

career Arnold has been known for his unwavering dedication to promoting health and well being for all members of our community. This year Arnold celebrates his retirement after more than a decade of service to the county and many more years of distinguished work here in the Bay Area.

Arnold holds a B.A. from San Francisco State University, his Teaching Credential from the University of California at Berkeley, and he completed Masters coursework at California State University, Hayward. Throughout the course of his distinguished career, Arnold has served our community as a high school teacher and principal; nonprofit organization executive director; family counselor and advocate; foundation program officer; college teacher and administrator; and restaurant owner and operator.

Arnold came to the Alameda County Public Health Department in 1994. As director he has provided leadership and management of the administrative program and policy activities of the department, which has a budget of \$105 million and over 500 employees, and serves a population of 1.4 million people. His professional expertise is supplemented by his diverse experience and deep commitment to building and maintaining the spirit of community.

Under Arnold's leadership, the department has undergone a number of changes that are making its functions reflective of a broader vision of public health. Some of the milestones that have marked Arnold's tenure as director include, but are certainly not limited to, establishing Community Health Teams, through which the department deployed field staff in 10 neighborhoods throughout the county to provide individual and population based services; establishing the Legislative Council, which develops the Health Department's legislative platform and supports the implementation of new policy; and working with my office, the office of Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson and many others to declare an HIV/AIDS State of Emergency in the African-American community. The AIDS pandemic is devastating African Americans and other communities of color, and women in particular in these groups. Arnold's leadership has been crucial in addressing these impacts here in Alameda County and making treatment, prevention and education available and accessible to those who need it most.

In addition to his stellar work leading the Public Health Department, Arnold has been and continues to be heavily involved in a number of other boards and organizations here in the Bay Area and nationally. He has served the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as a Member of the Advisory Committee for the National Center on HIV & STD Prevention as well as the Public Health Workforce 21st Century Taskforce. He has served as the President of the West Berkeley Health Center as well as the Chair of the Professional School of Psychology. Furthermore, Arnold has served with distinction as a board member within the San Francisco Foundation; the Family Violence Prevention Fund; Youth Radio; The Mentoring Center; United Way of the Bay Area, and many more organizations. Arnold has been recognized for his service with numerous awards from organizations such as the Center for Independent Living, the U.C. Berkeley School of Public Health, YMCA of the East Bay and Bay Area Strive for Five.

Today the friends, family and colleagues of Arnold Perkins have come together to celebrate not only his retirement, but also his legacy of service and his permanent and positive impact on our community. On this very special day, I join all of them in thanking and saluting Arnold for his profound contributions to California's 9th Congressional District, our country and our world.

#### ANOTHER PENTAGON SMEAR

### HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 22, 2007*

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I am sometimes thankful for small things—for example, the fact that I am not in charge of judging what pronouncement from the Bush administration is the most outrageous. While I do not have to pick the winner, I do want to note an entry that would be a strong contender for that title: the extraordinarily wrong-headed and morally flawed attack by Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Cully Stimson on American lawyers who are defending people detained in Guantanamo. Not only does Mr. Stimson impugn people who have taken on an unpleasant job that is in the best traditions of the legal profession, and very much in the mainstream of American constitutional doctrine, he actually called on business leaders in this country to punish these lawyers economically for upholding these important American values.

As the Boston Globe editorial from January 16th points out, "the right to counsel is a pillar of the U.S. justice system" and the Globe correctly asserts that "Stimson's boss, Defense Secretary Robert Gates, should go beyond the Pentagon's pro forma disavowal of these remarks and ensure that Stimson watches this 'play out' from someplace other than a job at the Defense Department."

It is intolerable for a high public official of the United States Government to try to inflict economic harm on lawyers for upholding American constitutional tradition. Cully Stimson's blatant unfitness for an important public position ought to be clear to even officials of the Bush administration. It is incumbent on the President, Mr. Speaker, to repudiate these outrageous sentiments and to take the only action that can reassure lawyers in America that they will not suffer from doing their duty—firing Mr. Stimson.

[From the Boston Globe, Jan. 16, 2007]

#### ANOTHER PENTAGON SMEAR

When the shameful history of the Guantanamo detention center is finally written, one of the few reassuring chapters will be the way lawyers from many U.S. law firms have given pro-bono representation to prisoners who have been denied their Geneva Convention rights. It is especially outrageous that the Pentagon official responsible for detainees has maligned these lawyers and encouraged corporations to take their legal business away from their firms.

In an interview last Thursday, deputy assistant secretary of defense Cully Stimson said he found it "shocking" that lawyers from prestigious firms were representing Guantanamo detainees. "I think, quite honestly," Stimson said, "when corporate CEOs see that those firms are representing the very terrorists who hit their bottom line

back in 2001, those CEOs are going to make those law firms choose between representing terrorists or representing reputable firms, and I think that is going to have major play in the next few weeks. And we want to watch that play out."

Since the right to counsel is a pillar of the U.S. justice system, Stimson's boss, defense secretary Robert Gates, should go beyond the Pentagon's pro forma disavowal of these remarks and ensure that Stimson watches this "play out" from someplace other than a job at the Defense Department. Gates might also set the record straight by pointing out that the only inmates at Guantanamo suspected of links to the Sept. 11 attacks were brought there just recently, after long being held in secret Central Intelligence Agency prisons where they had no access to counsel whatsoever.

Twice, the Supreme Court has ruled that Guantanamo detainees' rights are being denied by the Bush administration in cases brought by the lawyers whom Stimson vilifies. In another case on behalf of Guantanamo detainees in 2005, U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler said the petitioners' lawyers are acting "in the very finest tradition of the American legal profession." It was a tradition established in part by John Adams's representation of the British soldiers accused in the Boston Massacre of 1770.

Stimson's remarks came just as critics of U.S. detention policies were noting the fifth anniversary of the use of Guantanamo as a center for indefinite imprisonment of persons captured during the war in Afghanistan, or other fronts in the war on terrorism. The administration should close Guantanamo and try any detainees that it believes responsible for acts of terror or war crimes in U.S. courts.

Congress's new Democratic majorities should repeal the law passed last year that denies detainees their habeas corpus right to challenge their continued detention. That, like the right to counsel, is another mainstay of the American legal system that must not be a victim of the war on terror.

#### HONORING CHIEF MICHAEL P. NEUHARD IN RETIREMENT

### HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 22, 2007*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Michael P. Neuhard upon his retirement as Fire Chief and Fairfax County Fire Marshal for the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department.

Over the past 30 years Chief Michael Neuhard has worked tirelessly to promote efforts that ensure the safety and well-being of the citizens of Fairfax County. During his career he has moved through the ranks of the department serving in such positions as assistant chief of administrative services, deputy chief of special operations, hazardous materials response team coordinator and head of hazardous materials services in the fire prevention division.

As Fire Chief and Fairfax County Fire Marshal, Chief Neuhard oversees a staff of 1,678 personnel, 300 operational fire and EMS volunteers, and 36 fire stations. In this role he plans, coordinates, and directs the overall operation of the Fire and Rescue Department, which includes fire suppression, hazardous material abatement, emergency medical services, fire prevention, technical rescue, as well as administrative and support services.