

States. Since the original AMBER Plan was established in 1996, 55 modified versions have been adopted at local, regional, and statewide levels. Eighteen States have already implemented statewide plans. It is also a proven success—to date the AMBER Plan has been credited with recovering 30 children.

This bipartisan legislation will authorize the Attorney General, in cooperation with the Secretary of Transportation and the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission to appoint a Justice Department National AMBER Alert coordinator to oversee the Alert's communication network for abducted children. The AMBER Alert Coordinator will work with the States, broadcasters, and law enforcement agencies to set up AMBER plans, serve as a point of contact to supplement existing AMBER plans, and facilitate regional coordination of AMBER alerts.

It also directs the AMBER Alert coordinator, in conjunction with the FCC, local broadcasters, and local law enforcement agencies, to establish voluntary guidelines for minimum standards in determining the criteria for AMBER alerts and for the dissemination of those alerts. As a result, our bipartisan bill helps kidnap victims while preserving flexibility for States in implementing the alert system.

Because developing and enhancing the AMBER alert system is a costly endeavor for States to take on alone, our bipartisan bill establishes two Federal grant programs to share the burden. First, the bill creates a Federal grant program, under the direction of the Secretary of Transportation for statewide notification and communications systems, including electronic message boards and road signs, along highways for the recovery of abducted children. Second, the bill establishes a grant program managed by the Attorney General for the support of AMBER alert communications plans with law enforcement agencies and others in the community.

Our Nation's children, parents and grandchildren deserve our help to stop the disturbing trend of children abductions. I am gratified the Senate has passed the AMBER Alert National Network Act, and I hope the House and the President will act expeditiously on this important piece of legislation to ensure that our communications systems help rescue abducted children from their kidnapers and return them safely to their families.

Mr. President, I thank the Senators who have joined on this measure.

I yield the floor and thank the distinguished Senator from Florida for his courtesy in allowing me to speak. But I hope he will note, in honoring that, I tried to wear a suit as close in color to his as possible.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Florida is recognized.

ELECTION REFORM

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, before the distinguished chairman of the Judiciary Committee leaves the floor, I want to call to his attention, which I did a few minutes ago to his colleague, the distinguished chairman of the Rules Committee, that, lo and behold, there are problems with the voting equipment in Florida today during the primary elections. It underscores the fact there is a need for this Congress to enact an election reform package.

In the Senate, we have passed a substantial bill which is a much different version than has been passed by the other body, the House of Representatives. And the conference committee has been unable to come to terms of agreement.

If it can happen in Florida, almost 2 years after the awful experience that the Nation went through in disputed ballots in the general election of November 2000, it can happen anywhere. It was a circumstance which riveted the attention of not only the Nation but the world with ballots that were confusing—ballots that were miscounted because it was difficult to determine the intent of the voter.

In fact, the Florida legislature had responded by providing appropriations so that the various counties, through their supervisors of elections, could modernize and update voting equipment, as well as procedures and providing voter education.

All of that has been in place in the State of Florida, where all of our citizens are so highly sensitive to the fact that their vote might not be counted, as happened in the experience 2 years ago. If it can happen in Florida today, as it literally has on primary election night, then how much more likely will it happen in other States? And how much more do we have to make the case that it is so important for us to get resolution of the differences and come to agreement in an election reform bill for the country as a whole?

That clearly is a matter that is relevant to the moment. As a result of the discrepancies that have happened earlier today in Florida, the Governor has extended the deadline for voting in Florida from 8 o'clock Eastern time to 10 o'clock this evening. So the results of the primary elections will be coming in quite late. Yet it bears to be underscored this is another reason we need to pass the election reform bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from California is recognized.

IN MEMORY OF THE CALIFORNIA VICTIMS OF 9/11

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I thank the Senator from Florida for what he said on the need to get homeland security right. He touched on the Coast Guard as an example of where we don't want to lose the function of the Coast Guard that is so important to our

States—those of us who have waterways and oceans and a search-and-rescue element. I could not agree more with that point.

I am also going to be working on the Federal Emergency Management Administration. We know they have come to our rescue many times, and we don't want to lose the ability of that agency to function in a natural disaster, as well as, of course, utilizing them if, God forbid, we have another terrorist attack. I think these are things on which we need to reflect.

I am very pleased that Senator BYRD has slowed us up on considering this bill because it is not about an artificial date; it is about getting it right.

Mr. President, I am here in a very somber mood. We are approximately 15 hours away from the very moment 1 year ago that our Nation was hit, and I want to take just a moment of the Senate's time—maybe 15 minutes—to reflect on that day and, most of all, to remember the Californians we lost that day, numbering 54.

For me, and perhaps for you and many Americans, September has really been a month of excitement and anticipation. I have always loved September. It is the end of the summer, the beginning of a beautiful fall with the changing of the leaves, back to school, and perhaps a little quicker pace, a faster step. September, for most of us, never reminds us of loss, of fear, of shock, of the horrors born of an extreme, unbridled, blind hatred.

In September, we found out about those things. We also found out as a Nation what heroism truly is, how strong and united we can be, how we can set aside differences for the greater good and work together.

The images of September 11 are deep in our minds and deep in our souls. The pain is there, just under the surface. For some of us in America, it is on the surface, and it will always be on the surface for the families who grieve, for the children who will never know a parent—thousands of them—for communities that were decimated.

Today I want to remember those in my State who died on that day. Each was unique. Every one of those planes on that fated day was headed to California. So even though my State was 3,000 miles away from Ground Zero, from the World Trade Center or the Pentagon, we were linked in our sorrow, and we were linked in our outrage.

I am going to read the 54 names, and then I am going to talk a little more about some of the people whose families wanted me to just say a little more about them and show their picture to you.

David Angell; Lynn Angell; David Aoyama; Melissa Barnes; Alan Beaven; Berry Berenson; Dr. Yen Betru; Carol Beug, and her mother Mary Alice Wahlstrom died together on flight 93. Mary Alice is from Utah.

Mark Bingham; Deora Bodley; Touri Bolourchi; Daniel Brandworst, Ronald Gamboa, and their adopted son, David Brandhorst. He was 3 years old.

Charles "Chic" Burlingame, the captain of American Airlines flight No. 77. Technically, he was from McLean, VA, but his family is from California, and they considered him a Californian, and they said he considered himself a Californian.

Thomas Burnett; Suzanne Calley; Jeffrey Collman; Dorothy DeAraujo; Lisa Frost; Andrew Garcia; Edmund Glazer; Lauren Grandcolas; Andrew Curry Green; Richard Guadagno; Stanley Hall; Gerald Hardacre; John Hart; John Hofer; Melissa Hughes; Barbara Keating; Chad Keller; Christopher Larrabee; Daniel Lee; Dong Lee; Joe Lopez; Hilda Marcin; Dean Mattson; Dora Menchaca; Nicole Miller; Laurie Neira; Ruben Ornedo; Marie Pappalardo; Jerrold Gaskins; Thomas Pecorelli; Robin Penninger; Marie-Rae Sopper; Xavier Suarez; Alicia Titus; Otis Tolbert; Pendyala Vamsikrashna; Timothy Ward; Christopher Wemmers; John Wenckus.

Mr. President, I want these names to be memorialized again today.

There is a beautiful song called "Try to Remember," and one of the lines is:

Try to remember the kind of September when no one wept except the willow.

Sadly, those of us who lived through September 11, 2001, will weep for our lost brothers and sisters, but we will always remember our country, our embrace of freedom, and our democracy. And we will always cling closer to our loved ones. This place, this great democracy, America, will endure.

Now I am going to tell you a little bit more about a few of the people we lost in California. Many people noted that the New York Times has run an ongoing biography of the people who were lost on that day. I was talking to Bob Kerrey, the former Senator from Nebraska, and he said this to a group of us: When you read those memorials, what you realize is how wonderful and important each of these people was and what wonderful stories were related from their families, their friends, and their coworkers. What really emerged is why this is such a great country. These people, they do not get in the news. They get up and go about their lives. That is what you are going to find out as I read about these people and show these pictures in memoriam.

LAUREN GRANDCOLAS

Mrs. Grandcolas was a 38-year-old advertising sales consultant when the flight she was on, United flight 93, was hijacked by terrorists. As we all know, that plane crashed in a Pennsylvania field killing everyone on board. We also know of the heroism of the passengers on that plane.

Mrs. Grandcolas was born in Bloomington, IN, and attended the University of Texas at Austin where she met her husband, Jack Grandcolas. After graduation, she worked as a marketing director for a law firm and then for PricewaterhouseCoopers.

At the time of her tragic death, Mrs. Grandcolas was working as an advertising sales consultant at Good House-

keeping magazine and was researching and writing a nonfiction book to help women boost their self-esteem.

Lauren had enthusiasm and passion for life, loved the outdoors and was devoted to physical fitness. She hiked, jogged, kayaked, and enjoyed in-line skating around her neighborhood. Her energy was boundless. She took classes in cooking and gardening, scuba diving, and wine appreciation. Lauren was active with the United Way, March of Dimes, Project Open Hand, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Breast Cancer Awareness, and Glide Memorial.

Her husband Jack recalls she had a heart the size of Texas. Knowing her flight had been hijacked, Lauren left her husband a message on their home answering machine and then loaned her cell phone to another passenger to call loved ones.

The joy Lauren felt pursuing new interests and developing new skills was being interwoven in the book she was writing for women. Jack recalls:

She made a point to do things that were good for her, and she thought she could extend what she had learned to help other adult women gain confidence. Her sister and I will fulfill her dream by completing the book.

Lauren Grandcolas is missed deeply by her family.

I wanted to take a moment to tell you a little bit more about her.

NICOLE CAROL MILLER

This next picture in memoriam is of Nicole Carol Miller. I want to start out by reading a poem that was dedicated to Nicole that was written by her father, David James Miller. It was written last September 11. If I cannot get through this, I will put it in the RECORD. My daughter's name is Nicole. This is the poem.

How I love thee My Nicole.

When the thoughts of you come into my mind

It's as if a breeze has passed through our rose garden and the sweet savory I smell

The taste of roses upon my tongue brings the sweetness of your memory to my mind

It comes upon me as the morning dew weighs the roses down

Smooth and pleasant are the thoughts of you, as the petals of a rose

And once again I am nourished with your love.

Nicole Carol was a lovely 21-year-old college student when the flight she was on, United flight 93, was hijacked by the terrorists. That was the plane that was brought down by the passengers in Pennsylvania.

Nicole's memory lives on in the hearts of those she loved. She took great joy in life and exemplified this with her wonderful outlook and her tenacious personality. Nicole's radiant smile, which we can see in this photo, could light up the room as she energized those around her. She knew how to be an outstanding friend. She was blessed with two families, her father and stepmother, David and Catherine Miller of Chico, CA, and her mother and stepfather, Cathy and Wayne Stefani, Sr., of San Jose, CA.

In her father's words:

She had that sweet baby quality. She could make you smile and forget your troubles for a little bit.

Friend Heidi Barnes describes Nicole as very friendly and welcoming. She had a big heart, and it was open to everyone.

Nicole lived in San Jose, CA, with her mother and stepfather. She attended local schools and graduated from Pioneer High School in 1998. A talented softball player during all 4 years of high school, Nicole won a college softball scholarship during her senior year. Even though she had never been a competitive swimmer, she tried out for the Pioneer High swim team as a freshman and made the team. At the time of her tragic death, she was a dean's list student at West Valley College in Saratoga working part time and weighing whether to transfer to California State University at Chico or San Jose State University.

I offer this tribute to Nicole.

HILDA MARCIN

I would like to take this opportunity to share with the Senate the memory of one of my constituents, Hilda Marcin, who lost her life on September 11, 2001. Mrs. Marcin was 79 years old when the flight she was on, United Airlines Flight 93, was hijacked by terrorists. As we all know, that plane crashed in a Pennsylvania field, killing everyone on board.

Mrs. Marcin was born in Schwedelbach, Germany. When she was 7 years old, her family emigrated to the United States to escape oppression. Like many immigrants, her family left all possessions behind and came only with the clothes on their backs.

Her family settled in Irvington, NJ, where she attended local schools. She worked seven days a week in the payroll department of the New Jersey shipyards during World War II.

A friend arranged a blind date with Edward Marcin and they were married on February 13, 1943. They had two daughters, Elizabeth and Carole. The Marcin family enjoyed participating in school functions, class trips, the PTA, and various church activities. Mr. and Mrs. Marcin were also socially and politically active in Irvington. Mrs. Marcin later worked as a special education teacher's aide.

Hilda Marcin embraced life with enthusiasm and made the most of every minute. She adored her family and her granddaughter, Melissa Kemmerer Lata. She was an inspiration to those she touched, including the special needs children in the school where she worked. Her friends admired her positive attitude and her desire and ability to continue working during the later years of her life. Mrs. Marcin treasured freedom and democracy, and her American citizenship.

At the time of her death, Mrs. Marcin was flying to San Francisco to live with her younger daughter, Carole O'Hare. She is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth Kemmerer and son-in-

law Raymond Kemmerer; daughter Carole O'Hare and son-in-law Thomas O'Hare; and granddaughter Melissa Lata and Melissa's husband, Edward Lata. I offer this tribute to her.

DANIEL LEE

Daniel Lee lost his life on September 11, 2001. Mr. Lee was 34 years old when the plane he was on, American Airlines Flight 11, was hijacked by terrorists. As we all know, that plane crashed into the World Trade Center, killing everyone on board.

Daniel Lee grew up in Palm Desert, CA. He was a carpenter and a drummer in a local southern California band. He met his wife, Kellie, in 1991 at a rock concert in which he was playing the drums. They were married October 7, 1995 and their first child, Amanda Beth, was born December 11, 1998.

Mr. Lee was a dedicated and successful set carpenter in the music industry, known to work 20 hour days when necessary. He worked with many talented musicians including Neil Diamond, Barbara Streisand, N'Sync, Aerosmith and Yanni. He was touring with the Backstreet Boys when, on September 11, 2001, he left to fly home to be with his wife as she was about to give birth to their second child. Allison Danielle Lee was born September 13, 2001.

Kellie Lee recalls Dan's bright, relaxed and charming smile. "He was caring, loving, funny and romantic. He loved being a Dad and was so excited about having another child on the way," she says. One of his special joys was getting friends together for barbecues and pool parties," Kellie remembers.

Dan Lee is survived by his wife, Kellie Lee, his daughters, Amanda and Allison, mother and stepfather Elaine and John Sussino, brothers Jack Fleishman and Stuart Lee and sister, Randi Kaye. I offer this tribute to Daniel Lee.

Mr. President, I take this opportunity to share with the Senate the memory of one of my constituents, Mari-Rae Sopper, who lost her life on September 11, 2001. Ms. Sopper was a 35-year-old lawyer and gymnastics coach when the flight she was on, American Airlines Flight 77, was hijacked by terrorists. As we all know, that plane crashed into the Pentagon, killing everyone on board.

Ms. Sopper was a native of Inverness, IL, and attended William Fremd High School in Palatine, IL. At the age of 15 she set the goal of becoming a champion gymnast. She succeeded, becoming all-American in 4 events, the school's Athlete of the Year and the state's Outstanding Senior Gymnast of the Year.

Larry Petrillo, her high school gymnastics coach, remembers her as brash and committed. "One thing she taught me is, you never settle for less than you are capable of. We should never accept limits. We should always fight the good fight. She was a staunch supporter of gymnastics and what's right," he recalls.

Upon graduating from Iowa State University with a degree in exercise science, Ms. Sopper earned a master's degree in athletics administration from the University of North Texas and a law degree from the University of Denver. Ms. Sopper was an accomplished dancer and choreographer and continued to coach at gymnastics clubs.

Ms. Sopper practiced law as a Lieutenant in the Navy's JAG Corps, focusing on Defense and Appellate Defense. She had left the Navy JAG Corps and was an associate with the law firm Schmeltzer, Aptaker & Sheperd, P.C. when she found her dream job: to coach the women's gymnastics team at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

It was a 1-year appointment and Ms. Sopper was looking forward to the challenge. Her mother, Marion Kminek, says Mari-Rae was excited about the opportunity. "I said go for it. Life is too short. It was something she had always wanted to do and she was so happy and excited," recalls Kminek.

At the time of her death, Ms. Sopper was moving to Santa Barbara to begin her appointment. Her close friend, Mike Jacki, recalls "This was to be a new adventure for Mari-Rae, and an opportunity to get back into the sport she loved. We have lost a very special person. She was prepared to make her dream come true, and in an instant it was gone."

Mari-Rae Sopper is remembered for her loyalty, strong values, excellent work ethic and spirit for life. She is survived by her mother, Marion Kminek and stepfather, Frank Kminek, her father Bill Sopper, sister Tammy and many loving friends.

Mr. President, the last story I share with the Senate is the memory of one of my young constituents, Deora Bodley, who lost her life on September 11, 2001. Ms. Bodley was a 20-year-old college student when the flight she was on, United Airlines Flight 93, was hijacked by terrorists. As we all know, that plane crashed in a Pennsylvania field, killing everyone on board.

Ms. Bodley grew up in San Diego, California. As a high school student, she visited local high schools to discuss HIV/AIDS with her peers. She volunteered with the Special Olympics and a local animal shelter. Chris Schuck, her English teacher at La Jolla Country Day School, recalls, "Deora was always thinking big and going after big game."

At the time of her death, Ms. Bodley was studying psychology at Santa Clara University. She coordinated volunteers in a literacy program for elementary school students. Kathy Almazol, principal at St. Clare Catholic Elementary, recalls Ms. Bodley had "a phenomenal ability to work with people, including the children she read to, her peer volunteers, the school administrators and teachers. We have 68 kids who had a personal association with Deora."

In the words of her mother, Deborah Borza, "Deora has always been about peace." At the tender age of 11 years, Deora wrote in her journal, "People ask who, what, where, when, why, how. I ask peace." A warm and generous person, Deora was a gifted student and a wonderful friend. Wherever she went, her light shined brightly.

Deora's father, Derrill Bodley, of Stockton, CA, feels her life was about "getting along" and sharing a message of peace. Her 11-year-old sister, Murial, recalls Deora taught her many things and says, "Most of all she taught me to be kind to other people and animals. I cherish the memories of my sister and plan to work hard in school and in everything I do so she can be proud of me like I was of her."

Mr. President, none of us is untouched by the terror of September 11th, and many Californians were part of each tragic moment of that tragic day. Some were trapped in the World Trade Center towers. Some were at work in the Pentagon. And the fates of some were sealed as they boarded planes bound for San Francisco or Los Angeles.

So I am honored and very moved to have had this chance to put into the RECORD today the names of these more than 50 Californians, every one now a bright and shining star in the sky. Their memories will live on and their legacies will live on, as will the memories and legacies of every American and every person, every innocent victim, who was cut down in the most hateful way on that tragic day.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DAYTON). The Senator from Alabama.

TERRORISM

Mr. SESSIONS. I thank the Senator from California for her eloquent remarks. It is time for a memory indeed. Tomorrow I will be going to the Pentagon for a memorial service, as will many other Senators, to memorialize that terrible day on September 11, when we lost the people at the Pentagon. Five of those lost at the Pentagon happened to be from the State of Alabama, but the State has lost 10 or more personnel since this war on terrorism began. It has touched the entire country.

Some of our finest people, innocent of any wrongdoing, innocent of any involvement in what might be considered to be oppression or disagreements with the terrorists who did these acts, paid the price. Historically, the civilized world has rejected these acts.

But there is afoot today terrorist groups and terrorist cells throughout the country. A significant number of people would believe they have a right to use terrorism and weapons of mass destruction to kill and maim people who have done nothing in their lives to wrong them. I believe we have to confront that.

The President has been talking about Iraq and the problem it presents. It is