

drought. The low interest loans SBA can offer these businesses would allow many of them to weather the drought and remain in business for the long run.

My staff has also been in contact with Senator Hollings' legislative staff. I hope together, we can find an expedient solution to the plight of these small business owners. Short of finding a way to control the weather, this may be our only option to help their dire situation.

Sincerely,

JIM HODGES.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the need for hate crimes legislation. In the last Congress Senator KENNEDY and I introduced the Local Law Enforcement Act, a bill that would add new categories to current hate crimes law, sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred September 19, 2001, in Fairhaven, MA. An Arab-American family was harassed and assaulted by its neighbors. After being followed and harassed with racial slurs, the Arab-American father was attacked with a baseball bat. He was treated at a local emergency room. The tires on his son's car were slashed, as well.

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 is 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.

DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, the passing of Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan is a loss for all of us. Pat Moynihan committed his remarkable life to his country: serving four Presidents, representing our Nation as Ambassador to India and the United Nations, and representing the State of New York as a Senator. His deep intellect and unyielding candor will be missed.

As a junior colleague, I was struck by Senator Moynihan's generosity with his time and graciousness of spirit. I had the privilege of sitting next to Senator Moynihan on the trip to Rhode Island for the funeral of our colleague the late Senator John Chafee. As we traveled, I was out of my depth listening to him discuss different styles of architecture in between offering endearing stories about our departed colleague.

Of all his gifts, Pat Moynihan's ability to recognize great issues before they were commonly observed was his greatest. In public policy, he had an ability to appreciate and make sense of the larger picture rarely found in a politician. From the plight of broken families and inner cities, to the collapse of the Soviet Union, to the danger of eth-

nic conflict in the Balkans, to Social Security reform, Moynihan was prophetic. In one of his last public speeches, at last year's Harvard Commencement, Moynihan again offered words that carry far more weight today than when he delivered them less than a year ago:

Certainly we must not let ourselves be seen as rushing about the world looking for arguments. There are now American armed forces in some 40 countries overseas. Some would say too many. Nor should we let ourselves be seen as ignoring allies, disillusioning friends, thinking only of ourselves in the most narrow terms. That is not how we survived the 20th century. Nor will it serve in the 21st.

Senator Moynihan's wit and wisdom will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers go to Liz Moynihan and the Moynihan family.

THE NORWICH CADETS

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, recognition and congratulations are in order for a school and a group of young men known throughout Vermont for their honor, integrity and prowess on the hockey rink.

Norwich University, the nation's oldest private military college, sits in the picturesque town of Northfield, VT. It is a quaint college town, and it is a unique college, hosting a mix of military cadets and more traditional college students.

The cadets, as their hockey team is known, have a reputation for being an NCAA Division III hockey powerhouse. It is cold in Northfield this time of year, but a few weeks ago, Norwich University's Kreitzberg Arena was warmed by a sellout crowd gathered to watch the Cadets capture their second NCAA Division III hockey title in just four years.

The Cadets staged a come-from-behind 2-1 win over Oswego State on March 22 to capture the title. After trailing 1-0 going into the third period, Norwich was looking at the possibility of being shut out, something that has not happened to the program in 278 consecutive games, a streak dating back to the 1993-94 season. Junior defenseman Lou DiMasi, a Vermont native, was quoted by the Burlington Free Press on the team's third period comeback, saying: "There was no way we were going to let it get away." Junior defenseman Aaron Lee scored his thirteenth goal of the season in the third period to tie the game, and senior team captain Toza Crnilovic notched the game-winning goal for the championship.

Norwich coach Mike McShane has built a remarkable record over the past 8 years, winning the Eastern College Athletic Conference East crown five times and reaching five "Frozen Fours." Since Mike McShane began coaching the Cadets, the team has had five 20-win seasons accompanied by a long list of individual accomplishments for members of Cadet teams, including

national players of the year and a long list of All-Americans.

Following the game, Coach McShane attributed part of the team's success to the great support the Cadets have from Norwich and Northfield. "We've got great support here and that helps a lot. You saw the president and the chairman of the board of trustees out there at center ice in the celebration. You don't see that at many schools."

Norwich finished the season with an impressive record of 27-3, and many of the Cadets' stars will be returning next year. And, as surely as the sugar rises each year in the maples, Vermonters next year will be closely following the Cadets through another great season. Until next winter, the Cadets have earned the right to bask in the glow of knowing they have accomplished another successful season, bought with hard work, skill and determination.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

OREGON HEALTH CARE HEROES

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to salute Chance and Dr. Lisa Steffey as Oregon Health Care Heroes for their willingness to save a deeply needed community health clinic in Oregon's beautiful, rural community of La Pine.

A hero is someone who sets aside personal interest to act for another person's welfare. That is exactly what Dr. Steffey and her husband did when they purchased the La Pine Community Clinic in Oregon. Because of their courage and willingness to take a risk, an Oregon community with extremely limited health care resources will continue to have a local place to access health services.

Despite warnings that purchasing the community health clinic was a significant financial risk, the couple forged ahead. Without their intervention, the clinic would have closed, leaving many residents without access to local care. Many of the clinic's clients are Medicaid and Medicare patients who would have been forced to travel significant distances to find care had the Steffeyes not seen an opportunity.

La Pine has been named a Health Professional Shortage Area where many residents do not have access to care. Low Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements make it difficult for doctors to serve the area, which is home to many who rely on these programs for health coverage. But with the Steffeyes' dedication, and the temporary help of Central Oregon Independent Health Services, the clinic is now financially stable and serving the families of La Pine.

Many rural Oregon residents face incredible hurdles accessing health services. The shortage of providers willing to serve in rural areas, combined with the particularly low federal reimbursement levels offered to rural providers, has caused an exodus of health services

from the country. Add this to the large number of uninsured families who live in these communities, and the crisis facing rural health care delivery is clear.

Despite numerous efforts to increase reimbursement rates for rural health services and our ongoing quest to cover the millions of uninsured across America, rural people are still hurting. It takes people like the Steffeyes, who are willing to make a sacrifice to meet the needs of rural communities today, while we continue to work towards solutions for tomorrow.

On March 1, 2003, Dr. and Mr. Steffey took ownership of the La Pine Community Clinic. I hope that their vision is rewarded with great success. I join the many grateful residents of La Pine in naming them as Oregon Health Care Heroes and thank them for bringing hope and healing to La Pine.●

GEORGETOWN FIRE COMPANY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I rise today to give congratulations to one of the great local fire departments in Delaware, the Georgetown Fire Company, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this month. This anniversary is a tribute to those who had the vision to found the fire department and to those volunteers who have carried on this tradition all the way through today.

We are very lucky in Delaware to have such a rich history of volunteer community fire departments. With the addition of the Georgetown Company, we have had 15 fire companies in our state celebrate 100 years of service. In fact, we have even had 3 companies—Lewes, Carlisle of Milford, and Good Will of New Castle—celebrate 200 years of service.

With such successes though, it is easy to forget the humble beginnings of many of these departments. On April 11, 1903, the town commissioners of Georgetown announced in a town meeting that it would be forming a fire company to bring down the cost of fire insurance. Before the establishment of a fire company, the community had relied on so-called bucket brigades and a hand-drawn ladder wagon.

When it was founded, there were fourteen charter members of the Georgetown Fire Company and only one piece of fire equipment. Today, there are almost one hundred members of the company and an entire fleet of state of the art fire equipment.

And as a testament to the unceasing dedication of the volunteers who serve in this company and to the respect and veneration it has in the community, almost half of the members of the Georgetown Fire Company are life members or honorary members. Many members of the company who have served their town as volunteer firefighters for decades never stop serving.

The Georgetown Fire Company has become an integral part of the commu-

nity it has served. It has saved the lives and the property of many. In the town of Georgetown, everyone knows who the real heroes are.

It is my privilege to share the company's great history with my colleagues and with our fellow citizens today. We honor the company's 100th anniversary and the extraordinary commitment that it has never stopped showing to its community. Congratulations to all of the officers, members, and friends of the Georgetown Fire Company. It is very well deserved.●

COMMENDING JOHN KOERNER ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise to recognize Mr. John Koerner's long, distinguished career with the United States Fish & Wildlife Service. John began his career in 1972 in Valentine, NE at Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge. Before he arrived at his "dream location" of Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge, he was stationed in the South Dakota communities of Madison, Pierre and Waubay. John has now managed the Sand Lake NWR for 15 years. This refuge has a wonderful reputation within the refuge system, and that reputation reaches far beyond its borders. In 1988, because of its importance to migratory birds, Sand Lake was designated as the 16th Wetland of International Importance in the United States. This designation was proposed under John's guidance, and supported by myself and U.S. Senator TOM DASCHLE.

During his time in South Dakota, John has been instrumental in reaching out to the public he serves through effective outreach and environmental programs. The annual Eagle Day event held at Sand Lake Refuge has grown from one carload of visitors attending the first Eagle Day event to well over 1,200 visitors attending in 2002. John has also enhanced the youth, education and outreach programs during his time at the refuge.

John has been an articulate and outspoken voice on water and conservation issues concerning the James River. His coordination efforts with local, State and Federal agencies, during major flooding events and day-to-day operations have been an asset to Sand Lake Refuge and to the communities and landowners up and down the James River. His knowledge of the James River has been very helpful to South Dakota's congressional delegation.

John's coordination efforts with all of South Dakota's congressional offices have been beneficial to both the FWS and the citizens of South Dakota. His knowledge of FWS history, compatibility issues, and his vast experience has provided him with a "common sense" approach to resolving issues before they become major problems. I know that John Koerner has provided extremely valuable assistance to my

offices in working through many of the difficult issues that have been brought forward during his tenure.

I commend John Koerner for his work with the U.S Fish & Wildlife Service. His contributions will benefit many generations to come.●

TRIBUTE TO ORLANDO "TUBBY" SMITH

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I honor and pay tribute to University of Kentucky Basketball coach and friend Orlando "Tubby" Smith. Coach Smith was selected today as the 2003 Naismith College Basketball Coach of the Year.

Earlier this year, Tubby was also named the Nation's top coach by the Sporting News, ESPN, and the Basketball Times. Coach Smith led the University of Kentucky Wildcats to an outstanding 32-4 record this season, including a NCAA season-high 26 game winning streak. The Wildcats' winning streak this season was the Nation's longest in seven years.

Coach Smith is more than just a basketball coach to his players at the University of Kentucky. He is a skilled teacher of the game of basketball, but he also teaches his players important lessons about life and instills a sense of character in them that allows them to excel both on and off the court.

Tubby and his wife Donna are also very active in many communities across Kentucky. Over the past 5 years, they have raised over \$1.5 million for the Tubby Smith Foundation. Through annual auctions, golf tournaments and other events, Tubby and Donna have devoted much of their time and energy to assisting underprivileged children in Kentucky through their foundation.

I am proud to have Coach Smith represent the great Commonwealth of Kentucky. He is a fantastic basketball coach and a prominent community leader. I ask my colleagues in the Senate to join me in congratulating him on receiving the 2003 Naismith College Basketball Coach of the Year Award.●

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY LADY JACKRABBITS

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the South Dakota State University Lady Jackrabbits. The Jackrabbits, under head coach Aaron Johnston and assistant coach Laurie Melum, won the National Division II Basketball Tournament against Northern Kentucky March 29 in St. Joseph, MO.

Coach Johnston's squad went through the 2002-2003 season with a school-record 32 wins against just three losses. The Jackrabbits entered the tournament with an impressive 32-3 mark and defeated Cal State-Bakersfield and Bentley before rallying to overtake Northern Kentucky, 65-50, for the first ever women's basketball national title.

The team was guided this season by the leadership provided by seniors Melissa Pater and Karly Hegge. Joining