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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.

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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.

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cable problem when they noticed smoke coming from a nearby house. They raced to the scene of the fire. Paul hurried to call the emergency rescue services, while Jeffrey used a garden hose to prevent the flames from spreading. Jeffrey then noticed a sign indicating that live animals were living in the house, so he kicked down the door to the building and retrieved a cat.

After the animal was brought to safety, the two men heard screams. Paul and Jeffrey entered the burning building and worked their way through the thick smoke to find a choking woman. The two men picked her up and carried her to safety. They returned for a final trip to ensure they had rescued everyone.

I commend the selfless acts of Jeffrey Morse. 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 Jeffrey, our Nation will continue to be strong. New Hampshire is proud to have such a dedicated citizen. It is an honor to represent Jeffrey Morse in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO RUSS LAURIAT

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I show my support for Russ Lauriat of Goffstown. Russ, with the assistance of his friends Arthur Moreau and Russ VanderHorst, rescued the life of 28-year-old Scott Derendal.

The three friends came upon a wrecked, burning vehicle while driving through Wear last July. Feeling a civic duty to aid a fellow person in need, Arthur, Russ and Russ raced to rescue the individual trapped in the car. They managed to save the life of Scott.

I commend you Russ for the selfless act of kindness you imparted on an unknown individual. You gave of yourself without a second thought as to how it might affect your life. It is an honor to represent you in the U.S. Senate.●

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TRIBUTE TO RAY SUMMERS

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I show my support for Ray Summers of Manchester, NH. His heroic actions and dedication to his country saved two fellow citizens and helped to discover numerous bodies that were buried beneath the rubble at Ground Zero. He put his own life on the line to bring comfort to a Nation.

Ray was interning at Shea Stadium when the World Trade Center Buildings collapsed on September 11, 2001, one of the most catastrophic days in our Nation's history. As a trained EMT, Ray answered a call from the New York City emergency authorities who desperately needed his support at Ground Zero. He was escorted to the scene, given rescue equipment, and immediately began to search for victims.

Ray searched for survivors and cleaned up rubble for about 72 hours, taking little time to rest or eat. He encountered several near death experiences, including nearly being crushed by the collapsing Liberty Plaza Building. He and another rescuer found two Port Authority officers still alive. They uncovered the two officers and carried them to safety.

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

TRIBUTE TO ADAM ANDERSON

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While enjoying a day of recreation at a ski slope, Adam noticed a child hanging from the seat of a chairlift. The skiers formed a human net to catch the boy. When the boy fell, Adam and his friends were able to save his life and prevent him from sustaining any serious injuries.

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TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN TOM BUINICKY

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I show my support for Captain Tom Buinicky of the Claremont Fire Department. His heroic actions, along with the efforts of Firefighter Amos Chamberlain, helped to save the lives of several families caught inside a burning apartment building. Amos puts his life on the line everyday for the sake of others.

In January of 2001, the two men responded to what seemed to be a routine call. They were two of the first firefighters on the scene and they discovered a three-alarm fire. Witnesses told them of an infant trapped on the third floor of the building, so the men searched for the baby. The baby had already been brought to safety, but the men continued to make sure that the entire building had been vacated.

Firefighters Buinicky and Chamberlain 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 how they went above and beyond the call of duty in order to save the lives of fellow citizens and bring comfort to the community. Firefighters are among some of this Nation's bravest heroes, and I applaud them for their work to keep New Hampshire safe.

I commend the altruistic acts of Captain Buinicky. It takes true courage to put other's lives above one's own. I am confident that as long as we have people like Tom 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 Captain Tom Buinicky in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO TIMOTHY DILLON

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I show my support for Timothy Dillon of Hampton Falls, NH. His heroic actions, along with those of Christopher Smith, 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, Timothy noticed a burning car that had fallen down an embankment. Timothy and Christopher 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 he entered through the front of the car. Putting their own