

of enlargement this November in Prague and in its consideration of ratification.

On June 15, 2001, President Bush gave an historic speech in Warsaw, Poland at which he said that "all of Europe's new democracies, from the Baltic to the Black Sea and all that lie between, should have the same chance for security and freedom, and the same chance to join the institutions of Europe, as Europe's old democracies." His audience, the Poles, understood what he was talking about. Less than two decades ago, they suffered under the oppressive weight of the Soviet Union. Today, they enjoy freedom, protected by their membership in NATO. As the Senate considers the expansion of NATO to include other Eastern European countries, we should remember the words of the President. We must also act deliberately, examining the qualifications of each candidate country and the commitments that their accession to NATO entails. It is for that purpose that we are reestablishing the SNOG.

The other Republican Senators on the SNOG will be WAYNE ALLARD of Colorado, SAM BROWNBACK of Kansas, BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL of Colorado, THAD COCHRAN of Mississippi, MIKE DEWINE of Ohio, MIKE ENZI of Wyoming, CHUCK HAGEL of Nebraska, MITCH MCCONNELL of Kentucky, DON NICKLES of Oklahoma, PAT ROBERTS of Kansas, RICK SANTORUM of Pennsylvania, JEFF SESSIONS of Alabama, GORDON SMITH of Oregon, TED STEVENS of Alaska, GEORGE VOINOVICH of Ohio, and JOHN WARNER of Virginia.

IN HONOR OF BECKY MILLS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a fine public servant, great Nevadan, and friend, Ms. Becky Mills. On May 3, 2002, after nearly 25 years of employment with the National Park Service, Becky retired from her position as Superintendent of Great Basin National Park.

Becky Mills learned to love the great outdoors as a young child. Her grandfather took her on camping and fishing trips to Yosemite, where she interacted with Park Rangers around the campfire, and her participation in the Girl Scouts allowed her to explore more national parks: Yellowstone, Sequoia/Kings Canyon, Grand Canyon, Zion, Bryce, Lake Mead, and others.

Her lifelong interest in nature contributed to her decision to dedicate her life to protecting the environment. While hiking to the Mount Everest Base Camp in the Himalayas in the fall of 1976, Becky decided to change careers so her professional life would match her personal commitment to the environment. Becky joined the National Park Service in May of 1978 as Regional Chief of Youth Programs for the Pacific West Region. Her decision proved to be beneficial for the Park Service and, ultimately, for Nevada.

In 1995 Becky was appointed Superintendent of Great Basin National

Park in Nevada. In this capacity, she worked to protect and enhance the natural and cultural resources of the park and the surrounding lands and community. To help preserve the park's history, Becky has been instrumental in planning and designing a new Great Basin National Park Visitor Learning Center. Her dedication to the Park Service, and particularly to the people of east-central Nevada is both inspirational and much appreciated.

I extend to her my most sincere congratulations and appreciation for her commitment to Great Basin National Park, the environment, and public service.

POEMS ON SEPTEMBER 11

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I received two poems written by a constituent of mine, Ira Somers from Nevada, about the terrorist attacks of September 11. Reading these poems, I was reminded of the country's great sorrow following that tragic day and the ensuing strength and compassion that Americans demonstrated afterwards as they came to the aid of those in need, made donations, cleaned up, and put their lives back together. But what struck me most was the poet's reminder to reaffirm and continue this spirit, to seek out ways every day to lend a helping hand and to promote peace and goodwill.

I would like to share these two poems written by Ira Somers. I ask unanimous consent that the poems be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows.

THE DAY OF NINE-ONE-ONE

(Written the day of the memorial service for this event)

It began as a quiet day
Lives were normal in every way.
The sun arose with fullest light
And moved the shadows of the night.
But this was not to last for long,
Two big giants tall and strong
Which seemed to stand for what is good
Were struck by evil where they stood.
'Twas on the day of nine-one-one
That they were lost to everyone.
There they were, and now they're not,
And where they stood's a gruesome spot.
How could these giants of our day
Be brought to naught in such a way
To leave this mass of jumbled parts
And bring such grief to all our hearts?
We sensed the feelings of despair
In those who walked most everywhere
To find the ones that they had lost
And bring them back at any cost.
Souls were touched by the kindly deeds
Of those who toiled for other's needs,
And how they struggled day and night
Against this wrong that had no right.
A vicious crash at the Pentagon
Tore at the souls of every one,
And word of heroes in the air
Brought tears to eyes most everywhere.
We all can learn from such great loss
To look at need before the cost
When giving help to anyone
And not say quit 'til peace has won.

POST NINE-ONE-ONE

(Written the day the recovery and cleanup operations were concluded by a ceremony at the World Trade Center site)

There where those giants stood so tall
They've cleared away and moved it all,
And nothing's left for one to see
But empty space with memories.

Thinking back to pre-nine-one-one
And the kinds of things we'd have done.
No red flag would have caused a stir
We were so vain and so cocksure.

But hearts were changed by nine-one-one
Which touched the souls of everyone.
There was oneness not seen before
With firm resolve there'd be no more.

Now, time can take a ho-hum toll
So let's not slack on our real goal.
To these vile men this was no game
And there are more who'd do the same.

In all we do let us never cease
To be a force in the cause of peace,
And let the acts of that sad day
Change our lives in permanent ways.

Let us avoid all selfish goals
And lift our sites and pledge our souls
To always stand and work as one,
And keep it up 'til peace has won.

GAO REPORT ON CAMBODIA

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, the conclusion of the General Accounting Office's, GAO, recently released report on Cambodia is deeply troubling—but comes as no surprise to those of us who have long followed developments in that country.

While GAO has noted some progress by the Royal Government of Cambodia, RGC, to implement public finance, military, and land management reforms, the lack of headway in other areas—including legal and judicial, public administration, anticorruption, and forestry management—is glaringly absent.

Until the RGC fully implements legal reforms and embraces the rule of law, the international community has no choice but to consider any and all progress in Cambodia as limited and impermanent.

The obstacles to good governance in Cambodia are many, but the lack of political will by the ruling Cambodian People's Party, CPP, to implement much needed reforms poses the single greatest challenge to meaningful democratic, economic and social development.

The abuses of Prime Minister Hun Sen and the CPP are legion, and it is past time that the international community holds them accountable for their repressive actions. This Senator has not forgotten the many innocent Cambodians killed and injured in the March 1997 grenade attack in Phnom Penh, or the Prey Veng farmers who continue to gather in the capital following massive floods caused by the Cambodian military's rampant illegal logging.

The international community would be wise to hold the RGC accountable not for what it says, but for what it does. In this respect, donors should aggressively and relentlessly push for

credible parliamentary elections next year, through which the Cambodian people can freely choose new leadership.

In the post-September 11 world, America can no longer afford to turn a blind eye to authoritarian and lawless regimes. Just as Cambodia has become a haven for the Asian underworld, America should be concerned that terrorists and their finances will seek refuge in that lawless country.

COMMENDATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS' 10TH ANNUAL "STAMP OUT HUNGER" FOOD DRIVE

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I rise with pleasure today to commend the National Association of Letter Carriers, NALC for their unprecedented commitment to answering the call of reducing hunger in the United States. Over 30 million Americans go hungry everyday. In the summer months, the problem is particularly acute because the demand for emergency food is high and donations are at their lowest yearly point. However, on May 11, almost 62.7 million pounds of food was collected in the 10th Annual "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive as a result of the dedication of NALC members.

Through a combined effort by the Priority Mail division of the U.S. Postal Service and the Campbell Soup Company, postcards promoting the food drive were delivered to over 100 million postal customers in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico. Then, on May 11, in addition to their daily postal duties, letter carriers volunteered to pick up donations, sort through them, and deliver the contributions to local community food banks. About 1,500 local NALC branches throughout the U.S. were involved in the drive.

Others involved in the success of the nation's largest one-day effort to combat hunger were Saturn-UAW Union partnership Initiative, local United Ways, the AFL-CIO, and Family Circle creator and cartoonist Bill Keane. The Campbell Soup Company donated one million pounds of canned goods.

The National Association of Letter Carriers is the union of city delivery carriers employed by the U.S. Postal Service which has a long tradition of participating in community service. The NALC "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive is just one example of the members' generosity and commitment to the communities that they serve.

It is fitting that we applaud the sense of community displayed by the members of the NALC, who like their fellow postal workers, have demonstrated their dedication and pride in carrying out their daily jobs. I urge my colleagues to join me in commending the National Association of Letter Carriers, their sponsors, and the millions of Americans who donated food on May 11. Their generosity will help ease the

plight of hunger for millions for men, women, and children in the United States.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO MATTHEW EVANS

• Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise to recognize a valued member of our Senate family, Matthew Evans, the Senior Landscape Architect here at the United States Capitol, who was recently honored by the National Arbor Day Foundation with their 2002 Good Steward Award.

Through the years, Matthew has earned numerous awards including the American Society of Landscape Architects' once-in-a-century Centennial Medallion in recognition of the Capitol Grounds as a national landmark for outstanding landscape architecture. Gardens designed by him have been featured in films and magazines. These awards recognize him for his outstanding professional abilities and his invaluable contributions to our U.S. Capitol Building and Grounds.

We are fortunate to have Matthew's practiced eye and professional skill at work for us here at the Capitol. He and his staff are meticulous in the care they provide a preserve and enhance the grounds of this treasured national landmark. Matthew also collaborates with countless groups and representatives from other government agencies, civic organizational and community groups to ensure that the many important ceremonial and special events held on these historic grounds occur in a way that protects and preserves our invaluable greenery.

Each day of the year, thousands of Americans as well as foreign dignitaries and guests tour our Capitol and grounds. Many of them linger to snap photos and to view the magnificent old trees and beautiful plantings here on our Capitol grounds. These landscape treasures add immeasurably to the memories our visitors carry away from their visits here. Matthew Evans now faces perhaps the greatest challenge of his career. He must protect, to the greatest extent possible, the trees and grounds of the Capitol during the construction of the new Visitors Center and then restore this historic property to its beautiful state. We all wish him well in this important endeavor.

I congratulate Matthew on receiving the prestigious Good Steward Award and I thank him for his dedicated service. I am glad to know he will be continuing his skillful and wise stewardship of the invaluable architectural landscape legacy we enjoy here at the U.S. Capitol.●

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY

• Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, today I stand to honor three outstanding California students: Michael

Crowe, Jennifer McWilliams, and Heather Scott.

These students are finalists in the National History Day Contest. They are also among 15 students who have been selected from a national pool of 700,000 to display their work at the White House Visitors Center this week.

National History Day is a year-long event in which students prepare exhibits, papers, documentaries, and performances to explain not only the "who" and the "what" of history but also the "why."

In his performance "Castro, Cuba, and the Revolution the World Will Never Forget," Michael Crowe, a seventh grader at Fruitvale Junior High School in Bakersfield, explores the relations between the United States, Cuba, and Russia during the Cold War.

As part of his research, Michael spoke to former Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara and to CBS anchorman Walter Cronkite.

He also gained a unique perspective on the era by interviewing the children of Fidel Castro and Nikita Khrushchev.

Working together, eighth graders Jennifer McWilliams and Heather Scott, who also attend Fruitvale Junior High, created an exhibit entitled "On the Trail to Revolution: Ho Chi Minh and the Vietnam War."

In addition to speaking with Robert McNamara and Walter Cronkite, the girls interviewed veterans, refugees, and a Vietnamese expatriate who lived in Vietnam during the war to understand the conflict and its effects on our Nation.

Like other National History Day participants, Michael, Jennifer, and Heather chose their topics last fall. They spent a year conducting extensive research and analyzing past events.

Michael, Jennifer, and Heather then joined over half a million other students and entered their National History Day projects in local competitions.

From these local competitions, approximately 2,000 participants are chosen to proceed to the national finals. There, they compete for cash and scholarships.

Michael, Jennifer, and Heather are among this year's finalists, an accomplishment remarkable in itself. However, these students also demonstrated great enthusiasm and superior effort while completing their projects.

This earned them the privilege of exhibiting their work at the White House Visitors Center.

Michael, Jennifer, and Heather performed truly first-rate research and demonstrated initiative and dedication beyond their years. Their projects are of exceptional quality.

These young people have earned my sincere admiration, and I congratulate them on their achievements.●

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

• Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about hate crimes