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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HONORS THE MEMORY OF AL BELTRAMI


On Saturday, November 23, 2013, long-time Mendocino County Administrative Officer (CAO) Al Beltrami passed away at age 79. At the time, he was the youngest man ever to serve as administrator of a California county, and in 1989 held the distinction of having the longest tenure in that post, having served as CAO from 1964 to 1989. Beltrami returned as interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO) from 2006-2007 to manage a challenging transition in county government.

According to his son Bob Beltrami, Al had only planned to work in Mendocino County for a few years, using his position as a career "stepping stone". However, the place "got to him" and in a short time Al and his wife Pat realized that Mendocino County would be an ideal place to both work and raise a family.

Subsequent to his years as CAO, Beltrami served on many influential state boards and commissions, including the North Coast Water Quality Control Board. He served briefly as Chief Executive Officer for Stanislaus County following his retirement from Mendocino County. Al also had a long and successful career with the U.S. Navy, which ended with an honorable discharge as a Commander in 1994.

"Al Beltrami was a giant in Mendocino County government, politics and philanthropy for five decades," said Board Chair Dan Hamburg. "His sharp intellect, quick wit and infectious laugh will be missed by everyone who had the good fortune to know him."

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors will be presenting a resolution during its December 10 Board Meeting regarding Al's service to the County. The Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the entire County family, sends its deep condolences and gratitude to the family of Al Beltrami. He will be greatly missed.

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