

In 1938, at the age of 31, Harold Stassen was elected Governor of Minnesota and remained our Nation's youngest Governor until 1943. He then resigned to accept a commission in the U.S. Navy where he attained the rank of captain during World War II. He also won the Legion of Merit, three other decorations, and was awarded six major battle stars. Moreover, he was personally responsible for freeing thousands of American prisoners of war in Japan shortly before that country's surrender.

Although Mr. Stassen also served as a key adviser in a variety of influential posts throughout the Eisenhower administration, he will be best remembered for his service under President Franklin D. Roosevelt. At the President's personal request, Harold Stassen served on the American delegation to the 1945 San Francisco Conference that founded the United Nations. Indeed, he is now the only living American who drafted, negotiated, and signed the original U.N. Charter. Moreover, Mr. Stassen has maintained a dedicated, passionate interest in the U.N. since its founding—educating the American public about the United Nations, and striving to make the organization more effective.

Harold Stassen is celebrating his 90th birthday just 2 years after we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the United Nations. On April 13, numerous national and State officials, including former Vice President and United States Ambassador to Japan Walter Mondale, will come to St. Paul, MN, to honor Mr. Stassen.

As Harold Stassen commemorates this significant milestone it is indeed an honor for me to join with his family, friends, and colleagues in conveying my warmest birthday wishes to this remarkable American and fellow Minnesotan who has such a proud and exceptional record of distinguished public service.●

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE R. ROORBACH

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to George Roorbach of Franconia, NH, former president of Crown Worsted Mills, for his outstanding service as a volunteer executive in Krasnodar, Russia.

George worked on a volunteer mission with the International Executive Service Corps, a nonprofit organization which sends retired Americans to assist businesses and private enterprises in the developing countries and the new emerging democracies of Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

George helped provide managerial and technical assistance to improve the lives of people in Krasnodar, Russia. He assisted Kubantex, a wool fabric manufacturer, to set up a business, marketing and financial plan. George was ambassador for our country and

has represented our democratic beliefs and methods of a free market economy.

His outstanding patriotic engagement provides active assistance for people in need and helps build strong ties of trust and respect between Russia and America. George's mission aids to end the cycle of dependency on foreign assistance.

I commend George for his dedicated service and I am proud to represent him in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO ROLLAND LOWE, M.D.

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Rolland Lowe, M.D., who was installed on March 24 as the 132d president of the California Medical Association, the largest State medical association. He is the first Asian-American president in its history and has earned my admiration on both a personal and professional level.

Dr. Lowe has built an extraordinary list of achievements throughout his career. He has served as the chief of surgery and chief of staff at the Chinese Hospital in San Francisco, working to ensure high-quality health care for low-income immigrants. He currently holds a position as a member on the board of trustees for the hospital and is the former chair.

Dr. Lowe has served as president of the San Francisco Medical Society in addition to serving on the California Medical Association's board of trustees since 1987.

In addition to distinguishing himself in his career, Dr. Lowe has been a role model for the community through his philanthropic work and community activism. He serves on dozens of the boards of organizations. He also has founded and currently is the chair of the Lawrence Choy Lowe Memorial Fund in Chinatown.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Lowe for his commitment to the people of San Francisco and congratulating him on this achievement.●

TRIBUTE TO JAMES D. BOND

● Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, today, it is with great pleasure and appreciation, mixed with a certain measure of sadness, that I rise to recognize and pay tribute to Mr. James D. Bond on the occasion of his retirement from a long and distinguished career on the staff of the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

For the past 20 years, Mr. Bond has served the Senate on the staff of the Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Agencies as either the clerk or the minority staff director. Throughout this time, his expertise and leadership have proven invaluable to the committee's work on appropriations and oversight of the economic and military assistance programs of the United States. Senators on both sides of the aisle are indebted to him for his sage advice, honest coun-

sel, and tireless effort. His contributions to legislation on American foreign policy have been numerous, including his original drafts of laws ranging from Israeli loan guarantees to the creation of the Development Fund for Africa. On foreign operations matters, Jim Bond has been the key liaison with Members of the House of Representatives; officials within the Department of State, the Agency for International Development, the Export-Import Bank, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, the Trade and Development Agency, and other agencies of the U.S. Government; as well as international organizations, including multilateral development banks and U.N. agencies; and public interest groups. Mr. President, the breadth of his grasp and the depth of his understanding of the process and the issues is unparalleled; he will be sorely missed.

Prior to his service with the Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Mr. Bond worked as the minority staff director for the Subcommittee on HUD and Space Science, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Public Works, and the Subcommittee on the Interior. He also served on the staff of our former colleague, Milton Young, as a legislative assistant. After 25 years of work in the Senate, I know that he is highly respected by staff and Senators alike. I and many of my colleagues are proud to call him our friend. Mr. President, a man who is called friend by PAT LEAHY and Jake Garn, by MITCH MCCONNELL and Mac Mathias, by TED STEVENS and Howard Metzenbaum—such a man is remarkable indeed.

Mr. Bond's public service is not limited to his work with the Senate. For several years, he has been an adjunct professor at Georgetown University, teaching a course on the appropriations process in the Graduate Public Policy Program, as well as lecturing at Marquette University's Les Aspin center and the American University's Washington Semester. Through his teaching, Mr. Bond shares his knowledge and experience with America's future leaders.

Jim Bond began his service to our country during the Vietnam war, when he served in the infantry with the 101st Airborne Division, 327th Infantry Battalion. For his service and heroism, he was awarded the Bronze Star and Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Mr. President, Jim Bond has served this institution with honor and conviction. He has served the citizens for whom we all work in an exemplary fashion. Our work has been enhanced by his contributions. I am confident that Mr. Bond will continue his commitment to American government and will utilize his knowledge and experience toward the betterment of our foreign policy and trade relations. I am sure he will continue his humanitarian work for the poor of the world. I know he will continue his efforts to sustain American prosperity in an era of increased competition.

Mr. President, I wish Jim Bond well as he leaves the Senate. I know our paths will cross again and I will welcome him. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Bond for his service and congratulating him on his retirement from the staff of the U.S. Senate.

Aloha Jim.●

TRIBUTE TO THE 16 DEDICATED NEW HAMPSHIRE VOLUNTEERS OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MEDICAL MISSION TEAM

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to 16 dedicated volunteers from New Hampshire who willingly devoted countless hours and tremendous energy to provide free medical and dental care to the people of the Dominican Republic. Last month, the volunteers of the Medical Mission Team traveled to the Dominican Republic where they operated free medical and dental clinics for a week and treated numerous people who normally cannot afford medical care. I commend all 16 volunteers for their genuine concern and true commitment to such an honorable cause. I am very proud of their unending support for the needy people of the Dominican Republic.

Months of careful planning and preparation allowed the Medical Mission Team to venture into different areas of the Dominican Republic to treat a variety of patients. The team members included: Dr. Mark McDonald; his wife, Ruth; and daughter, Jill; Jack Meibaum; his wife, Joanne Parkington; and son, David Parkington; Dr. Marianne Hopkins; and her husband, Dr. Andrew Hopkins; Werner Muller; and David Gabrielli, all from Concord; Claire Roberge, of Epsom; Don Gagne, of Penacook; Doug Tabor, of Boscawen; Gordon Barrett, of West Swanzey; and Lisa Ann Wiener and George Rogers, both from Bow.

Prior to the February mission trip, the volunteers met regularly in the evenings to learn minor medical care, repair pieces of dental equipment, build specially designed dental units, and plan the details of the clinics. Jack Meibaum, a contractor; Dr. Mark McDonald, a Concord dentist; and others salvaged old dental equipment and spent many hours in their basements updating and improving the equipment for the medical work they would perform.

After discussing the trip with New Hampshire businesses and organizations, and several pharmaceutical companies, Jack and Mark solicited critical donations for the trip. The Bow Rotary Club donated funds for a dental equipment compressor, A & B Lumber in Concord sold the compressor to the team at cost, and the Concord Tire Co. generously gave donated money for medical and dental supplies. Siemens X-ray Co. also donated a portable dental x-ray machine and numerous national pharmaceutical companies provided free or discounted medical and

dental supplies. In the end, the team had so many supplies that they even had difficulty getting the large, over-stuffed suitcases of supplies through customs with the local officials at the Puerta Plata Airport in the Dominican Republic.

Five of the volunteers—Mark, Jack, Doug Tabor, Don Gagne, and Claire Roberge—made up the first team to arrive. During their first 3 days, the team made daily trips to a small church in Moca where they worked tirelessly unpacking bulky dental equipment that had been shipped separately in a crate from New Hampshire. I was honored to have helped get this crate shipped to the Dominican Republic after the team asked for my assistance.

In addition to numerous other tasks, Jack and Mark set up the portable dental units making certain the air and water pumps worked on the dental units while Don, Claire, and Doug constructed a stand for the indispensable dental light. Doug's construction expertise was very helpful, Jack and Mark demonstrated their engineering brilliance in building equipment, and Claire and Don were energetic and happy to do even the most mundane tasks. All five volunteers worked until they were exhausted to ensure the equipment would run efficiently when used for the clinics the following week.

The remaining team members arrived on Friday, February 21, bringing more medical supplies, and helped make the final preparations for the long-awaited clinics.

For an entire week, the medical and dental teams treated the needs of numerous Dominican patients. Jack cleaned teeth for hours, Mark and Don filled cavities, and Jill, Lisa, and David sterilized dental equipment and developed dental x rays. At the medical clinic locations, Marianne, a pediatrician, and her husband, Andrew, who is also a doctor, treated endless lines of needy patients rarely taking a break even for lunch. Mothers came in with babies that had parasites, an elderly man complained of arthritis, a young boy's cut and infected feet were cleaned, two little girls were treated for asthma, and other sick Dominicans asked for assistance. Joanne, Claire, Werner, and George worked quickly to compile each patient's medical history and check their temperature and blood pressure. The medical team had prepared so thoroughly that they even brought preprinted medical charts. Lisa, Jill, David, and Ruth performed a puppet show for the waiting children and Gordon, a professional photographer, documented everyone's efforts. The demand for dental and medical care was truly overwhelming. The team worked long hours each day to ease the pain and anxiety of so many people.

On the first day of the medical clinic, a young woman came in with her very sick 2-year-old boy. According to his mother, the little boy had cut his head while playing in one of the typically filthy ditches that carried trash and

sewage. He was sick from an infection. Twice during the next 2 days, Marianne treated the little boy for the terrible infection that had spread through his body. The medical team was very concerned that he would not be able to fight off the infection until Tuesday morning when Marianne could hook him up to an IV. They had witnessed their worst fear—a dying child.

Just 2 days later in the morning, as the medical team had just set up a second clinic in Moca, the little boy made an appearance. He walked into the clinic with his mother following behind. Upon seeing the phenomenal progress the little boy had made, the entire medical team began clapping exuberantly. Soon the clapping changed to cheers and words of relief that echoed their greatest feeling of accomplishment—saving a life. I was very impressed with this story, relayed to me by one of my staffers, Anna Matz, who volunteered her time to participate in the mission.

For a over a week, these New Hampshire volunteers poured endless energy into helping the many Dominicans that ventured into the clinics. Their work was exhausting but very fulfilling. Toward the end of the week, the dental and medical clinics became mobile and operated in neighborhoods where children and families were the most sick. At one point, the medical team went into a barrio, a very poor neighborhood, and knocked on each door asking if any family members needed medical care.

While the 16 New Hampshire volunteers worked day after day, several American missionaries and a few native Dominicans provided support and assistance. Paul and Eileen Allyn, American missionaries in Santa Domingo, oversaw the teams' every need with Marge and John Gudmunson, other missionaries. Denny, Rafael, and Vladimir, young Dominican men, accompanied the team as translators and provided an occasional laugh.

Many Dominicans, for whom pain is a way of life, got a little relief last month as these dedicated New Hampshire citizens gave their time, devotion and compassion to the needy people of this Caribbean island. I am proud of their work and congratulate them on a job well done. They truly embody the real spirit of voluntarism, and I am proud and honored to represent them in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO BERNARD NEVILLE

● Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a true public servant and a dear friend, Bernard Neville of Cromwell, CT.

Bernie was honored this past Saturday as the Democrat of the Year by the Cromwell Democratic Town Committee, for his nearly 25 years of service as Cromwell's town clerk and treasurer. I join all the residents of Cromwell in congratulating and honoring Bernie on his impressive record of achievement.