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## **Statement from VA Secretary Eric K. Shinseki on the Passing of Chairman Bill Young**

WASHINGTON – “With the passing of Chairman Bill Young, our Nation’s Veterans, Servicemembers, their families, and our Survivors have lost a true friend and champion in the Congress.

“Throughout his decades of public service, Chairman Young was steadfast in his commitment to those who have worn the uniforms of our Nation. Many a Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve found him walking the halls of our military hospitals, embodying Abraham Lincoln’s charge, ‘... to care for [those] who shall have borne the battle and for [their families].’

“We, at VA, are grateful for Chairman Young’s commitment and his leadership and express deepest condolences to his family.”

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