

During his journalism career, Ron McCrea became the chronicler of some unique LGBT history in the Madison area. One of his earliest efforts included stories on the hidden 1962 Gay Purge at the UW-Madison. He also contributed many unique items to the LGBT Collection of the UW-Madison Archives.

Ron loved a good story and entertained many of his friends with his delightful skill in presenting a tale. He had a deep love of music and was known for singing with Madison choral groups and tripping the ivories at the piano bar at Going My Way.

Ron is survived by his wife of 26 years, Elaine DeSmidt, and his stepson, Benjamin DeSmidt. Elaine, described as his partner, passion and love, was also involved in public life as an elected member of the Dane County Board of Supervisors.

Ron McCrea was an accomplished storyteller, a humorous character, and a courageous pioneer. He leaves behind a legacy of humble but bold encouragement of the gay community. I am proud to honor his unflinching advocacy, personal kindness, and steadfast leadership.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JEFF AULBECH, NEIL CÓSPITO, AND MICHAEL JACOBSON

• Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I rise today to salute the work of three New Hampshire-based air traffic controllers—Jeff Aulbech, Neil Cospito, and Michael Jacobson—who calmly and quickly resolved a complex situation in the snowy skies of New England in 2018. The three men were awarded the prestigious Archie League Medal of Safety Award from the National Air Traffic Controllers Association, NATCA, last year, and I ask all Americans to join me and NATCA in marveling at the poise they all showed on that November afternoon.

Jeff, Neil and Michael work at the Boston Air Traffic Control Center, a regional air route traffic control center in Nashua, NH, that covers tens of thousands of miles of airspace above New England, New York, and northeast Pennsylvania. On Tuesday, November 20, 2018, Neil was working an F-16 aircraft from the 158th Fighter Wing of the Vermont Air National Guard. Poor weather conditions were preventing the pilot from landing the aircraft at its home base in Burlington, VT. Neil scoured the region for a suitable location outside of the sprawling weather system, and he quickly found one in Syracuse, NY. He cleared the aircraft to travel southwest to its new destination and asked the pilot to estimate his time en-route and his remaining fuel. When the pilot relayed that he had 15 minutes of fuel for a 15-minute trip, Neil knew that the F-16 had become an emergency aircraft.

As the aircraft left Neil's controlled airspace, fellow air traffic controllers

Jeff Aulbech and Mike Jacobson continued working the emergency situation. Jeff and Mike promptly evaluated their options. They decided the best course was to divert a flight of KC-135 tankers from a nearby, unrelated mission and to conduct a mid-air refueling. Jeff explained to the KC-135 pilots that the F-16 was at "Bingo Fuel"—a term used by military pilots when they reach a critical and emergency fuel state. When he secured agreement from both crews, Jeff executed precise time intercept vectors to join the two aircraft and begin refueling. As Jeff worked with the aircraft in the sky, Mike worked the radar and communicated with the airport in Syracuse to confirm suitable landing conditions. A short time later, the F-16 safely touched the ground in Syracuse.

Quick thinking and error-free execution from Neil Cospito, Jeff Aulbech, and Mike Jacobson saved the F-16 and its pilot from a number of dangerous alternatives, and they played a pivotal role in maneuvering this flawless refueling with a number of other planes sharing the skies. As many of us travel across the country throughout the year, we should take a moment to reflect on the significance of air traffic controllers like Neil, Jeff, and Mike and thank them for working every minute of every day each year to keep our skies safe.

On behalf of the people of New Hampshire, I ask my colleagues and all Americans to join me in thanking Neil, Jeff, and Mike for their service and wishing them all the best as they continue their good work. •

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2019, as modified by the order of January 16, 2020, the Secretary of the Senate, on January 21, 2020, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 5430. An act to implement the Agreement between the United States of America, the United Mexican States, and Canada attached as an Annex to the Protocol Replacing the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2019, as modified by the order of January 16, 2020, the Secretary of the Senate, on January 21, 2020, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House had passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 76. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to "Borrower Defense Institutional Accountability".

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2019, as modified by the order of January 16, 2020, the Secretary of the Senate, on January 21, 2020, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, the Speaker appointed the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Joint Economic Committee: Mrs. Carolyn B. Maloney of New York, to rank after Mr. Beyer of Virginia.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3777. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2019-0003)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3778. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor for Regulatory Affairs, Financial Stability Oversight Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Authority to Require Supervision and Regulation of Certain Nonbank Financial Companies" (RIN4030-ZA00) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3779. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy for the position of Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3780. A communication from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustments to Civil Monetary Penalty Amounts" (Rel. Nos. 33-10740; 34-87905; IA-5428; IC-33740) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3781. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (49); Amendment No. 3885" ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31289)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.