

though, his music helped save his life when two Russian diplomats who were fans of his show helped smuggle him on a ship bound for Finland, where Borge found his way onto the S.S. *American Legion*, one of the last boats out of Europe.

Victor Borge arrived in New York penniless and speaking no English. But he quickly learned the language by watching 10-cent movies in midtown Manhattan theaters. In less than two years, he had adapted his act to the English language and debuted on the Bing Crosby radio show. Within a decade he had appeared on Ed Sullivan and been offered his own radio program. By the end of his career, Borge's one-man Broadway show, "Comedy in Music," had logged 849 performances, which is still a record today.

Over the last half-century, he also developed credentials as an orchestra conductor, directing the London and New York Philharmonics, the Philadelphia Orchestra, and the Boston Pops. He also raised millions of dollars for worthy causes such as Thanks to Scandinavia, a scholarship fund to commemorate efforts to help victims of Nazi persecution. Victor was knighted by all five Scandinavian countries for his life's work, and was honored by the United Nations as well as the U.S. Congress.

I will never forget the night of December 29, 1999, right here in Washington, when Victor received the prestigious Kennedy Center Honors along with Jason Robards, Sean Connery, and Stevie Wonder. President Clinton hung a medal around his neck that night in recognition of his life achievements, and Borge—clowning around into his 90s—showed up at the reception afterward in a red clown nose.

Years ago, on the occasion of his 75th birthday, the New York Times wrote an editorial calling Victor Borge, simply, "the funniest man on earth." To me, he was also eloquently warm, gifted, and brilliant—a bright and irrepressible star who lit the world around him. We shall miss him.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO RICHARD METREY

• Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, today I want to pay tribute to an outstanding public servant, Mr. Richard Metrey, who retired last week after 41 years of Government service in the United States Navy.

Throughout his career, Richard Metrey has distinguished himself through his leadership, commitment and dedication to public service, and by making government work better and more efficiently. Beginning as a project engineer in the Ships Machinery Division of the former Bureau of Ships, he swiftly worked his way up through the ranks into positions in senior management, including Head of the Combat Systems Branch in the

Naval Sea Systems Command and Program Manager for the Navy Advanced Prototyping Program.

For the last fifteen years, Mr. Metrey has served as Technical Director of the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division, where he has had a profound impact on the Navy's approach to researching, developing, testing and evaluating naval vehicles. During this time, Richard was directly responsible for the Division's entire technical program—its planning, execution, and staffing of current programs, as well as strategic planning and new starts. Prior to that, Mr. Metrey also served in the Navy Secretariat in a range of important responsibilities from Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Surface Warfare to principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Surface Warfare Research and Development and Acquisition.

Mr. Metrey's colleagues attest to the ingenuity and integrity he has brought to the positions in which he has served. His contributions and accomplishments have been recognized through many prestigious awards, including the Presidential Rank Meritorious Executive Award, the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award and numerous Outstanding Performance Awards—to name only a few. He has also been selected to serve as the United States representative on several international forums, and on high level committees, including the Congressionally established Advanced Submarine Advisory Panel.

I came to know Richard Metrey in the early 1990s during the Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) process. Having had the opportunity to work with him during the BRAC and on other matters, I can also attest firsthand to his professionalism and deep commitment to our Navy and its mission. It is my firm conviction that public service is one of the most honorable callings, one that demands the very best, most dedicated efforts of those who have the opportunity to serve their fellow citizens and country. Throughout his career, Richard Metrey's commitment and remarkable talent have enabled him to go beyond meeting this demand. So I want to extend my personal gratitude to Richard for these many years of hard work and dedication and I wish him well in whatever endeavors he seeks to undertake in the years ahead.●

##### ROBIN COMSTOCK

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to honor Robin Comstock of Nottingham, New Hampshire, the newly appointed President and CEO of the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce, whose enthusiasm, leadership, and dedication have earned her the respect of her peers and the admiration of this state.

Robin has served for the past six years as President and CEO of the Portsmouth Chamber. She has an extensive background in running, man-

aging and developing chambers, and has demonstrated success in a number of key areas including economic and community development, technology and tourism initiatives and government affairs. Her success in developing a highly visible seacoast regional hospitality and tourism program, her skill and her record of accomplishment are a tribute to her state and community.

If the accolades of peers are any measure of achievement, Robin is at the top of her game. Her energy, enthusiasm and skill have allowed her to accomplish great things for the Granite State, and I have no doubt that she will be a tremendous asset in her new position. It is an honor and a privilege to serve Robin Comstock in the United States Senate, and I wish her all the best.●

##### DEAN KAMEN

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Dean Kamen of Bedford, New Hampshire, whose dedication to the field of technology has earned him the admiration and gratitude of his state and nation. As a testament to his many extraordinary achievements, Dean was awarded the National Medal of Technology by President Clinton in 2000 for inventions that have advanced medical care worldwide. His innovative spirit and imaginative leadership have awakened America to the excitement of science and technology.

Dean's remarkable career as an inventor began while he was still a college undergraduate, when he invented the first wearable infusion pump. This device rapidly found uses in such diverse medical specialties as chemotherapy, neonatology, and endocrinology. Since then Dean has played a leading role in many major advances in healthcare, such as the insulin pump for diabetics. He was also instrumental in the development of IBOT, a personal transporter developed for the disabled community, which is capable of climbing stairs, traversing sandy and rocky terrain and raise its user to eye-level with a standing person.

Nearly a decade ago, Dean founded FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) to motivate America's youth to learn about science and technology, and has personally recruited many of the top leaders of industry, education and government in this mission. He has been recognized for his efforts by prestigious publications such as Smithsonian Magazine and the New York Times, which labeled him a "New Kind of Hero for American Youth."

Dean's passion for technology and its practical uses has changed the face of healthcare and inspired a love of science in a generation of American children. Because of his extraordinary achievements, we have a new understanding of ourselves and the world, as well as a renewed hope for the future. It is an honor to represent Dean in the