have a strong tradition of honoring our veterans. In fact, when I started a North Dakota Veterans History Project 5 years ago to record the stories of our veterans for future generations, the outpouring of interest resulted in 2,000 interviews.

So I did not find it surprising that when the WDAY television station based in Fargo, ND, organized an "Honor Flight" to bring veterans of World War II to Washington, D.C., it had an overabundance of donors and too few seats to accommodate all the veterans. But WDAY has chartered a flight to Washington next month and will bring 100 veterans of World War II to see the memorial on our National Mall that was built in their honor. My colleagues, Senator CONRAD and Congressman POMEROY, and I will host a reception for them in the historic Russell Caucus Room.

I can't think of a better way to pay tribute to these heroes than this trip to our Nation's capital. Many of them will visit for the first time the World War II Memorial that is a powerful symbol of the sacrifice they made for the safety and freedom of our country and the world.

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Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, Char and I want to share with all of our colleagues and friends the joyous news of the birth of Robert Riley Lugar on April 16, 2007, at Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington, DC. Robert Riley was a healthy 8 pounds at birth. His parents are our son, John Hoereth Lugar, and his wife, Kelly Smith Lugar, daughter of Renee Routon Conner and the late Robert Lee Smith. Robert Riley was born at 6:21 p.m., and within the next hour, Renee, Char, and I were in the delivery room to admire a very healthy newborn baby boy and to congratulate John and Kelly as we shared those unforgettable moments together. Robert Riley joins his big brothers Preston Charles and Griffin Mack.

Kelly and John were married on November 3, 2001, in the Washington Cathedral with Dr. Lloyd Ogilvie, former Chaplain of the Senate, presiding. They and their families and guests had enjoyed a rehearsal dinner in the Mansfield Room of the Capitol on the night before the wedding. Kelly worked with many of our colleagues during her service to the administration of President George Bush and our former colleague, Congressman RALPH HALL of Texas.

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate John and Kelly as we were in the delivery room to admire a very healthy newborn baby boy and to congratulate John and Kelly as we shared those unforgettable moments together. Robert Riley joins his big brothers Preston Charles and Griffin Mack.

Several years ago, I was reminded just how important their sacrifice was when I was part of a congressional delegation involved in discussions with members of the European Parliament. We did not discuss our differences between the United States and the Europeans for some time. It was at this point that a European delegate stopped me and said, "Mr. Senator, I want you to understand how I feel about your country."

"In 1944, I was 14 years old and standing on a street corner in Paris, France, when the U.S. Liberation Army marched in and freed my country from the Nazis.

"A young American soldier reached out his hand and gave that 14-year-old boy an apple. I will go to my grave remembering that moment. You should understand what your country means to me, to us, to our country."

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