

same kind of reticence, this unwillingness ever to bring attention upon oneself. In fact, it usually takes a friend to tell the story of another friend, which is why sometimes even family members of those veterans have never heard those stories. They are unaware of the fact that someone they've known only as a father or husband or uncle or a brother is, to many others, a hero of magnificent proportions."

Well, I think he has summed up how all of us feel about Ric Shinseki. He is that quiet warrior, reluctant to speak for himself, always deflecting the spotlight to those around him and, most importantly, to the soldiers he has served so well and so faithfully.

General Shinseki has always said that the Army vision cannot be linked to one man, that it must be embraced by the entire Army.

But on this day of his retirement after 38 years of faithful and honorable service, it is fitting that we recognize his personal contributions to our nation and our Army.

Ric Shinseki saw a need to transform the Army and he had the courage, perseverance and intelligence to make it happen.

When war came, as he knew and predicted it would, he ensured that our great soldiers could fight—and that they had what they needed to guarantee victory for our nation.

Simply stated, the Chief looked to the future, and conceived a vision for what our Army must be able to do to protect our nation in the 21st century.

He translated that vision into an ambitious, yet doable, plan of action—revolving around people, readiness, and transformation.

He went out and got the resources and implemented his plan with tremendous intellect, courage, and sheer force of will, irrevocably changing our Army for the better.

All of this took tremendous courage on the Chief's part, at a time when the word "transformation" was relatively unknown.

There are some leaders who might have been able to accomplish one or maybe two of the above, but I know of no one else who could have accomplished it all.

While his strategic leadership skills were essential to the Army's successes, equally important have been the Chief's strength of character and love of our soldiers.

Many of you already know the story of the formative years of General Ric Shinseki's life.

He was born during World War II, when many Americans of Japanese ancestry were interned and labeled "enemy aliens," even as their young men etched a legacy of heroism that remains unrivaled in the annals of our Army's history.

He grew up among these heroes, indeed was appointed to West Point by one of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team's Medal of Honor recipients, Senator Daniel Inouye, who we are honored to have with us here today.

After graduation from the academy in 1965, Ric served twice in Vietnam, both times seriously wounded. His second wound was so severe, and his recovery so difficult, that the doctors wanted to put him out of the military.

He could have easily accepted the honor and accolades justly due a wounded warrior forced from service before his time, but he did not.

His love of soldiers—soldiers who had carried him out of combat on their backs—twice—and his love of our Army—was so deep that he persevered.

The iron will and depth of character that the Chief developed through the long, painful months of recovery steeled an already proven warrior. His willingness to fight on behalf of the Army has had as much to do with our

Army's accomplishments as his skills as a strategic leader.

As we all know, transformation has grabbed many headlines, but the Chief's contributions to the warfighting readiness of the entire Army set the conditions for the successes our soldiers have delivered in Afghanistan and Iraq and elsewhere around the globe.

As he said in 1999, he didn't know when or where it would occur, but he knew the Army would fight during his tenure as the Chief. This motivated his focus on preparing for that moment. Nothing escaped his scrutiny, from filling combat units to 100-percent ensuring we had sufficient spare tank engines. The victories in Kabul and Baghdad were accomplished by our soldiers, but those soldiers were supported by an institution that had been keenly focused by the Chief on preparing them for battle. And one thing is certain: No army in history was equal to the Army that this Chief of Staff prepared for battle in Iraq. No Army was ever better equipped, trained, or motivated. All of us are proud of that Army, and about what they accomplished, and continue to accomplish today.

But, Ric, you will always enjoy a special pride—because this was truly your Army—molded and sculpted as a reflection of your leadership and your character.

As an Army, we also owe an enormous debt of gratitude to Patty Shinseki, who epitomizes all that is good and wonderful about Army spouses. Her genuine concern for others, her energy, and her grace under fire are remarkable.

She has known the fear of a wife whose husband goes to combat and returns wounded—twice.

She has moved over 30 times in 38 years, raised a wonderful family in the process, and has served as the senior leadership's greatest ambassador to Army families and so many other constituencies.

Patty and Ric Shinseki are a remarkable team. When Ric set his sights on improving the well-being of our Army, Patty turned a laser-like focus on these issues. The result was: spouse orientation and leadership programs, Army Family Team Building, and the Army Spouse Employment Summit, to name but a few.

In an Army in which over half of our soldiers are married, these measures enable us to retain soldiers and their families despite the many sacrifices they make on behalf of the nation.

Patty, thank you so much for all you have done for our soldiers, their families, for our communities, and the Army. We will deeply miss you.

Once again, I'd like to paraphrase from General Shinseki's own words: "It has been said, 'Poor is the nation that has no heroes, but beggared is the nation that has and forgets them.' The man we honor today answered his nation's call to duty, and in doing so, honored his heritage and his country."

In short, he is a soldier.

Ric, thank you for a lifetime of service and sacrifice, for your vision, your courage, your steadfastness, and for all you have done for our soldiers who are the Army. We will be forever in your debt.

May God always bless you and Patty and your family, our magnificent soldiers, our Army and this great nation. Thank you.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

FOSTER'S DAILY DEMOCRAT

• Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. President, I rise today on the 130th anniversary of the

first printing of New Hampshire's Foster's Daily Democrat to highlight the outstanding contribution that this family-owned newspaper has made to residents of the Granite State.

On June 18, 1873, Joshua L. Foster printed the paper's premiere edition in Dover, NH, using the motto: "We shall devote these columns mainly to the material and vital interests of Dover and vicinity. Whatever may tend to benefit this people and enhance their prosperity, will receive our warm and enthusiastic support."

Since that day, the paper's pages have remained under direct ownership of the Foster family, whose members have diligently guided it to today's milestone in publishing history.

Today, under the direction of Robert and Therese Foster, the paper's motto holds true, its staff continuing to bring readers—more than 30,000 per day—the most accurate and detailed local news, sports, and commentary.

Such an effort takes teamwork, which has existed through more than a century of local news production. Readers have known they could turn to the columns of this paper for the information they wanted, whether it be a birth announcement, a wedding notice, a school board vote, the Little League team photo, or the school bus route.

And, always an organization to stay ahead of the curve, Foster's has moved its pages online, taking the time to provide some of the most up-to-date news and information available in New Hampshire.

I have no doubt that Foster's will continue to demonstrate the positive results of working hard every day toward a common goal. It is a New Hampshire tradition, and one that deserves our recognition today.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. RALPH NURNBERGER

• Mr. MCCAIN. Madam President, I am honored today to pay tribute to a truly remarkable American, Dr. Ralph Nurnberger. As some of my colleagues may already know, Dr. Nurnberger was recently presented with the 2003 Excellence in Teaching Faculty Award from Georgetown University. I can think of no one more deserving of this award than Ralph Nurnberger. I have known Ralph for many years and I have long admired his dedication to Georgetown's students and his fellow faculty members. Anyone who has the privilege of knowing this fine man will agree that Georgetown University continues to be held in such high esteem because of professors like Ralph Nurnberger. He is a good friend and I extend my most sincere congratulations.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the citation honoring Dr. Nurnberger be printed in the RECORD.

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

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In 1977, just three years after the Liberal Studies Program started and two years after