

Our nation's first great leaders were also our first great scholars.

I look forward to watching William progress as a scholar and a leader.●

TRIBUTE TO RANDY PAPÉ

● Mr. WYDEN. Madam President, one of the great privileges of public life is meeting people who make a difference through the sheer strength of their personalities and their enthusiasm for wanting to make the world a better place. One of those people was Randy Papé. I rise today to recognize what Randy meant to my State and to me personally.

On Thursday, November 6, Randy died of a heart attack at the all-too-young age of 58. News accounts of his passing referred to Randy as a "Eugene businessman" who built his family's small implement business into a regional giant employing 2,000 people in seven States.

But Randy was much more than that. He was vintage Oregonian—relentless, effective, and tenacious. To Randy, no project was too big, no public service too small.

He was also my friend, and I will miss him every day.

My most enduring image is of a smiling Randy reacting to some idea that would improve the lives of Oregonians—actually, of everybody—by pumping his arm and saying: "We've got to do it. We've got to do it." The sound of his voice will always be with me, urging me on to embrace the things he believed in with the same enthusiasm.

Randy lived in Eugene all his life, but gave himself to the entire State. Growing his grandfather's business from a local equipment sales operation to a seven-State conglomerate was just a part of what he accomplished. During his life he helped raise nearly \$600 million for buildings at his alma mater, the University of Oregon. His tenure on the Oregon Transportation Commission resulted in a \$1.3 billion, 10-year program of bridge repair and replacement that remade Interstate 5, the heart of Oregon's transportation system. As head of the United Way of Lane County's fundraising campaign, he set a \$1 million goal that everyone thought was impossible and then achieved it. He served on the board of The Nature Conservancy of Oregon, the Oregon Trail Council of Boy Scouts of America, as well as other nonprofit organizations such as the Oregon Business Council Steering Committee.

Randy had two other great passions that can never be overlooked. There was his love for Susie, his wife of 34 years, and their three wonderful and successful sons, Ryan, Christian and Jordan. Then there was his unflinching devotion to the University of Oregon Ducks football team. In fact, Randy and Susie met at a U of O football game in 1971.

This is only a partial list of what Randy helped achieve for my State, but

it is a window into who Randy Papé was and what he was capable of doing. His wife described him best: "He was the most positive person, the most upbeat. He was a joy to live with."

In 1997, Randy was diagnosed with a severe form of cancer and wasn't expected to live that long. But in true Randy Papé fashion, he fought on, never losing that trademark enthusiasm and determination. In the end, it was not the cancer that took him from us. It was something that, ironically, he had more of than anyone I have ever known his heart.

I know that Randy would take great satisfaction in cheating the cancer that tried to kill him. As his oldest son, Ryan, said: "I know he's looking down from heaven right now saying, 'Guys, I beat the cancer.'"

I would say: "Randy, of course you did."

Randy Papé was a great Oregonian who will always have a place in my heart and in the hearts of the thousands of people who knew him and were touched by his unselfishness and dedication to doing the right thing.●

● Mr. SMITH. Madam President, the late Oregon Governor Tom McCall once said:

Heroes are not giant statues framed against a red sky. They are individuals who say, "This is my community and it is my responsibility to make it better."

The community of Eugene and the entire State of Oregon lost a true hero 2 weeks ago with the untimely passing of Randy Papé. I have had the privilege of dealing with countless community leaders during my 12 years in the U.S. Senate, but I can't think of anyone who was more dedicated to making his community, State, and Nation better than was Randy.

As the chief executive officer of The Pape Group, a 2,000-employee, seven-State conglomerate of industrial equipment, aviation and recycling businesses, Randy was one of Oregon's most respected and admired corporate leaders.

Guiding his business empire was more than a full-time job, yet Randy found time to give his talent and treasure to an endless variety of worthy causes. There was no bigger booster of his alma mater, the University of Oregon, than Randy. There was no better cheerleader and fundraiser for the United Way than Randy. As a member of the Oregon Transportation Commission, there was no better advocate for Oregon's roads and highways than Randy. There was no more committed member of the Nature Conservancy of Oregon, and the Oregon Trail Council of Boy Scouts of America than Randy. I had no wiser counselor than Randy.

And above all, there was no one who loved and cherished his family more than Randy.

Randy's wonderful wife, Susie, was at his side for 34 years. She knew him better than anyone else, and she captured him better than anyone else, when she said:

He was the most positive person, the most upbeat. He was a joy to live with.

Randy was justifiably very proud of his three sons, Ryan, Christian, and Jordan, all of whom chose to follow their dad into the family business, and all of whom inherited his values of honesty, decency, and a dedication to making their community better.

The Greek poet Sophocles, once wrote:

One must wait until the evening to see how splendid the day has been." For his family, his friends, his community, his State, and our Nation, the evening of Randy's life came much, much too soon. But let us take solace in the fact that in that evening, Randy Papé could look back at a life filled with the love of family; a life filled with accomplishment; a life filled with making a positive difference; a life filled with the heroism that came from making his community better, and say: The day has indeed been splendid. ●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE DURING RECESS

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the Secretary of the Senate, on October 3, 2008, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 442. Concurrent resolution directing the Secretary of the Senate to correct the enrollment of the bill S. 3001.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 3641. An act to authorize funding for the National Crime Victim Law Institute to provide support for victims of crime under Crime Victims Legal Assistance Programs as a part of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 105. Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House to Representatives to correct the enrollment of H.R. 6063.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5159) to establish the Office of the Capitol Visitor Center within the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, headed by the Chief Executive Officer for Visitor Services, to provide for the effective management and administration of the Capitol Visitor Center, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 7222) to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 440) providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

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