

defend his country by joining the U.S. Army. Just as many of America's heroes have taken up arms in the face of dire threats, Marc dedicated himself to the defense of our ideals, values, freedoms, and way of life. His valor and service cost him his life, but his sacrifice will help spare millions from lives under tyranny and oppression.

An exceptional student-athlete, Marc played an integral role in two Plymouth Regional High School State football championships and was also a standout lacrosse player. Marc graduated from Plymouth High School in Plymouth, NH, in 2008 and, sensing a call to duty, enlisted in the Army shortly thereafter.

Tragically, on January 29, 2010, this brave 19-year-old gave his life for this Nation while in support of combat operations in the Wardak Province of Afghanistan. At the time of this hostile action, Specialist Decoteau, a member of the 6th Psychological Operations Battalion out of Fort Bragg, NC, was serving his first tour in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

A beloved member of the Waterville Valley community, Marc was respected and admired by all those around him. As a loyal member of the U.S. Army, he continually performed above and beyond all expectations. Specialist Decoteau will live on as a decorated hero and a patriot.

Marc was recognized for his service several times, receiving the National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and Parachutist Badge. He was also posthumously awarded the Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, and NATO Medal.

My condolences and prayers go out to Marc's parents Mark and Nancy, his brother Andrew and sister Maddie, and his family and friends. I offer them my deepest sympathies and most heartfelt thanks for their sacrifice. Marc exemplified the words of Daniel Webster who said, "God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it." Because of his efforts, the liberty of this country is made more secure. God bless Marc Decoteau.

#### SELDON TECHNOLOGIES

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I would like to direct the attention of the Senate to an article that was recently published in the Rutland Herald about Seldon Technologies, located in Windsor, VT.

This article describes the laudable efforts of a Vermont company taking part in the ongoing disaster relief operation in Haiti. Seldon Technologies has donated one of its state-of-the-art water filtration devices to a nonprofit organization that provides clean water to people in developing countries and those affected by natural disasters,

such as Haiti. I commend Seldon for using its technology to help the many Haitians who are still desperately in need of assistance.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that this article entitled "Windsor Water Company Ships Help to Haiti" be printed in the RECORD.

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

#### WINDSOR WATER COMPANY SHIPS HELP TO HAITI

(By Josh O'Gorman)

WINDSOR, VT.—A local company is doing its part to help with disaster relief in Haiti.

Seldon Technologies, which develops state-of-the-art water filtration devices, has donated one of its products to Water Missions International, a South Carolina-based nonprofit that works to provide clean water to developing countries and disaster areas such as Haiti.

Seldon Technologies donated a Seldon WaterBox Mobile Filtration System, which will help Water Missions aid workers stay healthy and provide immediate, clean, drinking water to temporary shelters.

"The Seldon staff are excited about the opportunity to utilize our new filtration products on behalf of those in need," said CEO Alan G. Cummings. "Such use matches our corporate mission. Seldon's progress has been helped immeasurably by our Senator Leahy and his interest in new technology initiatives in Vermont."

Democratic U.S. Sen. Patrick Leahy has secured several Department of Defense contracts for Seldon to develop water filtration products for civilian and military use.

The WaterBox, which retails for \$2,695, can provide water to 390 people a day, based upon the World Health Organization's disaster standard of 1.9 gallons per person, said Heidi Luquer, who handles disaster and relief for Seldon Technologies.

Brad Reed, president and chief operating officer for Water Missions International, said the donation fits his organization's mission.

"It's a good example of groups trying to help each other when one approach complements the other," said Reed, whose organization has been working to provide clean drinking water in Haiti since 2004 and had 22 clean-water projects up and running prior to the Jan. 12 earthquake that killed more than 200,000 people and left more than 1 million homeless.

Water Missions International has increased its efforts since the earthquake, bringing in an additional 12 aid workers from Germany, Honduras and the U.S., and will have 80 water projects in place by the end of the week, Reed said.

Seldon's WaterBox is currently en route to Haiti and is expected arrive by the beginning of next week, said Reed.

To learn more about Seldon Technologies, visit [www.seldontechnologies.com](http://www.seldontechnologies.com). For more about Water Missions International, visit [www.watermissions.org](http://www.watermissions.org).

#### NATIONAL EYE DONOR MONTH

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues that March is National Eye Donor Month. In 1983, President Ronald Reagan announced, "One of the most magnificent presents that one human being can bestow upon another is the gift of sight. Incredible as it may seem, it is within the power of each of us to give this precious gift simply by mak-

ing arrangements to donate our eyes after death." In less than 50 words, President Reagan expressed how simple and incredible it is to give the gift of sight. He declared March as National Eye Donor Month, and today his words hold no less relevance.

During National Eye Donor Month, we should take time to honor past donors and their families for the tremendous gift of sight they have given. These gifts have helped to improve the lives of over 1 million recipients since this procedure was introduced into America's health care system. Throughout the United States today, more than 40,000 corneal transplants take place yearly, over 750 each week. The Eye Bank Association of America was founded in 1961 and promulgates medical standards for eye banks throughout the world. Its initial membership of 25 member banks has grown to 85 banks in the United States and 15 international banks.

Corneal transplants can restore sight to people of all ages and all walks of life, whether it be a newborn, an adult or an aging grandparent. While success rates for corneal transplants have always been high, advancements in recent technology have increased success rates to over 95 percent. When the procedure was first performed, patients would spend upwards of 1 month in the hospital recovering from the transplant. Today, it is an outpatient procedure.

Today, we possess the knowledge and technology to give the gift of sight to thousands of individuals through the generosity of eye donation. Anyone can become an eye donor. Cataracts, poor eyesight or age do not prevent a person from being a donor. I encourage all Americans to become eye donors. It is a very simple process. All you need to do is sign up on your State's donor registry and talk to your family to ensure they understand that you wish to give the gift of sight.

Donated human eyes and corneal tissue are used for research, education and transplantation. There is no substitute for human tissue donation. Corneal transplants cannot take place without the priceless gift of corneal donation from one human to another. I encourage my colleagues to work with their local eye banks to help raise awareness within your communities and throughout our country. I am honored to recognize March as National Eye Donor Month today in the RECORD.

#### GETTYSBURG COIN ACT

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I rise today to discuss the Gettysburg Coin Act, which I was proud to introduce with Senator SPECTER. This legislation commemorates one of the most significant events in our Nation's history.

The Gettysburg Coin Act would produce a commemorative coin in 2013 recognizing the 150th anniversary of the 1863 Battle of Gettysburg and President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. The Battle of Gettysburg