

And magnify the debt.
 The people don't want all that help
 So politicians stand aside
 We have and will take care ourselves
 It is our personal pride
 And rest assured incumbents all
 There's a rising in the land
 And real and wanted change will come
 Our future is at hand!

TRIBUTE TO KRISTAPS J. KEGGI,
 M.D.

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, today I share with the Senate a remarkable story, a story about a man, who, simply by living and cherishing his American dream, inspired hundreds—if not thousands—to pursue their own.

Dr. Kristaps J. Keggi came to New York in 1949 with his parents and three brothers. They were all refugees fleeing a Communist regime controlling their native Latvia. Dr. Keggi's father, a general surgeon, courageously packed up his family and left for Germany when Kris was only 10 years old. Five years later, sponsored by a church in Brooklyn, NY, the family arrived in the United States—with only one dollar between them all.

Dr. Keggi, then 15, almost immediately started work as an usher at Brooklyn's St. George Hotel. After working and completing high school at the Brunswick School in Greenwich, CT, Dr. Keggi attended Yale College. As an undergrad, Dr. Keggi joined the Yale fencing team. It is no surprise that he was named team captain! Hard work, dedication, and a commitment to excellence earned Dr. Keggi his bachelor's degree in 1955—and a coveted slot in the Yale School of Medicine's class of 1959.

After graduating from Yale Medical School, Dr. Kristaps Keggi spent 2 years completing a general surgery residency at Roosevelt Hospital in New York City. He then went on to finish his orthopaedic training at Yale. A few years earlier, in 1957, Dr. Keggi accepted his commission as a second lieutenant in the Army Reserve. After completing his residency training in 1964, Dr. Keggi served on active duty for 2 years—one of them in Vietnam. He was the chief of orthopaedic surgery with the 3rd Surgical Hospital north of Saigon and on the Cambodian border of the Central Highlands. The facility was a mobile Army surgical hospital—more commonly known as a helicopter transport "MASH" unit.

During his service in Vietnam, Dr. Keggi expanded his acute surgical and trauma management skills. He also worked closely with Army corpsmen and helicopter personnel to improve the care and outcomes for injured soldiers. I applaud and admire not only his service to a very grateful nation, but also the care, compassion, and devotion he showed each and every American soldier he treated—men who endured the unimaginable, bled, and paid the ultimate price to keep us safe and

free. Our country is a better place because of him.

After completing his Vietnam service, Dr. Keggi returned to Yale in 1966 as an assistant professor. He worked, primarily, in orthopaedic trauma surgery and emergency care. Dr. Keggi immediately saw the need to create staged medical care and advanced trauma management systems. This way, the hospital could provide improved acute medical services to injured patients in New Haven—and all across the country. Dr. Keggi soon obtained a \$20,000 grant to develop a trauma program at Yale. His subsequent studies on trauma registries, emergency care of trauma patients, and published scholarly works proved groundbreaking. It was not long before the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation awarded Dr. Keggi another major institutional grant to construct the Surgical Research Building at Yale. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation dollars also helped start the Yale University School of Medicine Physician Associate Program. Over time, the Yale physicians assistant program grew to be one of the very best in the country. Today approximately 900 physician assistants have received their degrees from Yale. This achievement is, without a doubt, thanks, in part, to Dr. Keggi's vision and relentless commitment to help change the field of medicine for the better.

A turning point came in 1986 when Dr. Keggi decided to take a trip to Moscow and watch his daughter Mararow for the United States of America at the first Goodwill games. It was at the games where Dr. Keggi met a group of Latvian surgeons who encouraged him to visit his place of birth—Riga. He agreed. That trip convinced Dr. Keggi it was time to start an exchange program dedicated to orthopaedic teaching and research.

In 1988, Dr. Keggi established the non-profit Keggi Orthopaedic Foundation which funds medical exchange fellowship training programs for orthopaedic surgeons in the United States, Russia, the Baltic nations, and Vietnam. Foreign doctors come to the United States to observe state-of-the-art medical procedures conducted in Dr. Keggi's Waterbury facility. Upon returning to their home countries, those doctors can implement proven techniques in their own practices—helping alleviate patient pain and suffering. That is Dr. Keggi's vision: helping the orthopaedic community worldwide to offer the highest quality patient care. Each and every day he lives out the foundation's mission to be a dedicated, professional, caring, and compassionate team player seeking only to improve patient quality of life. It is clear these young, foreign doctors appreciate Dr. Keggi's wisdom and experience. He is a seasoned teacher who wants his students' careers to shine—but not for their own personal glory. Instead, his goal is to show the world that each of his students can and will

perform at exceptional levels—delivering the very best medical care possible. That is his legacy.

Dr. Keggi has made, and will continue to make, an indelible mark on our profession. His ambition helps him to achieve his own goals and dreams—at the same time his example encourages other medical professionals to strive to achieve theirs. In 2008, Dr. Keggi returned to the Yale Medical School faculty as a full time professor. And so, it is only fitting that on September 23, 2010, his beloved alma mater will name him the inaugural Elihu Professor of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation. Yale University established this professorship through a combination of private donors to pay tribute to Dr. Keggi. The position will serve as the cornerstone of a joint reconstruction program at the Yale School of Medicine—a center of excellence in clinical care, research, medical education, and training. It is important to know that Yale has already announced its intention to rename the professorship in Dr. Keggi's honor when he decides to leave the teaching post.

Dr. Keggi's medical and managerial skills have been tested time and time again—from prestigious hospitals to the battlefields of Vietnam. His life's work has brought hope and healing to the physically and emotionally broken. But it is because of his strong family values and devotion to community service that this award is so meaningful to Dr. Keggi. The award shows him exactly how grateful, how proud, and how honored the New Haven community is for his leadership. I am sure Dr. Keggi would tell you that much of his life's success is due, in large part, to the strength of his family. He was blessed to have the love and support of his parents. It was also Dr. Keggi's good fortune that his wife Julia accepted his proposal for marriage. Over the years, Julia has been Dr. Keggi's rock. He regularly says he would not have accomplished his goals without Julia and their three beautiful and talented daughters—Caroline, Catherine, and Mara—by his side.

I am eternally grateful and proud to call Dr. Kristaps Keggi my friend. He is a respected mentor and adviser. I did my orthopaedic training under Dr. Keggi's watchful eye—assisting him in close to 100 operations. It was my great privilege and incredible fortune to work side-by-side with the man who pioneered the anterior approach to total hip replacements. As an internationally renowned expert in hip and knee replacement surgery, it is quite fitting that the Yale School of Medicine has named him the Elihu Professor of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation. I ask that my colleagues join me in sending our warmest congratulations to Dr. Keggi and his family for this well-deserved honor.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
PENDLETON ROUND-UP

• Mr. MERKLEY. Madam President, today I honor the centennial of the Pendleton Round-Up. Throughout its history, the Pendleton Round-Up has been a spectacular celebration of Oregon's Western heritage.

The rodeo has been a world-class event since its inception in 1910. The inaugural Round-Up drew 7,000 spectators to a town of only 4,500. Over time, crowds have ballooned to 50,000, and while cowboys and broncos still take center stage, a host of other activities engage families at the 4-day event.

To the people of Oregon, the Pendleton Round-Up reflects our great sense of civic pride, love of the outdoors and appreciation of our State's history. I have experienced firsthand the excitement the event brings to Pendleton, and the attention the town brings not only to the competition, but to honoring Oregon's Native American past.

A 100-year anniversary is a considerable achievement, and yet the Pendleton Round-Up shows no signs of aging. It remains one of the largest rodeos in the world and its success is a major boon to Oregon's economy.

The Pendleton Round-Up is truly unique, and its storied history has woven itself into the fabric of eastern Oregon. I wish the Round-Up and the entire town of Pendleton a happy centennial and continued success for years to come.

Let'er Buck!•

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 3772. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 3773. A bill to permanently extend the 2001 and 2003 tax relief provisions and to provide permanent AMT relief and estate tax relief, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-7057. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohydrojasmon, propyl-3-oxo-2-pentylcyclo-pentylacetate; Temporary Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8839-4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7058. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "N-alkyl (C8-C18) Primary Amines and Acetate Salts; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8836-4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7059. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Diethylene Glycol (DEG); Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8838-4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7060. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2-(2'-hydroxy-3', 5'-di-tert-amylphenyl) benzotriazole and Phenol, 2-(2H-benzotriazole-2-yl)-6-dodecyl-4-methyl; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8836-3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7061. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2-propenoic acid, 2-methyl, C12-16-alkyl esters . . . ; Tolerance Exemptions" (FRL No. 8837-5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7062. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acetic Acid Ethenyl Ester, Polymer with Oxirane; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 8841-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7063. A communication from the Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Apricots Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-10-0050; FV10-922-1 FR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 27, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7064. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cotton Program Changes for Upland Cotton, Adjusted World Price, and Active Shipping Orders" (RIN0560-AH81) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7065. A communication from the Administrator, Risk Management Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Stonefruit Crop Insurance Provisions" (RIN0563-AC21) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7066. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Operation, in the Ordinary Course, of a Commodity Broker in Bankruptcy" ((17 CFR Part 190)(RIN3038-AC90)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 12, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7067. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cold Treatment Regulations" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0050) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 27, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7068. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guarantees for Bonds and Notes Issued for Electrification or Telephone Purposes" ((7 CFR Part 1720)(RIN0572-ZA06)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7069. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Administrative Policy for Non-Assistance Cooperative Agreements" ((7 CFR Part 550)(RIN0518-AA03)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 12, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7070. A communication from the Budget Coordinator, Office of Research, Education, and Economics, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States Department of Agriculture Research Misconduct Regulations for Extramural Research" ((7 CFR Part 3022) (RIN0524-AA34)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 30, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7071. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the first quarter report for calendar year 2010 of the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization; to the Committee on Armed Services.