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Sam Halperin

You probably do not know Sam Halperin who passed away yesterday morning at his home in Silver Springs Maryland. Sam, the grand statesman of adult education, virtually created adult basic education as a federal program under President Lyndon Johnson's administration. ABE was initially conceived as a part of President Johnson's War on Poverty eventually moving over to the Office of Education. Sam was instrumental in its creation, keeping the idea alive in troubling political times and eventually imbedding it into the Elementary and Secondary School Act.

I often had the honor to sit and talk with Sam about the creation of our program, the political fights he captures in his attached reflection on the fortieth anniversary of our program, and the advances we have made since. No one is more committed to or spoke with more passion about providing educational opportunities for adults than Sam Halperin.

We stand on the shoulders of those who come before us, and every one of us stands on the shoulders of Sam Halperin.

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