

representation of commercial business concerns, from initial organizations, capital formation, developing strategic alliances and joint ventures between Wisconsin companies and overseas business interests. He has guided numerous companies through various growth and development phases involved in building a business. He has worked closely with businesses on their legal matters, including negotiating distributor agreements and establishing subsidiary or branch operations for clients throughout the United States, Europe and Asia, and serves on the Board of many companies engaged in international trade.

Mr. Mulcahy's leadership in the area of world trade is reflected in his role as founder of the Wisconsin World Trade Center (WWTC) in 1987. He served as the initial President of WWTC and continues to serve as a member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. Mr. Mulcahy is past president of the Milwaukee World Trade Association and is also past chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Institute of World Affairs of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Mr. Mulcahy's record of service to Wisconsin businesses and to the Belgian of is distinguished and worthy of praise. His nomination to become a Knight in the Order of Leopold is truly deserved.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTH HAVEN LIGHTHOUSE

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the centennial of one of southwest Michigan's most famous landmarks: the three-story red lighthouse located in the beautiful community of South Haven. Artifacts such as this lighthouse are of tremendous historical value. These symbols of our heritage stand as a remembrance for generations to come. This 11-foot wide, 36-foot tall structure was constructed in 1903. Its red-case iron structure has always been one of its defining characteristics, making it easily identifiable to lighthouse enthusiasts and area historians. In fact, a new book has been published by the Michigan Maritime Museum depicting history of this lighthouse in honor of its 100th anniversary. As all folks who live, work, or grew up on the shores of Lake Michigan know, lighthouses provide an invaluable service to communities and commerce of the Great Lakes. I am proud that the South Haven lighthouse has reached its 100th anniversary and I am hopeful that it will survive 100 years more.

TRIBUTE TO DANNY GALLACHER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor the life of Danny Gallacher who recently passed away. A long-time resident of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Danny made significant contributions to his

community as a leader and role model for others.

Danny and Mary raised four boys, eventually enlisting their help in running a number of family business ventures, which included a service station and a diner that eventually became a full-service restaurant and bar. One of Danny's major contributions to his community was his service as a counselor at the drug and alcohol detoxification center he helped establish.

Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I recognize the life and passing of Danny Gallacher. Danny will be especially missed by his family, friends, and the many people who knew him in the Glenwood Springs community. My thoughts and prayers are with them during this difficult time.

TRIBUTE TO BOB STUMP

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply saddened by the loss of a former colleague, friend, and mentor, the Honorable Bob Stump of Arizona. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife Nancy, his children, Karen, Hoot, and Bruce, as well as his grandchildren, other family members and friends who loved him.

From his enlistment in the Navy during World War II at the age of 16, to his extraordinary leadership as chairman of the Veterans' Affairs and Armed Services Committees in the House of Representatives, Bob Stump was a true American hero.

Bob Stump served with distinction in Congress for 26 years, including 6 years as chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and 2 years as chairman of the committee on Armed Services. Chairman Stump used his influence to promote responsible legislation to assist and honor our nation's veterans.

Under Bob Stump's leadership, Congress increased funding for veterans health care; expanded access to long term care for aging veterans, including nonhospital alternative care; reformed eligibility standards for access to VA health care; extended the national cemetery system, including Arlington National Cemetery; increased assistance to disabled veterans and their survivors; and strengthened the Montgomery GI Bill that has helped millions of veterans fulfill their educational and career goals.

A modest man who preferred to shun the spotlight, Bob Stump's life and his legacy will continue to shine brightly for generations of service men and women to come.

Mr. Speaker, Bob Stump was the chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs from 1995-2000, and its ranking minority member for the 2 previous years. He served as a member of the Committee for a total of 14 years. During his tenure as chairman, he compiled a distinguished record of legislation that is a major part of his legacy of public service. As his successor as chairman of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, I particularly know and appreciate all that he did for our Nation's veterans, servicemembers and their families by working on a bipartisan basis in cooperation with veterans' service organizations. I want to

take this opportunity to recall the major veterans' legislation he authored, because Bob Stump was not one to trumpet his accomplishments.

In 1996, Chairman Stump initiated and Congress passed important health care eligibility reforms for veterans that removed barriers to outpatient care and allowed greater flexibility to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in paying for care closer to veterans' homes. The savings generated by shifting away from inpatient care and budget increases Bob supported were used to increase ambulatory care visits in fiscal year 2000 to more than 40 million total outpatient visits nationwide, an increase of 5.3 million outpatient visits per year over 1997. As a result of this legislation, the VA established hundreds of new community-based outpatient clinics throughout the Nation to improve veterans' access to health care.

In 1998, Bob Stump initiated and Congress passed the largest benefits expansion for veterans since the Persian Gulf war, including: allowing spouses of veterans who died from a service-connected disability to resume receiving assistance under the Dependency and Indemnity Compensation program if their subsequent remarriage ended; increasing adaptive housing and automobile allowances; increasing the monthly pension benefit for disabled veterans in need of the full time aid and attendance of another person by \$600 per year; and increasing the monthly Montgomery GI Bill payment from \$440 to \$528, a 20-percent increase.

Then in 2000, our former chairman initiated and Congress passed the landmark Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act, popularly known by many veterans as the Millennium Act, the most comprehensive benefits improvement legislation in decades. Some of its more significant provisions included: mandating nursing home and long-term care for seriously disabled veterans; allowing the VA to pay for emergency care for veterans lacking access to other health care plans; improving priority health care access for Purple Heart recipients and military retirees; improving benefits for surviving spouses of disabled veterans; and increasing programs providing employment and housing assistance to homeless veterans.

Also, Bob Stump greatly appreciated the value of education, and initiated Montgomery GI Bill benefits enhancements that increased the value of the monthly education benefit for veterans by nearly \$100 per month to \$650. The resulting 4-year total basic benefit of \$23,400 for a full-time student at a 4-year institution in the year 2000 was almost 50 percent higher than it was in 1997. This law also contained provisions that allowed servicemembers to contribute more up front to achieve an \$800 per month benefit, and it provided active duty servicemembers a new opportunity to convert their post-Vietnam Era Veterans Educational Assistance Program benefits to the Montgomery GI Bill if they had not done so before or had withdrawn all the funds from their VEAP accounts.

Bob Stump had a particular interest in the national cemetery system, and worked for its expansion. Thanks to his efforts while he was chairman, five new national veterans' cemeteries were opened, adding approximately 835,000 gravesites to our national cemetery capacity. Additionally, legislation he sponsored was enacted to require the VA to plan 6 new

national cemeteries in Atlanta, Miami, Pittsburgh, Oklahoma, Sacramento, and Detroit. He also authorized legislation to expand the boundaries of Arlington National Cemetery, extending its useful life beyond the projected closing date of 2025 so that in-ground burials of veterans can continue until approximately the year 2041.

Mr. Speaker, this impressive record of legislative accomplishment has resulted in immeasurable good for veterans, servicemembers and their families. Bob Stump's leadership was the strongest kind—leadership by example. His lifetime of service to America left this country a better place, and I am honored to have served in the House with our departed colleague, Bob Stump.

MR. STUMP, IT WAS AN HONOR TO
KNOW YOU

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to honor a great American, a great Congressman and my friend, Mr. Bob Stump of Arizona.

Like my colleagues, my memories of Bob reflect an honest individual, and as true as the day is long. His departure last year was difficult, his death—sad.

I first met Mr. Stump when I was running for Congress. My predecessor brought me around to show me the Committee on Armed Services and to meet those I hoped would be my colleagues.

Bob, the chairman of the Armed Services, took a few minutes to visit, shared a few thoughts on his experience in Congress and we snapped a photo. It's kind of funny now, but that picture was used in my campaign brochure. One of my opponents was outraged that I would use the photo. He managed to call Chairman Stump, making him aware of the photo. He further asked Bob if he had endorsed me. Put in the corner, asked to judge

me by the few minutes we visited or to judge my opponent by the call he was now taking. Mr. Stump told my opponent yes, yes he would endorse me.

Of course we laughed about that story a couple of times but we always had plenty to talk about. Both Mr. Stump and my family were cotton farmers. We would talk about farming methods, the weather, a very easy give and take.

Every Thursday, at the prayer breakfast, Mr. Stump would be there in his western suit, boots and a smile, pouring coffee. Not a cup in the house was dry with Bob around. It was his job; it was something he wanted to do, he was a public servant.

I am fortunate to have known Bob Stump. I was fortunate to serve under his chairmanship on Armed Services and to now serve under his portrait in both the Veterans' Affairs Committee and the Armed Services Committee. It is as if he is always looking over my shoulder, making sure my decisions are the right ones.

Mr. Stump's commitment to the warfighter is to be emulated. He was a shining example of a statesman and a fantastic public servant. A good man has left this Earth and we are going to miss him. I honestly believe that the House of Representatives, the institution and this country is better today due to Bob Stump's efforts. It was an honor to know you, Mr. Chairman.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE
CONGRESSMAN BOB STUMP

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I learned of the passing of recently-retired Arizona Congressman Bob Stump. Bob was not only a senior statesman and a great patriot, but he was a good friend.

Bob was tough and hard working, always willing to do more than his share. The day after his sixteenth birthday, he enlisted in the

Navy and later joined American forces in the World War II liberation of the Philippines and the invasion of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. After the war, he came home to attend Arizona State University and try his hand at cotton farming. His work ethic and humble nature served him well in politics.

Bob's long and distinguished career of public service spanned 40 years beginning with the Arizona State House of Representatives and Senate and ending as a senior member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Despite becoming the "dean" of Arizona congressional delegation and chairing the House Veterans' Affairs and Armed Services Committees, Bob preferred a low-key style. He was often seen opening constituent mail and answering the phone.

Nevertheless, Bob was effective. No member of the House Armed Services Committee could have performed as well as he in shepherding critical funding increases for our military after nearly a decade of neglect by the Clinton Administration. The 2003 defense budget appropriately bore his name: "The Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act."

One of the highlights of my career was serving as the chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations while Bob was full chairman of the House VA Committee. Under his watch, we made great strides in overseeing the protection and well-being of the nation's 26 million veterans.

Bob was not afraid to take a stand when he knew it was in the nation's best interest. I'm reminded of the time he took to the floor to sternly defend the American flag in the face of court protection of desecration. "Anyone who burns a flag will have to deal with me," he warned.

As someone who regularly joined Bob for dinner, I was aware that he was suffering health problems which led to his retirement decision last year. I, and many others in the House, will miss his friendship. My condolences go out to Bob's family, friends, and former constituents.