

reflect the name change of the Senate Committee on Small Business to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, which occurred on June 29 of this year.

I would just like to state that I believe the changes my amendment makes will provide additional support for our small businesses suffering from paperwork burdens.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about hate crimes legislation I introduced with Senator KENNEDY in March of this year. The Local Law Enforcement Act of 2001 would add new categories to current hate crimes legislation sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred in November 1996 in Charlottesville, VA. Three men abducted, robbed, and beat a gay man. One of the assailants, Billy Ray McKethan, 19, pleaded guilty to charges brought against him in connection with the incident, and was sentenced to 20 years in prison without parole.

I believe that government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2001 is now a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation, we can change hearts and minds as well.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JAMES KEVIN O'CONNELL

• Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and submit for the RECORD the eulogy delivered by my colleague from Connecticut, Senator JOE LIEBERMAN, at the December 5 funeral mass for his beloved friend, James Kevin O'Connell. I urge all my colleagues to take the time to read this heartfelt tribute to a man who so touched Senator LIEBERMAN, as well as anyone else who had the pleasure to have known him, as did I.

Jimmy O'Connell was best known as Senator LIEBERMAN's driver for 30 years, but as Senator LIEBERMAN makes clear in his beautiful tribute, Jimmy was much, much more than that. One could not have known Jimmy without thinking him a friend, someone to whom you could turn for a quick joke, or a deep philosophical insight.

Jimmy, born and raised in New Haven, was truly a great Nutmegger, and a fine American. He spent his life caring for his family, his friends, and his community, Jimmy served for 3 decades as a proud member of the New Haven Police force.

Senator LIEBERMAN's tribute reminds us of the value of life, the value of rela-

tionships, and the special place in our hearts for Jimmy O'Connell.

The eulogy follows.

I want to thank Mrs. Agnes O'Connell, Brother Kevin O'Connell and the rest of Jimmy's family for giving me the honor of speaking at this funeral mass for him. And, I also want to thank the O'Connell family for all they did to make James Kevin the wonderful man he was.

When a newspaper reporter called on Sunday and asked how I would describe what Jimmy did for me, the words that came out of my mouth were that Jimmy's friendship was one of God's greatest gifts to me. That is how I would describe what he did for me. Jimmy was my friend.

For more than three decades, 31 years, I benefitted from Jimmy's wise counsel, his extraordinary intelligence, his warm wit, and his absolute loyalty. I didn't like it when someone referred to Jimmy as my driver because he was so much more than that. But he did drive, and together we had quite a ride over these three decades and met quite a variety of people along the way. We extended each other's reach. From his original political hero Dick Lee to Donald Trump, from Arthur Barbieri to Ariel Sharon, from Vinnie Mauro to Teddy Kennedy. From Hank Parker to Hosni Mubarak, from Jose Cabranes in his Federal Court Chambers in New Haven to Joe Dougherty at his Federal prison cell in New York. Before I left for Washington to become a U.S. Senator in 1989, Jimmy took me for blessings from Archbishop Whalen in Hartford to Rabbi Schneerson in Brooklyn. Together we went from Ridgefield to Riverdale, Westville to Washington, from Legion Avenue to Los Angeles, from Fairhaven to Florida. Now, I can hear Jimmy saying, "if there were a few more Fairhaveners counting votes in Florida, you would have flown up here this morning on Air Force Two."

Every now and then during our travels, I would ask Jimmy whether he was following the right directions, and he would quickly and decisively instruct me as to my role in our relationship. "You take care of war and peace, and I'll get us safely to our next stop."

And he always did. In all our years and thousands of miles on the road together, Jimmy never had an accident. Now, when one considers how rapidly James drove and how often he drove with one hand at most on the wheel, that safety record is just one more proof of the existence of a caring God. Yes, God watched out for Jimmy O'Connell, and Jimmy O'Connell watched out for God.

His faith anchored his life. It gave him perspective, and purpose, and humor and the courage and strength to face and overcome the troubles and challenges he faced, as he did so successfully and inspiringly. Jimmy didn't just go to church faithfully; he lived a life of faith. You could see it in his strength and in his selflessness, in the way he treated everyone he met with the respect and interest and joy due to each of God's children. He loved people. He particularly loved talking to people. Part of that, of course, was the Irish gift with language. But talking was also Jimmy's way of connecting with people, of engaging them, of sharing what he knew and learning what others had to teach him. And, in that, he taught us all a lot about life.

In the days since Jimmy's death, I have been impressed and touched by how many people he knew and how many people knew Jimmy, and by how many of them remember how interested he was in them, and how much he cared about them.

Jimmy was a devoted and loving son and brother, a good and trustworthy friend, and

a generous and involved uncle, to his own nieces and nephews, of whom he was so proud, and to so many others he adopted, including my own children and grandchildren for whom he became "Uncle Jimmy." Warm, caring, fun, I cannot remember an important event in the lives of any of them or us, happy or sad, when Jimmy was not there.

Jimmy's faith also helped to shape his politics. Of course, he loved politics as process and got much pleasure from the rich mix of people in it. But Jimmy also had a philosophy, a point of view that I believe came from the social ethics of his Church, and I learned it well in the thousands of conversations we had in the car over the years. He respected people of wealth, particularly those who made it on their own, but Jimmy's heart was with the working men and women, with people in need, particularly children, with poor people trying hard to move up and build a better life for their children. As our mutual friend, Jim Kennedy said, "Some politicians pay consultants to tell them what people are thinking. Jimmy O'Connell was the voice of the people." He wanted government to be there for them when they needed it, as Jimmy himself was there for them when they needed him. He was a doer of good deeds and was so proud of the work his elementary school, St. Francis in Fairhaven, was doing to educate the next generation of America's children who are working their way up.

Jimmy was devoted to the Roman Catholic Church, as he liked to call it, but he also had the greatest respect for, and interest in other people's faith. I often said that James Kevin O'Connell knew more about Judaism than most Jews. Over the years he also taught me a lot about Catholicism, its rituals and rules, and its history and heroes. In fact, Jimmy's love of this church and love of his politics came together in a great fascination with movements within the church hierarchy.

For instance, when Edward Egan became the Bishop of Bridgeport, Jimmy wryly prophesied to me that Bishop Egan would not be buried in Bridgeport. In other words, that Bridgeport would not be his last stop. And, of course, this is the very same Edward Egan who is now Cardinal Egan of New York.

Jimmy's love for politics was joined naturally with his belief in public service and civil service. For almost three decades he served the city of his birth with skill and honor as a proud member of its police department, rising to the rank of Lieutenant at his death. He loved his New Haven Police colleagues and greatly enjoyed our meetings with police around the state, and throughout the country, who were members of what he thought of as a great fraternity.

Jimmy's passing early Sunday morning came much too soon. But I can assure you, as a matter of faith, that he was more prepared for his death than we were. The loss of Jimmy is very painful to me. I will miss him deeply as will so many others who are here today. But as we experience our grief, we should remember Jimmy's faith and Jimmy's words.

He said to me more than once, "Remember none of us is getting out of here alive." And he believed with a perfect faith that this life, as enjoyable as he found it, was just a bridge to an even better place, and so he did not fear death.

Jimmy often asked me to do something for somebody else, but he never asked me to do much of anything for himself. Years ago a mutual friend told me that he had asked Jimmy what he really wanted from me, and Jimmy said, "I want to be there to turn the lights off when he leaves the office for the last time." That was Jimmy.

Well, if the good Lord gives me the privilege of exiting the office on my own for the

last time, I'm going to leave the lights on, for Jimmy.

Once in the car we were talking about our visions of the world to come, and I thought I would end the conversation when I said that I would probably go first because I was older, and so I would send him a report on what it was like up there. But Jimmy, as usual, had the last word.

"You never know," he said, "I might go first. And if I do, when you get to the gates, just give me a call, and I'll drive over and pick you up."

I will do that, James, and I know we'll have a lot to talk about.

The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.●

HONORING OUR NATION

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I ask to print into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a prayer delivered by Mr. Clarence Hodges, President of the North American Religious Liberty Association, on November 21, 2001, on the grounds of the United States Capitol in honor of our Nation.

The prayer follows.

AMERICA, MAY GOD SHED HIS GRACE ON THEE.
(By Clarence E. Hodges)

God bless America, land that we love. Please stand beside her and guide her with your light from above.

Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the LORD. If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. . . . And ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land. And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you. (Lev 26:2-9)

And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant: I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror . . . and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you. (Lev 26:15-17)

I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your highways shall be desolate. (Lev 26:22)

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. (2 Chr 7:14) (King James Version)

With an attitude of gratitude, we will come closer to each other as we come closer to God. With love, we will save our children from destructive attractions. Love will serve as our motivator as we serve mankind and our Creator. Faith will overwhelm our doubts and fears. The spirit of humility will balance our competitiveness. Patience will

fortify our discipline. Excellence and a desire to serve others will be intertwined in our ambitions. Tolerance will replace our prejudice and opinionation. We will stand strong for religious freedom with accommodation in the workplace. And the best America possible will be our dream of dreams. We will rid the land of those who are dedicated to evil acts against mankind. We will not tire. We will not falter. And we will not fail. Now let's roll, with liberty and justice for all.●

COMMENDING DURAND MIDDLE SCHOOL'S INVEST IN AMERICA PLAN

● Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I rise today to commend the students of Durand Middle School in Durand, MI, for showing the kind of spirit that will get our nation through the economic aftershocks of September 11.

When the attack of September 11 sent our airline industry into an economic tailspin, the students of Durand Middle School created the Invest in America Project to show their faith in the travel and transportation industries.

Under the Invest in America project, families across the Nation were encouraged to buy at least one share of stock in the transportation or travel company of their choice.

The students believed this would show the world that we have faith in our economy and that Americans are ready to travel again.

Given the fact that the travel and tourism industry is worth about \$93 billion to our economy, renewed confidence in the industry by both investors and consumers is important.

This project will also give the students and their families valuable firsthand experience in how the stock market works.

I hope you will all join me in wishing these students good luck with their investments and thank them for their show of confidence in our economy.●

HONORING TERESA POOLE

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the service of one of my staff members, Teresa Poole, who works in my Springfield District Office in Missouri. On January 3, 2002, Teresa will celebrate her 25th anniversary of working for the Senate. When Teresa started her career, Senator STROM THURMOND was a mere 74 years old. Teresa has worked for three U.S. Senators during her career. She began working for Senator John Danforth's office in 1977 until he retired in 1993. In 1987 she started working with my office and continues that service today. When John Ashcroft came to the Senate in 1995, Teresa worked for both of our offices until 2001 when Ashcroft became Attorney General of the United States.

When I look back at Teresa's career two words come to mind, commitment and loyalty.

For the past 25 years Teresa has been committed to handling the entire military academy nomination process for

this office. Teresa has set a high standard for this process and fields numerous calls from other congressional offices throughout the State and country when they have questions about academy nominations. Teresa is committed to helping students who are interested in military careers receive all the information they need to complete their applications, and spends hours each week answering questions from parents and applicants about their files. Teresa loves to make those phone calls informing individuals of their acceptance into the various service academies.

For the past 25 years Teresa has been loyal to the Senators she has served and the constituents they represent. Teresa has worked tirelessly on behalf of each of us ensuring that our positions are known and communicated in an accurate and precise manner. Teresa is a true public servant and a faithful and constant part of this Senate office. Attorney General John Ashcroft said, "Congratulations are in order for Teresa Poole, who has served 25 years as staff in the U.S. Senate. Mrs. Poole was a great help to me during my 6 years in the Senate. My wife, Janet and I wish her all the best as she celebrates this milestone in her life."

It is an honor for me to join with my staff in Washington, DC, and in the great State of Missouri to recognize Teresa Poole for the 25 years of distinguished service to the people of Missouri and three U.S. Senators.●

HONORING JOHN O'CONNOR

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, all of us in Massachusetts continue to mourn the loss of one of our State's most passionate, committed, and effective activists, John O'Connor, who died on Friday, December 7. John brought an enthusiasm and commitment to civic life that inspired everyone around him. His legendary appetite for life was bound by a steady moral compass, one that envisioned a world where water, air and land are free of pollution and every individual, from all walks of life, has access to the full measure of the American Dream.

After John disclosed the fact that a small baseball field in his neighborhood of Stratford, CT, was actually built on the waste site of asbestos manufacturer Raybestos, he embarked on a journey that spanned from the fight to clean up sites like it all across the country to advocating for universal health care. That early spark of environmental awareness proved to be a model for all the struggles he engaged in throughout his life. As a young graduate of Clark University, he organized the poor neighborhoods of Worcester so that they could have a stronger voice in their community's policies, and joined up with Massachusetts Fair Share, a grassroots group that was pursuing the same goal statewide. His humor and enthusiasm gained traction in the group's newsletter, The Squeaky Wheel, as well as the street organizing