

product's label to clearly know the ingredients and be sure you aren't eating something that you find concerning, hazardous or unhealthy. Those who take dietary supplements should have the same option. Simply put, this legislation is about truth in labeling. This legislation is about giving consumers choice. If you take a vitamin now, this bill will in no way restrict your ability to take that vitamin. But the consumer needs to know the entirety of what is contained in that pill.

Additionally, clear labeling could save lives as it did for a Phoenix Suns star who took a dietary supplement sleep aid and stopped breathing. Fortunately, his teammates found the supplement bottle that listed the ingredients, and the emergency room doctors were able to use the information to give him an antidote in the emergency room moments later and save his life. The disclosure of ingredients on a dietary supplement can save lives; and therefore, it should be mandatory. With the new "buzz word" in Washington being "transparency," I don't understand how any lawmaker could oppose such a requirement.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

SPECIALIST MARC P. DECOTEAU

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Madam President, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to the life and service of Army SPC Marc P. Decoteau of Waterville Valley, NH. Tragically, this young soldier, just 19 years old, died while serving as part of Operation Enduring Freedom in Wardak Province, Afghanistan on January 29, 2010. Specialist Decoteau was a member of the 6th Psychological Operations Battalion, 4th Psychological Operations Group based at Fort Bragg, NC. He had been deployed in Afghanistan less than 1 month at the time of his death.

Specialist Decoteau enlisted in the Army shortly after his graduation from Plymouth Regional High School in 2008. He made this honorable decision without reservation, having long declared his desire to serve. Marc followed in the footsteps of his father, an Army veteran and West Point graduate. His decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Army Service Ribbon, and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. Marc was posthumously awarded the Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal and NATO Medal.

Despite his young age, Specialist Decoteau left an indelible mark on those who knew him. Marc was an outstanding young man with an infectious sense of humor and warm smile. His hometown of Waterville Valley is an exceptionally tight-knit community of just 340 residents, and he was an integral member of it. While at Plymouth Regional, he was also an outstanding student-athlete who played lacrosse and football and was known for his work ethic. He was a member of two State champion football teams.

Each day, the men and women of our Armed Forces offer their service so that we might enjoy freedom and security. Specialist Decoteau selflessly gave his life to that cause. No words can diminish the pain of losing such a young soldier, but I hope Marc's family—and the town of Waterville Valley, his extended family—can find solace in knowing that all Americans share a deep appreciation of Marc's service. Daniel Webster's words, first spoken during his eulogy for Presidents Adams and Jefferson in 1826, are fitting: "Although no sculptured marble should rise to their memory, nor engraved stone bear record of their deeds, yet will their remembrance be as lasting as the land they honored." Specialist Decoteau has earned our country's enduring gratitude and recognition.

Specialist Decoteau is survived by his parents Nancy and Mark, his sister Medora and brother Andrew, as well as grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. This young patriot will be dearly missed by all; his death while deployed far from home is a true loss for New Hampshire and for our nation. I ask my colleagues and all Americans to join me in honoring the life, service and sacrifice of SPC Marc P. Decoteau.

CAPTAIN DANIEL WHITTEN

Mr. GRASSLEY. Madam President, I stand before you today with a somber task. I extend my most sincere gratitude to fallen soldier, CAPT Daniel Whitten, and his family. Captain Whitten was a decorated officer who served valiantly with Company C, 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division out of Fort Bragg, NC, before he was killed by an improvised explosive device in the Zabul province, Afghanistan, on February 2, 2010.

When people described CAPT Daniel Whitten, comments such as, "always doing the right thing," "stood by his values," "true to his family and himself," "trusted his character" were common responses. It is a true testament to the character of Captain Whitten that those who knew him held him in such high regard.

Captain Whitten is a graduate of Johnston High School, class of 1999, and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, class of 2004. He was a very motivated individual, always striving to be the best he could be. The men who served under him had only good things to say about him. People who knew him said that he was the exact type of person they would want defending this country.

My deepest sympathies go out to Captain Whitten's wife Starr, his mother Jill, his father Dan, and his sister CAPT Sarah Whitten who is currently serving her country in Afghanistan. It is men like CAPT Daniel Whitten who guarantee our Nation's security and our people's liberty. We all owe Captain Whitten and his family our profound gratitude for their tremendous sacrifice. I ask that they be in

your thoughts and prayers, as they are in mine.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING MYRON DONOVAN CROCKER

• Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Judge Myron Donovan "M.D." Crocker. Judge Crocker passed away on February 2 at his home in Chowchilla. He was 94 years old.

M.D. Crocker was born in Pasadena on September 4, 1915. In 1918, his family moved to Caruthers in Fresno County and then to the city of Fresno in 1921. After graduating from Fresno High School, he earned a degree in political science from Fresno State College. In 1940, he graduated from Boalt Hall Law School at University of California, Berkeley, and passed the California bar.

Instead of beginning his career in the legal field, Judge Crocker joined the FBI serving in Albany, NY, where he specialized in deciphering codes during World War II. After a stint in the FBI's Los Angeles office, he returned to the San Joaquin Valley in 1946 where he served as assistant district attorney in Madera County. In 1953, he was elected to the Justice Court in Chowchilla. Five years later, he was appointed by Governor Goodwin Knight as a Madera County Superior Court judge.

When he was appointed by President Dwight Eisenhower to the Federal court bench, Judge Crocker, at 44 years old, became the youngest Federal judge in the United State at the time. For 8 years, he commuted to his job in Los Angeles. In 1961, he became the first Fresno based Federal judge with the creation of the Eastern District of California. For the next 12 years, Judge Crocker heard all the cases in the southern section of the Eastern District until a second Federal judge was authorized in Fresno.

Judge Crocker would serve under 10 U.S. Presidents during a remarkable career on the Federal bench. Despite earning senior status in 1980, he continued to work and hear cases until he retired in 2002 at the age of 87.

A man of keen intellect, Judge Crocker was also acknowledged by those who knew him for his gregarious nature and gentlemanly ways. He was admired by his colleagues for his sharp memory. A giving person, he lent his time and talents to a number of community causes, including Lions Club and coaching Little League baseball. In his spare time, he enjoyed golfing, tending to his garden and playing bridge with his friends. He will be missed.

Judge Crocker was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 68 years, Elaine. He is survived by his son, Glenn; daughter and son-in-law, Holly and Robert Longatti; grandchildren, Donovan, Justin, Todd and Adam; great-