bar and setting a strong example for others to follow.

TRIBUTE TO SGM WILLIAM ROGER LAYMAN

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to pay tribute to SGM William Roger Layman upon his retirement from the United States Army.

SGM Layman has served our nation with honor and distinction for over 30 years, and his performance throughout his career has been characterized by the highest standards of professional ethics and commitment to the military. He was drafted into the United States Army in July 31, 1969, and attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. SGM Layman became a Personnel Specialist in June 1970 and was stationed in Heidelberg, Germany. He finished his career as a Logistics Operations SGM with the 3rd BDE, 95th Division.

SGM William Layman received a bachelor of science degree in accounting and is currently the Chief of the Internal Review and Audit Compliance Office, USA MEDDAC, at Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

SGM William Layman's awards include the Army Commendation Medal w/Oak Leaf, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal w/Silver Oak Leaf (6th Award), National Defense Service Medal with Service Star, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/hour glass, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (3), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon (2nd Award).

Mr. Speaker, I am certain that my colleagues will join me in wishing SGM Layman all the best. We thank him for over 30 years of service to the United States of America.

TACEY GAUTHIER: AN AMBASSADOR FOR HEALING

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Tacey Gauthier of Linwood, Michigan, for her significant contributions in the field of emergency medical services. The tragic events of September 11 reminded us all of just how critical our paramedics and other medical workers are in emergency situations. As a paramedic with Bay Regional Medical Center EMS in Bay City, Tacey time and again has displayed the courage and dedication required to do the job the way it ought to be done.

Tacey began her career in 1989 with Bay Regional Medical EMS. In addition, she volunteered with Northern Bay Ambulance in Pinconning, Michigan, and spent a year with Advance Medical Transport in Pontiac, Michigan. From the start, Tacey went full-throttle in her efforts to learn and develop as an emergency services worker. Later, she expanded her knowledge to become a field training officer and a classroom instructor.

Over the years, the list of Tacey's qualifications and certifications multiplied to a point that they are now too numerous to fully include on her resume. She is certified in advance cardiac life support, pre-hospital trauma life support, automatic external defibrillator and a host of other areas for the treatment of emergency victims. She also is qualified as an EMS instructor and by the American Academy of Pediatrics as an instructor for pediatric emergencies for pre-hospital providers.

While Tacey has certainly saved many lives in her work as a paramedic, her skills and passion for teaching and training others to become emergency medical technicians is perhaps an even greater gift. She has an unparalleled reputation for making difficult subject matter more accessible and more easily understandable for her students. By teaching others, Tacey is leaving a legacy that will improve and expand emergency medical services in Bay County and throughout Michigan well into the future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing gratitude to Tacey Gauthier, Bay Regional Medical Center EMS and all emergency medical workers serving on the front lines in communities all across America. I am confident that Tacey will continue to teach, guide and lead by example so that others will emulate her efforts to become first-rate paramedics or emergency medical technicians.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. BURDETTE ANDREWS

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2002

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to recognize one of my constituents and a friend, Burdette Andrews, of Jackson, MI, who is retiring as superintendent of Vandercook Lake schools where he served for 56 years. Mr. Andrews is recognized as the longest serving superintendent of schools in the history of our nation. Burdette is well known for having served the people of the school district and the state of Michigan with a dedication unparalleled by any before him.

It is nearly impossible for me to stand before you and do such an inspiring man justice with mere words, however, when I think of this man who played such an important part in the education of so many young people and future leaders, I am moved to try. I think of words such as resilience, honor, dedication, and intensity, warmth, friendliness, and kindness. None of these words, however, are quite enough. One thing I can be sure of though, is that in that part of Michigan's seventh district, Burdette Andrews is a legend.

Fellow representatives, by serving his school district for 56 years, Mr. Andrews has not only set national record for length of service in this profession, but also has brought great honor and distinction to that profession he loved so much. Burdette Andrews is credited with being responsible for the popular feeling among people in his community toward the public school system.

Burdette married Annabel Shafer in 1940. They had four children. Don Edwin Andrews, deceased in 1992, was an accountant and auditor for DOT in Detroit, Dan L. Andrews, partner and member of the operating committee for Roney and Co., a stock brokerage firm Jonathan B. Andrews, high school counselor at Chelsea High School and a private psychotherapist, Judith A. Andrews, controller at ShoTech Presentations in Madison Hgts.

Burdette was born in 1908 and graduated from Greenville College in Illinois in 1930. He then went on to earn a master's degree in administration from the University of Michigan. Before starting his career as the superintendent of schools of Vandercook Lake in the Summer of 46.

Every millage election through the years since 1946 for new school buildings and/or additions and additional millage for operation was always approved by a the people of Vandercook Lake. One reason was that Burdette Andrews was always conservative with the taxpayer's money.

Academically, Vandercook Lake Public Schools have maintained accreditation continuously with the University of Michigan and the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Curriculum has been expanded at both the elementary and secondary levels. Special programs have been added to benefit all children. An excellent staff of administrators and teachers has been maintained. The expansion and enrichment of the athletic and activities program for students, including a high school band program, have taken place. All these things were accomplished with Mr. Andrews' guidance. He has served this community well.

Burdette Andrews not only embodies all of the characteristics and qualities that we as legislators desire for all those in public service. By allowing children access to him and the qualities and characteristics he embodies for his 92 years, Burdette Andrews has done a great service to America's youth and, therefore, Burdette Andrews has done a great service to America.

HONORING THE VISALIA AVENUE OF FLAGS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Avenue of Flags Ceremony of Visalia, California, performed on Memorial Day. The Avenue of Flags service is held to remember the fallen veterans of past wars. Prior to the program, the casket flags of these veterans are flown on display at the Visalia Cemetery.

The Avenue of Flags has been a Memorial Day tradition in Visalia for 12 years. This year, 1,292 casket flags will be flown on Monday, May 27. On Saturday May 25, 3,000 small flags will be placed at each of the military grave marker stones at the Visalia Cemetery. Some graves date as far back as the Civil War.

Dr. Manuel Garcia, commander of the Avenue of Flags Veterans Association, along with many groups of volunteers including school groups, service organizations, Boy Scouts, Girl