

his Ranger Tab, Sergeant Lugo was also a graduate of the warrior leader course and the reconnaissance and surveillance leader course. He has been honored with the Army Commendation Medal and the Army Good Conduct Medal, in addition to various unit and campaign awards. Sadly, he was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, and Purple Heart.

"Rangers Lead the Way!" has long been the motto of the Army Rangers, and Sergeant Lugo clearly took this to heart. The fact that this exceptional Ranger spent his best years constantly deployed to a combat zone should serve as an example to all Americans of the selflessness and dedication of our young men and women in uniform. Words can do little to recognize the true sacrifice required of a young man in his prime to answer the call when asked to deploy six times in 6 years.

I am truly saddened that the lives of men like Martin Lugo are too often honored only in their deaths. Nonetheless, it is a far greater sin to fail to recognize them at all. I call on my colleagues to join me today in honoring the life and service of Sergeant Lugo, and in expressing my sincerest condolences to his mother Maria Marin; his father Martin Lugo; his stepfather Esteban Oropeza; his sister Leslie Bencic; and his brother-in-law Christopher Bencic.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Ms. SNOWE. Madam President, I rise today with the heaviest of hearts to observe the ninth anniversary of the terrible tragedy that befell our country on September 11, 2001, and changed America—and Americans—forever. We remember those whom we lost that terrible day, but also celebrate the freedoms we cherish and which make our nation the greatest in the world.

On this September 11, as on all that have preceded it, we mourned the loss of those eight individuals from Maine who were taken from us all too soon—Anna Allison, Carol Flyzik, Robert Jalbert, Jacqueline Norton, Robert Norton, James Roux, Robert Schlegel, and Stephen Ward. We remember the heroic acts of valor that will always distinguish the thousands of men and women who went to work that day, or boarded a plane, or rushed to the aid of strangers whose lives they believed were as vital as their own. Indeed, if 9/11 was a snapshot of horror, it also became a portrait of consummate humanity. If it laid bare the unimaginable cruelties of which humankind is capable, it also imbued forever within our minds the heights to which the human spirit can rise—even and especially in the face of mortality.

And nowhere was that more evident than with the first responders who, in the face of unspeakable adversity and peril, heroically ran toward the very dangers others were desperately trying to escape, placing their lives in harm's

way in the most courageous and valiant of endeavors to save others without regard for their own safety. Their service and sacrifice are also a vivid reminder of the exceptional men and women who have donned our country's uniform to safeguard and defend our Nation. Whether on our shores or soil here at home or around the globe, their steadfast sense of duty and love of country are an inspiration to us all, their commitment fortifies our determination, and their professionalism steadies our hands in an uncertain world.

I will always remember here in Maine, firefighters from throughout the State rushed to aid in the rescue and recovery efforts, the Portland Symphony Orchestra gave an inspiring "Concert of Remembrance and Healing," dedicated to those with close ties to Maine who lost their lives, and the 554 employees of a pulp and paper mill in Baileyville who donated more than \$6,000 to help people whom the workers had never met, in places many of them had never visited. One employee contributed his entire \$600 tax-relief refund to the cause, saying it was the least he could do to help. That is the America our enemies could never understand—and never will.

How clear it is then that, out of the rubble rose our resolve, out of despair grew our determination, and out of the hate that was perpetrated upon us proudly stood our humanity. It was an unmistakable message to the world that we would never be deterred—that our freedoms could never be crushed by the blunt and tortuous instruments of terror that are no match against a resilient people certain in the knowledge that good ultimately triumphs over evil.

TRIBUTE TO CONNIE VEILLETTE

Mr. LUGAR. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the following letter be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

AUGUST 5, 2010.

Hon. RICHARD G. LUGAR,
U.S. Senator,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR LUGAR: On behalf of the Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network, a broad and diverse coalition of international development and foreign policy practitioners, policy experts, and private-sector organizations committed to strengthening development as a key component of U.S. foreign policy, we are writing to express our sincere appreciation for the exceptional work of Ms. Connie Veillette, Senior Professional Staff Member for the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, as she prepares for retirement.

Connie has truly been a pleasure to work with on a variety of issues that are vital to the global development agenda—from comprehensive foreign assistance reform, to global food security and agricultural development, to funding of key U.S. government programs that contribute to the success of our nation's development efforts abroad. We

would like to especially recognize her tireless efforts on S. 1524, the Kerry-Lugar Foreign Assistance Revitalization and Accountability Act, and S. 384, the Lugar-Casey Global Food Security Act—both of which were successfully passed out of committee this Congress.

She has consistently kept an "open door" to our network's members and staff, providing valuable insight, guidance, and support on policy matters of critical importance to making U.S. development activities more effective and efficient. In more ways than one, she is a reflection of your longstanding and continuing leadership on these issues, and we are grateful for your collective elevation of development as a pillar of our foreign policy approach.

While we are saddened to see her leave the Committee, we know that the development community will always have a friend and champion in Connie, wherever she may be.

We respectfully request that this letter be entered into the Congressional Record as deserving recognition of Connie's service to you, the United States Senate, and our country.

With warm regards,

DAVID BECKMANN,

MFAN Co-Chair,

President, Bread for the World.

GEORGE INGRAM,

MFAN Co-Chair, Vice President,

Academy for Educational Development.

REAL AND WANTED CHANGE

Mr. BUNNING. Madam President, during the August recess, I am sure we all have met with people who expressed frustration with how things are going in Washington. Very recently, a poem, written by Norman Klopp of Cleveland, OH, was given to me. I think it represents what many people across the country are feeling about their government. I ask unanimous consent that it be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

THE REASON

(By Norm Klopp, Sept. 10, 2010)

There's a rising in our nation
It is sensed both far and wide
It's a movement based on common sense
And deep and personal pride.

In cities, town and villages
As families faced what's real
They make the tough decisions
To make family finance heal.

They cut back here and cut back there.
They do things they never tried
To balance personal family books.
It's common sense and pride.

And is it any wonder
As they struggle to do right
That they're appalled at Washington
With no discipline in sight.

There is a rising in our nation
And the reason's very clear
There's a discontent with Washington
That's fed people's fear.

And politicians wonder
Why we don't understand
They know what's best for all of us
Across this mighty land.

But we still have our common sense
We know it is true fact
You cannot spend and grow the debt
With no thought to pay it back.

Nor will the people silent stand
As politicians threat
To shove the country further left

And magnify the debt.
 The people don't want all that help
 So politicians stand aside
 We have and will take care ourselves
 It is our personal pride
 And rest assured incumbents all
 There's a rising in the land
 And real and wanted change will come
 Our future is at hand!

TRIBUTE TO KRISTAPS J. KEGGI,
 M.D.

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, today I share with the Senate a remarkable story, a story about a man, who, simply by living and cherishing his American dream, inspired hundreds—if not thousands—to pursue their own.

Dr. Kristaps J. Keggi came to New York in 1949 with his parents and three brothers. They were all refugees fleeing a Communist regime controlling their native Latvia. Dr. Keggi's father, a general surgeon, courageously packed up his family and left for Germany when Kris was only 10 years old. Five years later, sponsored by a church in Brooklyn, NY, the family arrived in the United States—with only one dollar between them all.

Dr. Keggi, then 15, almost immediately started work as an usher at Brooklyn's St. George Hotel. After working and completing high school at the Brunswick School in Greenwich, CT, Dr. Keggi attended Yale College. As an undergrad, Dr. Keggi joined the Yale fencing team. It is no surprise that he was named team captain! Hard work, dedication, and a commitment to excellence earned Dr. Keggi his bachelor's degree in 1955—and a coveted slot in the Yale School of Medicine's class of 1959.

After graduating from Yale Medical School, Dr. Kristaps Keggi spent 2 years completing a general surgery residency at Roosevelt Hospital in New York City. He then went on to finish his orthopaedic training at Yale. A few years earlier, in 1957, Dr. Keggi accepted his commission as a second lieutenant in the Army Reserve. After completing his residency training in 1964, Dr. Keggi served on active duty for 2 years—one of them in Vietnam. He was the chief of orthopaedic surgery with the 3rd Surgical Hospital north of Saigon and on the Cambodian border of the Central Highlands. The facility was a mobile Army surgical hospital—more commonly known as a helicopter transport "MASH" unit.

During his service in Vietnam, Dr. Keggi expanded his acute surgical and trauma management skills. He also worked closely with Army corpsmen and helicopter personnel to improve the care and outcomes for injured soldiers. I applaud and admire not only his service to a very grateful nation, but also the care, compassion, and devotion he showed each and every American soldier he treated—men who endured the unimaginable, bled, and paid the ultimate price to keep us safe and

free. Our country is a better place because of him.

After completing his Vietnam service, Dr. Keggi returned to Yale in 1966 as an assistant professor. He worked, primarily, in orthopaedic trauma surgery and emergency care. Dr. Keggi immediately saw the need to create staged medical care and advanced trauma management systems. This way, the hospital could provide improved acute medical services to injured patients in New Haven—and all across the country. Dr. Keggi soon obtained a \$20,000 grant to develop a trauma program at Yale. His subsequent studies on trauma registries, emergency care of trauma patients, and published scholarly works proved groundbreaking. It was not long before the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation awarded Dr. Keggi another major institutional grant to construct the Surgical Research Building at Yale. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation dollars also helped start the Yale University School of Medicine Physician Associate Program. Over time, the Yale physicians assistant program grew to be one of the very best in the country. Today approximately 900 physician assistants have received their degrees from Yale. This achievement is, without a doubt, thanks, in part, to Dr. Keggi's vision and relentless commitment to help change the field of medicine for the better.

A turning point came in 1986 when Dr. Keggi decided to take a trip to Moscow and watch his daughter Mara row for the United States of America at the first Goodwill games. It was at the games where Dr. Keggi met a group of Latvian surgeons who encouraged him to visit his place of birth—Riga. He agreed. That trip convinced Dr. Keggi it was time to start an exchange program dedicated to orthopaedic teaching and research.

In 1988, Dr. Keggi established the non-profit Keggi Orthopaedic Foundation which funds medical exchange fellowship training programs for orthopaedic surgeons in the United States, Russia, the Baltic nations, and Vietnam. Foreign doctors come to the United States to observe state-of-the-art medical procedures conducted in Dr. Keggi's Waterbury facility. Upon returning to their home countries, those doctors can implement proven techniques in their own practices—helping alleviate patient pain and suffering. That is Dr. Keggi's vision: helping the orthopaedic community worldwide to offer the highest quality patient care. Each and every day he lives out the foundation's mission to be a dedicated, professional, caring, and compassionate team player seeking only to improve patient quality of life. It is clear these young, foreign doctors appreciate Dr. Keggi's wisdom and experience. He is a seasoned teacher who wants his students' careers to shine—but not for their own personal glory. Instead, his goal is to show the world that each of his students can and will

perform at exceptional levels—delivering the very best medical care possible. That is his legacy.

Dr. Keggi has made, and will continue to make, an indelible mark on our profession. His ambition helps him to achieve his own goals and dreams—at the same time his example encourages other medical professionals to strive to achieve theirs. In 2008, Dr. Keggi returned to the Yale Medical School faculty as a full time professor. And so, it is only fitting that on September 23, 2010, his beloved alma mater will name him the inaugural Elihu Professor of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation. Yale University established this professorship through a combination of private donors to pay tribute to Dr. Keggi. The position will serve as the cornerstone of a joint reconstruction program at the Yale School of Medicine—a center of excellence in clinical care, research, medical education, and training. It is important to know that Yale has already announced its intention to rename the professorship in Dr. Keggi's honor when he decides to leave the teaching post.

Dr. Keggi's medical and managerial skills have been tested time and time again—from prestigious hospitals to the battlefields of Vietnam. His life's work has brought hope and healing to the physically and emotionally broken. But it is because of his strong family values and devotion to community service that this award is so meaningful to Dr. Keggi. The award shows him exactly how grateful, how proud, and how honored the New Haven community is for his leadership. I am sure Dr. Keggi would tell you that much of his life's success is due, in large part, to the strength of his family. He was blessed to have the love and support of his parents. It was also Dr. Keggi's good fortune that his wife Julia accepted his proposal for marriage. Over the years, Julia has been Dr. Keggi's rock. He regularly says he would not have accomplished his goals without Julia and their three beautiful and talented daughters—Caroline, Catherine, and Mara—by his side.

I am eternally grateful and proud to call Dr. Kristaps Keggi my friend. He is a respected mentor and adviser. I did my orthopaedic training under Dr. Keggi's watchful eye—assisting him in close to 100 operations. It was my great privilege and incredible fortune to work side-by-side with the man who pioneered the anterior approach to total hip replacements. As an internationally renowned expert in hip and knee replacement surgery, it is quite fitting that the Yale School of Medicine has named him the Elihu Professor of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation. I ask that my colleagues join me in sending our warmest congratulations to Dr. Keggi and his family for this well-deserved honor.