

them continued success for many more years.●

IN MEMORY OF MASTER SGT.
PETER TYCZ

● Mrs. CLINTON. Madam President, it is with deep sadness that I stand before you today to honor the life and service of Master Sgt. Peter Tycz, who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country. I want to express my deepest sympathies to his wife and their five children for their heart-wrenching loss. Master Sgt. Tycz was killed June 12 when his plane caught fire and crashed after taking off from an airstrip in Afghanistan. Our entire nation is saddened by this immeasurable loss and I rise in recognition of his profound contribution to America.

A native of Tonawanda, New York, Master Sgt. Tycz was a Green Beret and the father of five girls, ages 1 to 9: Elizabeth, Samantha, Faith, Tiffany and Felicia. He joined the Army out of high school and was committed to the fight for freedom wherever it took him. He welcomed the opportunity to defend America in Afghanistan. Master Sgt. Tycz wrote in an email to his mother, Terry Harnden, this past fall, which read: “[I] will have to make great sacrifices to make sure our lifestyle is not threatened and I’m prepared to do that.” His daughters will grow up knowing that their father was a true American hero who represents the very best of our great Nation.

Master Sgt. Tycz’s sacrifice for his country reminds us of the enormous debt of gratitude we owe all of our men and women in uniform—those who risk their lives and, in particular, those who have been lost in the defense of our country. Their courage and steadfast determination keeps America safe and our freedom strong.

We are grateful to Master Sgt. Tycz and the many American service men and women like him who are determined to defend and protect our great country. In that same email to his mother, Master Sgt. Tycz wrote, “Do not ever be sad for me because you will defeat my reason for being.” I hope that we will always remember his words and that they will bring us all, most especially his family, comfort and strength.●

PASSING OF JUSTIN DART, JR.

● Mr. MCCAIN. Madam President, our Nation lost a true champion on June 22, when Justin Dart, Jr. passed away in his sleep at the age of 71. Afflicted with polio at a young age, Justin Dart didn’t let his wheelchair get in the way of fighting for the rights of the disabled for more than five decades. Today, millions of disabled Americans have more opportunities and better access to public facilities because of the tireless work and dedication of Justin Dart.

From 1988 to 1990, he served as Chairman of the Congressional Task Force on the Rights and Empowerment of Americans with Disabilities and was

instrumental in getting the Americans with Disabilities Act signed into law in 1990. To ensure its passage, Justin literally visited all fifty states to educate Americans about the barriers people with disabilities face every day in their lives, and he spent countless days on Capitol Hill to make the ADA a reality.

In 1998, to honor his lifelong public service, President Clinton awarded Justin Dart our Nation’s highest civilian honor, the Medal of Freedom, and told those who gathered to honor him that Justin had “literally opened the doors of opportunities to millions of our citizens by securing one of the Nation’s landmark civil rights laws.” Such tremendous desire to help secure the rights of others defined the life of Justin Dart. America is a better place because of his great work.

I know that I speak for all Americans when I say that we will miss you, Justin, but a day will never go by without us seeing the doors you opened for so many with disabilities.●

LARRY FELDMAN, JR.

● Ms. LANDRIEU. Madam President, today I rise to honor and congratulate Mr. Larry Feldman, Jr., who will be sworn in as President of the Louisiana State Bar Association on June 28, 2002. His assumption of the role of President is the culmination of a lifelong commitment to service in the Bar Association. Larry received his J.D. degree in 1974 from the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center and was admitted that year to practice in the State of Louisiana. Since this time he has been actively involved in the Bar Association. Larry has also demonstrated a commitment to excellence in programming on the Continuing Legal Education Program Committee and served as Chairman of the Committee from 1986–1987. He was one of the pioneers of the Sandestin Summer School for Lawyers. He served on the Board of Governors from 1994–1997. He was Secretary of the Association from 1997–1999, a position in which he served as Editor of the Louisiana State Bar Journal. In 1996, he received the LSBA’s President’s Award, which is the highest award given by the Louisiana State Bar Association to a member for their service to the organization. Through all of his effort, Larry Feldman has clearly demonstrated his dedication to the Association. However, Larry has not only been dedication to the Association, but also to his family. As the father of three daughters, he has shown that giving children a strong sense of self and independence is a great gift. As a devoted son, he has displayed that love, warmth, and support are excellent gifts to parents as they age. And as a husband, he has proven that love is best when it is between equals. Larry is known for his cooking, his quick wit, and his love of a good time. He is much sought after as a lawyer and, more importantly, as a friend. I congratulate Larry for all he has done, both in and out of the courtroom, and wish him the best of luck as

he begins his service as President of the Louisiana State Bar Association.●

HONORING CARL WICKLUND

● Mr. BUNNING. Madam President, I stand among my colleagues today to honor and congratulate Carl Wicklund or Kenton County, KY on being named the 2002 recipient of the Warren H. Proudfoot Award for Outstanding School Board Member.

The Proudfoot Award is named after the late Dr. Warren H. Proudfoot, a longtime member of the Rowan County Board of Education and past president of the Kentucky School Board Association. Created in 1992, the award recognizes a past or present member of a school board for distinguished leadership and community service.

Mr. Wicklund received this year’s award due primarily to his work in establishing a special class in conjunction with the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce to allow students considering a career in manufacturing a first-hand look at the industry by visiting area businesses and observing their day-to-day operational procedures. Mr. Wicklund’s hard work and selfless acts deserve our recognition.

In order for Kentucky to improve upon itself socially, economically and technologically, education must be a top priority for kids, parents and board members. Only when all three of these groups are working together can we ensure that our youth are receiving the proper educational attention. Carl Wicklund has personally gone above and beyond the call of duty to create more and better opportunities for Kentucky’s youth. I applaud him for his hard work and dedication and congratulate him on receiving this prestigious award.●

IN MEMORY OF GUNNERY
SERGEANT JOHN BASILONE

● Mr. SANTORUM. Madam President, today I stand before you to recognize the outstanding service exemplified by United States Marine Sergeant John Basilone. Sergeant Basilone was killed in action fighting at Iwo Jima on February 19, 1942. He remains distinguished as the only enlisted Marine to receive three of the military’s highest honors: The Medal of Honor, the Purple Heart, and the Navy Cross.

Sergeant Basilone enlisted in the Army at eighteen years of age and became known as “Manila John” during his service in the Philippine Islands. After receiving an honorable discharge from the Army, young Basilone returned home. It was not long, however, before the soldier rejoined the armed services as a Marine in time for the Second World War. He was a member of the First Battalion under the First Marine Division during the Solomon Island campaign. After a courageous victory there, he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. He humbly

received this honor and declined the opportunity to remain stateside, returning instead to the Fifth Division of the Marines. On the Nineteenth of February, 1942, Sergeant John Basilone completed his final mission at Iwo Jima.

Born in Buffalo, NY, to Salvatore and Dora Basilone, John was one of ten children. From his early days as a boxer to his final stand as a gunnery sergeant, it was evident that he possessed a unique spirit of strength, dedication, and determination. His heroism was recognized nationally with the highest military honors, and he posthumously received the Navy Cross, three bronze stars, a Purple Heart, as well as the World War II Victory Medal.

As a fellow American sharing Basilone's Italian heritage, it is my honor to celebrate the legacy of a man so committed to defending the cherished ideals of this Nation. Commemorating our Nation's heroes and veterans remains vital to keeping this country's tradition of freedom intact.●

IN HONOR OF THE 75TH BIRTHDAY OF KOOL-AID

● Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Madam President, few childhood experiences span the generation gap as successfully as Kool-Aid. Many of today's business leaders started down the road to financial success by standing at a folding table in their front yard selling one-cent cups of refreshing Kool-Aid.

While the business of Kool-Aid now spans front yards around the globe, I am pleased to say that the very first Kool-Aid entrepreneur was a Nebraskan.

Edward Perkins had a curious young mind and at age 11 he began experimenting; transforming the back of his father's mercantile store in Hendley, NE, into a flavor factory. The early experience he gained would come in handy 27 years later in Hastings, NE, when Perkins created Kool-Aid. The delicious drink was a hit and quickly became a household name.

The story of Kool-Aid is the perfect illustration of the value of perseverance. Perkins was dedicated to his business and worked hard as an innovator for many years before finally creating the drink that would make him famous, and Hastings, famous.

Hastings celebrates Kool-Aid days with the world's largest Kool-Aid stand every August. They also show their Nebraskan hospitality by serving Kool-Aid at rest stops throughout Nebraska. There are currently 22 flavors of Kool-Aid and it is no wonder that the current best seller, Tropical Punch, has a Husker red color glow to it.

For all these reasons and many more I am proud that Kool-Aid is the official State soft drink of Nebraska and wish it a very happy 75th birthday.●

HONORING REBECCA COLTEY

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Madam President, I rise today to pay

tribute to the "New Hampshire Star of Life." Rebecca Coltey has been chosen by her peers as someone deserving of the New Hampshire's Star of Life award.

It is the thankless service of emergency medical personnel like Rebecca that save so many lives in a normal day of work.

Rebecca Coltey, of Rockingham Regional Ambulance, is recognized by her colleagues for her outstanding work ethic and professionalism towards everyone. Rebecca's future looks even brighter as she begins planning her wedding, set for September.

Rebecca deserves great praise for the work she does. The selfless dedication she gives to her career in serving the needs of others in their most vulnerable time is a great asset to her character. New Hampshire applauds this fine individual for a job well done.

It is an honor and privilege serving Rebecca in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE CROMBIE

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. George Crombie, Public Works Director for the City of Nashua. Named one of the Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year by the American Public Works Association, George has played a prominent role in the betterment of his community.

As Director of Public Works for the City of Nashua, George manages a full-service public works division including engineering, traffic and parking, streets, wastewater, solid waste, and parks and recreation. His primary focus has been on instituting comprehensive public works management systems including the development of a senior management team, finance and budgeting principles, employee education and safety, time line management and capital development.

Many of George's projects have focused on the environment. He recently led the City through the Multi-Site Landfill Closure and Park Renovation Project which provides state-of-the-art closure and post-closure refuse to five former City landfills, as well as construction of one of New Hampshire's few publicly owned and operated lined landfills. George is also credited with contributing to the APWA Reporter by writing an article commending the New York City Sanitation Department's cleanup of the World Trade Center.

I applaud the dedicated efforts in public service that George Crombie has demonstrated throughout his distinguished career. George is a positive example in leadership for all to follow. The City of Nashua is privileged to have such a dedicated public servant working for the community. I wish him continued success in the coming years, and thank him for his contributions to New Hampshire. It is an honor to represent you in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN HUMBERT "ROCKY" VERSACE

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Madam President, I rise today to honor Captain Humbert Roque "Rocky" Versace, U.S. Army. On Monday, 8 July 2002, Captain Rocky Versace will be awarded posthumously the Congressional Medal of Honor for service in the Viet Nam war.

On 29 October 1963, Captain Versace, along with First Lieutenant Nicholas Rowe, was captured in South Vietnam. Taken prisoner by the Viet Cong, he demonstrated exceptional leadership, resolute adherence to the Code of Conduct and unflagging faith in his country. Captain Versace ultimately sacrificed his life rather than betray his country and the Viet Cong executed him in September 1965 as he set an example of an American officer that the Viet Cong could not tolerate. Captain Versace died upholding the military creed of Duty, Honor, Country.

I want to recognize Captain Versace through the words of his fellow captive, Nick Rowe, who escaped from captivity to freedom on 31 December 1968. Nick Rowe remained in the Army, rose to the rank of Colonel, and continued to serve in Special Forces until April 1989, when he was assassinated by the communist New People's Army in Manila, Philippine Islands. His captivity memoir, "Five Years to Freedom" was published in 1971 and contains this tribute. The tribute follows:

NICK ROWE'S TRIBUTE TO ROCKY VERSACE

He stood as others dream to stand;
He spoke as others dared not even think;
From soul deep faith, he drew his courage,
his granite spirit, his ironclad will.

The Alien force, applied with hate,
could not break him, failed to bend him;
Though solitary imprisonment gave him no friends,

he drew upon his inner self to create a force so strong

that those who sought to destroy his will,
met an army his to command.

Phrases of his I shall not forget,
spoken sincerely, filled with truth:
All I wish is to return to family, home and those I love;

For I am young and life is dear,
but to bargain for this life of mine when the price you ask

requires of me to verify a lie
and sell my honor short,
makes clear the choice between the two;
a life with honor, a life without;
With me, you see, life without honor is no life at all,

So I will not comply with what you require
and choose to suffer whatever may come.

This is my answer at this time,
this is my answer in times to come;
I only pray that I shall not weaken, for I am right

and with God's help, I will have the strength
to resist whatever means you use
while attempting to fulfill your evil scheme.

Thus his fate was surely sealed,
for such a man, standing firm
defeated them on their own ground
and for him to live and tell of this
was a thing that could not be.

I saw him not the day he died,