

used his seniority on the Senate Agriculture Committee to fight for the priorities of Louisiana farmers. He has worked to enhance navigation, flood control and hurricane protection in Louisiana, a State with many critical waterways. And he has fought to bring Federal dollars back to his home State, such as creating five national research centers at Louisiana universities and working to modernize Louisiana's military installations.

Today, Senator JOHNSTON is known nationally as a leader on energy issues. As a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Senator JOHNSTON has been one of the chief congressional architects in crafting national energy policy, including what is considered his crowning achievement, the National Energy Security Act, the most comprehensive energy bill ever to pass Congress.

I appreciate the assistance that Senator JOHNSTON has provided to the State of Illinois over the years. Illinois is home to two major Department of Energy laboratories, Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory and the Argonne National Laboratory. Senator JOHNSTON's support has been critical to ensuring that Federal funding for these institutions, and the programs under their jurisdiction, is preserved as much as possible during these times of tight budgets. During the debate on the Integral Fast Reactor, a major Illinois research program on next-generation nuclear technology, it again was Senator JOHNSTON whose assistance and support were crucial to our victory. And it was his support that ensured that the jobs, research and hundreds of millions of dollars invested in IFR research were not wasted once the IFR program was eventually phased out.

There are other Illinois programs and priorities that would not have been possible without the assistance of Senator JOHNSTON, including preserving Federal funding for such critical Illinois projects as the reconstruction of the Chicago shoreline, the ongoing development the Deep Tunnel Flood Control System, and the Upper Mississippi River Feasibility Study.

I have always admired the distinguished Senator's skilled advocacy in defending his State's interests. During the Senate debate on ethanol, I found him a formidable opponent, as was demonstrated by the fact that it took a tie-breaking vote from the Vice President to reach a final decision on that issue. That tight margin exemplifies the kind of excellence and thoroughness Senator JOHNSTON brings to his legislative efforts.

This institution will lose a great asset with the retirement of the distinguished Senator from Louisiana. I wish him, and his family, the very best in their future endeavors.

RETIREMENT OF SENATOR SAM NUNN

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, the news today is filled with the sad stories of foreign lands—war in Bosnia, tyranny in Iraq, terrorism in the Middle East. Here, in 1996, on the edge of the 21st century, we live in a world still plagued with fear and war.

These are not, however, the stories of America. America instead is the place where foreign lands turn for hope. When war-torn nations plead for assistance, America answers. When war-like nations terrorize, America responds. And when war-weary nations seek peace, America mediates.

In its 220th year, America stands strong in national security, military might, and world leadership. This is in large part due to one of the chief architects of American strength, Senator SAM NUNN of Georgia.

As a longtime member and former Chairman of the Senate Armed Service Committee, SAM NUNN is internationally recognized as the preeminent American legislator in all aspects of defense policy. His expertise is expansive, from major weapons programs, to manpower, and from defense research, to military benefits. He has faced national crises such as United States citizens held as hostages in Iran, humanitarian relief in Somalia, and war in Kuwait. From disarmament talks, to the demise of the communist eastern bloc, and to the reduced threat of nuclear war, SAM NUNN has helped craft the defense policies that kept America secure during the Soviet years, and left America the sole superpower in the post-cold war era.

In these times of tight budgets, Senator NUNN has also kept a watchful eye on the Pentagon, working to strike the right balance between defense spending and maintaining defense readiness. He has worked to increase fiscal responsibility in defense programs, streamline bureaucracy, and stop wasteful and excessive spending—putting an end to such controversies as the infamous hundred-dollar hammers.

Defense issues are not simple issues; they are divisive, and often, heated. Some decisions are not popular. I have always respected Senator NUNN for making these tough choices. SAM NUNN today is considered a model of American statesmanship and leadership. And that is because his record demonstrates the kind of excellence and thoroughness he brings to his legislative efforts.

After announcing his retirement, one Georgia public official described Senator NUNN's career as "a career that has a beginning and an end, no compromises, no ethical lapses. . . a monument to public service to young people for generations to come." I agree. His departure from the United States Senate leaves a great void of expertise—but in its place, leaves security for our citizens, and leadership for the world. As the longtime watch of Senator NUNN draws to a close, America remains strong.

RETIREMENT OF SENATOR BILL COHEN

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, I rise today to say farewell to a colleague who is retiring from the Senate at the end of this Congress—Senator BILL COHEN of Maine. Senator COHEN's decision to retire will be a loss to Maine, a loss to this body, and a loss to the United States.

BILL COHEN began his career in public service over a quarter of a century ago, when he served a term on the Bangor City Council, and later as the Mayor of Bangor. In 1972 he was elected to the House of Representatives where he represented Maine for three terms. He was first elected to the United States Senate in 1978, and easily won two subsequent elections to that office.

Known for his independence and integrity, he first gained national prominence during his tenure on the House Judiciary Committee during the Watergate investigation. He was the first Republican to oppose President Nixon's attempt to provide edited rather than full transcripts of White House conversations to the committee. He later played an instrumental role in the Iran-Contra hearings.

In 1975 BILL COHEN began serving on the House Aging Committee, and later served as the Chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Aging, where I have had the pleasure of working with him. During his tenure on both the House and Senate committees he has tirelessly fought for issues affecting the elderly. During his tenure in the House he was the author of the Nursing Home Patients Bill of Rights. In 1995 he led the fight in the Senate for more stringent health and safety standards in nursing homes. And he also led a Senate investigation into questionable practices in the hearing aid industry. Due to these efforts, advocates of issues affecting the elderly have dubbed Senator COHEN "one of the most valuable and able and dedicated members" working on seniors issues.

BILL COHEN has also dedicated himself to making government work better. He wrote the Competition in Contracting Act which has saved the government billions of dollars through the use of competitive bidding for the vast majority of goods and services. He drafted comprehensive health care fraud reform legislation which passed the Senate in 1995 and which the Congressional Budget Office estimated would save billions of dollars. And he sponsored the Whistleblower Protection Act of 1989, which provided greater protection for Federal workers who "blow the whistle" on fraud or mismanagement that they witness in their agencies. Mr. President, these are only a few of Senator COHEN's accomplishments during his tenure in Congress, but they demonstrate his commitment to serving the people of Maine and the citizens of our country.

He has provided invaluable leadership in the area of race relations, and demonstrates daily his commitment to

equality and opportunity for all Americans. During my first 2 years in the Senate, Senator COHEN joined in hearings on the effect of a popular music genre known as "gansta rap." Senator COHEN made it clear that while he respected the First Amendment claims of the young men who produced the music, all of us—parents, politicians and corporations—have a responsibility to address the ugly realities which that music reflected. He was right, once again, and our country has benefitted from the attention the music industry gave his admonitions.

The State of Maine and the Nation will lose a fine public servant when BILL COHEN retires at the end of this Session. The senior Senator from Maine has served his State and the country with integrity, leadership, and dignity. I wish Senator COHEN and his wife Janet all the best in the future.

TRIBUTE OF SENATOR MARK HATFIELD

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, the dictionary defines a humanitarian as "a person devoted to promoting the welfare of humanity, especially through the elimination of pain and suffering." The picture next to the definition of humanitarian ought to be a picture of Senator HATFIELD.

Over these last 4 years, I have had the honor of working with and learning from the Senior Senator from Oregon. His commitment to the well-being of all people, his historic work to eliminate nuclear proliferation, and his commitment to his State of Oregon have made him a role model in the Senate.

Senator HATFIELD and I agree on many issues. He is a man who truly believes that education is even more important to our national defense than a missile system. His contributions to math and science education will leave a lasting mark on our Nation's youth and future scholars. As the steward of the Appropriations Committee, his steadfast commitment to education funding has earned him numerous professional accolades, my enduring admiration, and the thanks of millions of American schoolchildren and parents.

Where we don't agree, I have never ceased to respect his courage and integrity. We disagreed on the balanced budget amendment, but he earned my admiration as he voted against the amendment and against intense pressure from his party's leaders, because he believed it was the right thing to do. It was a mighty reminder of the strength of principle in men of character.

Senator HATFIELD's rational, bipartisan approach to issues, his respectful manner, and his quiet leadership will be sorely missed. The Senate is a body in which ideas are discussed, arguments made, and thoughtful votes cast. Senator HATFIELD exemplified this ideal of the Senate.

As a representative of the State of Illinois, I would also like to commend

Senator HATFIELD for his taste in historical figures. As a Presidential history scholar, he has had the good sense to focus much of his attention on Illinois' native son, Abraham Lincoln.

President Lincoln could have been describing the character and approach of MARK HATFIELD when he said in his second inaugural address, " * * * with malice towards none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us [or, in this case, him] to see the right."

The clearest praise for the work of Senator HATFIELD comes from the people of his State of Oregon. He has never, in his 46 years in public service, lost an election. The people of Oregon have supported him from the State Legislature to the state house to the Senate.

MARK HATFIELD is the longest serving Senator in the history of Oregon. I do not need to tell the people of Oregon that they are losing a great voice, but I will tell them that the Senate is losing a great man. We will all miss Senator HATFIELD, and I wish him well as he leaves the Senate after 30 years of dedicated work for the people of Oregon, and the people of the United States.

THE RETIREMENT OF SENATOR BILL BRADLEY

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, I am honored, but also saddened, to be here speaking about one of our finest retiring colleagues, Senator BILL BRADLEY of New Jersey.

As one of the newest members of the Senate Finance Committee, I have had the privilege and the pleasure to work with Senator BRADLEY for only a brief period; however, I have had the opportunity to see what an enormous impact he has had, and I have had the benefit of his counsel and advice—something I will surely miss.

I am sure that all of my Colleagues share my sentiment regarding the outstanding leadership demonstrated by Senator BRADLEY in the Senate. Not only has he been an asset in his position as a Senator, but also in the various positions that he has held over his career. Mr. BRADLEY served this Nation in a number of ways during his lifetime. He represented this country as a member of the 1964 U.S. Olympic Team and from 1967 through 1978 he served this country in the Air Force Reserves. He was a very popular pro basketball player for the New York Knicks during the 1967 through 1977 seasons. BILL BRADLEY has truly been a public servant throughout his life, and it is my hope that after retiring from the Senate, he will go on to serve in another position of national leadership.

In the Senate, BILL BRADLEY has been a central figure in the national fiscal debate, on family issues and helping to strengthen the traditional Democratic values that define our Nation.

Senator BRADLEY is the author of many bills and resolutions here in the

Senate but has distinguished himself as an author of a book that had a huge impact on tax policy in the United States, entitled, "The Fair Tax," published in 1982. "The Fair Tax" led directly to the most significant tax legislation of our generation, the 1986 Tax Reform Act. This Act ended the abusive tax shelter regime and closed huge loopholes in many areas of the tax law. Consequently, billions of dollars in revenue were saved. Although many in this body deserve credit, it was Senator BRADLEY's undying persistence and intellectual integrity that were largely responsible for that major tax reform.

Demonstrating a keen understanding and willingness to work on fiscal legislation has not hindered the Senator's efforts to advocate on behalf of families. He has used the bully pulpit of the Senate to hammer home the need for, among other things, more innovative methods of dealing with issues that affect the impoverished of our Nation.

The Senator has worked to prevent cuts in the earned income tax credit, which is legislation that truly helps families go from welfare to work. This measure has proved viable in rewarding work and providing tax relief to those who need it most.

Senator BRADLEY's hallmark, the Urban Community-Building Initiative, has served to revitalize national domestic policy. Three of the main features of this legislation: Community Policing, Community Schools, and Community Banking are essential to revitalizing our communities and restoring its economy, education, and safety. The Senator's Self-Reliance Loans will pave the way for every student to have an opportunity to go on to seek a higher education. Countless future generations will reap the benefits of his education vision and it will prove a long-term benefit for America's economy as a whole.

As a Senator who is noted for having conviction in the face of compromise and faith above cynicism, Senator BRADLEY has shown himself to be a model for statesmanship and as a model for real leadership and real heroism—the kind that is the backbone of democracy. I believe that it was this conviction that has compelled him to speak out on the divisive issue of race. Senator BRADLEY has pushed all Americans on toward a higher calling—to look beyond race, religion, and creed but to relate on personal human levels. In doing so, he has been a true defender of American values, a true Senator for the people of the State of New Jersey, and the United States of America.

I, like many of my colleagues, hope that Senator BRADLEY will continue to serve the public on a national level. His is a voice that bridges community and generation gaps that is needed in the 21st century. As the Senator himself eloquently stated, "there are other ways to serve the country."

In short, Senator BRADLEY has been a model of senatorial excellence. His passion, commitment, and zealous representation will all be greatly missed,