

to the heroes and heroines who make up Missouri Task Force One. They are shining examples of the best Missouri has to offer and an inspiration to the world.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT
OF 2001

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Madam 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 November 30, 1993 in Tyler, TX. Nicholas West, a 23-year-old gay man, was abducted from a park known as a meeting place for gays, robbed and shot to death. Donald Aldrich, 29, David Ray McMillan, 17, and Henry Dunn Jr., 19, were charged with murder.

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.

IN MEMORY OF TWO BRAVE CALIFORNIA PILOTS, LARRY GROFF AND LARS STRATTE

Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, I rise today to commemorate the tragic deaths of Larry Groff and Lars Stratte, pilots who were killed on August, 27, 2001 in a mid-air tanker collision while fighting the Bus Fire in Northern California. Both pilots were flying Gruman S-2 aircraft and were making fire retardant drops on the fire when they collided.

Larry Groff and Lars Stratte were established and dedicated pilots who have recorded numerous hours of flying time. Both pilots were employees of San Joaquin Helicopters, Incorporated. Larry Groff was a 20 year Navy Veteran pilot and Lars Stratte was Past President of the Redding Area Pilots Association.

We will never forget the service of these pilots to their community. In a difficult and dangerous occupation, they demonstrated outstanding courage and extraordinary ability to fight fires from the air in their service with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Larry Groff, from Windsor, CA, leaves behind his wife Christine, his six children and two grandchildren. Lars Stratte, from Redding, CA, leaves behind his wife Terri and two children.

Larry Groff and Lars Stratte served their community and the people of California with great distinction. I am honored to pay tribute to these brave men today and I encourage my fellow colleagues to join me in celebrating

their lives and service, mourning their passing and extending our condolences to their families.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID BOHLEY

Mr. BOND. Madam President, I ask the Senate to pause long enough to recognize an outstanding member of my staff who is moving on to new challenges and new opportunities. Dave Bohley has been a member of my Small Business Committee staff since 1998. Since that time he has set a high standard of excellence and knowledge in handling banking and related matters for the Committee. He was also deeply involved in the Small Business Innovation Research program reauthorization we passed last year, and in the Small Business Technology Transfer program legislation currently working its way through the Congress.

Dave's expertise recently attracted him into a new career at Fannie Mae, the financial services company. Although I am happy for him to have this new opportunity, I am sorry to see him leave my staff. Fannie Mae's gain is truly our loss. I wish him every success and thank him so very much for his exemplary service to me and to the Senate.

NATURALIZATION EXTENSION ACT
OF 2001

Mr. KOHL. Madam President, I rise today as an original cosponsor of the Bruce Vento Hmong Veterans Naturalization Extension Act of 2001. This important piece of legislation will ensure that the sizable Hmong population in Wisconsin is able to take advantage of a status adjustment opportunity extended to them unanimously by this Congress last year. The Hmong, and particularly the Lao Veterans of America, deserve our respect and honor for all their help during the conflict in Vietnam.

The Hmong Veterans Naturalization Act of 2000 waives the English language requirement and provides for a translator during administration of the Civics test for all Hmong Veterans of the Special Forces in Laos and their spouses and widows applying for U.S. citizenship. However, the Hmong veteran community only had the benefit of this legislation for 18 months. Since enactment, fewer than half of all Hmong veterans and their family members have been able to seek citizenship under these standards. The legislation introduced today would give those eligible an additional 18 months to apply for citizenship under the Naturalization Act.

I commend my colleague Senator WELLSTONE for his efforts on behalf of the Hmong population living in the upper midwestern United States, and I urge expeditious consideration of this legislation.

CONDEMNING BIGOTRY AND VIOLENCE AGAINST ARAB, MUSLIM AND SOUTH ASIAN AMERICANS

Mr. FEINGOLD. Madam President, I rise to join with my colleagues in support of H. Con. Res 227 condemning bigotry and violence against Arab, Muslim, and South Asian Americans.

I am sincerely grateful for and proud of the tremendous response of the American people who have shown true courage and loyalty in the face of the horrific attacks on our country on September 11, 2001. No one should doubt the resolve of this Nation to meet the challenge before us in fighting terrorism. But as we continue to wrestle with deep and conflicting emotions of sadness, pain, anger, and fear, we must ensure that the spirit of America, that ability to transcend differences in race, religion, and ethnicity to achieve greatness, is not only preserved, but strengthened as a result of this tragedy.

As history has shown, America has always triumphed when we are united. That is why it is so important in this chapter in our history, as we prepare to defend and preserve our Nation, that we stay united as one Nation. This should not be an occasion for irrational impulses of fear, hate or violence towards Arab-Americans, Muslim Americans, South Asian Americans, or any other person in this country. Such actions are wrong. The idea of "America" knows no racial, ethnic, or religious boundaries, and no American should have to live in fear as a result of this situation. I stand together with my colleagues, and with Americans of all backgrounds, in condemning such actions. We must renew our commitment to protect our fellow Americans and our Nation against those who want to divide us with hate.

Unfortunately, there has been a rash of acts of hate during the last week, compounding the anxiety of Americans in communities throughout this Nation. I have been saddened to hear of incidents in my own State. Ashraf "Mike" Khaled, a Wisconsin resident of Jordanian descent and gas station owner, has been the victim of several incidents of hateful statements and threats of his safety by customers and passerby. He reminded us of why our country is so great and why these actions of hatred can be so damaging. He said, "I love this country because I found my freedom here."

This is a critical moment for America. One in which we must all live by and honor our Pledge to live as "One Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP TIMLIN

• Mr. SPECTER. Madam President, I seek recognition today to acknowledge the service of my friend, Bishop James C. Timlin, D.D., of the Diocese of

Scranton, who is today celebrating 25 years since his elevation to the rank of bishop. Recently, on July 16, 2001, Bishop Timlin also observed the 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination.

Bishop Timlin was born in Scranton on August 5, 1927. He attended Holy Rosary High School and St. Charles College in Catonsville, MD. He then attended St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore and the North American College in Rome, Italy, where he completed his studies for the priesthood. Bishop Timlin was ordained on July 16, 1951, in Rome by the Most Reverend Martin J. O'Connor, D.D. Bishop Timlin continued his studies in theology there before returning to the Diocese of Scranton, where he was appointed Assistant Pastor at St. John Evangelist Parish, Pittston, in 1952.

On June 12, 1953, he became Assistant Pastor of St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton, where he served until September 12, 1966, when he was named Assistant Chancellor of the Diocese of Scranton. He was named Chaplain to His Holiness Pope Paul VI on August 3, 1967, Chancellor of the Diocese of Scranton on December 15, 1971, and Prelate of Honor to His Holiness on April 23, 1972. He was named the Auxiliary Bishop of Scranton on August 3, 1976, and Pastor of the Nativity of Our Lord, Scranton, in September 1979. Cardinal John J. O'Connor, the seventh Bishop of Scranton, appointed him Chairman of the Board of Advisors for St. Pius X Seminary and Chairman of the Preparatory Commission for the Scranton Diocesan Synod in 1983.

Pope John Paul II appointed him the eighth Bishop of Scranton on April 24, 1984, and his installation followed on June 7, 1984. Bishop Timlin has served two terms as a member of the Administrative Board and the National Advisory Council of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. He also served as a member of the Board of the North American College, as well as a consultant on the Liturgy Committee. He is presently a consultant to the NCCB's Ecumenical and Migration committees.

For his leadership and spiritual shepherding of 340,000 Catholics in the 11 counties of the Diocese of Scranton, I would like to extend the gratitude and recognition of the United States Senate to Bishop James Timlin.●

IN MEMORY OF ROSE ANN VUICH

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the recent passing of Rose Ann Vuich, an extraordinary public servant and Californian who died on August 30th at the age of 74, after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

Rose Ann Vuich was California's first woman State senator, serving in the California State Senate for 16 years until her retirement in 1992. With the election of Senator Vuich in 1976, she became an icon in California's political history and helped to write a new era in the history of the California State Senate.

Rose Ann Vuich set a high level of integrity and decency. To this day, there is a Rose Ann Vuich award recognizing other great public servants who meet her high standards. She was a woman of great determination and dedication, who worked tirelessly for her constituents and was loved and respected by so many.

Rose Ann Vuich was the daughter of Yugoslav immigrants and was from the small farming community of Dinuba in Tulare County, California. Senator Vuich was dedicated to agriculture, family, community and promoting the San Joaquin Valley. She will be greatly missed by all.

On behalf of the Senate, I extend our thoughts and prayers to the Vuich Family on the loss of an extraordinary woman. I ask that the Fresno Bee Editorial from August 31, 2001 be printed in the RECORD.

[From the Fresno Bee, Aug. 31, 2001]

ROSE ANN VUICH—VALLEY LAWMAKER LEFT AN ENDURING LEGACY OF ETHICAL, HONEST BEHAVIOR

At a time when there's so much cynicism about government, Rose Ann Vuich reminded us that public service is noble. Sen. Vuich, who died Thursday, was California's first woman state senator, but her mark in Sacramento was made with her integrity and a commitment to her Valley constituents.

A Democrat from Dinuba, Sen. Vuich represented the region for 16 years until retiring in 1992. She served at a time when the Legislature was controlled by special interests and laws limiting gifts from lobbyists were not as strict as they are today. Many legislators had their hands out, and the special interests were only too happy to grease them. But they could not get to Sen. Vuich, although they tried.

Sen. Vuich had earned a reputation for voting her conscience and, didn't look kindly on so-called "juice bills," which were bills that had no value other than attracting campaign contributions for lawmakers. In Sacramento, FBI agents played a tape that had a witness saying a bill shouldn't go to the Banking and Commerce Committee, which Sen. Vuich chaired, because she didn't "play ball."

In 1998, an award for ethical leadership was established in Sen. Vuich's name. The aim was to raise the ethical bar in the region, which was sorely needed after the many indictments in the local Operation Rezone case.

Sen. Vuich also was a role model for women in government. It was difficult being California's first woman state senator, but she broke into that men's club with humor and dignity. She kept a bell on her desk in the Senate chamber, and when her male colleagues referred to the "gentlemen of the Senate" or "fellow senators," she rang the bell loudly. The Senate soon became more sensitive to gender-biased language.

Sen. Vuich was instrumental in getting the local freeway system built and

the centerpiece of her 1976 campaign was completing Freeway 41, which she called "the freeway to nowhere."

Sen. Vuich remains a role model for all of us. The lessons she taught us must endure.●

IN MEMORY OF SARAH MAE SHOEMAKER CALHOON

• Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I rise today to commemorate the passing of a wonderful woman, mother, and American. Sarah Mae Shoemaker Calhoon died on July 7, 2001 outside of Columbus, OH, (Hilliard), after a courageous battle with cancer. Mrs. Calhoon was 75 years old.

Mrs. Calhoon was born on August 31, 1925 in Philadelphia, PA to the late Samuel and Sarah Mae Shoemaker. She spent her childhood in Philadelphia, where she would graduate from Cheltenham High School. On August 29, 1947, just two days before her 22nd birthday, Sarah Mae Shoemaker was married to J. Thomas Calhoon, a Marine from Grandview Heights, a suburb of Columbus, OH.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Calhoon had their first child, Thomas F. or "little" Tom as they often called him early in their marriage. In September of 1948, Tom, Sarah, and "little" Tom moved to Columbus, OH, where, over the next four years they would become the proud parents of three more sons, Sam, Don, and Bob. Their only daughter, Susie, would be born in April of 1961.

Although I did not know Sarah Mae Calhoon personally, I have known her son Tom for more than half of my life. We met as undergraduates at the Ohio State University in the 1960s and have been fraternity brothers for more than three decades. Despite living so far from each other, Tom and I have managed to keep in touch over the years. It is often said that all children are a reflection of their parents. If Tom is even a faint reflection of his mother, it is a great tribute to the values she carried throughout her life and instilled in her children.

Since her recent passing, I have heard and read many wonderful things about Sarah Mae Calhoon. I have learned about her strong commitment to the community of Columbus, whether it be through her active membership in a variety of organizations like the PTA, 4-H, the Lions Auxiliary or in her unofficial role as the "zoning watchdog" of the Calhoon's neighborhood on Old Cemetery Road. I have read about her great success as a multi-million dollar producer in the real estate industry. I have heard, from both former customers and competitors alike, about the dedication, loyalty, and integrity that she brought to her job every day.

Most importantly, however, I have learned about her unfailing commitment to being a mother and wife. Nothing was more precious to Sarah Calhoon than her family and she did all she could to ensure that all of her children grew up in a loving and nurturing