

worked with him and who have benefited from his guidance and passion.

A licensed psychologist, Gary received his degrees in education and psychology from the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee. His professional career began in the Milwaukee Public Schools, where he was a classroom teacher and school psychologist. He later served in the education division at Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin and later as an educational consultant to Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Gary developed an HIV mental health program and HIV clinic in conjunction with Aurora Health Care, a leading health care provider in Wisconsin. He later directed their medical education programs and was the founding administrator of the Center for Urban Population Health.

In 1995, Gary founded Diverse & Resilient as a way to build the capacity of LGBT groups across Wisconsin, filling a void in the public health sphere. Gary recognized that public health organizations and community groups were not rising to meet the needs of the LGBT community, and he became the driving force behind greater community engagement and recognition of the LGBT community in Wisconsin. During his tenure, Diverse & Resilient has expanded many times over and currently serves more than 5,000 LGBT people each year, helping them to thrive by living healthy, satisfying lives in safe, supportive communities.

His tireless work on behalf of Wisconsin's LGBT community has led to greater understanding, improved access to care, and new ways of looking at the unique and diverse needs of the LGBT community. Gary and his team have focused their work in six priority areas: acceptance, cultivating leaders, mental health, sexual health, partner and community violence, and substance abuse—areas in which they hope to eliminate health disparities between LGBT people and the general population. They have made many impressive strides over the past 20 years, and I know that the future is bright for Diverse & Resilient, as well as Wisconsin's LGBT community, because of Gary's work.

I am proud to call Gary a friend, and I am grateful for his important contributions to our State and the LGBT community. I know that his passion and dedication to improving the lives of others will continue long after he steps down from his leadership role at Diverse & Resilient. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RECOGNIZING BATH, NEW HAMPSHIRE ON ITS 250TH ANNIVERSARY

• Ms. AYOTTE. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to Bath, NH—a town in Grafton County that is celebrating the 250th anniversary of its

founding. I am proud to join citizens across the Granite State in recognizing this historic occasion.

Bath is surrounded by the Green Mountains to the west and White Mountains to the east and is situated at the furthest navigable point of the Connecticut River. Both the Ammonoosuc and Wild Ammonoosuc Rivers flow through Bath and are the source of the rich soil and ample water power responsible for Bath's thriving industrial and agricultural history.

The town of Bath is named for William Pulteney, first Earl of Bath, and was originally chartered by Colonial Governor Benning Wentworth in 1761 and later settled by John Herriman of Haverhill, MA, in 1765.

Bath is known as the Covered Bridge Capital of New England and is home to the Bath, Swiftwater, and Bath-Haverhill covered bridges. Bath's architectural history is represented by a well-preserved group of 18th and 19th century style buildings located within its villages. One of the most famous of these buildings is The Brick Store. Opened in 1824, this Bath landmark holds the distinction of being the oldest continuously operated general store in the United States.

As both statesmen and soldiers, Bath residents have been known throughout the town's history for their commitment and sacrifice in the service of our great Nation. United States Congressmen Harry Hibbard and James Hutchins Johnson both share ties to Bath, but it is New Hampshire's former District 1 executive councilor, Raymond S. Burton, who exemplified the meaning of public service. For over 30 years, Ray tirelessly advocated for his constituents throughout the North Country, and at the end of the day he always returned to his farm on River Road in Bath.

On behalf of all Granite Staters, I am pleased to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Bath on reaching this special milestone, and I thank them for their many contributions to the life and spirit of the State of New Hampshire.●

#### TRIBUTE TO BEN STEELE

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I wish to recognize World War II veteran, teacher, and artist Ben Steele, for whom the new middle school in Billings, MT will be named. I had the distinct honor to meet Mr. Steele in Washington, DC, when he was in town for the Big Sky Honor Flight last year. Following the Fourth of July holiday celebrating our Nation's independence, it is fitting to recognize a man that understands the importance of freedom better than most. Mr. Steele served in the Philippines and survived the horrors of the Bataan Death March.

As a prisoner of war, Mr. Steele chronicled his experiences through drawings, and after the war, he received formal training as an artist. Receiving his master's degree in art from

the University of Denver, he went on to teach art at several colleges including Montana State University in Billings. His paintings depict the haunting scenes of war, and remind us of the great sacrifices our military men and women make defending our freedom.

I want to express my deep gratitude to Mr. Steele for his service to our country and dedication to teaching and inspiring generations of Montana students.●

#### REMEMBERING JIM MALONE

• Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, today I honor James "Jim" Malone, a retired Navy veteran from Chandler, AZ who tragically passed away at the young age of 55 after a hard-fought battle with Adenocarcinoma, a terminal form of cancer.

Jim served honorably in the U.S. Navy from 1977 to 1981 before retiring as a disbursing clerk second class. Having served during peacetime, Jim wrote that his most meaningful memory was pulling out of port and seeing the land disappear. "I always got a charge over that," he said. "When I was on watch, I would look out and realize that I was protecting family and loved ones back home."

Before his untimely death, Jim received word that the Dream Foundation, a national dream-granting organization for adults and their families suffering from life-threatening illness, would help him achieve a life-long wish to visit Washington, DC. My office helped the foundation do everything we could to plan a memorable trip for Jim and his wife and son, including tours of the White House and U.S. Capitol and visits to historic landmarks around the city.

Jim was deeply proud of his military service, and looked forward to sharing the rich cultural history of the Nation's capital with his family, writing: "I am hoping this trip will help them to fully understand why I felt the call to duty in my youth and why my service to this country is so important to me." He described his "deep love of this country and its history" and the importance of sharing that patriotic spirit with his family.

Tragically, Jim's health sharply declined in the week leading up to his trip, and he passed away the day before he was expected to depart for his dream experience. While Jim left this world far too early, we should all take comfort in knowing that his memory and selfless service has left a mark on Arizona and our Nation.

I am also comforted by the work that organizations like the Dream Foundation have and will continue to do to honor veterans like Jim through dream-granting programs that give dying veterans and their families the opportunity to make the most of the time they have left, while also improving their end-of-life care.

As Sheri, Jim's wife, explained, "[My husband was] overwhelmed by the