brought and nurtured music and jazz in the region for five generations. He will be remembered as a truly great and inspirational teacher whose lasting effect will be felt for many years to come.

After fulfilling his military obligation in the Army, Cannon graduated from Philander Smith College, in Little Rock, Arkansas. While studying music, he was also a member of the football and track teams. Following his graduation, he began teaching music at Jones High School in North Little Rock, where we met and married his wife of 50 years, Maxine Sutton. They moved to Mahaska, Kansas in 1959, where he taught general music from kindergarten to 12th grades.

In 1964, the family moved to El Centro, where he taught elementary and junior high music. In 1966, he became the band director of The Great Spartan Band at Central Union High School, where he distinguished himself as a teacher and band director for 30 years.

Bands from Central High received many awards and honors from the Orange Coast College Jazz Festivals, El Centro Navy Base Jazz Festival, Southwestern College Jazz Festival, Imperial Valley College Jazz Festival, USC Concert of the Bands, UCLA Band Festival, Holiday Bowl Music Festivals, Columbus Day Parade, Mother Goose Parade, and the Disneyland Parades and concerts in 1975, 1976, 1977, and 1987.

The Great Spartan Band traveled extensively beginning in 1972 with a trip to Mexico City, where they were honored by the President of Mexico. The band traveled four times to the Mardi Gras in New Orleans, and twice to Hawaii. The bands last trip before his retirement in 1996, was to Disneyworld in Florida (1995), where they participated in the Magic Kingdom Easter Parade. Throughout the years, the band performed for numerous local events.

He received the Teacher of the Year Award in 1988, which led to the Imperial Valley Arts Council sponsorship of Valley Jazz; a nonprofit big band that sponsors scholarships and provides local musicians with performance opportunities.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine; two sons, Derek (Jenee), of La Mesa, and Mike of El Centro; one daughter, Janine of El Centro: three grandchildren, Breanne, Carley, and Brenna of San Diego; two nephews, Hardy Thrower Jr. (Susan), of Sparks, Nevada, and Eric Thrower, (Sandra), of San Diego.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, May 31st, at the Southwest High School Center for the Performing Arts where hundreds of friends, former students and fellow musicians gathered to honor his life and lasting legacy which became synonymous with jazz.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF REINA ARCE LEDDY

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Reina Arce Leddy, President of the Guam Chamber of Commerce, for her dedication and service to our community. Reina passed away on Thursday morning, July 2, 2009, on Guam.

In November 2007, Reina was appointed President of the Guam Chamber of Commerce. As the Chamber's President and Chief Executive Officer, Reina led and promoted the Chamber's programs. Before assuming the Presidency, Reina worked with the Chamber since 1991 as an assistant to the President. In that capacity Reina supervised Chamber staff, and managed all aspects of Chamber's community relations, special events and publications. An energetic and focused professional, Reina staffed the Chamber's Committees on the Armed Forces, Maritime Affairs, Small Business, Tourism, and Retail-Wholesale Merchants. Reina also served as the Chamber chief administrative officer where she was entrusted by the Board of Directors with managing the Chamber's organizational structure, with the effective execution of its policies and procedures, the maintenance of its membership and the organization's long range planning.

Reina graduated from the University of Guam where she majored in Finance and Economics and East Asian Studies with an emphasis on Japan. While at UOG she also pursued a minor in Management. The government of Japan awarded Reina a Japanese Government Scholarship as a research student at Hiroshima University's Intensive Japanese Language Course. She also studied at Kagawa University.

In addition to her duties as Chamber President, Reina is a member of the American Chambers of Commerce Executives (ACCE), the Asia Pacific Council of American Chambers of Commerce (APCAC) and the Civilian Advisory Council at Andersen Air Force Base.

Reina's spirit of community extends to her home village of Mangilao and the parish of Santa Teresita Catholic Church. An accomplished pianist, Reina, and her husband, David, a professional guitarist, shared their love of music as the leaders of their church choir. Born on November 24, 1963, to Reynaldo Arce and Consolacion San Nicolas Mendiola, and married to David P. Leddy on May 31, 1986, Reina left us at the young age of 45 but leaves behind a legacy that will live for many years to come.

My condolences, sympathies and prayers go out to her family and loved ones and to all who knew her and were touched by her joyous spirit and never-ending smile.

DID FIRED OC AIR MARSHAL ENDANGER FLYING PUBLIC OR PROTECT IT?

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2009

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss the article titled "Did Fired OC Air Marshal Endanger Flying Public, or Protect It?" The article was posted online on May 8, 2009 and I believe my colleagues in Congress will benefit from the article and the topic of whistleblower protection.

DID FIRED OC AIR MARSHAL ENDANGER FLYING PUBLIC, OR PROTECT IT?

(By Teri Sforza)

On July 26, 2003, the Department of Homeland Security issued an alert to all U.S. airlines, airport security managers and federal air marshals:

A possible hijacking plot was in the works, involving five-man teams that might try to seize planes and fly them into government, military or economic targets.

Robert MacLean of Ladera Ranch had been working as a federal air marshal since shortly after 9/11. So it struck him as particularly bizarre when—just three days later—a text message popped up on his government-issued mobile phone:

Overnight missions involving federal air marshals will be cancelled from late July through early August.

What? No overnights? That meant no air marshals on long-distance flights. To save money on hotel rooms, MacLean would come to understand.

This, thought MacLean, was crazy. The 9/11 hijackers targeted long-distance flights because they hauled the most fuel and could do the most damage. Pulling air marshals from such flights, precisely when there was warning of a possible attack, was gross mismanagement—and a "specific threat to public safety that could lead to catastrophic loss of life," he'd say later in court papers.

So MacLean took his concerns to his supervisor and other officials.

He didn't get far.

TOP SECRET?

That text message, MacLean would later argue, wasn't marked as sensitive information. It arrived on his mobile phone, not on his secure PDA.

And so, on July 29, 2003, MacLean disclosed the message to—gasp!—a member of the press. NBC.

Fallout was fast and furious. Lawmakers decried the idea as foolish; Sen. Barbara Boxer offered to send the Transportation Security Administration a list of hotels near San Francisco International Airport where rooms cost less than $100 a night. Officials said they had made no final decisions yet; and overnight missions continued, as per usual, on the full schedule of cross-country and international flights.

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL?

Not quite.

Nearly three years later—in April 2006—MacLean was fired from his job as a federal air marshal. Grounds for dismissal: disclosing sensitive information to the media.

The message didn't need to be marked "sensitive," the government argued; all details regarding the deployment, number and operations of federal air marshals were protected information.

"Your unauthorized media appearance and unauthorized release of SSI (sensitive security) information to the media raise serious doubts about your judgment and trustworthiness," says MacLean's dismissal notice, signed by Frank Donzanti, special agent in charge with the Transportation Security Administration.

"Moreover, the disclosure of this SSI had the potential to reveal vulnerabilities in the aviation security system, and as such, was extremely dangerous to the public we serve. As such, I find little chance for your rehabilitation as a FAM (federal air marshal). Based on the egregiousness of your actions I have lost confidence in your ability to perform and find that removal from Federal employment for your unauthorized disclosure of SSI is necessary to promote the effectiveness of the FAM Service," the letter says.

LEGAL LABYRINTH

So was MacLean endangering the public safety by revealing the message? Or was he protecting it?

Is he a villain, or a hero?

MacLean argues that he should be protected as a federal whistleblower, and filed a whistleblower suit against the government.