

sports and was a starting member of the rugby team. He also worked at the university library to supplement his scholarships.

Trooper Patrick met Melissa Clark in 1996 while attending USI. They were engaged in February of 1999 and wed on a July afternoon during the Summer of 2000. In January that same year, Trooper Patrick was offered and accepted his position with the Indiana State Police. He was assigned to the Lowell Post.

Trooper Patrick was a devoted family man who relished his time with loved ones. When he learned that his wife was pregnant, just days before his death, he could not have been more excited and full of joy. May his child be brought into the world and raised knowing that his or her father was a brave, hard-working and loving man who was proud to be a father.

Trooper Patrick was a role model not only for his family, but for all who knew him and whose lives he touched. He dedicated his life to the noblest of causes: his family, his job and keeping others safe.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of Scott A Patrick into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. As Trooper Patrick rests with God in eternal peace, let us never forget the courage and sacrifice he displayed when he laid down his life on December 22, 2003.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO LARRY MYOTT

• Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I am pleased to recognize the long and distinguished career of Mr. Larry Myott, one of our Nation's most respected maple syrup specialists and a longtime friend. After nearly three decades with the University of Vermont Extension Service, Larry retired last week. Known by many as "Mr. Maple," Larry has played an integral role in growing the Vermont maple industry into a \$220 million a year industry. His educational work with Vermont farmers and his maple syrup promotion efforts have played a key role in expanding markets for producers, allowing more producers to make a living in the maple industry. While Vermont is the largest producer of maple syrup in the United States, Larry's work has transcended the State of Vermont. He has traveled throughout the United State and into Canada to assist maple producers and promote Vermont's maple syrup.

I offer my gratitude for Larry's friendship and his great work on behalf of the State of Vermont's maple industry. I ask that an article on Larry's career be printed in the RECORD.

[From the Associated Press]

"MR. MAPLE" RETIRES FROM UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT EXTENSION SERVICE

(By Lisa Rathke)

MONTPELIER, VT.—Larry Myott just got an e-mail from Taiwan asking him when Vermonters "squeeze" sap from their trees.

The inquirer wanted to visit Vermont during the height of the maple season.

Myott, the maple specialist for the University of Vermont Extension Service gets letters from school children, from maple syrup buyers and from producers all over the world. They ask how to store maple syrup, if it's pure and what to do about crystals that form in the syrup.

"I'm often called 'Mister Maple,'" says Myott, 59, who will retire in January after 28 years with the Extension Service. Gov. James Douglas and others will pay tribute to the maple man at a dinner Saturday.

Myott has educated and assisted maple producers across Vermont and promoted Vermont's maple products throughout the world.

He travels to Minnesota, Nova Scotia and Virginia to learn what's new, share his expertise and spread the word about Vermont's products.

"Larry has a love for the maple industry that is hard to surpass," says Jacques Couture, president of the Vermont Maple Sugarmakers Association, who was making maple candy at his farm in Westfield Wednesday. "He's a real promoter of maple syrup, and he's done it actually by promoting maple syrup to helping producers on the educational side.

"It's been a life pursuit for him to see the maple industry by the best it can be."

Myott became the maple specialist in 1988, after serving as Chittenden County Extension agent, and working with vegetable growers and dairy farmers.

And the maple industry today doesn't look anything like it did then.

"Very seldom do you see buckets in the woods any more. You don't see horses any more," he says from his Ferrisburgh home, where he is recovering from a stroke earlier this month.

Sugaring has grown from a side business for dairy farmers to a year-round profitable operation for large producers, he says.

In 1988 the average producer had 1,000 taps and generated 250 gallons of syrup a year. Ten years later, the average size grew to twice that.

Now a large-scale sugarer might produce as much as 40,000 to 50,000 gallons a year, he says.

New technology such as a system that uses a vacuum to pull sap out of trees; reverse osmosis, which removes water from sap without heat by using a high pressure filter system; and super-efficient evaporators that boil sap with less heat, have made sugaring far more efficient.

Producers have expanded to meet the demand, and prices are now high enough for them to make a living, he says.

"Sugarmakers are able to make a living in the maple business today," he says.

The syrup is also better than it used to be. "The quality has changed tremendously," he says.

And efforts by the state to promote the Vermont image and products and draw tourists have increased sales of maple products.

Vermont sugarmakers made 430,000 gallons of syrup last year, bringing in an estimated \$18 million to \$20 million, Myott says. According to the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, the entire maple industry generates over \$200 million a year.

The annual Maple Festival, a local fair started in 1937 in St. Albans, now draws as many as 50,000 people from around the world, Myott says.

Vermont, the largest producer of maple syrup, is one of only a few states to have a maple specialist. But Myott's reputation stretches far beyond the Green Mountains.

"Because he's articulate, because he writes a lot, because he'll take telephone calls from

anyone at anytime. That reputation spans not only Vermont and the region but also internationally," says Gary Deziel, Northwest regional chair of the UVM Extension Service.

Although he's retiring Jan. 30, Myott says he will remain involved in the maple industry. He will continue to write about maple for Farming Magazine, Maple Views, Country Folks Magazine and Country Magazine. And he will always take questions from Taiwan. ●

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2003

• Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the need for hate crimes legislation. On May 1, 2003, Senator KENNEDY and I introduced the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act, a bill that would add new categories to current hate crimes law, sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

On November 14, 2001, Milwaukee resident Pablo Parrilla was charged with first-degree intentional homicide in connection with the death of his lesbian sister's girlfriend, Juana Vega. The shooting occurred when Vega went to the home of her girlfriend's family to reconcile an argument. Instead, Parrilla confronted her outside the house and shot her repeatedly. Parrilla apparently told Vega "I'm going to kill you because you are gay" and "because you turned my sister gay."

I believe that Government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act is a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well. ●

HONORING THE GIRL SCOUTS' WILDERNESS ROAD COUNCIL

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I take the opportunity to honor the Girl Scouts' Wilderness Road Council for all the work they do to shape Kentucky's young women. This year the Girl Scouts in central and eastern Kentucky are taking on a new challenge with their annual cookie drive. They have started "Operation Milk and Cookies," a program sponsored by the Girl Scouts' Wilderness Road Council that aims to give a box of Girl Scout cookies to families that can't afford them.

The Girl Scouts have always afforded a young women the unique opportunity to enhance her communication and social skills, to develop a strong sense of self, to participate in innovative programs, and to foster her creative side. But by participating in Operation Milk and Cookies, these young women are learning how to be productive and proactive citizens, who will some day have the chance to change the way the world works. They are learning at an early age how important it is to help others that are less fortunate and how

to be selfless contributing members to the community.

Mr. President, the citizens of Kentucky are proud to have Girl Scouts' Wilderness Road Council's troops living and learning in their community. Their example of hard work and determination should be followed by all in the Commonwealth. The Girl Scouts' Wilderness Road Council have found a successful way to bring out the best in its young women, and I personally thank the leaders and supporters of this great organization for continually producing strong and bright young women committed to making Kentucky a better place to live.●

HONORING EDWARD N. FRIESZ ON HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY

● Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I recognize a North Dakotan who is celebrating a special birthday this weekend. On Saturday, February 14, 2004, friends and family will gather in Mandan, ND to celebrate and honor Edward N. Friesz on his eightieth birthday.

Edward Friesz was born on February 14, 1924 to Adam and Magdalena Friesz on a farmstead near Fellon, ND. The oldest of nine children, Edward worked on his parents' farm before moving to Mandan to live and work. He worked at various places before retiring in 1989 from the Morton County Courthouse.

In 1951, Edward met Elsie Frohlich, a friend and coworker of his sister, Irene. Edward and Elsie were married on September 30, 1953 in Bismarck. Last fall, the couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mark Twain once wrote, "Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been." Edward's greatest joy in life—the origin of many of those smiles—is his family.

Edward and Elsie started their family in 1954 with the arrival of their first child, Delphine. Their family would grow to include three daughters, Delphine, Sharon and Annette, and three sons, Kennard, Gerard and Maynard.

Edward and Elsie are also proud grandparents. They have 10 grandchildren ranging in age from 25 to 1. They include: Trever, Anton, Maria, Elizabeth, Alec, Jakob, Brett, Rachael, Ryan and Adam.

While the family has spread throughout the country, they remain very close. The family comes together for birthdays, anniversaries, holidays and special occasions. Twelve years ago, the family started a new tradition: a summer campout. Armed with tents and campers, sleeping bags and lanterns, the Edward and Elsie Friesz family embark each year on a weekend campout to share food, fun and fellowship.

Over the past 12 years, they have camped in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota. They have endured rainstorms, thunderstorms, and cold and hot temperatures. As the fam-

ily has grown, so have the annual campouts. One year, they even designed t-shirts to commemorate the family tradition.

This Valentine's Day, February 14, 2004, the family will get together again this time to celebrate their patriarch's 80th birthday.

I extend a warm birthday greeting to Edward Friesz and wish him well on his 80th birthday.●

HERMAN A. MACDONALD, OREGON VETERAN HERO

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, today I rise to honor an Oregon veteran who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in service to his country and to his State. Herman A. "Mac" MacDonald was born in 1929 in Boston, MA and has lived in Oregon since the 1978. Mac's entire life has been dedicated to serving America, its veterans, and citizens.

Mac's military career began shortly after he graduated from high school in 1948, when he joined the United States Coast Guard Reserves while attending Bryant College. After graduation, Mac joined the United States Marine Corps, as an officer. Mac's military career sent him to distant lands to defend America's interests. He served in combat on the main line of resistance in Korea; he was stationed in Virginia, Hawaii, Illinois, California and Japan. He served as the Commanding Officer of Force Reconnaissance at Camp Pendleton. He also served in Vietnam as part of the top-secret Studies and Observation Group, SOG. Along with the team, Mac served with Marine Reconnaissance, Navy SEALs, and the Green Berets.

After Vietnam, Mac was transferred to Marine Headquarters in Washington, DC, where he became a military aide for Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, George Romney. Mac's military background provided Secretary Romney with important insight for policy decisions. Following his service with the Secretary, Mac moved to Toronto, Canada, where he was an instructor at the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College. He returned to the United States in 1976, and retired from the military in 1978. Upon retirement, he had earned a total of 24 ribbons, five of which were personal decorations, in addition to Presidential Unit Citations from the U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps.

For Mac, retirement meant a chance to follow a new dream. His compassion for children brought him to the classroom, where he became a teacher. From 1978-1985, Mac taught in the Salem School District in Oregon, where he worked with troubled teenagers. He became the principal of the Woodburn Gervais alternative high school and retired in 1999.

Mac continues to serve veterans today as an advocate for Oregon veterans' organizations. He is also the curator of the Oregon Military Edu-

cational Display, a collection of uniforms, medals, and artifacts from various wars throughout history. The items are put on a display for a month each year at the Oregon State Capitol.

Mac has lived in West Salem since 1978 and is proud to call himself an Oregonian. He's been married to his wife Vi for 46 years and has two grown children, and two grandsons.

For his selfless service to others, and to the United States in times of war, I salute Herman A. "Mac" MacDonald as an Oregon Veteran Hero.●

RUSSELL H. PHELPS III, UNITED STATES NAVY

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise today with friends and family to recognize the efforts and dedication of CDR Russell H. Phelps III, an outstanding American. Commander Phelps began his military career in 1908 as an Arabic linguist assigned in Athens, Greece. Working in a national airborne reconnaissance program, he supported U.S. military missions to Lebanon, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia. Honorably discharged in 1985, he graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Northern Iowa in 1988 with a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations.

He earned a Naval commission as a Special Duty Officer (Cryptology) upon completion of the Officer Candidate School in September 1988, whereupon he was assigned to the Naval Security Group Activity (NSGA) Rota, Spain. During that tour, he was assigned to the staff of the Commander, Middle East Force, Bahrain, and aboard USS *O'Bannon* (DD-987) and USS *Aubrey Fitch* (FFG-34) in support of Operation Earnest Will, the escort of re-flagged Kuwaiti oil tankers in the Arabian Gulf. Between 1989 and 1991, Commander Phelps was additionally assigned to the USS *Wainwright* (CG-28), USS *Baton Rouge* (SSN-689), USS *Silversides* (SSN-679), USS *Providence* (SSN-719), and to the USS *Pittsburgh* (SSN-720) during combat support operations throughout Operation Desert Storm.

Commander Phelps next assignment was to the USS *Oldendorf*, where he served as the Cryptologic Officer, Tactical Action Officer, and for 6 months as the Operations Officer, culminating in his qualifications as a Surface Warfare Officer. Detaching in 1994, he reported to Menwith Hill Station, Harrogate, England, and served as a Deputy Division Chief and member of the Regional Security Operations Center (RSOC) transition team. A plank owner of NSGA Menwith Hill, he simultaneously served in operations and as its first Executive Officer from 1995 to 1996. Commander Phelps next served at the Tactical Training Group Pacific, San Diego, CA, where he provided training to Battle group and warfare commanders in Cryptology, Information Warfare, and space systems operations. From 1999 to 2001, Commander Phelps served on the Staff of Commander, Carrier Group Seven as the