

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

MARINE CORPORAL JORDAN PIERSON

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise to speak in honor of U.S. Marine Corps Corporal Jordan C. Pierson, of Milford, CT, who was killed in Iraq on August 25, 2006. He was 21 years old.

Corporal Pierson, a member of Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, died from hostile gunfire while on foot patrol in Fallujah, Iraq.

Corporal Pierson joined the U.S. Marine Corps in December 2003, just a few months after graduating from Joseph A. Foran High School in Milford. He was adamant about his decision to join the Marines. As a young man who loved the military from an early age, Jordan found his calling in the principles and discipline of the Marine Corps. He postponed his studies at the University of Connecticut, where he was taking courses in business and psychology, to serve in Iraq. During his deployment he was wounded by shrapnel from an insurgent grenade and was awarded the Purple Heart. After treatment at Camp Fallujah, he bravely returned to combat, exhibiting great dedication to his fellow marines and his Nation.

Jordan's positive spirit and selflessness were an inspiration to all those around him, whether friends, family, or the men and women he served with in the Marine Corps. He represented the very best features of American patriotism. Among his fellow marines, his enthusiasm was contagious, and he often reminded them of the difference they were making in Iraq. To his childhood friends, he was a refuge in times of trouble and a constant source of entertainment. Never forgetting about the family he left behind, Jordan sent money home every month without ever being asked.

People like Corporal Pierson make it possible for us to live each and every day in freedom, peace, and security. They have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect their fellow citizens and our Nation, and we must never forget their heroic service.

So today I salute the courage and commitment of U.S. Marine Corporal Pierson, a young man who lived his life to the fullest and died fulfilling the noblest of callings, defending our Nation and the values we hold dear. I offer my deepest sympathies and support to his parents, Eric and Beverley, his brother Ethan, and to everyone who knew and loved him.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO DR. ROBERT H. LAMB

• Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, today I pay special tribute to a wonderful man, exceptionally gifted physician, and loving husband, father, and friend—Robert H. Lamb, M.D.

I am sad to note that Dr. Lamb recently passed away at his home in

Utah, leaving a tremendous void in the lives of all who knew him. Dr. Lamb dedicated his life to the practice of medicine and healing. His example of service and dedication to the health and well-being of people across Utah was truly extraordinary.

Dr. Lamb received his medical degree from Jefferson University in Philadelphia and began his medical service as an intern at the Pennsylvania Hospital. His long and storied medical career included service as a general surgical resident at the original St. Mark's Hospital in Salt Lake City, followed by service in the U.S. Army as the chief of the surgical service in the Station Hospital in Fort Hood, TX. After his release from the Army, he went on to work as a resident orthopedic surgeon at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, OH.

In 1951, he moved his young family back to Salt Lake City to begin his medical practice which encompassed work first at Shriner's Hospital, then the University of Utah Medical Center and St. Mark's Hospital.

During his professional life, he served in many leadership positions, including the president of the medical staff of St. Mark's Hospital and Shriner's Hospital; as a board of trustees member of St. Mark's Hospital, and later as the chairman of the board of St. Mark's. Until his death, he continued to serve as a lifetime honorary ex-officio member of the St. Mark's board of trustees.

Dr. Lamb was not only dedicated to his patients, he was dedicated to the field of medicine. He spent years tutoring and mentoring future medical professionals and helped train some of Utah's finest doctors. The knowledge and enthusiasm he shared with all those who had the privilege of working by his side provided the impetus for many future physicians and other dedicated medical personnel.

Many of Dr. Lamb's patients have described him as "gentle", "caring", and "dedicated"—all sentiments I share. I had the honor of visiting Dr. Lamb as a patient, and I can truly attest to his knowledge, compassion, and high-quality care. I appreciated his concern for me and my health and will forever be grateful to him for his dedication to medicine.

The respected English philosopher and poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge beautifully described what many feel regarding Dr. Lamb's dedication and service when he made the statement, "He is the best physician who is the most ingenious inspirer of hope." Dr. Lamb always treated his patients with utmost care and respect, and above all else he always strived to inspire hope.

Dr. Lamb was not only a great physician, but he was also a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather. I know that his wife Mary, and his 5 children, 10 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren will miss him deeply. My greatest hope is that they will be able to find peace and comfort from the memories they have of his exceptional life.

I am grateful that I had the privilege of knowing Dr. Robert Lamb. His life's work has touched literally hundreds of Utahns, and his memory will live on through the better health and well-being he imparted to many. The lessons he taught and the service he performed leave an indelible imprint which will inspire and teach generations to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The following enrolled bills, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, were signed today, September 15, 2006, by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS):

S. 1773. An act to resolve certain Native American claims in New Mexico, and for other purposes.

H.R. 866. An act to make technical corrections to the United States Code.

H.R. 2808. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

At 11:13 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2965. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to require Federal Prison Industries to compete for its contracts minimizing its unfair competition with private sector firms and their non-inmate workers and empowering Federal agencies to get the best value for taxpayers' dollars, to provide a five-year period during which Federal Prison Industries adjusts to obtaining inmate work opportunities through other than its mandatory source status, to enhance inmate access to remedial and vocational opportunities and other rehabilitative opportunities to better prepare inmates for a successful return to society, to authorize alternative inmate work opportunities in support of non-profit organizations and other public service programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6033. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 39-25 6pt Street in Woodside, New York, as the "Thomas J. Manton Post Office Building".

The message also announced that the House agreed to the resolution (H. Res.