

they have the resources and technology to better carry out their mission.

Mr. Speaker I urge my colleagues to support this legislation. It serves as an opportunity to give air traffic controllers the acknowledgment they so deserve and encourage them to keep our skies safe for all.

NINA ARCHABAL'S 23 YEARS OF SERVICE TO MINNESOTA AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Nina Archabal for her 33 years of service to the Minnesota Historical Society, including 23 years of service as the Director.

The Minnesota Historical Society is a private nonprofit organization that was founded in 1849 to preserve the history of the State of Minnesota, while providing educational and cultural learning opportunities. Today, the society operates 26 historic sites and museums throughout the state of Minnesota.

Ms. Archabal began her distinguished career with the Minnesota Historical Society in 1977. In 1987, Archabal became the Historical Society's 10th Director after serving nine years as deputy director.

While at the helm of the Historical Society, Archabal oversaw several major projects including the construction of the Minnesota Historical Society Center in Saint Paul, the Mille Lacs Indian Museum in Onamaia and the Mill City Museum in Minneapolis. These projects have helped to preserve and protect Minnesota's past and tell Minnesota's story. Visitors to Historical Society sites learn about our past through unique and engaging exhibits, including "living history" demonstrations like the beloved celebration of the holidays at the Saint Paul home of Minnesota's first territorial governor, Alexander Ramsey, where visitors experience Christmas 1875 by meeting "members" of the Ramsey family, sampling fresh cookies from the wood-burning stove. These unique traditions make history accessible and understandable to young and old alike.

Throughout her career, Nina Archabal has demonstrated strength of character, hard work, dedication and perseverance that has made the Minnesota Historical Society a national model for historic preservation and interpretation. I value her service and commitment, which will be felt by generations of Minnesotans in the future.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Nina Archabal for her 23 years of service for the state of Minnesota. It is my honor to submit this statement.

SOCIAL SECURITY'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the

Social Security program. Social Security has been one of the most popular and successful government programs in our nation's history. It is a social compact that extends across all generations and all income groups. More than 95 percent of American workers pay into the system and without it, more than half of today's seniors would live below the poverty line. In addition to lifting millions of elderly Americans out of poverty, Social Security provides vital social insurance to countless disabled workers and survivor benefits for dependent spouses and families. Because so many people depend upon the Social Security benefits they have earned over a lifetime of work, any changes in the current system must be reviewed very carefully. Any effort to change the Social Security system should be bipartisan, reflect broad public support and continue to ensure a guaranteed benefit with annual cost-of-living adjustments. I will continue to work with my colleagues to preserve and strengthen the current Social Security program and to oppose any plan that would violate our nation's compact with retirees.

RECOGNIZING PASTOR SHAWN BLACK

HON. JOHN CAMPBELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. CAMPBELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent of mine, Pastor Shawn Black of Calvary Chapel in Costa Mesa, California. Pastor Black served as our guest Chaplain this morning. Eight years ago, he founded Project Prayer Flag, a non-profit organization which has supported over 700,000 American military personnel by providing care packages and support for troops' families. Pastor Black himself volunteered for military service at age 17, and in addition to his ministry, has spent over twenty years in law enforcement, including a stint as a Federal Air Marshal from 2002–2005. I would like to thank him for opening this session of Congress today in prayer, as well as for his many years of dedicated service to our country.

TRIBUTE TO NICK DANIEL BACON

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of a Medal of Honor recipient, a committed advocate of veterans' rights, and a true American hero. On July 17th, 2010 Nick "Nicky" Bacon passed away at the age of 64 after a hard-fought battle with cancer. He lived a life of service to our nation's military, our country and our state.

Nick Bacon served in the United States Army from 1963 to 1984; in his service he displayed a love of country and faithful service to his fellow soldiers. While serving, he risked his life and led two platoons forward through heavy enemy fire to save men pinned down on the battlefield. It was for this act of selfless valor and courage under fire that Nick Bacon earned the Congressional Medal of Honor. In

his long and dedicated career he was also awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Legion of Merit, two Bronze Stars, and Purple Heart.

Following his service in the Army, Nick Bacon served his fellow veterans and his state as Director of the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs and President of the Medal of Honor Society. He had steadfast support for the veterans of Arkansas and was instrumental in the creation of the Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery and the Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery Beautification Foundation.

I wish First Sergeant Bacon's family the deepest condolences for their loss. Nick Bacon conducted his life in a selfless, dedicated manner that we all should aspire to; his service and sacrifice will not soon be forgotten in his state or by his fellow soldiers. I ask today of my fellow colleagues that we stand and honor the legacy of First Sergeant Nick Bacon.

HONORING MR. SHEPARD "SHEP" LEE

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the accomplishments and life of Shepard "Shep" Lee, who passed away on June 23rd of this year.

Shep was a well-known entrepreneur and philanthropist within the state of Maine. After taking over his father's local automobile dealership in 1947, he eventually expanded the business to encompass thirteen locations throughout Maine. He was a true pioneer in his field and was never afraid to take a risk to help the business community. He was the first local car dealer to use television ads in the 1960s and employ a board of directors. He was a tireless advocate of economic development in Maine, even offering advice to competitors.

In addition, Shep is remembered for his contributions to the greater community. A graduate of Bowdoin College, he championed educational progress, donating generous amounts to both Bowdoin and Bates Colleges and the George Mitchell Scholarship fund. He sat on the law and business school boards of the University of Southern Maine, the board of the Muskie School of Public Service and the Maine Community College Board.

His life-long commitment to gender equality and civil rights was also remarkable. He was an active member of the Maine branch of the NAACP and served on the board of the American Civil Liberties Union, later receiving the Roger Baldwin Award, the ACLU's higher honor. Shep supported gay rights legislation well before the passage of Maine's non-discrimination law.

An advisor, friend and tireless fund-raiser for Senator George Mitchell, the late Justice Frank Coffin and the late Edmund Muskie, Shep's political activism was notable both locally and nationally. He is fondly remembered by his friends, family and colleagues, and his contributions to the State of Maine will not soon be forgotten.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Shepard Lee for his life of dedication and service to his community and his country.