

## TRIBUTE TO LARRY GAMMON

• Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to the President of Easter Seals New Hampshire, Larry Gammon, whose leadership has been crucial to the ability of Easter Seals to do so much for so many in our State. He is a man of remarkable character, who has devoted his life to community service, beginning his career in public education and then joining Easter Seals, where he is currently in his thirty-second year with the organization.

Mr. Gammon shares the dedication, enthusiasm, and vision of the founders of Easter Seals to increase the independence and improve the quality of life for individuals with special needs. As a result, Easter Seals New Hampshire has grown significantly to meet the needs of communities throughout the State, as well as in Maine, New York, and Vermont.

In New Hampshire, Easter Seals provides services to more than 20,000 residents each year, addressing a wide range of physical and emotional concerns including cerebral palsy, autism, muscular dystrophy, and Alzheimers disease.

And each day, an average of 125 New Hampshire children are served through Easter Seals' youth programs including families in need, family mediation, parenting workshops, and 24-hour emergency support. For those who needed, but could not afford, assistance in the past year, Easter Seals New Hampshire provided \$2 million in free and reduced-cost services.

New Hampshire's elderly population is well served by senior programs offered by Easter Seals including: a medical day rehabilitation program for individuals requiring light nursing monitoring; an ambulatory program for those with light medical and mental health needs; and an Alzheimer's day program for elders with dementia and memory loss.

Equally impressive as the quantity of services provided by Easter Seals New Hampshire is their variety. Deaf or hard of hearing clients are fitted with hearing aids, and vocational training is provided to the visually impaired. Additionally, rehabilitation therapy is available for those who have sustained traumatic injuries.

For 22 consecutive years, Easter Seals has ranked number one among National Health Council members for the percentage of program dollars spent on direct client services, allocating over 90 cents of every dollar for this purpose. Larry Gammon has provided prudent financial stewardship to Easter Seals New Hampshire with the organization earning numerous accolades for its fiscal management and services.

Mr. Gammon is an individual of remarkable character who leads by example, with an impressive record of community service that extends beyond his work at Easter Seals and includes active roles in a number of other community organizations. This effort

has made him successful in recruiting individuals of similar dedication to the board of directors and staff of Easter Seals, which now totals 1,200.

The contributions of Larry Gammon and Easter Seals New Hampshire on behalf of individuals with special needs are an example of America's community spirit and a role model for the rest of us. I thank the Senate for the opportunity to honor this extraordinary individual and organization.●

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 TRIBUTE TO WORLD OF CHILDREN AWARD HONOREES

• Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, today I recognize the honorees for the 2003 Hannah Neil World of Children Awards presented in Columbus, OH, on November 20, 2003. These awards recognize people from around the world who have devoted their lives to making the world a better place for children. The awards are very prestigious, commensurate to the Pulitzer and Noble Prizes for those who dedicate their lives to improving the lives of children.

Since the inception of the awards, 500 nominations have been received from 50 countries. An international Advisory Council, headed by three-time heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali and composed of 35 members from 15 different countries, selects the award recipients.

I would like to recognize each of this year's honorees and thank them for their selfless commitment to helping children across the globe:

First, the Kellogg's Child Development Award honors an individual who has made a significant lifetime contribution to children's futures by greatly improving their opportunities to learn and grow. The honorees for this award are:

Fani Lerner from Parana, Brazil; Claudia Gonzales Moreno from Murillo, Bolivia; and Jetsun Pema from Himachal Pradesh, India.

The Cardinal Health Children's Care Award recognizes an individual who has made a significant lifetime contribution to the health and well-being of children. The honorees for this award are:

Dr. Martin Eichelberger from Washington, DC; Dr. Elizabeth Jones from California; and Mehendra G. Mehta from Mumbai, India.

The Founder's Award honors an individual youth who has made significant contributions to enhancing the lives of other youth. The honorees for this award are:

Ryan Hreljac from Ontario, Canada and Dayro Javier Reyes Acosta from Santander, Colombia.

I extend my most sincere thanks to these honorees for their dedication and commitment to our world's children. Their efforts, indeed, are deserving of the highest praise and recognition, as they give voice and hope to children in need across the globe.●

## GUNNERY SERGEANT THOMAS S. HOGDAHL, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

• Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, as a veteran marine and friend, I rise today to pay tribute to Gy Sgt Thomas S. Hogdahl, who will retire from the U.S. Marine Corps on March 1, 2004. I have had the pleasure to work with Hogdahl on many occasions. In addition to his professionalism and planning expertise he will be missed for his intensity, integrity, and unique sense of humor. But mostly he will be missed for his dedication to the Members and staff of the Senate.

Thomas Hogdahl was born in Teaneck, and was raised in Bergenfield NJ. There he played basketball and soccer and graduated from Bergenfield High School in 1983. In 1984 he enlisted in the Marine Corps, and subsequently reported to Parris Island, SC, to take on the challenge of becoming a US marine.

Upon earning the title of marine, Gunnery Sergeant Hogdahl completed his followon training at Camp Lejeune, NC, where he received formal training as a Marine Corps Administrator, graduating as the honor graduate. He was then ordered cross-country to Camp Pendleton, CA, to serve as an administrative clerk to the hundreds of marines assigned to the historic 1st Marine Division. From 1986 to 1994, his service would take him to Okinawa, Japan, with the 3rd Marine Amphibious Force; Marine Corps Base Quantico, VA, with Security Battalion, and eventually to Dover, NJ, with the inspector and instructor staff for the 25th Marines, 4th Marine Division.

In 1994, Gunnery Sergeant Hogdahl was selected for one of the most demanding billets in the Marine Corps, a Marine Corps Drill instructor (DI). I, as well as every person who has worn the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor will remember their drill instructor for the rest of their lives. He is the one person who has the greatest impact in transforming trainees into U.S. marines. After graduating in the top 10 percent of his DI School, Gunnery Sergeant Hogdahl returned to the legendary yellow footprints where he started his journey 10 years before, only this time it would be in Recruit Depot San Diego, and this time he would be wearing the traditional "Smokey" cover of a drill instructor. For the next 2 years his leadership and example would transform hundreds of young men into U.S. marines.

In 1996, after leaving the drill field, Gunnery Sergeant Hogdahl attended the Advanced Personnel Admin Chief's Course, graduating again as the honor graduate. Thereafter he reported for duty at Marine Corps Base Quantico, VA, where he served as Administration Chief for headquarters and Service Battalion. Just over a year later Gunnery Sergeant Hogdahl was selected to attend the Staff Non-Commissioned Officer Career Course, from which he graduated in the top 10 percent amongst his

fellow senior marines. Following school, Gunnery Sergeant Hogdahl was handpicked to fill a senior SNCO position as administrative assistant in the Office of the Under Secretary of the Navy. Based on his exemplary performance over the next year and a half, Gunnery Sergeant Hogdahl was once again selected for another position of great responsibility—the Staff Non-Commissioned Officer for the Marine Corps' U.S. Senate Liaison Office.

In May 1999, Gunnery Sergeant Hogdahl began his tour with the Marine Corps' Senate Liaison Office, and since that time, he has been a key player in helping to maintain positive and productive relationships between the Marine Corps, my colleagues in the Senate, professional committee staff, and personal staff. He was responsible for responding to thousands of congressional inquiries ranging from such sensitive issues as notification of combat casualties during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom to providing important, timely information on the operation and organization of the Marine Corps. Through his efforts, Gunnery Sergeant Hogdahl developed a sterling reputation for honesty, punctuality, and accuracy. His efforts not only communicated the Commandant's message to the Senate, but also upheld and added to the Marine Corps' image and reputation on Capitol Hill.

While a member of the Marine Corps Senate Liaison Office, Gunnery Sergeant Hogdahl successfully planned and executed 28 international congressional delegations. I had the pleasure of traveling on three of these congressional delegations with Gunnery Sergeant Hogdahl, and was greatly impressed with his professionalism, attention to detail, and resourcefulness. His acumen for planning and coordination carried over into Gunnery Sergeant Hogdahl's ability to plan and organize numerous Marine Corps and Joint Service social events on Capitol Hill. These events included among others, the Marine Corps Birthday Commemoration, Joint Services Reception, and Marine Corps fall and spring receptions—all very important in enabling myself, and my Senate colleagues to maintain important relationships with the Corps' senior leadership.

Throughout his career as a U.S. marine, GySgt Thomas S. Hogdahl has demonstrated outstanding character, discerning judgment, and a deep sense of duty to his Country and Corps. On behalf of the U.S. Senate, I thank Gunnery Sergeant Hogdahl for his 21 years of service to the Nation and the U.S. Marine Corps. His wife Barbara, and their three sons—Thomas, Stephen, and Brandon—have reason to be proud of "Gunny" Hogdahl as we are here in the U.S. Senate and I wish them all the best as Tom tackles new challenges in his certain to be successful civilian career.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### PERIODIC REPORT RELATIVE TO THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO IRAN WHICH WAS DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 12170—PM 56

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

##### CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO IRAN

On November 14, 1979, by Executive Order 12170, the President declared a national emergency with respect to Iran pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701-1706) to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States constituted by the situation in Iran. Because our relations with Iran have not yet returned to normal, and the process of implementing the January 19, 1981, agreements with Iran is still underway, the national emergency declared on November 14, 1979, must continue in effect beyond November 14, 2003. Therefore, consistent with section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)), I am continuing for 1 year this national emergency with respect to Iran.

This notice shall be published in the *Federal Register* and transmitted to the Congress.

GEORGE W. BUSH.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, November 12, 2003.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:17 p.m., on November 12, 2003, a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 313. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish a program of fees relating to animal drugs.

H.R. 274. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the property in Cecil County, Maryland, known as Garrett Island for inclusion in the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge; and

H.R. 3232. An act to reauthorize certain school lunch and child nutrition programs through March 31, 2004.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 3:47 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355(a), and the order of the House of January 8, 2003, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy: Mr. THOMPSON of California, and Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

On November 13, 2003, a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2559. An act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 3054. An act to amend the Policemen and Firemen's Retirement and Disability Act to permit military service previously performed by members and former members of the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia, the Fire Department of the District of Columbia, the United States Park Police, and the United States Secret Service Uniformed Division to count as creditable service for purposes of calculating retirement annuities payable to such members upon payment of a contribution by such members, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 1862. A bill to provide certain exceptions from requirements for bilateral agreements with Australia and the United Kingdom for exemptions from the International Traffic in Arms Regulations.

S. 1863. A bill to authorize the transfer of certain naval vessels.

S. 1864. A bill to enhance the security of the United States and United States allies.

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#### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, November 12, 2003, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 313. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish a program of fees relating to animal drugs.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with