

upon his retirement from the Steelworkers. Jack Sheehan has truly been a "Man of Steel" for the Steelworkers and all American workers.●

S. 1729, THE INTERSTATE STALKING PUNISHMENT AND PREVENTION ACT OF 1996

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, I rise today in support of the Interstate Stalking Punishment and Prevention Act of 1996. For far too long, the victims of stalkers have lived in fear and insecurity. This legislation, introduced by Senator HUTCHISON, will give them the protection they need and deserve. At this time, this bill is awaiting action in the Judiciary Committee. I urge my fellow Senators on both sides of the aisle to support bringing it to the floor as quickly as possible. The safety of stalking victims can not be delayed.

Experts estimate that there are close to 200,000 people who are currently stalking someone, and approximately 400,000 protective or restraining orders are issued each year. Currently, stalkers can follow their victims when they cross State lines, knowing full well that any restraining orders pertaining to them are rendered useless upon leaving the State that they were issued in. Common sense demands that this situation needs to be fixed.

This bill will make it a felony for a person to cross State lines in order to harass or injure their victim. We are not decreasing the power or role of the State authorities by making stalking a Federal crime. Stalking will remain a State crime. This legislation will allow local and State authorities to work with the Justice Department and apply all of their resources in the apprehension and conviction of these criminals. A stalker convicted under this law will be subject to one of several penalties: 5 years if State lines are crossed, 10 years if the victim is seriously harmed, 20 years if the victim is permanently scarred, and life imprisonment if the victim is killed. I have and always will be an advocate of matching the punishment to the crime. The strong penalties within this bill are steps in the right direction in the war against crime.

The Violence Against Women Act of 1993 defined a stalking victim as an "intimate partner or spouse." This bill will change that term to "victim," allowing protection for all people who are stalked, whether by strangers or otherwise. Again, common sense will prevail. Of course the protection of stalking victims should be universal and apply to all victims, whether they are a wife, a girlfriend, a coworker, or a total stranger.

Mr. President, this is a law that will protect stalking victims and allow them to travel, without fear, as all citizens should, throughout our country. With respect to family members, this bill will help ease their worries. I can only imagine the terror that families feel when one of their own is being

stalked. With this thought, I urge my colleagues to stand with me in support of this bill and in support of all the victims who have suffered at the hands of stalkers.

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

● Mr. ROBB. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about House Joint Resolution 166, a bill we passed late last night, to grant the consent of Congress to the Mutual Aid Agreement between the city of Bristol, VA, and the city of Bristol, TN. Specifically, this bill would allow law enforcement officers in the cities of Bristol, VA, and Bristol, TN, when requested by the adjoining city, to cross State lines in the performance of their duties and operate with full authorization in the adjoining city once there.

Last May, I met with members of the Bristol Chamber of Commerce and discussed the need to alleviate Federal hurdles that keep the two cities from working together to address a host of municipal issues. The Virginia-Tennessee State line cuts across State Street in Bristol, which is the cities' main thoroughfare. Often, jurisdictional confusion and restrictions on law enforcement personnel caused by the location of the State line complicate anticrime activities on the bustling street. Under current law, the cities are prohibited from assisting each other in law enforcement efforts. To address the problem, the two cities adopted a mutual aid agreement to allow each city to provide law enforcement and emergency assistance to one another. Under the terms of the agreement, the responding city could provide a maximum of 50 percent of available personnel and resources to the requesting city.

The mutual aid agreement has been fashioned according to the cities' respective State statutory requirements. Because the mutual aid agreement is an interstate compact, it requires congressional approval. Additionally, section 15.1-131 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, also requires congressional approval for multi-state agreements to which Virginia or one of its localities is a party.

I am pleased that the Senate was able to move this bill quickly. This could not have happened without the full cooperation of the Senators from both States. Representatives BOUCHER and QUILLEN should also be recognized for introducing this legislation and shepherding it through the House.

The two cities of Bristol share common interests and common problems, and now with passage of this bill, the two cities will be able to work more cooperatively for the betterment of all the citizens of Bristol.●

NEW HAMPSHIRE OLYMPIAN LYNN JENNINGS

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Lynn Jennings

of Newmarket, NH, for her competition in the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta. Lynn competed in the 5,000-meter run Friday July 26 and was the first American to cross the finish line. New Hampshire is proud of her dedication and commitment to training for such a competitive sport.

At age 36, this is Lynn's third time to compete with the U.S. Olympic track team. Lynn's long career exemplifies marks of distinction and excellence. She competed in the 1988 Olympics in Seoul and in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics she became the only American woman to earn a distance medal when she took home the bronze in the 10,000-meter run. Previously, the greatest distance in which an American woman had medaled was 800-meters and Lynn broke that record. Lynn has also been the World Cross Country Champion three times, holding the title from 1990-1992. She is an eight time National Cross Country Champion and holds American records in the 10,000-meter, indoor 3,000-meter, and the 8- and 10-kilometer road courses.

Lynn's distinguished record is the mark of an Olympian and a champion. She has pursued her sport with determination, followed her dream, and embodied the Olympic spirit. New Hampshire has followed her career and she has made the Granite State proud. Many people from New Hampshire watched Lynn compete last Friday and join me in saluting her for representing them at the 1996 Summer Olympic Games. I commend her for her efforts in Atlanta and wish her other running successes at future competitions. Congratulations Lynn.●

THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MUTUO CLUB OF BARRE, VT

● Mr. LEAHY. Mutuo Soccorso. In Italian, it means society of mutual aid. But for my Italian immigrant grandfather who worked in the granite quarries of Barre and South Ryegate, VT, it meant much, much more.

It meant financial security in the days before Social Security and Medicare. It meant affordable health care when they could not afford health insurance. It meant they had a second family when their families were thousands of miles away in their homeland. To Peter and Vincenza Zambon, my grandparents, Mutuo Soccorso meant the Mutuo Club of Barre, VT.

Mr. President, I am proud to celebrate the 90th birthday of the Mutuo Club, the Italian-American club of central Vermont. Since 1906, the Mutuo Club has represented the finest values of our immigrant heritage—a special sense of community and friendship.

The Mutuo Club was first established as an offspring of the old society clubs in Italy during the 19th century. Members of the Mutuo paid so much a week into a common fund to help when they and their families got sick. The Mutuo fund helped pay the doctor and hospital

bills. Members of the Mutuo pulled together to help each other. Each member was in effect his brother's keeper.

When my grandfather came to Vermont from Italy, he went to the granite quarries to earn a modest living. Life was not easy—tough work, low pay, and health hazards. But in this foreign land, he had the Mutuo Club as a special community to share friendships in good times and a helping hand in bad times.

I remember as a small child walking with my grandfather down the streets of downtown Barre. He would often stop in the street to visit with fellow Mutuo Club members. They would tell stories, plan to help each other, or just learn the latest joke. I remember sensing a special bond of community and friendship between my grandfather and the other Italian-Americans of the Mutuo Club.

Now, the Mutuo Club is open to Americans of all nationalities. And that same special bond of community and friendship enjoyed by my grandfather is still shared by members of the Mutuo Club today.

Mr. President, the Mutuo Club is a living tribute to that special bond. In celebrating the Mutuo Club's 90th birthday, we celebrate that special sense of community and friendship shared by the Mutuo Club members of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.●

STEPHEN NORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE'S SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Stephen North for being named New Hampshire's Secondary School Principal of the Year. Steve is the principal of Profile Junior and Senior High School in Bethlehem, NH, a position he has held since 1977. As a former teacher and school board chairman myself, I congratulate him for receiving this prestigious award.

Steve celebrates a long and distinguished career in education. He has been a teacher at Hanover High School, Curriculum Coordinator for the Dresden-Hanover School Districts, and both principal and assistant principal at Frances C. Richmond Middle School in Hanover. Steve's 18 years in education have been marked with success and leadership in this regional school district. He has built a reputation for excellence and achievement in many areas, from teacher to administrator. An example of Steve's achievement is the completion of much needed additions and renovations for Profile Junior and Senior School. This project, under his leadership, was completed in just 5 years.

Steve's achievements can be seen in more than new buildings, he has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for his efforts. He is an excellent role model for his peers because of his professional activities, leadership abilities, and commitment to community. Steve is involved in various edu-

cational organizations including the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, the New Hampshire Association of School Principals, and the North Country Principals Association.

Teachers and students alike admire Steve for what he has done for the school. He is known as someone who mentors new teachers, encourages innovation, promotes professionalism, and creates a sound educational environment. Under his supervision, Profile Junior and Senior High won the 1995 Sportsmanship Banner for exemplifying the positive tenets of good sportsmanship. This type of achievement reflects the type of motivation Steve provides for his school.

Our children are very important to our future and I am proud to see that they are in such capable hands. New Hampshire is fortunate to have such a talented educator and administrator like Steve North. I commend Steve for his outstanding career in the field of education.●

WEST VIRGINIAN RECEIVES VA 1996 EXCELLENCE IN NURSING AWARD

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, on June 6 of this year, the Department of Veterans Affairs presented four very prestigious awards recognizing excellence in nursing. I am proud to congratulate all of these nurses, but I am especially proud of a fellow West Virginian, Sharon Shade, the recipient of VA's 1996 LPN of the year award. Sharon's performance in the nursing home care unit of the Martinsburg, VA Medical Center is truly outstanding. As a member of the Martinsburg community, she has made a great difference.

Sharon has made many changes, both big and small, that have improved the lives of her patients. Because she works with the patients on a one-on-one basis, she learns about their interests while determining their needs. For example, she found out that a reclusive patient had an interest in music. With her help and encouragement, he began to DJ at the noon meals and is now a thriving member of the high-level communication group. A bedridden patient now joins the noon dining group with the help of a walker, due to Sharon's special attention. These are just a few examples of the changes Sharon has made in the lives of individual patients.

Sharon is truly creative and original in her approach to care, with ideas that benefit the entire program. One of her more innovative techniques includes an Adopt-A-Plant program. Here patients can adopt a plant to take care of, giving them a sense of hope. Another program includes a reminiscence group in which the patients talk about days gone by. Sharon also arranged to move wheelchair-bound patients nearer to the windows in the dining hall where they can get a better view of the outdoors. These simple, yet thoughtful acts have made an enormous difference

in the overall morale of both the residents and staff.

Sharon is known for her dedication to her profession. She is constantly working to make things better for her patients and for the staff. In addition to attending meetings and training seminars, she took initiative in developing her own survey to evaluate the program. To lend support to her co-workers, she has implemented a monthly restorative LPN meeting where she shares ideas and literature. She is praised by fellow members of the staff, her patients, and their families for her tireless efforts. The human spirit needs support and encouragement, both of which Sharon has generously given.

I am proud to recognize Sharon Shade and her remarkable talent for making the lives of the veterans at Martinsburg better. It is clear that Sharon is a valuable asset to her staff, her profession, her patients, and our State of West Virginia. Her commitment to her profession and her community makes me enormously proud to say that she is a fellow West Virginian.●

MICHAEL TOCCI, NEW HAMPSHIRE'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Michael Tocci for being named New Hampshire's Secondary School Principal of the Year. Mike is the principal of Gilford Elementary School in Gilford, NH, a position he has held since 1964. As a former teacher and school board chairman in the Lakes Region myself, I congratulate him for receiving this prestigious award.

Mike celebrates a long and distinguished career in education. He received his bachelors in education in 1967 his masters in public school administration and Supervision in 1973 from Plymouth State University. Mike has served as teaching principal at Danbury Elementary and supervising elementary principal for Newfound Area School District in Bristol. In his 30-year career, he has built a reputation for excellence and achievement in many areas, from teacher to administrator.

Mike is known among his colleagues for his leadership, enthusiasm, dedication, and contribution to children's education. His honest and caring spirit is reflected in the school's positive atmosphere. As an individual of distinction, Mike provides an excellent role model for his students and his teachers. He is admired by his school and his community for his concern and his commitment to community development.

Granite State children are fortunate to have such a talented educator and administrator committed to their education. Gilford Elementary School's success and achievement is reflective of the outstanding leadership Mike has