

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