

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT CASINO CLOGSTON

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I show my support for Lieutenant Casino Clogston of New Hampshire. His heroic actions brought comfort to a family and community who endured a very tragic event.

On an early April morning in 2001, Casino arrived at the scene of a burning apartment. After giving commands to the rest of his crew, he entered the burning building. Putting his own life in jeopardy, the Lieutenant searched for any signs of life. He discovered the body of a burning man. Holding the body in one arm, he was able to kick down the door of the room and escape safely. After the victim received medical attention, he was pronounced dead. However, Clogston helped to bring comfort to the man's family and friends.

Firefighters, including Firefighter Clogston, work valorously everyday. Every time they respond to a call for help, they are putting their own lives on the line. In this instance, Casino truly did go above and beyond the call of duty in order to recover the body of a fellow citizen. Firefighters are some of our country's bravest heroes, and I applaud Clogston for his efforts to keep New Hampshire safe.

I commend the altruistic acts of Lieutenant Casino Clogston. It takes true courage to value the lives of others above one's own. I am confident that as long as we have people like Casino, our Nation will continue to be strong. New Hampshire is proud to have such a dedicated citizen, and it is truly an honor to represent Casino Clogston in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO THE PEMBROKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I show my support for the Pembroke Fire Department, including Deputy Chief Paul Gagnon; Lieutenants Rob Farley, David Bouffard and Brian Lemoine; Firefighters Patrick Maccini, Ricky Bilodeau, Jeff Bokum, Stacy Amyot, Josh Ginn, Mike Perron, Steve Perron and Eric Stromvall; and Engineers Brad Robertson, Chet Martel, Chuck Schmidt and Steve Ludwick. Their heroic actions saved numerous lives and helped preserve one of New Hampshire's historical landmarks. They placed their own lives at risk to protect and serve the people of New Hampshire.

On an early morning in July of 2001, the Pembroke Fire Department received what appeared to be a routine call. They learned that a historic Bed and Breakfast was in flames and worked tirelessly to extinguish the flames of the burning building.

Upon learning that guests were trapped in the residence, the firefighters successfully made several rescues. Leading six victims down their

ladders, they brought them to safety. The firefighters further risked their lives to perform room-by-room searches to confirm that everybody was out of the building safely.

These firefighters work valorously everyday. Each time they respond to a call for help, they are putting their own lives in jeopardy. This is just one example of the hard work and dedication of New Hampshire's firefighters. By consistently operating above and beyond the call of duty, these men and women save the lives of fellow citizens and bring comfort to the community.

I commend the selfless acts of the Pembroke Fire Department. It takes courage to place somebody else's life above one's own. I am confident that as long as we have firefighters like those in Pembroke our Nation will continue to remain protected. New Hampshire is proud to have such dedicated citizens and it is an honor to represent you in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTOPHER SMITH

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I show my support for Christopher Smith of Seabrook, NH. His heroic actions, along with the help of Timothy Dillon, saved the life of a woman trapped in a burning vehicle. He put his own life on the line to rescue a fellow citizen.

In October of 2001, Christopher was riding with his mother when he noticed that a burning car had driven off the road. Christopher and Timothy raced to the scene of the accident and discovered an elderly woman trapped in the burning vehicle. She was pinned in the vehicle by the deployed air bag and the crushed dashboard.

Christopher attempted to break the driver's side window, while Timothy broke through the back of the car. Christopher smashed the window using a tire iron and then entered through the front of the car. Putting their own lives in jeopardy, the two men were able to pull the woman to safety.

I commend the selfless acts of Christopher Smith. It takes true courage to put somebody else's life above one's own. I am confident that as long as we have people like Christopher, our Nation will continue to be strong. New Hampshire is proud to have such a dedicated citizen. It is truly an honor to represent him in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO MELISSA BOGACKI

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Melissa Bogacki of Chester, NH. Her quick action and bravery helped save the life of her drowning brother.

I commend Melissa for immediately responding to this stressful and dangerous situation. While she was taking a walk with her siblings, she noticed that her three-year old brother had fallen into a swampy area. Responding immediately, she jumped in to rescue him. After dragging him to safety Me-

lissa immediately notified her mother for help.

Melissa's valorous deed serves as an example to the people of Chester as well as the Granite State. She saved the life of a family member and brought comfort to her family. I am confident that as long as we have dedicated citizens like Melissa our Nation will continue to be strong. It is an honor to represent you in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO RUSSELL KEAT

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I show my support for Russell Keat of Grantham, NH. He helped recover numerous bodies that had been buried beneath the rubble at Ground Zero, as well as three American flags. He put his own life on the line to bring comfort to a grieving nation.

After the second airline crashed into the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, one of the most catastrophic days in our Nation's history, Russell offered his support for the rescue efforts.

Russell specializes in rescue missions and had previously rescued individuals from airline crashes, collapsed buildings, and caves. However, no other rescue meant as much to this patriot as his work at Ground Zero. He recovered the bodies of victims and helped with the clean up effort. Russell also led a group of five other heroes who uncovered three United States flags. Russell risked working on unstable structures and inhaling hazardous materials in order to perform his patriotic duty.

I commend the selfless acts of Russell Keat. It takes true courage and honor to value one's Nation above their own life. I am confident that as long as we have people like Russell our Nation will continue to be strong. New Hampshire is proud to have such a dedicated citizen. It is an honor to represent Russell Keat in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO JOHN LANK

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I show my support for John Lank of Barnstead, John, along with his two friends Nick Poulin and Dustin Sherwood, saved the life of a distressed boater.

While boating on Suncook Lake in July, the three boys noticed a boat that was moving erratically. Upon closer inspection, they realized the driver had lost control and had fallen into the water. Skillfully the three regained control of the boat and dragged the Vermont teen to safety.

I commend you John for your selfless act of heroism. You gave of yourself to help another in need. There is no greater gift. It is an honor to represent you in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO KATHLEEN MOORE

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Kathleen Moore of Goffstown, NH. Her heroic actions, along with the help of

Henry Gerlack Jr., saved the life of a man trapped inside a burning vehicle.

In April of 2001, Kathleen was driving down a local highway when she came to the aid of a motorist trapped inside a burning vehicle. She, and nearby resident Henry Gerlack, heard cries for help coming from the vehicle. The two found 34-year-old Mark Renaud wedged between a crushed steering wheel and the dashboard. Kathleen and Henry, putting their own lives in jeopardy, pulled the man out of the car through the driver's side window. The car exploded moments after they pulled Mark to safety.

I commend the bravery and heroism of Kathleen Moore. It takes true courage to place somebody else's life above your own. I am confident that as long as we have people like Kathleen, our State and Nation will continue to be strong. New Hampshire is proud to have such a dedicated citizen. It is truly an honor to represent you in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO ANDREW EMANUEL

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I show my support to Andrew Emanuel for his heroic efforts at the McIntyre Ski Area. He, along with Shawn Page, Alex Marion and Adam Anderson, helped to save the life of a fellow skier.

Last winter, while enjoying a day of recreation at the ski slope, he noticed a child hanging from the seat of a chairlift. The skiers formed a human net to catch the dangling boy. When the boy fell, they saved his life and prevented him from sustaining any serious injuries.

I commend this heroic act of Andrew Emanuel. He helped to save the life of a fellow citizen and brought comfort to a worried family. I feel that as long as we have such dedicated citizens, our Nation will continue to be strong. Andrew exemplifies the ideals of a Granite Stater and I am honored to represent him in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO HENRY GERLACK

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I show my support for Henry Gerlack Jr. of Barnstead, NH. His heroic actions, along with the help of Kathleen Moore, saved the life of a man trapped inside a burning vehicle. Henry put his life on the line to preserve the life of another.

In April of 2001, Henry Gerlack noticed a burning vehicle on the side of the road. He heard cries for help and raced to the burning vehicle to find a 34 year-old man wedged between the crushed steering wheel and dashboard. Henry and Kathleen pulled the man out of the car moments before it exploded.

I commend the altruistic acts of Henry Gerlack, Jr. It takes true courage to put somebody else's life above one's own. I am confident that as long as we have people like Henry, our Nation will continue to be strong. New

Hampshire is proud to have such a dedicated citizen and it is an honor to represent him in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO NICK POULIN

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I show my support for Nick Poulin of Manchester. Nick, along with his two friends John Lank and Dustin Sherwood, saved the life of a distressed boater.

While boating on Suncook Lake in July, the three boys noticed a boat that was moving erratically. Upon closer inspection, they realized the driver had lost control and had fallen into the water. Skillfully the three regained control of the boat and dragged the Vermont teen to safety.

I commend you Nick for your selfless act of heroism. You gave of yourself to help another in need. There is no greater gift. It is an honor to represent you in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO JACK LEE

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I show my support for Jack Lee for his heroic efforts in pulling a semi-conscious teenager to safety. He went above and beyond the call of duty to reach out to another in need.

Mr. Lee came upon a burning vehicle in Auburn, NH. Noticing a young individual was trapped inside, he began to try and free her from the burning wreck. Though not successful at his first few attempts to save the girl from the car, Mr. Lee did not give up. He finally pulled her to safety.

Not only do Jack's actions serve as an exemplary commitment to human life, they also highlight a selflessness we all should strive for. I commend Jack for being a hero to his community and nation. It is an honor to represent you in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO THE HOOKSETT FIRE DEPARTMENT

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I show my support for the Hooksett Fire Department, including Chief Michael Howard, Lieutenant David Carignan, Firefighter Bill Palmer and Firefighter Steve Davis. Their heroic actions saved numerous lives, and preserved one of New Hampshire's historical landmarks. They worked without regard for their own safety to preserve a treasure to the community.

On an early morning in July of 2001, the Hooksett Fire Department received a call that a historic bed and breakfast was on fire. The company worked tirelessly to save the burning building.

Upon learning that guests were trapped in the residence, the firefighters successfully made several rescues. Leading six victims down their ladders, they brought them to safety. The firefighters further risked their lives to perform room-by-room searches and confirm that everybody rescued.

These firefighters work valorously everyday. Each time they respond to a call for help, they are putting their own lives in jeopardy. This is just one example of the hard work and dedication of New Hampshire's firefighters. By consistently operating above and beyond the call of duty, these men and women save the lives of fellow citizens and bring comfort to the community. Firefighters are among our country's bravest heroes, and this company has served the State of New Hampshire for many years.

I commend the altruistic acts of the Hooksett Fire Department. It takes courage to place somebody else's life above your own. I am confident that as long as we have firefighters such as the men of the Hooksett Fire Department, our Nation will continue to be protected. New Hampshire is proud to have such dedicated citizens. It is an honor to represent you in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO KEVIN HEALY

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Kevin Healy, a firefighter in the city of Manchester, NH. His heroic actions saved the lives of numerous residents caught inside an apartment building.

On a February 2001 morning, the off-duty firefighter was driving home from work when he noticed smoke in the distance. He found a burning apartment building which he immediately entered in search of victims. He could hear people coughing and used their sounds to locate burning victims. He successfully brought two people to safety and returned to the burning building to check for trapped victims. During the rescue Kevin suffered burns and respiratory injuries.

Firefighters, like Kevin, work valorously everyday. Each time they respond to a call for help, they are risking their own lives. Kevin went above and beyond the call of duty in order to save fellow citizens and bring comfort to his community. Firefighters are some of our country's bravest heroes, and I applaud Kevin's efforts to keep the citizens of New Hampshire safe.

I commend Kevin Healy's bravery and applaud his dedication to public service. It exemplifies true courage and honor to put other's lives above your own. I am confident that as long as we have people like Kevin, our State and Nation will continue to be strong. New Hampshire is proud to have such exemplary citizens and it is an honor to represent you in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO JEFFREY MORSE

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I show my support for Jeffrey Morse of New Hampshire. His heroic actions, combined with help from Paul Gagne, saved a woman and numerous animals. He put his life on the line to rescue others from a house.

In September of 2001, the two telephone technicians were working on a