

drab, in brown khaki, in blue and gray, would rise from their white crosses, thundering those magic words: Duty, honor, country.

PRAYS FOR PEACE

This does not mean that you are warmongers. On the contrary, the soldier above all other people prays for peace, for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war. But always in our ears ring the ominous words of Plato, that wisest of all philosophers: "Only the dead have seen the end of war."

The shadows are lengthening for me. The twilight is here. My days of old have vanished—tone and tint. They have gone glimmering through the dreams of things that were. Their memory is one of wondrous beauty, watered by tears and coaxed and caressed by the smiles of yesterday. I listen vainly, but with thirsty ear, for the witching melody of faint bugles blowing reveille, of far drums beating the long roll.

In my dreams I hear again the crash of guns, the rattle of musketry, the strange, mournful mutter of the battlefield. But in the evening of my memory always I come back to West Point. Always there echoes and re-echoes: Duty, honor, country.

Today marks my final roll call with you. But I want you to know that when I cross the river, my last conscious thoughts will be of the corps, and the corps, and the corps.

I bid you farewell.●

MEMORIAL DAY

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, Memorial Day is a time for Americans to stop and think about those who have given their lives for our Nation's freedom.

This week, the Senate passed a resolution commemorating the 15th Anniversary of the construction and dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. I was proud to be included as an original cosponsor of this important resolution. The resolution encourages Americans to remember the sacrifices of our Nation's veterans and extends the Senate's sympathies to those who suffered the loss of family and friends in Vietnam. Since its dedication 15 years ago, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial has been a sanctuary where survivors and families have mourned, where soldiers have reflected on the past, and where youth have explored our history.

Memorial Day serves as a strong reminder of the effects of war. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial contains the names of more than 58,000 men and women who lost their lives from 1957 to 1975 in the Vietnam combat area or who are still missing in action. No person is able to walk along the wall without being moved by its simple message of loss.

Of the many names which mark "the wall," 2,660 are from Michigan. One Michigan Vietnam veteran whose name is on the wall is Capt. James L. Huard of Dearborn, MI. Captain Huard disappeared on July 12, 1972 while flying his F-4 Phantom over North Vietnam. For nearly 25 years, Captain Huard was missing-in-action. In 1988, the Vietnamese government turned over what were believed to be the remains of a number of United States servicemen.

After many years of forensics work, Huard's remains were identified and returned to his family on January 29, 1997. On May 1, Capt. James L. Huard was given an official burial at Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1989, the Dearborn City Council passed a resolution which ordered the POW/MIA flag to fly above City Hall until "Huard is returned home." On Memorial Day, the flag will be lowered as a final most appropriate and moving tribute to Captain Huard.

I know my Senate colleagues join me in honoring Capt. James L. Huard and the many men and women who have given their lives in the service of our Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO DAVID CARTER FOR HIS SUCCESSFUL CLIMB TO THE SUMMIT OF MOUNT EVEREST

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, it is with great admiration that I rise today to recognize David Carter, a citizen of Indianapolis and a close family friend, for his achievement in reaching the peak of Mount Everest.

David's successful ascent to the summit of Mount Everest bordering Nepal and Tibet is the realization of a boyhood dream. This achievement exemplifies his extraordinary determination and courage.

On this, his second attempt to reach the peak, David approached the mountain's difficult conditions with bravery and extremely careful preparation. Through high winds and extremely cold temperatures, his expedition met the challenge.

In explaining what drew him back for a second try, David simply answered: unfinished business.

I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating David Carter on the day of this signal victory which brings special pride to all Hoosiers.●

JOSEPH ENGELBERGER AND HELPMATE ROBOTICS, INC.

● Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I would like to take a few moments and draw attention to a remarkable example of a Federal investment in science and technology that is producing a return to the benefit of society. In this case, it was the vision of an individual, combined with technical knowledge derived from space research, which has created an exciting new industry. Back in 1984, the inventor's idea was to design a robot that could be used in hospitals and eventually homes. Today, robots manufactured by HelpMate Robotics, Inc., of Danbury, CT, roam hospital hallways, delivering medications, meals, x-rays and patients' records. Handling these errands allows orderlies and nurses more time to concentrate on patient care.

Central to the story of the hospital robots is the 72-year-old founder of HelpMate Robotics, Dr. Joseph Engelberger. Dr. Engelberger is widely acknowledged as the father of the in-

dustrial robot, an idea he had much more success selling to Japan's auto industry than in America. As a consequence, Japan grew to dominate the world robotic market and this was one of the factors that for many years enabled it to retain a competitive advantage over American automakers. Not content with having helped start one revolution, Engelberger founded HelpMate Robotics with the idea to use hospital robots as a step in the process toward design of machines that would be useful in personal homes.

I am especially pleased to report that many of the achievements of Dr. Engelberger and HelpMate Robotics were made possible through close cooperation with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The new technologies necessary in the design of a robot that is capable of avoiding people in busy hospital hallways, summoning elevators, and recognizing familiar territory, were derived from research already underway at NASA. HelpMate has won several NASA SBIR [Small Business Innovative Research] awards, which were established to stimulate conversion of Government-funded R&D into commercial applications. Transfer of knowledge and expertise has also flowed from the company back to NASA. Late last year, the space agency awarded an SBIR grant to HelpMate for development of a prototype robot for terrestrial experiments that anticipate space utilization of robotics. The space robot will begin to pave the way for the next step in Dr. Engelberger's dream—a robot capable of helping the elderly stay at home by performing the myriad number of tasks that become difficult later in life. Also helpful in the commercialization of NASA technology was a unique program developed by the National Technology Transfer Center in Wheeling, WV, and Unisphere Institute in Washington, DC.

The story of Dr. Engelberger and HelpMate Robotics is an example of the way that a patient Federal investment in science and technology can lead to new products that employ Americans and make for a better quality of life. It is also the story of one man's creative genius and untiring devotion in making a dream become reality. I salute Dr. Engelberger for his accomplishments with HelpMate and upon his receipt of the prestigious Japan Prize.●

TRIBUTE TO SIX GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS

● Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to six outstanding young women who are being presented with the Girl Scout Gold Award by the Vermont Girl Scout Council. They are Melissa Jones and Tina Newell of Vergennes, Kathleen Lomedico of Colchester as well as Jennifer Tobin, Vincenza Tortolano, and Lori Brown of Rutland. They are being honored on May 29, 1997 for earning the highest achievement award in U.S. Girl Scouting.