our families, our friends, and those close and
important to us are very real as well. So let us
always remember this day, May 21, 2000 as
our day of days—our historic day. And very
soon will all embark on separate journeys
and begin a new and exciting chapter in our
lives.

In doing so, let us not forget the famous
words of Tennyson who wrote, ‘‘That which
we are, we are, as truly as our Maker, and
consequent upon his image are created, true
descendants of our Maker, and part of His
beneficent intentions, of His eternal love,
made weak by time and fate, but strong in
time, to strive, to seek, to find, and not
to yield.’’

And for the class of 2000, the world now
awaits and the best is yet to be.

Good Luck and Congratulations.

TRIBUTE TO EZRA KOCH

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, ever
since the days of the Oregon Trail, my state
has been blessed with citizens dedicated to
the spirit of ‘‘neighbor helping neighbor,’’ and I
wish to strengthen the Oregon tradition of
neighbor helping neighbor, and I wish
Ezra to live and serve with others. A great tra-
dition was born in our family of shar-
ing what we have with those that are
less fortunate, and that continues
today.

I salute Ezra Koch for all he has done
to strengthen the Oregon tradition of
neighbor helping neighbor, and I wish
him many more years of health and
happiness.