

drab, in brown khaki, in blue and gray, would rise from their white crosses, thundering those magic words: Duty, honor, country.

PRAYS FOR PEACE

This does not mean that you are warmongers. On the contrary, the soldier above all other people prays for peace, for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war. But always in our ears ring the ominous words of Plato, that wisest of all philosophers: "Only the dead have seen the end of war."

The shadows are lengthening for me. The twilight is here. My days of old have vanished—tone and tint. They have gone glimmering through the dreams of things that were. Their memory is one of wondrous beauty, watered by tears and coaxed and caressed by the smiles of yesterday. I listen vainly, but with thirsty ear, for the witching melody of faint bugles blowing reveille, of far drums beating the long roll.

In my dreams I hear again the crash of guns, the rattle of musketry, the strange, mournful mutter of the battlefield. But in the evening of my memory always I come back to West Point. Always there echoes and re-echoes: Duty, honor, country.

Today marks my final roll call with you. But I want you to know that when I cross the river, my last conscious thoughts will be of the corps, and the corps, and the corps.

I bid you farewell.●

MEMORIAL DAY

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, Memorial Day is a time for Americans to stop and think about those who have given their lives for our Nation's freedom.

This week, the Senate passed a resolution commemorating the 15th Anniversary of the construction and dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. I was proud to be included as an original cosponsor of this important resolution. The resolution encourages Americans to remember the sacrifices of our Nation's veterans and extends the Senate's sympathies to those who suffered the loss of family and friends in Vietnam. Since its dedication 15 years ago, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial has been a sanctuary where survivors and families have mourned, where soldiers have reflected on the past, and where youth have explored our history.

Memorial Day serves as a strong reminder of the effects of war. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial contains the names of more than 58,000 men and women who lost their lives from 1957 to 1975 in the Vietnam combat area or who are still missing in action. No person is able to walk along the wall without being moved by its simple message of loss.

Of the many names which mark "the wall," 2,660 are from Michigan. One Michigan Vietnam veteran whose name is on the wall is Capt. James L. Huard of Dearborn, MI. Captain Huard disappeared on July 12, 1972 while flying his F-4 Phantom over North Vietnam. For nearly 25 years, Captain Huard was missing-in-action. In 1988, the Vietnamese government turned over what were believed to be the remains of a number of United States servicemen.

After many years of forensics work, Huard's remains were identified and returned to his family on January 29, 1997. On May 1, Capt. James L. Huard was given an official burial at Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1989, the Dearborn City Council passed a resolution which ordered the POW/MIA flag to fly above City Hall until "Huard is returned home." On Memorial Day, the flag will be lowered as a final most appropriate and moving tribute to Captain Huard.

I know my Senate colleagues join me in honoring Capt. James L. Huard and the many men and women who have given their lives in the service of our Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO DAVID CARTER FOR HIS SUCCESSFUL CLIMB TO THE SUMMIT OF MOUNT EVEREST

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, it is with great admiration that I rise today to recognize David Carter, a citizen of Indianapolis and a close family friend, for his achievement in reaching the peak of Mount Everest.

David's successful ascent to the summit of Mount Everest bordering Nepal and Tibet is the realization of a boyhood dream. This achievement exemplifies his extraordinary determination and courage.

On this, his second attempt to reach the peak, David approached the mountain's difficult conditions with bravery and extremely careful preparation. Through high winds and extremely cold temperatures, his expedition met the challenge.

In explaining what drew him back for a second try, David simply answered: unfinished business.

I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating David Carter on the day of this signal victory which brings special pride to all Hoosiers.●

JOSEPH ENGELBERGER AND HELPMATE ROBOTICS, INC.

● Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I would like to take a few moments and draw attention to a remarkable example of a Federal investment in science and technology that is producing a return to the benefit of society. In this case, it was the vision of an individual, combined with technical knowledge derived from space research, which has created an exciting new industry. Back in 1984, the inventor's idea was to design a robot that could be used in hospitals and eventually homes. Today, robots manufactured by HelpMate Robotics, Inc., of Danbury, CT, roam hospital hallways, delivering medications, meals, x-rays and patients' records. Handling these errands allows orderlies and nurses more time to concentrate on patient care.

Central to the story of the hospital robots is the 72-year-old founder of HelpMate Robotics, Dr. Joseph Engelberger. Dr. Engelberger is widely acknowledged as the father of the in-

dustrial robot, an idea he had much more success selling to Japan's auto industry than in America. As a consequence, Japan grew to dominate the world robotic market and this was one of the factors that for many years enabled it to retain a competitive advantage over American automakers. Not content with having helped start one revolution, Engelberger founded HelpMate Robotics with the idea to use hospital robots as a step in the process toward design of machines that would be useful in personal homes.

I am especially pleased to report that many of the achievements of Dr. Engelberger and HelpMate Robotics were made possible through close cooperation with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The new technologies necessary in the design of a robot that is capable of avoiding people in busy hospital hallways, summoning elevators, and recognizing familiar territory, were derived from research already underway at NASA. HelpMate has won several NASA SBIR [Small Business Innovative Research] awards, which were established to stimulate conversion of Government-funded R&D into commercial applications. Transfer of knowledge and expertise has also flowed from the company back to NASA. Late last year, the space agency awarded an SBIR grant to HelpMate for development of a prototype robot for terrestrial experiments that anticipate space utilization of robotics. The space robot will begin to pave the way for the next step in Dr. Engelberger's dream—a robot capable of helping the elderly stay at home by performing the myriad number of tasks that become difficult later in life. Also helpful in the commercialization of NASA technology was a unique program developed by the National Technology Transfer Center in Wheeling, WV, and Unisphere Institute in Washington, DC.

The story of Dr. Engelberger and HelpMate Robotics is an example of the way that a patient Federal investment in science and technology can lead to new products that employ Americans and make for a better quality of life. It is also the story of one man's creative genius and untiring devotion in making a dream become reality. I salute Dr. Engelberger for his accomplishments with HelpMate and upon his receipt of the prestigious Japan Prize.●

TRIBUTE TO SIX GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS

● Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to six outstanding young women who are being presented with the Girl Scout Gold Award by the Vermont Girl Scout Council. They are Melissa Jones and Tina Newell of Vergennes, Kathleen Lomedico of Colchester as well as Jennifer Tobin, Vincenza Tortolano, and Lori Brown of Rutland. They are being honored on May 29, 1997 for earning the highest achievement award in U.S. Girl Scouting.

The Girl Scout Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The award can be earned by girls aged 14-17, or in grades 9-12. To receive the award, these Girl Scouts first earned four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award and the Senior Girl Scout Challenge as well as designing and implementing a Girl Scout Gold Award project to meet a special need in their communities.

As members of the Vermont Girl Scout Council, Melissa and Tina first earned badges in understanding yourself and others, child care, games, creative writing, and reading. The girls then combined their efforts in a project to combat illiteracy. They designed a series of three workshops for young children about the magic of books which they put on at their local town library. The workshops featured a magician, hired with money the girls raised themselves, magic tricks and crafts taught by the girls, and wonderful stories featuring magic. They attracted a large number of youngsters. The girls reported "everything we did interested and excited the children; they wanted to read more books and they now know the library and are planning to come to their future children's programs".

Jennifer and Vincenza put their efforts into making a special place for some elderly members of their community. The girls designed and established a conversation garden to give nursing home residents and their guests access to sidewalks, shade, and beauty, putting in two settees and planting bulbs and a flowering crabapple tree, all financed by the girls' sale of handmade cookbooks. To quote the nursing home administrator, "these two young people have earned the respect and appreciation of 125 nursing home residents and 160 employees of Eden Park".

As a member of the Vermont Girl Scout Council, Lori first earned badges in child care, reading, music, games, well being and understanding yourself and others. She then used these skills to design and implement a series of Lenten workshops for the younger children in her parish church. Kathleen earned badges in artistic crafts and exploration among others. After learning leadership skills through Girl Scouting, she served as the editor of her high school yearbook. As her Girl Scout Gold Award project she spent the last year organizing and leading a youth group for teens which meets every other week and a youth band which plays every Sunday for her church parish. Kathleen wanted the young people in her parish to "feel a sense of home in the church." Both girls used the skills they learned in Girl Scouting to help the church of their faith.

These six Senior Girl Scouts have earned my respect and admiration. I believe all the girls should receive the public recognition due them for such

significant services to their communities and their country.●

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD P. SCOTT

● Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, it is with great regret that I rise today to note the impending retirement of Edward P. Scott, Assistant Secretary for Congressional Affairs with the Department of Veterans Affairs [VA]. Ed has served in this position since his confirmation by the Senate in May 1993, after being nominated by President Clinton.

As a member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, I have greatly appreciated Ed's successful efforts to maintain close relations with legislators and keep Congress apprised of VA operations, programs, and policies. During his tenure, VA confronted the impact of judicial review on veterans' claims; addressed the health care, research, and compensation needs of Persian Gulf veterans suffering from undiagnosed illnesses; and, in the face of unprecedented fiscal pressures, began the most comprehensive restructuring of its health care and benefits administrations in history. Ed has played a critical role in developing and implementing VA's response to each of these challenges, while keeping Congress fully informed of, and involved in, major developments.

Mr. President, prior to his administration appointment, Ed enjoyed a long and varied career in public service. After graduating cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1963, where he was Law Review editor, he clerked for New Jersey Supreme Court Associate Justice Nathan Jacobs. He then joined the Air Force for 3 years, working as an assistant staff judge advocate at Keesler Air Force Base before retiring in the rank of captain. Soon after, he joined the Peace Corps, serving as deputy director and, later, country director, in Korea. Returning to the United States, he signed on as a staff attorney to the Mental Health Law Project in Washington, DC. In 1977, he joined the staff of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, thus embarking on a long and distinguished career in the veterans arena. In the 16 years he was employed on the committee staff, he alternately served as majority and minority general counsel and, ultimately, staff director and chief counsel.

As a committee staffer, Ed was instrumental in creating the Vet Center Program, enacting the Montgomery GI bill, elevating VA to cabinet rank, and establishing the U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals. During the 102d Congress, one of the most productive legislative periods in the committee's history, he helped revamp VA physician pay, improve homeless veterans programs, create a fairer system of compensation for survivors of disabled veterans, bring educational benefits in line with inflation, heighten concern for minority veterans, and establish a program to help treat women who were sexually

abused in the military. In addition, under the leadership of my distinguished colleagues, Senator DASCHLE and Senator ROCKEFELLER, respectively, he helped resolve controversial matters relating to agent orange exposure and VA drug pricing.

Mr. President, I should also note that Ed played an important role in improving health care benefits and services for Hawaii's 120,000 veterans. Ed had an opportunity to visit Hawaii, gaining firsthand an appreciation of the unique needs of our multiethnic veterans population as well as of the special problems that confront the community as a consequence of Hawaii's insular geography and isolation from the mainland. He materially supported the Hawaii Delegation's efforts, initiated by my late predecessor, Senator Spark Matsunaga, to establish a VA medical center on Oahu; triple the size of the Honolulu VA outpatient clinic; and, establish vet centers, primary care clinics, and a residential post-traumatic stress disorder treatment center in the neighbor islands.

Mr. President, however extensive Ed's achievements, what is most remarkable about this good man is the grace and sense of balance he has brought to public service. In dealing with many different organizations and personalities, each with a separate agenda, often on extremely contentious issues, he brought calm to rough waters and comfort to bruised egos. His willingness to consider every side to an issue, his ability to rise above partisan and personal concerns, truly elevated the level of debate on veterans issues. By his example, he constantly reminded us of our primary obligation, which is to promote the welfare of veterans.

Thank you, Mr. President. Ed's departure from public service is a loss to all who care about good government. I offer him and his wife, Jane, my best wishes as they embark on a new, and I hope rewarding, phase of life.●

NATIONAL STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

● Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I rise today to take a few minutes to discuss National Stroke Awareness Month.

Every year in our country, approximately 28 out of every 100,000 people will suffer from a stroke. In fact, the third leading cause of death in the United States is a stroke. However, advances in medical technology and better control of high blood pressure have greatly reduced the number of strokes per year.

The number of strokes can be reduced even further if just a few preventive steps are taken. Periodic medical checkups and being on the look out for warning signs like high blood pressure, heart disease, age, and heredity are several basic ones.

A stroke occurs when blood vessels carrying oxygen and nutrients to the brain either become clogged or burst.