

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