

The National Guard Counter Drug States Plan Program benefits not only the States, but also the Department of Defense. The primary benefit is increased combat readiness, as well as significant Guard experience in Military Operations Other than War, MOOTW, within the continental United States and abroad. Service in the counterdrug program also provides members with joint experience and inter-service cooperation skills for immediate response to national emergencies. The National Guard, in many communities, is the only real connection the public has to our armed services. The visibility of uniformed National Guardsmen provides a deterrence to the smuggling of drugs, arms, explosives, weapons, aliens, and other contraband, as well as direct support for interdiction operations.

I can not say enough good things about what the National Guard does for the State of Florida and the Nation. I am grateful that it appears we have avoided personnel reductions for fiscal year 2003, which we struggled through in fiscal year 2002, but I am concerned that we may have a funding shortfall and personnel reductions in fiscal year 2004. I urge my colleagues to review the great merits of the National Guard Counter Drug State Plans Program, given the National Guard's integral role in both the National Drug Control Strategy and Homeland Defense Strategy. Please help us fully fund and deploy the National Guard for the protection of our United States.●

WELCOMING BOETTGER BABY

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I rise today to announce the birth of a fine young lady, Emily Copeland Boettger. Emily is the first child of Scott and Sally Boettger, and was born on May 8, 2002. Scott and Sally live in Hailey, Idaho, and are active in natural resources and environmental issues in the state. Scott serves as the Executive Director of the Wood River Land Trust, and Sally serves as the Director of Development of The Nature Conservancy in Idaho. I have spent time in the Boettger's home and enjoyed their expertise and experience in outdoor activities. I'm happy to report that mother, father, and baby are doing well, although Scott and Sally are probably getting used to fewer hours of sleep.

Emily is the granddaughter of Cherry and William F. Gillespie, III, of Wilmington, DE, and Doug and Gail Boettger of Spring City, PA. I know they join with me in sending best wishes and welcome greetings to young Emily.

It is always a joyous event to bring a new family member into the world. Emily has been much-anticipated and has held a place in the hearts of her parents and family for many months now as they have awaited her arrival. As the father of five myself, I know that Scott and Sally are in for a most

remarkable, frustrating, rewarding, and exciting experience of their lives. Emily will make certain of that. Our best wishes go out to the Boettger family on this most auspicious occasion.●

IN MEMORIAM OF BRIAN HONAN, COUNCILLOR, BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, Tuesday evening the Boston City Council lost one of its most capable and well-liked members, Councillor Brian Honan. I rise today to join with his family, constituents and staff in mourning the loss of this universally loved man. His brief time with us proved that politics can make a difference in people's lives, that the values of a small neighborhood can help guide a city, and that integrity and humility can transcend disagreements and carve out common ground.

You don't have to search far to see what Brian stood for. There are two structures in the Allston neighborhood of Boston that stand as the pillars of his dedication and commitment he brought to public service. The West End Boys and Girls House sits on the opposite side of Ringer Park from Mary and Patrick Honan's home on Gordon Street, and together these two buildings symbolize the values of family and community that guided Brian through the public life he led and loved.

Prior to being elected to the Boston City Council in 1995, Brian served as a Suffolk County Assistant District Attorney for six years under District Attorney Ralph Martin. Brian coordinated the prosecution of 15,000 cases a year in the Roxbury District and through his dedication and tenacity rose to be a supervisor in both the Roxbury and Dorchester District Courts. Motivated by a fierce instinct to bring violent criminals to justice, Brian created fast-track prosecutions for domestic violence and gun-related crimes and helped bring swift justice to those who put our families and communities in danger.

Once sworn-in to the Boston City Council in 1996, Brian served with distinction as Chair of the City Council's Committee on Banking & Community Investment and the Committee on Residency. Through these committees, Councillor Honan co-sponsored an order to provide relief from costly prescription drug costs for Boston's seniors and helped increase housing and commercial opportunities by increasing much-needed capital improvement funds. Brian also fought for the Living Wage Amendment, sponsored legislation to preserve affordable housing for seniors, and co-sponsored the Domestic Partnership legislation.

It is on the streets and in the homes of Allston-Brighton where Brian's most lasting achievements can be seen. After becoming a member of the West End House when it first opened its Allston Street location in 1971, Brian stood with his older brother Kevin as its

most passionate advocates and defenders. As a councillor, he helped Allston-Brighton build a shining new library in Allston and a brand new Oak Square YMCA facility in Brighton, which will stand as two enduring symbols of the dedication he brought to elected office. As a leader on such initiatives as the Allston-Brighton Area Planning Action Council and the Allston-Brighton Healthy Boston Coalition, Brian demonstrated his enduring commitment to helping children, seniors and families have an enjoyable and productive life.

From the classrooms of St. Patrick's High School to Boston's courtrooms, Brian demonstrated a quiet strength that makes his premature departure all the more painful. Together with my constituents across Boston, I treasure the time we shared with him. I join with his family and friends in mourning his passing.●

RECOGNITION FOR THE NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK 2002

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I recognize the National Health Center Week that will be celebrated from August 18, to 24, 2002. Health centers provide services to over ten million people living in under-served areas throughout the United States, with about 50 percent of the users being from rural areas such as South Dakota. It gives me great pride to have been selected for the National Association of Community Health Centers' "2002 Community Super Hero" award which was presented to me earlier this year.

Community health centers have a long-standing history of providing quality primary health care services to medically under-served populations. Providing care to one of every 12 rural Americans, health centers provide medical attention to those who would otherwise lack access to health care. For less than one dollar per day, these health centers provide care to both individuals and families. Today, there are 23 community health centers serving 31,000 individuals across my State and I am working, along with the President and my colleagues in Congress, to greatly increase the number nationwide. I am pleased, as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, to have recently voted to increase funding by \$190 million for a total of \$1.53 billion for the Nation's community health centers next year. This funding level represents a \$76 million increase over the President's Fiscal Year 2003 budget request.

A unique aspect of community health centers allows them to individualize their center to meet the specific needs of a particular community. By partnering with community organizations, schools and businesses, health centers are able to best meet the health care needs of individuals in each respective community.

Let me also pay special recognition to John Mengershausen, Chief Executive Officer of Horizon Health Care in

Howard, South Dakota and the National Association of Community Health Care Center's Board Chair, Scot Graff, Executive Director of the Community Health Care Association in South Dakota, and all of the staff at the association for the fine work they do on behalf of South Dakota. Furthermore, I want to commend all of the dedicated health care professionals in the health centers throughout South Dakota who work day in and day out devoting their lives to delivering critical health care to those most in need.

Once again, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the National Health Care Center Week on behalf of the South Dakota Community Health Care Association and the many thousands of South Dakotans who may continue to benefit through this important program.●

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND GUN VIOLENCE

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, "Children, Youth and Gun Violence," a report released last month by the David and Lucille Packard Foundation, questions the effectiveness of programs to train children and young people to stay away from guns, or behave responsibly around guns. The report states parents should instead focus their efforts on keeping guns away from kids, except under supervised circumstances. The problem of kids gaining access to guns is not small. According to statistics compiled by the Packard Foundation, each year in the United States more than 20,000 children under age 20 are killed or injured by firearms of which more than 3,000 are killed.

These figures emphasize the need to do all we can to keep kids from gaining unsupervised access to guns. I cosponsored Senator DURBIN's Child Access Prevention Act because I believe it is a common sense step in this direction. Under this bill, adults who fail to lock up loaded firearms or an unloaded firearm with ammunition could be held liable if a weapon is taken by a child and used to kill or injure him or herself or another person. The bill also increases the penalties for selling a gun to a juvenile and creates a gun safety education program that includes parent-teacher organizations, local law enforcement and community organizations. I support this bill and hope the Senate will act on it.

The Packard Foundation study brings to light the importance of common sense gun safety legislation. It also offers nine recommendations to policymakers and parents to prevent easy access to guns. I ask unanimous consent that the nine recommendations included in the Packard Foundation report, entitled "Children, Youth and Gun Violence," be entered into the RECORD.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION 1

Congress and federal health agencies should set a goal of reducing youth gun homicide to levels comparable to those of other industrialized nations, engaging in a comprehensive effort to identify the causes of youth gun homicide and reduce its prevalence in American society.

RECOMMENDATION 2

Federal and state public health agencies should make youth gun suicide a central focus of their gun violence prevention and suicide prevention activities, developing and assessing methods for keeping guns away from youth at risk of suicide.

RECOMMENDATION 3

Federal, state, and local public health and law enforcement agencies should make a commitment to collecting better data about gun-related fatalities and injuries by supporting development of a national system for reporting violent deaths and injuries and a system for tracing all guns used in crimes.

RECOMMENDATION 4

Policymakers, mental health professionals, and educators should develop, implement, and evaluate treatment programs that help youth exposed to gun violence cope with trauma.

RECOMMENDATION 5

Federal and state policymakers, in conjunction with public health experts and educators, should initiate creative public awareness and educational efforts—and evaluate existing approaches—to encourage stronger parental monitoring of children's exposure to guns and safe storage of guns in the home.

RECOMMENDATION 6

Federal, state, and local policymakers should develop and evaluate comprehensive, community-based initiatives to reduce youth gun violence—partnering with schools, faith communities, community service programs, parents, and young people.

RECOMMENDATION 7

Police should complement their existing efforts to deter youth gun carrying by developing and evaluating law enforcement approaches that include extensive police-community collaboration.

RECOMMENDATION 8

Congress should extend the jurisdiction of the Consumer Product Safety Commission or the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to regulate guns as consumer products, establish regulations requiring product safety features on guns, and evaluate the effectiveness of product safety interventions. State governments should extend similar authority to their consumer product safety agencies.

RECOMMENDATION 9

Congress and state legislatures should institute tighter restrictions on gun sales so that fewer guns illegally end up in the hands of youth. A variety of approaches should be implemented and evaluated—in particular, closer oversight of licensed dealers, regulation of private sales, and mandated licensing of gun owners and registration of guns.●

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL JOE G. TAYLOR, JR.

● Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to a great Army officer, and a great soldier. This month, Major General Joe G. Taylor, Jr. will depart the Pentagon to assume new duties as the Commanding General, U.S. Army Security Assistance Command in Alex-

andria, VA. For over two years, he has served as first the Deputy then the Chief of Army Legislative Liaison where he has proven himself to be a trusted advisor to the Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Staff.

During his tour as the Chief of Army Legislative Liaison, he guided the Army's relationship with Congress, wielding a deft and skillful touch during a period of tremendous change. Throughout this period, Joe Taylor ably assisted the Army's senior leadership in dealings with Members of Congress and their staffs in helping them to understand the needs of the Army as it faces the challenges of a new century. His leadership resulted in cohesive legislative strategies, responsiveness to constituent inquiries, well-prepared Army leaders and a coherent Army message to Congress.

Joe Taylor's career has reflected a deep commitment to our Nation, which has been characterized by dedicated selfless service, love for soldiers and a commitment to excellence. Major General Taylor's performance over twenty-seven years of service has personified those traits of courage, competency and integrity that our Nation has come to expect from its Army officers. The Pentagon and the Army Secretariat's loss will be the Army Security Assistance Commands gain, as Major General Taylor continues to serve his country and the Army. On behalf of the United States Senate and the people of this great Nation, I offer our heartfelt appreciation for a job well done over the past two years and best wishes for continued success, to a great soldier and friend of Congress.●

RETIREMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR JANE GARVEY FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, a little more than 5 years ago, the Commerce Committee held a hearing to test the mettle of a nominee to head the Federal Aviation Administration. The nominee came to Washington from her long-time home of Massachusetts to serve in the Federal Highway Administration, and her years of experience in various modes of transportation—primarily highways and airports—made her a strong candidate for the FAA position.

At the time, Jane Garvey sat before us as the first nominee to be appointed to a fixed, 5-year term to head the FAA. For years, the position of chief of the FAA had served as a revolving door—with many well-qualified people, but few able or willing to stay. The lack of continuity left its mark on many projects—the headlines, often from Congressional sources or the General Accounting Office, usually read "delayed and over budget." That changed when Jane Garvey took the reins of the FAA on August 4, 1997.

We knew that the FAA faced a daunting task in rebuilding and modernizing our air traffic control system