

As a gesture of our country's gratitude for his remarkable military and public careers and as an inspiration to the soldiers who will pass through it in defense of our nation, I request that the Army dedicate the soon to be completed 82nd Airborne Division Deployment Staging Complex adjacent to Pope Air Force Base's Green Ramp as the "Major General Strom Thurmond Airborne Operations Center."

So dedicating this premier facility, designed by the Army and the Air Force to ensure that Fort Bragg and Pope AFB will function as the Army's leading Power Projection Platform for many years to come, will serve as both an appropriate tribute to Strom Thurmond's immeasurable contributions in service to our country and as an inspiration to the courageous young men and women who have committed their lives to the security of our nation.

Mr. Secretary, I will appreciate your expeditious consideration of my proposal as I am told that the facility is expected to open in July. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me or David Whitney of my staff at 202-224-6342.

Many thanks.

Sincerely,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, OFFICE
OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF
THE ARMY,

Washington, DC, June 4, 2002.

Hon. JESSE HELMS,
Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR HELMS: Thank you for your recent letter to the Secretary of the Army, proposing the soon to be completed 82d Airborne Division Deployment Staging Complex at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, be named in honor of Senator Strom Thurmond.

Senator Thurmond's distinguished record of almost 48 years in the Senate, coupled with his military service and heroic actions in the line of duty during World War II, merit recognition. The package recommending that the Secretary of the Army grant an exception to policy permitting the requested naming has been prepared and is being expeditiously processed.

Thank you for your efforts to gain recognition for Senator Thurmond for his long and distinguished service to our Nation.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH W. WHITAKER,
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Installations and Housing), OASA
(I&E).

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise to congratulate the Taiwanese people in celebrating the 91st National Day of the Republic of China on October 10, 2002.

Taiwan is, and has been, a loyal ally and trading partner in Asia. Its people participate and fully subscribe to the principles of freedom and democracy. The Taiwanese people have worked with the United States on issues ranging from endangered species, trademark infringements to global terrorism. They look to us for cooperation, guidance and protection.

President Bush will soon be meeting with PRC President Jiang Zemin in the

United States. I ask my colleagues to join with me in urging President Bush not to enter into any agreement which would restrict Taiwan or compromise its growing democracy. Better relations with the PRC must not come at the expense of the 23 million people on Taiwan, who must depend on America to defend their interests.

I am, however, pleased to see that on September 26 Congress passed the Foreign Relations Authorization Act which contains a few Taiwan-friendly clauses. While the act is not legally binding, this is a goodwill gesture towards Taiwan by the United States. It is apparent that Congress has reached a consensus that "the Taiwan Strait issue must be peaceful and must include the assent of the people of Taiwan." I totally agree with many of my colleagues that as long as the PRC has not renounced the use of force against Taiwan, we must continue to help Taiwan defend itself by selling submarines, patrol aircraft, and advanced destroyers to Taiwan. In addition, the PRC must be left with no doubt that we will provide military support to Taiwan if it is attacked. In fact, the PRC's military buildup in recent years has made it not only a threat to Taiwan but to other neighboring Asian countries as well.

Mr. President, the October 10 celebration should mark the continuance of the close cooperation in all areas between our two countries, as well as the founding of a nation. Again, I congratulate Taiwan on the occasion of its National Day.

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 last 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 on October 20, 1999 in Barron, WI. A 22-year-old man was beaten to death with a tire iron because his assailants thought he was gay. The attacker, Raymond C. Welton, 33, lured the victim from a bar, then beat him while shouting anti-gay epithets, according to witnesses.

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 and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO KATHLEEN LEMMONS

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Kathleen Lemmons of Fort Thomas, KY, on being recognized as one of the Nation's top educators in 2002 Education's Unsung Heroes Awards Programs.

This awards program, sponsored by ING-Northern Life Insurance Co., recognizes kindergarten through 12th grade educators nationwide for their innovative teaching techniques and creative learning projects.

Ms. Lemmons, a teacher in the gifted program with Fort Thomas Independent Schools, has been specifically recognized for her project in which students constructed robots to carry out certain tasks. This learning adventure combined the principles of math, science and teamwork in an effort to demonstrate how innovative thinking and teamwork can be combined to propel the imagination further than any one individual ever thought possible.

I ask that my fellow colleagues join me in thanking Kathleen Lemmons for her dedication and commitment to the education of America's future. In order for our society to continue to advance in the right direction, we must have teachers willing to challenge their students and teach them the importance of being educated.●

COLONEL PATRICIA E. BOYLE

• Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a great American and a true military heroine who has honorably served our country for 25 years in the Air Force Nurse Corps: Col. Patricia E. Boyle. Colonel Boyle began her career as an intern and then staff nurse at Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio, TX. She quickly rose through the ranks and served at Air Force bases throughout the country, including Peterson Air Force Base, AFB CO, Vandenberg AFB, CA, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, and Robins AFB, GA. In each assignment, she excelled and overcame every challenge, and was rewarded with greater responsibilities and opportunities. Colonel Boyle has been recognized throughout her career as a leader who could motivate others to give the best they had to offer. Her talent for teaching and mentoring personnel, as well as her creativity and skill in management were instrumental in many of the successes the Air Force Medical Service enjoys today. Above all, she is a compassionate nurse who always put the welfare of her patients first.

Colonel Boyle served with distinction as a fellow on my staff from 1999 to 2000, and in this capacity greatly strengthened the acclaimed Department of Defense Tri-Service Nursing Research Program, among other highly valuable efforts. In her follow-on assignment as director of Congressional

and Public Affairs in the Office of the Air Force Surgeon General, she worked tirelessly behind the scenes in the department of Defense to make TRICARE for Life a reality for senior military retirees. The Surgeon General and his staff depended daily on her astute judgment and seasoned advice to meet the increasingly difficult challenges faced by our military departments today as they provide exemplary health care around the world in the 21st century. Colonel Boyle has made a substantial difference in the lives of our young troops and their families everywhere, and has improved the lot of our retired military patriots who have sacrificed so much. She always went the extra mile to serve her country and her fellow man. Her performance reflects greatly on herself, the U.S. Air Force, the Department of Defense, and the United States of America. I extend my deepest appreciation on behalf of a grateful Nation for her dedicated service. Congratulations, Col. Patricia Boyle. I wish you Godspeed.●

HELEN VINCENT

● Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I would like to set aside a few moments today to reflect on the life of a remarkable Delawarean, Helen Vincent, upon her passing at the age of 82. Helen was a good friend and a woman who demonstrated tremendous courage and integrity. She was a woman with a kind heart, diverse interests, great abilities, and boundless energy. In the way she lived her own life, Helen reminded each of us how good we can be.

In her 30 years in Newark, DE, Helen became a well-known political and civic activist who championed ethics and justice. She believed in the democratic process and the value of honesty and integrity. A staunch ally, she was a major figure in our successful efforts to clean up New Castle County politics. We are a better State and a stronger Democratic Party because of her tireless efforts to infuse ethics into politics and her refusal to be deterred.

Helen taught us all how to act responsibly, with vision and determination. She understood the inherent danger that comes from the silence of good people. With her courage, she made it just a bit easier for the rest of us to stand up and make our voices heard.

Like Helen, Lou Gehrig's disease works across boundaries, without regard to racial, ethnic or economic barriers. But while the disease seeks to weaken the body, it proved only to bolster Helen's spirit and resolve. In life, and in facing death, Helen Vincent exemplified grace and grit.

In the face of adversity, Helen seemed to always prevail. Even now, as we reflect on her life, she seems somehow to have triumphed again.

Helen's legacy will live on in the lives of those she helped to shape, in the halls of the institutions she served, and in the hearts of those of us who were lucky enough to call her their

friend. She believed that we could all do a bit better, and inspired us to do just that.

So I rise today to commemorate Helen, to celebrate her life, and to offer her family our support. Helen truly embodied the best of Delaware. She will be sorely missed by all Delawareans who cherish honesty and integrity and who are committed to playing by the rules.●

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

● Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I rise today to speak in recognition of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Domestic violence continues to be one of the silent tragedies in our society. Because this topic can be uncomfortable to talk about, many people choose to ignore it hoping that it will just go away. This is an unfortunate and, ultimately, harmful response.

Uncomfortable as it may be, we have to recognize that domestic violence occurs far too often and it will continue to occur if we, as a society, fail to take appropriate measures to stop it. We can't know how many occurrences of domestic abuse take place every year because so many of them go unreported. However, estimates range from just under a million to as many as 3 million cases each year.

While this is a staggeringly high number, it represents only one stage in the cycle of abuse that will not end on its own. You see, the women who are abused in these relationships are not the only victims, in the vast majority of these cases, the woman is not the only one who is affected; the children in these families are also victimized.

A man who physically abuses his partner is likely to physically abuse his children as well. But the abuse doesn't have to be physical for it to have a devastating and far-reaching impact. Simply witnessing this kind of abuse begins a cycle of violence that is often passed on from one generation to the next.

We, as a society, have to do better to create an atmosphere in which abused women and children can escape from the abusive relationship. While we have not yet succeeded in addressing this scourge on our society, we have taken some important steps.

Passage of the Violence Against Women Act in 1994 was an important step that has done much to address the problem. A number of other laws at both the Federal and State levels to prevent domestic abuse and punish those who abuse their domestic partners have been enacted over the years.

There are steps being taken to combat domestic violence all over the country at the local levels as well. In my own State of New Mexico, the Dona Ana County Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Task Force has recently reconvened. This group, made up of representatives from the law en-

forcement community, the criminal justice system, the religious community, and those in the social services, is charged with helping all victims of domestic violence and sexual violence.

In Santa Fe, NM, the Rape Crisis Center will break ground later this month on a new facility. While I am saddened that we have such a need for this facility, I am pleased to have had a part in making the center a reality by securing \$1 million in the fiscal year 2002 VA-HUD appropriations bill. I believe that it will provide a safe haven for those who have no other way to escape the abuse they are living with.

While these are all important components in the fight against domestic abuse, there is much that still has to be done.

We have an obligation to shine a spotlight on this dark secret. Taking this month to focus on this issue represents an important step in the fight against those who would terrorize their families.

It is my fervent hope that this step leads us to the day when no woman or child has to live in fear in their own home. I remain committed to doing all I can to seeing that hope become reality.●

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS SEAY LAWSON

● Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend and mentor, Judge Thomas Seay Lawson of Montgomery, AL. Judge Lawson died on Monday, September 2, at the age of 96.

Judge Lawson was a native of Greensboro, AL, and was only 32 when he was elected attorney general of the State of Alabama in 1938 after serving for 7 years as an assistant attorney general. He was elected to the first of five consecutive terms to the Alabama Supreme Court in 1942.

Judge Lawson took a leave of absence from the Supreme Court to volunteer for military service during World War II and served as a U.S. Navy officer aboard the U.S.S. Massachusetts, which was involved in major battles in the Pacific theater including Okinawa and Iwo Jima.

He also served for 38 years as a member of the University of Alabama board of trustees and was president pro tem of the board for 10 years. He was a member of the Alabama Academy of Honor. He was the grandson of Thomas Seay, who served as Governor of Alabama from 1886 to 1890.

Judge Lawson earned his bachelor's degree from Davidson College and was a graduate of the University of Alabama Law School. The university conferred upon him a Doctor of Humane Letters degree and Davidson College awarded him its Alumni Citation for Accomplishments in the Field of Law.

He was a member of the Alabama Academy of Honor, Omicron Delta Kappa, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Delta Phi, and a honorary member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon. He also served as a