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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.●

TRIBUTE TO PAUL GAGNE

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

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

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ing 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 everyone had been rescued.

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

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

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

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.

I commend this heroic act of Adam Anderson. 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. Adam exemplifies the ideals of a Granite Stater and I am honored to represent him in the U.S. Senate.●

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

lives in jeopardy, the two men were able to pull the woman to safety.

I commend the selfless act of Timothy Dillon. 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 Timothy, our Nation will continue to be strong. New Hampshire is proud to have such a dedicated citizen. It is truly an honor and privilege to represent Timothy Dillon in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO FIREFIGHTER AMOS CHAMBERLAIN

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I show my support for Firefighter Amos "Buzz" Chamberlain of the Claremont Fire Department. His heroic actions, along with the efforts of Captain Tom Buinicky, helped to save the lives of several families caught inside a burning apartment building. Buzz puts his life on the line each day 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 discovered a three-alarm fire. Witnesses told them of an infant trapped on the third floor of the building and they 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 Chamberlain and Buinicky 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 Amos Chamberlain. It takes true courage and honor to put others' lives above one's own. I am confident that as long as we have people like Buzz, 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 him in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO FRED AND JOYCE CORSER

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Fred and Joyce Corser of Concord, NH, for their heroic act of rescuing two young passengers from a vehicle on the verge of exploding.

In August of 2001, an automobile accident occurred outside of the Corser's home. Fred immediately rushed to assist the two passengers trapped inside the vehicle, while Joyce contacted rescue personnel and then joined her husband. Together, they risked their lives to remove the backseat passenger from the vehicle, who had sustained a compound leg fracture during the accident.

Moments before the vehicle exploded, Fred and Joyce put their lives in jeopardy once again and pulled out the second passenger. As they were carrying him to safety, the car burst into flames. Fred Corser quickly found a piece of plywood and used it to shield the victim from the explosion.

I commend Fred and Joyce Corser for their altruistic acts. Their selfless deeds saved the lives of two fellow citizens. I feel confident that as long as there are Americans like Fred and Joyce Corser, who are willing to put the well-being of others before themselves, our Nation will continue to be strong. It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent them in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO DEREK VITALE

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Madam President, today I show my support for Derek Vitale of Chester, NH. His heroic actions saved the lives of numerous Farmington, NH residents, including the life of a helpless baby. He put his own life on the line to rescue others from a burning building.

In August of 2001, Derek was on his way to a fishing trip with his friend Anthony Tripari, when they noticed smoke from a burning apartment building. It was about three o'clock in the morning, so Derek honked the horn of his car in an attempt to wake up all the residents in the building and alert them to the fire.

As the residents vacated, it was reported that a baby was trapped on the second floor. Derek sprinted into the flaming building, covering his mouth with only the collar of his shirt and found the baby. Derek carried the baby to safety and simultaneously knocked on the doors of every apartment to make sure the building was vacated.

I commend the altruistic acts of Derek Vitale. 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 Derek Vitale, 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 THE ALLENSTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Madam President, today I show my support for the Allenstown Fire Department, including Captain Dan Silva, Lieutenant Scott Eaton, as well as Firefighters Edward Higgins, Lee Cheney, Mark Jacobs, Ray Seigny and Keith Lambert. Their heroic actions saved the lives of numerous hotel guests and preserved one of New Hampshire's historical landmarks. The men of the Allenstown Fire Department risked their lives, as they do everyday, to protect and serve.

On an early morning in July of 2001, the Allenstown Fire Department received a call that a historic bed and

breakfast was in flames. The company worked tirelessly to extinguish the fire.

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. Firefighters are among our country's bravest heroes, and this company has been serving the State of New Hampshire for many years.

I commend the altruistic acts of the Allenstown 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 of Allenstown 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 NATHAN LANGLAIS

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Madam President, today I pay tribute to Nathan Langlais of Nashua, NH, for risking his safety to save the life of a fellow motorist trapped in a crashed vehicle.

In August of 2001, Nathan and his friend John Horan, noticed a vehicle that had plunged through the guardrail and down a hill on the side of Daniel Webster Highway. The men immediately, and without regard for personal safety, came to the aid of the car's driver.

They discovered a semi-conscious driver in the smoking car. The men attempted to extract the driver from the vehicle but were unsuccessful in their first attempt. Loud noises came from the gasoline tank and the back of the car began to ignite. With little time to spare, the men rescued the driver from the passenger's side of the vehicle.

I commend Nathan Langlais for his bravery and heroism. His selflessness saved the life of a fellow citizen, and set a positive example for the people of the State of New Hampshire. I am confident that as long as there are Americans like Nathan Langlais, our Nation will continue to be strong. It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent you in the U.S. Senate.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:23 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to