

proud residents. The town was chartered in 1727 and began as an agricultural settlement. The waterways that stretch through Bow allowed the town to establish a series of mills that have since served as the heart of an area of town known affectionately as "Bow Mills." Bow has also served as a historically significant stomping ground for many influential figures. Sergeant John Ordway, native to Bow, was part of the Lewis and Clark expedition and Andrew Jackson stopped in Bow on his 1833 New England Tour. Residents of this beautiful town are among the first in the nation to vote in primaries.

This progressive city has been able to maintain a family-oriented and relaxing environment for 275 years in spite of their close proximity to the two largest cities in New Hampshire. It is highly commendable that Bow has preserved a superbly low crime rate and given its residents a safe and secure town in which to live and raise their families. Bow is incomparable in so many ways, particularly the attention Bow gives to the public school system in their community. Bow's public schools are well maintained, well equipped with the latest technology to ensure cutting-edge education and skills training, and most importantly, provide an adequate number of teachers that can endow our children with guidance and direction. The student to teacher ratio is roughly 14 to 1. This is an astounding and praiseworthy circumstance and furnishes Bow's youth with the opportunity for one to one interaction in the classroom and an extended chance to explore each subject in greater depth.

Bow is truly one of the most unique and wonderful cities in New Hampshire and in the United States. It is said that Bow originally was given its name because of its literal positioning at the bow of the Merrimack River. I propose that perhaps Bow was given its name for its representational properties; the visual packaging of this town is beautifully decorated, however, what you discover inside the package is the true gift and reward.

Bow, New Hampshire, congratulations on your 275th anniversary. It is an honor to represent the citizens of Bow in the U.S. Senate.●

IN MEMORY OF RESERVIST ROBERT RANERI

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the memory of a fallen soldier in the U.S. Military, Robert Raneri.

Robert Raneri was a captain and commander of the 94th Military Police Company in the Army Reserves and a highly respected and dedicated officer. Raneri's professionalism and dedication to the Army was thought by many to be unrivaled. In July of 2000, Captain Raneri led a unit of 600 soldiers in a mission to Bosnia. In the wake of a very politically and militarily charged conflict, Raneri returned nine months

later with every one of the 600 soldiers alive and unscathed as he had promised upon their departure overseas. Those who worked with Robert knew him as a strong presence and as a man not afraid to take chances if it was in the best interest of the men he commanded and of the nation. His peers remember him as calm, deliberate, clear-headed, compassionate, tough, and exacting. These virtues combined created a fine leader, friend, and man in Mr. Robert Raneri.

Robert was to be married to Maj. Amy Huther a week after his June 26th passing, greatly looking forward to being a husband and a father someday. These dreams will cease to be realized for this exceptional man as a result of the unfortunate motorcycle accident that recently took his life.

Robert Raneri was a dedicated Army Reservist who spent his life serving the United States as a commanding officer to the 94th Military Police Company and his memory should be held in the highest respect. Robert's passing is a great loss not only for his family, but for the country and the U.S. Army.●

IN MEMORY OF ALBERT G. CAPPANNELLI

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today in remembrance of a highly respected and valued member of the Manchester community and an esteemed public relations careerist, Mr. Albert G. Cappannelli.

Al began his work with public media as a radio news reporter after graduating from Boston University with a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism. His fervor for the technique of media and journalism led Al to the arena of strategy consulting. As director of national media at High Point Communications, he developed tactics for clients throughout New Hampshire including the Department of Education as well as on the national circuit for companies including Anthem Blue Cross-Blue Shield, American Express Financial Services, and Maryland Public Service Commission. Colleagues described Albert as savvy and highly effective in his discipline.

In addition to Al's professional career, he established a well-deserved reputation as a community leader in Manchester. He volunteered his time and effort to a number of causes in the community spanning across interests with regard to both personal and social affairs. Al was an active member at St. Peter's in Auburn where he held a position on the parish council and was a parish facilitator for the Crown Ministries for the Diocese of Manchester. He was a huge advocate in matters surrounding education; volunteering his time with Weston Elementary School, Keene State College, McDonald Youth Leadership program, and as a member of the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce Education Committee.

Albert Cappannelli was the victim of an unfortunate and untimely passing

as a result of liver cancer that had been diagnosed merely 2 weeks earlier. Albert is survived by his wife Jane of 16 years and his two children, Joshua and Helen.

Al spent his life and career serving public interest and revealed an uncompromising compassion and integrity throughout that endeavor. He was a fine man, respected colleague, and adored by all who knew him. I was proud to call him my friend, and honored to represent such a fine individual in the U.S. Senate.●

A TRIBUTE TO DEAN KAMEN

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to an innovator of the ages, an artist of medicine, and technological visionary, Mr. Dean Kamen.

As a prominent figure in the life and community of our State of New Hampshire we honor Mr. Kamen for his efforts and entrepreneurial spirit that have furthered the fields of science and technology in numerous ways with the advent of his inventions. The improvements in several medical procedures and enhancement of the administering of various drug treatments have vastly improved the lives of individuals who suffer from a range of illnesses. Mr. Kamen holds over 150 national and international patents and is renowned throughout the country as one of the greatest inventors of this age. Among his credits include the first wearable infusion pump, the first insulin pump for Diabetics, and the HomeChoice/TM/dialysis machine.

Recently, Mr. Kamen was in New Hampshire to demonstrate to the Environment and Public Works Committee, his latest technological improvement, the Segway Human Transporter, an environmentally friendly and fuel-efficient mode of transportation for the 21st century. In attending this demonstration I was able to witness firsthand the incredible and impressive talent and vision of Mr. Kamen.

Dean Kamen accomplishments are well-recognized and his many awards include the Kilby Award for extraordinary contributions to society, the Heinz Award in Technology, and the National Medal of Technology given to him in 2000 by President Bill Clinton for inventions that have advanced medical care worldwide. In addition, Mr. Kamen was honored by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation as "2002 Person of the Year" for work related to the research and advancement of diabetes treatment for youths.

Dean Kamen deserves to be recognized for his exceptional efforts at spreading the excitement of science and technology to the world at large. His advances for medical technology have been blanketed in the notion that technology can be of virtue and practical in our society, a proposition that is admirable and worthy of merit. Thank you, Dean, for all your efforts to aid others through the advancement

of medicine and technology. It is an honor to represent you in the U.S. Senate.●

THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF JENSEN'S RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES, INC.

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the Jensen's Residential Communities, Inc., as they celebrate 75 years as an exceptional provider of affordable homes.

Today, I would like to give my congratulations to the Jensen family for their success in establishing and managing communities of premier manufactured homes. I would also like to extend my gratitude on behalf of New Hampshire and its local communities for providing such an excellent combined example of quality and economy.

The Jensen Residential Communities began in 1927 by Mr. Kristian Jensen Sr. as one of the pioneering manufactured home communities in New Hampshire. Since its inception, the housing communities have spread across to seven eastern states, totaling 27 developments. There are currently five Jensen Residential Communities in New Hampshire alone.

I want to congratulate the Jensen family once again for an admirable entrepreneurial endeavor and a first-rate product. Thank you for your continuous pledge to meet the needs of the American family. It is an honor to represent you in the US Senate.●

DAVID BIBBER IS RETIRING AFTER A LIFETIME OF PUBLIC SERVICE

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to commend and congratulate David Bibber who is retiring as chief of Dover's Fire and Rescue.

Davis Bibber has been chief of Dover, NH, Fire and Rescue team since 1978 and has recently decided his position as chief is in need of some "new blood." Bibber was the new kid on the block when he began as a fireman at the Fairfax County fire department in 1962 at 18 years of age. David started as a volunteer and was permitted to live at the fire station while he finished school. After a few short years, David was granted a full-time job with the department. David's story is an inspirational example of the American dream; working his way up to the top.

On David's watch some major accomplishments have been achieved at Dover Fire and Rescue. Among them are the implementation of paramedic services, increased responsibility for emergency management services, greater enforcement of building codes, and an expansion in public education programs throughout the community pertaining to fire and safety. While David has been chief, Dover has also developed a central alarm system by combining the dispatch services for the police and fire department to lessen the response time for support.

Chief Bibber gives all the credit for his and the fire department's successes to his staff. He recognizes the hard work and dedication that each member of the team has offered in order to keep the city's rescue services running smoothly. David also recognizes the hard work that all city workers provide, respecting city counselors in particular for their pro bono duties and efforts to make the lives of Dover residents better.

Congratulations to Mr. David Bibber. I thank you, New Hampshire thanks you, and the city of Dover thanks you for serving the interests of the people with care and capability.●

TRIBUTE TO GEN. JOSEPH P. HOAR, U.S. MARINE CORPS, RETIRED

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate General Joe Hoar on the occasion of his retirement as Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Retired Officers Association, TROA.

Born in Boston, MA, General Hoar entered the Marine Corps as a Second Lieutenant in 1958, following his graduation from Tufts University. As an infantry officer, he commanded at all levels from platoon to regiment; he also commanded three Marine Corps Air Ground Task Forces. As a senior military officer, General Hoar became well-known to the members of the Armed Services Committee with his tours of duty as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, Programs and Operations for the Marine Corps during the Gulf War, and, from 1991 to 1994, as the Commander in Chief, U.S. Central Command, the unified command that had the operational responsibilities for the Middle East, South Asia, and the Horn of Africa. He retired from active duty on September 1, 1994 after 37 years of commissioned service in the U.S. Marine Corps.

General Hoar's dedication to service and excellence has not diminished since leaving active duty. He served as a Trustee for the Center for Naval Analyses at Suffolk University in Boston, and as a Fellow of the World Economic Forum in Geneva, Switzerland. General Hoar was elected to TROA's board of directors in 1996. For the last two years, he served as TROA's Chairman of the Board, the position from which he is now retiring.

Through his stewardship, TROA continues to play a vital role as an advocate of legislative initiatives to maintain readiness and improve the quality of life for all members of the uniformed service community—active: reserve, and retired, plus their families and survivors.

General Hoar has been a strong supporter of the Senate's efforts to improve military readiness and quality-of-life through a competitive compensation package for active and reserve forces, improving health care for retired personnel and their families,

and enhancing protections for the survivors of deceased service members. Under his leadership, TROA has been an invaluable source of information during the Senate's deliberations on a long list of compensation and benefits issues during this extraordinarily productive period.

General Joe Hoar has been a leader in every sense of the word in the U.S. Marine Corps, in TROA, and in the entire military retiree community. I know my colleagues join me in extending very best wishes to General Hoar for continued success in service to his Nation and the uniformed service members whom he has so capably led and served.●

IN HONOR OF NATIONAL CHEESECAKE DAY

● Mr. DURBIN: Mr. President, today is a very special day for all Americans, but it is especially near and dear to the hearts of many residents of my home State of Illinois, because today has been designated as National Cheesecake Day.

Some may be tempted to dismiss National Cheesecake Day as another meaningless holiday. To those unenlightened few, I extend my sympathies. For you have truly missed out on one of life's sweetest pleasures. You see, in Illinois, especially in the greater Chicago area, National Cheesecake Day can only mean one thing, Eli's Cheesecake.

When long-time restaurateur and Chicagoan Eli Schulman founded Eli's: The Place for Steak Restaurant, one of his marquee offerings was a superb cheesecake. It quickly became one of Chicago's favorite desserts. So popular, in fact, that Eli's began producing it for other restaurants and retail outlets across the country. Eli's Cheesecake Company has now been a Chicago icon in its own right for more than 20 years.

Since its 1980 debut at the first Taste of Chicago, Eli's Cheesecake has grown to become the largest specialty cheesecake company in the country. In both 1993 and 1997, Eli's Cheesecake was selected to participate in the presidential inaugural festivities, they have supplied desserts on Air Force One for Presidents Reagan to Clinton, and Eli's Cheesecake provided the cake for the First Lady's birthday bash in 1997.

How does a humble homemade Chicago dessert go from after-dinner obscurity to gracing the plates of Presidents and First Ladies?

Actually, there are two answers. The first is the taste. If you've ever had a bite of an Eli's cheesecake, you'd know that there is nothing like it anywhere in the world. Eli's has taken great care to continue making each cheesecake by hand—the same way the very first one was made. This ensures each bite will have the rich, creamy Eli's taste so many have come to love.

The second is the spirit of Eli Schulman himself.

In 1910, a young man named Eli Schulman was born on Chicago's West