

Eisenhower's favorite staff member. He was a diminutive little fellow who took shorthand, gave good advice, wrote good speeches, and everybody loved him. And he told me this story about President Eisenhower's cabinet meeting. The Eisenhower cabinet was meeting one day in the cabinet room in the White House right off the Oval Office where the president works, and they had a particularly difficult decision to make.

Now, Eisenhower as we know, was a sophisticated man. He was a five-star general. He was in charge of our troops during World War II, the Allied forces, in fact. He was president of a university, he was the head of NATO and now he was the president of the United States. He was a sophisticated fellow who knew how to operate in a tough world, who even knew how to win world wars. So he put an issue on the table, and asked the cabinet members what to do. The secretary of state said, "Oh, Mr. President, as a matter of foreign policy, we should do x." The secretary of the treasury was next, and he said, "No, Mr. President, we couldn't possibly do that; that would damage the economy." The secretary of defense said, "No, we couldn't do either one of those two options, because it would hurt our military strength." And so all the way they went around the table and down the line, every single member of the cabinet pointing out a problem with the option based on how it would affect their particular department.

So, finally, President Eisenhower asked this question of his cabinet: "What would be the right thing to do?" The secretary of state said, "Oh, Mr. President, the right thing to do would be x," and the secretary of the treasury said, "Mr. President, that's right, the right thing to do would be x." And so said the secretary of defense and the secretary of commerce and on down the line. So the president, this sophisticated man who had won the world war asked that question, "What would be the right thing to do," heard from his cabinet what it would be, turned to his press secretary and said, "Mr. Hagerty, then go out and tell the press that that's what we'll do."

The moral of the story, I think, is whether you're a Cub Scout who's just broken a window, or whether you're a Boy Scout trying to learn about life, that the lessons you learn in scouting are lessons that are good for the rest of your life. And another lesson, and I think particularly for this group today, as we honor and salute the volunteers and the supporters and the scouts in Wilson County, and those in the Walton Trail district, is that it's hard to think of anything more important that you could be doing with your time and with your money for your community and for our country than teaching these lessons of life that help these boys become men. Thank you very much.●

REMEMBERING BOB "MAC" MCQUILLEN

● Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Bob "Mac" McQuillen, who passed away on February 4, at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, NH, at the age of 90. Bob was a veteran of two wars, a nationally renowned musician, a respected teacher, a police chief and a friend to all who had the joy of knowing him. He was an icon in New Hampshire and in the folk music world.

Mac, as he was known by friends, was born in Massachusetts in 1923 shortly before the Great Depression and moved north with his mother to New Boston,

NH, as a teenager. In 1943, he answered his country's call in World War II, joining the U.S. Marine Corps and serving in the South Pacific. Although he came from a musical family, it was only when he befriended a guitar player during the war that he came to appreciate music. When he returned to New Hampshire in 1946, that love of music grew immeasurably as he traveled around Cheshire and Hillsborough counties in the southwest part of the State, attending contra dances in town halls and churches. Mac fell in love with contra dancing and the rhythm of the music, taking up the accordion and piano in a local band. He even met his wife-to-be, Priscilla Scribner from Dublin, NH, at a contra dance. Mac enlisted in the Marines in 1951, and for a time before fighting in Korea, he taught marksmanship at Marine Corps Base Quantico in Virginia. It was a critical experience for him as it was in this capacity that he discovered one of his life passions, teaching.

After his tour in Korea, Mac attended an esteemed institution in New Hampshire, Keene State College, graduating in 1959 with a degree in education. Mac put his education to good use right away, teaching shop class and weightlifting at Peterborough High School, which is now called ConVal Regional High School. He was also one of the bus drivers, and it didn't take long for him to become one of the most popular teachers in the school.

Throughout Mac's 35 years of teaching, he played music constantly and composed over 1,500 of his own tunes. He also created a fund to teach young people contra dance music. In 2002, for his impact on traditional music and dance in New England, Mac received the Nation's highest honor in traditional and folk art, the National Heritage Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Mac's ability to find the good in everyone and his upbeat outlook on life will be sorely missed. His dedication to his community, his Nation, and to traditional folk music will always be remembered; and his songs, his jokes, and his spirit will live on in the hills, barns, churches and town halls of New Hampshire.

Along with his many admirers and mentees, Mac is survived by two of his three children: his son, Daniel; his daughter, Rebecca; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and also his former students, colleagues and lifelong friends. He is predeceased by his wife, Priscilla, and his son, William. The generosity of this patriot, mentor, musician and friend will be dearly missed by all.

I ask my colleagues and all Americans to join me in honoring Bob "Mac" McQuillen and his rich life of service.●

RxIMPACT DAY

● Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the sixth annual RxIMPACT Day on Capitol Hill. This is

a special day where we recognize the contributions of pharmacies to the American health care system. This year's event, organized by the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, takes place this week. Nearly 400 individuals from the pharmacy community—including practicing pharmacists, pharmacy school faculty and students, State pharmacy leaders and pharmacy company executives—will visit Capitol Hill. They will share their views with Congress about the importance of supporting legislation that protects access to community and neighborhood pharmacies and that utilizes pharmacists to improve the quality and reduce the costs of providing healthcare.

Advocates from 40 States have traveled to Washington to talk about the important role that over 40,000 community pharmacies nationwide play in big cities and small towns all over the country. Patients have always relied on their local pharmacist to meet their healthcare needs. The local pharmacist is a trusted, highly accessible healthcare provider deeply committed to providing the highest quality care in the most efficient manner possible.

As demand for healthcare services continues to grow, pharmacists have expanded their role in healthcare delivery, partnering with physicians, nurses and other healthcare providers to meet their patients' needs. Innovative services provided by pharmacists do even more to improve patient healthcare. Pharmacists are highly valued by those that rely on them most—those in rural and underserved areas, as well as older Americans, and those struggling to manage chronic diseases. Pharmacy services improve patients' quality of life as well as healthcare affordability. By helping patients take their medications effectively and providing preventive services, pharmacists help avoid more costly forms of care. Pharmacists also help patients identify strategies to save money, such as through better understanding of their pharmacy benefits, using generic medications, and obtaining 90-day supplies of prescription drugs from local pharmacies.

Pharmacists are the Nation's most accessible healthcare providers. In many communities, especially in rural areas, the local pharmacist is a patient's most direct link to healthcare. Eighty-nine percent of Americans reside within a 5-mile radius of a community pharmacy, and that is one of the reasons that pharmacists are one of our Nation's most trusted healthcare professionals. Utilizing their specialized education, pharmacists play a major role in medication therapy management, disease-state management, immunizations, healthcare screenings, and other healthcare services designed to improve patient health and reduce overall healthcare costs. Pharmacists are also expanding their role into new models of care based on quality of services and outcomes, such as accountable care organizations, ACOs, and medical homes.