



Desk of Nancy Stump

My late husband was a U.S. Navy World War II Combat Veteran. He graduated from Tolleson High School and from Arizona State University. Bob was a cotton farmer, while serving in the legislature for 28 years and another 27 years in the Congress, including as Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. My late husband is the only member of Congress to have a street in Arlington National Cemetery named after him in recognition of his service to Veterans.

Bob never forgot his Arizona roots and the values he learned from a lifetime of farming: honesty, integrity and hard work. He opened and read his constituent letters daily and preferred to work alongside his staff, sharing the duties of operating a busy Congressional office. He was known to personally welcome visitors and constituents to his office, taking great interest in meeting with students as they learned about their government. Bob was equally at home working with the people of his largely rural district as he was meeting with world leaders or chairing Congressional committees. No matter how influential or powerful he became, he never forgot his responsibilities to the people of Arizona and remained humbled by the high honor of representing them in Congress.

It is in my late husband's memory of doing what's right that compels me to speak out today and prevents from remaining silent any longer. There is an individual who is misleading the voters of the 8th Congressional district by insinuating he is somehow related to my late husband. He is not.

When Christopher Robert Stump started his career as a journalist, his byline read "Chris Stump." Then he decided to run for public office in the state of Arizona and began referring to himself as "Bob" instead of Chris Stump. He ran for the state legislature as "Bob" and is doing the same thing as he runs for Congress in the area my late husband represented.

I want to set the record straight: There is only one Bob Stump and that was my late husband.-Let's be clear: Christopher Robert Stump is not related to my late husband or our family in any way, shape or form. I would ask that he publicly acknowledge that he is not related to our family and stop this charade. The voters deserve to know the truth.

