

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