

eight decades, Congress has always acted in a bipartisan manner to ensure the fiscal solvency of the program.

Ever since I was elected to Congress in 1970, I have dedicated myself to ensuring the financial security of the Social Security Trust Funds. At times, I had to speak out against Presidents of both parties who proposed changes in the system that would cut or eliminate Social Security cost-of-living-adjustments (COLAs) or even replace the program with private Social Security savings accounts. It was in the early 1980s that I established the bipartisan Social Security Caucus to fight against cuts in the COLAs and to preserve and protect the Social Security Trust Funds to ensure that benefits would continue to be there, as promised, for current and future generations of workers.

It was with great pride that I supported two of the major legislative initiatives to improve the delivery of Social Security benefits and to provide for the program's long-term financial solvency. The 1972 amendments adjusted benefits to allow them to catch up with inflation over the program's first 37 years and also instituted an automatic cost-of-living payment to allow them to stay in balance with inflation from there on out. The 1983 amendments made some adjustments to the program to reflect the longer lifespan of workers and the impact of inflation on the program and protected the long-term stability of the program for more than 75 years. That legislation passed the House 243-102 with my support as I joined 163 Democrats and 79 Republicans in approving the bill.

The 1983 amendments reflect what Congress can do in the interest of the American people when we work together in a bipartisan manner for the good of the people we are elected to serve. A House with a large Democrat majority joined a Senate with a Republican majority and worked with Republican President Ronald Reagan to make some tough decisions that protected the Social Security benefits for generations of older Americans.

As our nation looks down the road at our fiscal future, I will remain vigilant in seeing that Social Security continues to be a sound self-financing system that provides retirement security for generations of retirees. There is no doubt though that the time will come when we need to reexamine the financial footing of the system and it is my hope that we will once again join together in a bipartisan manner to make the best decisions for the American people.

Madam Speaker, too often Social Security has been used as a political weapon to scare older Americans for the benefit of one political cause or another. As we prepare to celebrate a milestone anniversary of the Social Security program, let us dedicate ourselves to reassuring the American people of our commitment to its long-term solvency and to honoring the greatest traditions of this House and this Congress to ensure that we address any future needs of the program in a bipartisan manner as we have done so many times in the past.

My resolve to protect Social Security for our nation's elderly remains firm and you can be sure of my continuing commitment in this re-

gard. We owe the people we represent no less.

RECOGNIZING THE BICENTENNIAL
OF THE CITY OF McMINNVILLE

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of McMinnville, which next week will celebrate its bicentennial.

Named after Governor Joseph McMinn, who helped write the Tennessee state constitution in 1796, McMinnville has been the center of economic activity for Warren County for the last two hundred years. Agriculture and horticulture have long been staples of the people who live in middle Tennessee, and McMinnville is no exception. McMinnville's position on the Cumberland Plateau makes it uniquely suited to growing a wide variety of crops and plants. Home to about 650 nurseries specializing in everything from evergreen trees to flowering shrubs, it's no wonder that McMinnville is known as the "Nursery Capital of the World."

For a rural Tennessee community, McMinnville has given our country its fair share of notable statesmen and entertainers. Carl Thomas Rowan grew up in McMinnville before attending Tennessee State and Washburn Universities. He was later appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary of State by President John F. Kennedy, served at the U.S. Ambassador to Finland, and became the first African American to hold a seat on the National Security Council.

In keeping with Tennessee's musical tradition, several McMinnville residents have become well known musicians in Nashville and throughout the United States. McMinnville native Uncle Dave Macon, also known as "the Dixie Dewdrop," became one of the first stars of the Grand Ole Opry. Dinah Shore moved to McMinnville with her family in 1924 and went on to become a television star and singer, performing alongside stars like Frank Sinatra and Ella Fitzgerald. Born and raised in McMinnville, Dottie West was made famous with her role as "Miss Country Sunshine" in a Coca-Cola commercial and her performances at the Grand Ole Opry.

As residents in McMinnville and across Warren County prepare to mark the city's 200th anniversary, I encourage them to take a moment and reflect on the history and heritage of their community so that it may be preserved as the city begins its third century.

IN MEMORY OF HARRY W. "RED"
CAUGHRON

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding educator and

coach who graced the hallways—and the gridiron—of some of the finest academic institutions in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Harry W. "Red" Caughron, an All-Conference tackle for the College of William & Mary in the 1940s and longtime head coach and athletic director at Woodberry Forest School in Madison County, VA, died May 28, 2010.

Coach Caughron was described by admirers as "the very best of the principles that should imbue sport." A native of Sevierville, Tennessee, he played freshman football at William & Mary before serving with the 78th Infantry Division, 2nd Battalion, and the 84th Infantry Division during World War II. After the war, he returned to William & Mary, where he co-captained the squad that defeated Oklahoma State in the 1948 Delta Bowl, and completed both undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Caughron coached at James Wood High School in Winchester, Virginia, and at Hammond High School in Alexandria, Virginia, before joining Woodberry Forest in 1960. He became athletic director at Woodberry in 1961.

Over 31 seasons as Woodberry's head coach, Caughron compiled a record of 217 wins, 56 losses, and seven ties—one of the best among Virginia high school coaches. His teams, eight of which were undefeated, earned 15 conference championships. He was an eight-time Virginia Prep League Coach of the Year, and was inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in 2009.

Caughron was a modest man who, while committed to winning, was even more invested in developing young men of sterling character who played by the rules and exhibited good sportsmanship. It is my privilege to honor the memory of Red Caughron.

RECOGNIZING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE PENSACOLA FIRE
DEPARTMENT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize the 200th Anniversary of the City of Pensacola's Fire Department. Pensacola has truly benefited from their 200 years of exceptional service.

Since 1810, Pensacola's Fire Department has been made up of men and women with the utmost valor and integrity. These individuals have dedicated their lives to the service of protecting the 60,000 residents of Pensacola, Florida. Specializing in fire suppression, fire code enforcement, emergency medical services and public education programs, these first responders have provided vital services that have benefited countless individuals throughout the community.

Determined and dedicated, the city of Pensacola's brave fire fighters go above and beyond the call of duty every day. Their level of commitment and sacrifice over the last 200 years is truly remarkable and will never be forgotten. Whether is it fighting flames or visiting school campuses, these men and women serve with distinction and as real American heroes.