

Roger Durbin died in February 2000 without ever seeing the memorial he inspired. "In a sense," said his granddaughter, Melissa Growden, an art historian who has served on the WWII Memorial Advisory Board since 1994, "the torch has been passed to me." Just after the war, she said her grandfather "had the mindset of a lot of that generation. They went over there. They had a job to do. Then they went home and picked up life where they'd left it."

It was only years later, Growden said, that Durbin began to talk in detail about his time with the 10th Armored Division, the force led by the legendary Gen. George Patton that stormed across northern Europe and into Germany.

"He did a lot of public speaking then," Growden said. "And when he spoke he always cried." Over the years, she saw evidence of his wartime service. "I remember once seeing his scrapbooks and its photos of a concentration camp—people stacked eight deep."

"My brother and I were raised with this incredible sense of patriotism and gratitude. Our grandfather said to us, 'We fought so that you can enjoy the freedom and liberties that we have today. I never want you and your generation and the generations that follow to ever fight a war like the one we fought in.'

"He usually closed his talks by saying, 'The World War II generation is an endangered species. Soon we'll be extinct.' With this memorial they won't be."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOHN KLOMP

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 3, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to John Klomp and thank him for his dedication to Colorado as a two-term Pueblo County Commissioner. His dedication and tireless efforts have done much to ensure a promising future for his constituents. As John celebrates his retirement, let it be known that he leaves behind a terrific legacy of commitment to the people of Pueblo County and the State of Colorado.

Before being elected county commissioner, John worked for thirty-four years in education, retiring in 1994 as Associate Superintendent of Pueblo School District 70. During his tenure as commissioner, John has worked hard on a vast array of issues, including welfare reform, county growth, educational and recreational programs for the county's youth, and law enforcement programs. A dedicated member of the community, John is also involved in several local organizations. He currently serves as the Chair for the Citizens' Advisory Commission for the Pueblo Chemical Dept for the Pueblo Area Council of Governments and for the Front-Range County Commissioners. He is also a board member of the Pueblo Chamber of Commerce, Pueblo Latino Chamber of Commerce, and Junior Achievement. In addition to his community involvement and work as commissioner, John is the Outdoor Editor for the Pueblo Chieftain Newspaper for which he writes a bi-monthly article.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that County Commissioner John Klomp has ceaselessly dedicated his time and efforts to serving his county and the people of Colorado as a County Commissioner for Pueblo County. I am honored to

bring his hard work and commitment to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation today. Thank you for all your service John and I wish you and your wife Pat all the best in your future endeavors.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Private 1st Class Andrew D. Stevens of Stratham, New Hampshire. He bravely served the Army's 10th Mountain Division supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom and earned his Expert Infantry Badge. Pfc. Stevens made the ultimate sacrifice in service to his country when the Blackhawk helicopter he was riding in tragically crashed during a training accident at the Fort Drum, New York on March 11, 2003.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Private 1st Class Andrew D. Stevens and our other servicemen and women who have courageously given their own lives in order to protect and defend the democracy we enjoy in America and to extend the freedoms that come with democracy to those who live in fear and oppression worldwide.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Marine Sgt. Brian McGinnis of the Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169, who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country on March 30, 2004 in southern Iraq. In the words of his fellow Marines, Sgt. McGinnis was a trusted mentor, a brother, and a hero.

Sgt. McGinnis, a graduate of William Penn High School and native of St. Georges, Delaware joined the Marine Corps because as he stated, he, "wanted to be a part of the best." As a member of the United States Armed Services, Sgt. McGinnis had fulfilled his goal of becoming a part of the best fighting force in the world. Sgt. McGinnis had the opportunity to take part in activities he loved in the Marine Corps and had received his crew wings the day before he met with tragedy in southern Iraq. The most important aspect of Sgt. McGinnis' service in Iraq was the sense of pride he felt knowing that he was serving his country.

Mr. Speaker, it is not possible to quantify the sense of loss our great nation feels when faced with the loss of life of our men and women in the United States Armed Services. Nonetheless, I will say that Sgt. Brian McGinnis will be deeply missed by his family, his friends, the Marine Corps, and by his nation. His service for our nation and the service of countless men and women before and after him will never be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING OSF SAINT FRANCIS ON 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF LIFE FLIGHT

HON. RAY LaHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 3, 2004

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, based in Peoria, Illinois, for the 20th Anniversary of their Life Flight program. The OSF Life Flight program is the largest of its kind in Illinois. Due to the central location of Peoria, the Life Flight helicopter travels great distances to ensure my constituents, and others in surrounding areas, access to lifesaving medical technology at their innovative medical center.

In 1984, OSF Saint Francis initiated the Life Flight air transport service to serve 18 Central Illinois counties and 26 area hospitals. Since its inception, 20,000 critically-ill patients have been successfully transported by Life Flight, making it the busiest such service in Illinois. The flawless safety record and level of medical care maintained by Life Flight is a testament to the professionalism of the pilots, mechanics, nurses, communication specialists, and physicians involved in every voyage. With the addition of a second helicopter in 2002, OSF St. Francis now has the unique honor of being the only hospital-based, two helicopter program in Illinois.

It is with great pride that I recognize OSF Saint Francis on the 20th Anniversary of their Life Flight program and thank them for the past two decades of outstanding service to Central Illinois.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 3, 2004

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, on the legislative day of Tuesday, June 1, 2004, the House had votes on H. Con. Res. 295, H. Res. 612, and H. Con. Res. 417. On these House rollcall votes—#210, #211 and #212—I was unavoidably detained at the airport while in transit. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on each.

INTRODUCING THE LONG-TERM CARE (LTC) ACT

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 3, 2004

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the House's attention to the Long-term Care (LTC) Act. This act, which was introduced today by myself and nine bi-partisan cosponsors, would allow individuals to use their IRAs, 401(k), and 403(b) plans to purchase long-term care insurance with pretax dollars at any age and without early withdrawal penalty. Under the LTC Act, the consumer has the option to purchase LTC insurance at the most appropriate amounts for their needs for themselves and their spouses.