in his hats, in his dancing, in the showrooms at Modern Supply, in the "Pitch from Mitch" stationary, in the incentive trips for his customers that he so tediously planned and enjoyed. He bought things in a big way whether it was a truckload of sinks, shirts for himself, or smoked turkeys for gifts. He was able to charm about anyone he met, particularly the females. He had an appetite for food and people that was enormous.

Mr. Robinson was a leader, perhaps not always knowing where he was going, but knowing he was going somewhere. His devotion to