

Freas Kreischer's son, and Shirla Maitland's brother.

That day in court was a moral victory for us. There was a tremendous sense of relief to finally be able to name the guilty party. But it's a hollow victory if Iran is not somehow held accountable. Terrorists continue to terrorize because they can. We have not held them accountable for their crimes, and so they laugh and build more bombs. There has been no justice, so there can be no healing.

And it is galling that my own government continues to allow Iran to get away with murder—literally.

It's a simple rule: one that the parent of any small child can grasp. If your child hits another child with a stick, you have to take the stick away, and give your child consequences. If there are no consequences, the child will keep hitting kids with sticks, because he has figured out that it gives him power.

I want the cruelty and senselessness of terrorism to stop. And there is only one way to do that. We have to take away the stick. There must be consequences.

Senator Specter, thank you for introducing a bill that will finally allow families like mine and Freas Kreischer's and Shirla Maitland's, to pursue rogue nations in the courts and to threaten them by threatening their assets. Their Achilles heel is financial. If we take away enough of their money, they will not be able to afford to build more bombs. And then perhaps you will be spared the agony of losing your brother or your son. If that happens, perhaps this gaping, bleeding wound in my heart will finally be able to heal.

Senator Specter, I want to thank you, on behalf of the families of the Marine Corps Barracks, Beirut bombing victims, for coming to our aid. Thank you for being willing to champion our cause in the Congress by sponsoring this bill. And Senator, I urge you to do everything in your power to enact this bill into law with the utmost haste.

Thank you very much, sir.

COUNCIL ON OCEANS POLICY AWARENESS

Mrs. DOLE. Mr. President, recently, the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy made a series of far-reaching recommendations to help keep our oceans viable for future generations. While the Senate as a whole will not address these recommendations this Congress, I hope we may be able to work on these critical issues next year.

In the meanwhile, my home State of North Carolina has already begun to make real the recommendations of the Commission. For instance, North Carolina public schools have begun fostering formal ocean education in K-12 schools, after the State mandated inclusion of ocean curricula in middle school.

North Carolina is also leading the Nation in heeding the call for improved scientific understanding of the oceans. Of particular pride is the success of the Southeast Coastal Ocean Observing System, or SEACOOS, an umbrella organizations of institutions that is building a regional ocean monitoring and prediction system for the southeast States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

Through the leadership of the University of North Carolina at Chapel

Hill, SEACOOS aggregates ocean information from federal and non-Federal sources for display and redistribution. This information system supports many uses, from search and rescue and hazardous spill response to providing information for recreational boaters and fishermen. This collaborative effort among dozens of institutions is a model of teamwork that will enable rapid development of a relevant, user-driven multi-purpose system.

As part of the larger IOOS system, SEACOOS will improve the decision-making process for coastal managers, severe weather response teams, and so many others in whose decisions coastal conditions are a factor. Through its scientific contributions to data collection and analysis, SEACOOS will advance the Nation's needs in such broad areas as: marine operations, e.g. shipping and offshore operations like drilling and mining; natural hazard mitigation, e.g. storm forecasting, surge prediction, tsunami warning; climate change and its effects, e.g. interannual variability in water temperature, salinity, nutrients, storminess, plankton species and abundance, fish species and abundance; national security, e.g. toxin trajectories, detection of covert operations; public health, e.g. unsafe biological activity, rip currents, harmful algal blooms; ecosystem health, e.g. changes in food web structure; and sustainable use of marine resources, e.g. fish stock assessments.

Among so many throughout the southeast who have made SEACOOS possible, I especially want to note and thank Harvey Seim, Associate Professor of Marine Science at UNC Chapel Hill. Professor Seim has been the visionary and leader in building this collaborative initiative. His dedication to advancing scientific knowledge that serves the public interest embodies the best spirit of higher education and the academic research enterprise that makes our nation great.

In keeping with the recommendations of the commission, SEACOOS is a model worthy of replicating around the country. It is consistent with the Integrated Ocean Observing System that is called for in the commission report. IOOS is a national, interagency program that the commission recommends be fully funded and implemented to provide a multipurpose ocean information system for the Nation. Legislation to authorize IOOS has already been unanimously passed by the Senate, S. 1400 and companion bills are pending in the House. I look forward to continued congressional support and continued success as we increase our knowledge and understanding of our oceans.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2003

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the need for hate crimes legislation. On May 1, 2003, Senator KENNEDY and I introduced the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement

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.

On September 19, 1998, in Chicago, IL, three men were allegedly attacked by two men who made anti-gay remarks.

I believe that the 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.

HAYWOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS DAY

Mrs. DOLE. Mr. President, this past September marked a devastating hurricane season for many States. My home State of North Carolina was ravaged by not one, but four hurricanes this fall. Western North Carolina was particularly hit hard by Hurricanes Frances and Ivan, which destroyed homes, washed away roadways, and even took lives. Out of this ruin came the challenge of rebuilding and piecing together homes, lives, and communities. As I visited the devastation in Western North Carolina, I found encouragement in the selfless hearts of North Carolinians who went to great lengths to help those struggling through the wreckage left behind. There are many who came together during this crisis. I would especially like to thank the first responders who answered the call of duty. Our first responders are there for us in times of need, and they literally are on the front lines defending our homeland.

On November 21, 2004, the Town of Clyde and the Town of Canton are honoring all those who were involved in the rescue and emergency operations following the devastation which occurred as a result of the hurricane season. November 21, 2004, has officially been declared by those towns as "Haywood County Emergency Operations Appreciation Day."

I would like to commend the efforts of these men and women who are members of the following departments who brought the community together after such devastation: Haywood County Sheriffs Department, North Carolina Highway Patrol, North Carolina Probation and Parole, North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement, North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles, Waynesville Police Department, Canton Police Department, Maggie Valley Police Department, Haywood County Emergency Management, Waynesville Fire Department, Cruso Volunteer Department, Clyde Fire Department, North Carolina National Guard, Canton Fire Department, North Canton Fire Department, Maggie Valley Fire Department, Lake Junaluska Fire Department, Crabtree Fire Department, Fines Creek Fire Department, Jonathan Creek Fire Department, Saunooke

Fire Department, Center Pigeon Volunteer Fire Department, Lake Logan Fire Department, Enka/Candler Fire Department, Haywood County Rescue Squad, Haywood County EMS, Blue Ridge Paper Emergency Response Team and Clyde Police Department.

TRIBUTE TO THE SOUTH DAKOTA STAFF OF SENATOR TOM DASCHLE

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to pay special tribute to a group of men and women who have served over the past 26 years as staff for Senator TOM DASCHLE in the State of South Dakota. I join my colleagues in providing the most heartfelt appreciation for the public service career of Senator DASCHLE and that appreciation extends to the work of his South Dakota staff.

The people of South Dakota have benefitted greatly over the years from the work of Senator DASCHLE's staff. These men and women worked tirelessly behind the scenes on behalf of South Dakota constituents. They served as the eyes and ears for Senator DASCHLE, maintaining contacts in South Dakota communities, attending meetings on projects and sitting down with individual constituents to discuss matters of importance.

Some of Senator DASCHLE's staff provided over two decades of dedicated service to the people of South Dakota. Their long hours of service, many of them spent driving on country roads, sitting in coffee shops or walking through drought-stricken corn and wheat fields, underscored Senator DASCHLE's commitment to serve the people of South Dakota.

Senator DASCHLE's South Dakota staff truly reflect the tireless work ethic, dedication, and professionalism that he has exemplified to all the citizens of our state. Whether attending economic development outreach meetings, sacrificing holidays and weekends to travel with Senator DASCHLE across South Dakota, or tending to the many casework issues facing our constituents, Senator DASCHLE's South Dakota staff has done a superb job.

It is my hope that these valued members of Senator DASCHLE's South Dakota staff recognize the importance of their work and the great appreciation that many in South Dakota hold for them for their great service.

Senator DASCHLE's current South Dakota staff includes:

Beth Smith, Betty Daschle, Jody Jordan, Maeve King, and Virginia Newquist in the Aberdeen office; Ace Crawford, Armon Gaddy, Dorothy Christensen, Jackie Heier, Georgeann Johnson, Rose Larson, and Sheila Lane in the Rapid City office; Bill Idema, Gene Dwyer, Jeff Wilka, Jenn Dolan, Mark Gerhardt, Mary Peters, Michele Seaton, Nicole Deak, Stephanie Devitt, Stephanie Koster Hoyne, Steve Dick, and Steve Erpenbach, Senator DASCHLE's State director, in the Sioux Falls office.

The work of Senator DASCHLE and his staff will be remembered by South Dakotans for many years to come. I want to thank them for their work and service and wish them all the very best.

HONORING THE WASHINGTON STAFF OF SENATOR TOM DASCHLE

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to pay special tribute to a group of men and women who have served over the past 26 years as staff for Senator TOM DASCHLE here in Washington, both in his personal office and those who served him as Democratic leader in the Senate for the past 10 years. Every member of the Senate understands that our success rests, in part, with the men and women we choose to work with us on a daily basis in our offices. I join my colleagues in providing the most heartfelt appreciation for the public service career of Senator DASCHLE and that appreciation extends to the extraordinary work of his staff here in Washington.

The people of South Dakota, members of the Senate Democratic Caucus, and the institution of the Senate have benefitted greatly over the years from the hard work and dedication of Senator DASCHLE's staff. These men and women worked tirelessly behind the scenes. Whether it be his personal staff or his leadership staff, every single person has been dedicated to making our State a better place to live, and to making our Nation safe and secure.

Some of Senator DASCHLE's staff provided over two decades of dedicated service to the people of South Dakota and came with him to join his leadership staff. Their long hours of service underscored Senator DASCHLE's commitment to lead our caucus and to serve the people of South Dakota and this Nation unselfishly. Senator DASCHLE's staff truly reflect the tireless work ethic, dedication, and professionalism that he has exemplified to all the citizens of our State.

While each and every member of Senator DASCHLE's staff is dedicated, committed, and hard working, I think three long-serving members of his Washington staff should be recognized separately. Those senior staff members are Pete Rouse, who served in Senator DASCHLE's leadership office as chief of staff, Nancy Erickson, his deputy chief of staff in the Capitol, and Laura Petrou, the chief of staff in his personal office. All three of these dedicated individuals served the State of South Dakota and the Senate Democratic Caucus unselfishly and with distinction.

It is my hope that all of these valued members of Senator DASCHLE's staff recognize the importance of their work and the great appreciation that many in South Dakota hold for them for their great service.

Senator DASCHLE's current personal and leadership staff in Washington includes: Aaron Fischbach, Amber

Danter, Bart Chilton, Brad Wolters, Brendan Hilley, Brian Hanafin, Chris Bois, Chris VandeVenter, Chris Wagner, Christiana Gallagher, Chuck Marr, Cindy Harris, Clint Highfill, Danny Franklin, Darcell Savage, Denis McDonough, Grant Leslie, Jane Loewenson, Jeff Nussbaum, Jennifer Duck, Jeri Thomson, Jessica Leonard, Jessica Scheufele, Jim Oleske, Joan Huffer, Jody Bennett, Jonathon Lehman, Kate Knudson, Kate Leone, Kelly Fado, Lara Birkes, Larkin Barker, Laura Petrou, Lisa Thimjon, Liz Dahan, Mark Childress, Matthew Varilek, Michelle Singer, Molly Rowley, Nancy Erickson, Nancy Hogan, Nick Bauer, Nick Papas, Pat Griffin, Pat Sarcone, Pete Rouse, Phil Schilliro, Phillip Assmus, Randy DeValck, Reid Cherlin, Sam Mitchell, Sarah Feinberg, Ted Miller, Tim Mitrovich, Todd Webster, Tom McIntyre, and Wizipan Garriott.

The work of Senator DASCHLE and his staff will be remembered by South Dakotans, and all the Senators and staff who have served with them, for many years to come. I want to thank them for their work and service and wish them all the very best.

SOUTH DAKOTA FARMERS UNION RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING SENATOR TOM DASCHLE

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to submit the text of the attached resolution by the South Dakota Farmers Union commemorating 26 years of service by United States Senator THOMAS A. DASCHLE.

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

A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING 26 YEARS OF SERVICE BY UNITED STATES SENATOR THOMAS A. DASCHLE

Whereas, Senator TOM DASCHLE has distinguished himself as more than a reliable friend to South Dakota Farmers Union and the cause of family-based agriculture, but more so as a true hero to our cause; and,

Whereas, Senator DASCHLE performed his duties faithfully to better the lives and opportunities of all South Dakotans, and conducted exemplary public service to South Dakotans with the assistance of his highly resourceful, talented and dedicated staff in his offices in Washington, D.C., Sioux Falls, Rapid City and Aberdeen; and,

Whereas, Senator DASCHLE championed the cause of ethanol since his first campaign for the U.S. Congress, and is chiefly responsible for its emergence as America's answer to energy independence because of his relentless pursuit of government support for its production and marketing; and

Whereas, Senator DASCHLE earned his reputation as America's most important Member of Congress for the advancement of legislation important to South Dakota Farmers Union, the National Farmers Union and family-based agriculture because of his sincere interest in promoting America's rural economy and because of his generous nature and approachability to all citizens seeking his assistance in Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas, Senator DASCHLE wisely used his influence and leadership powers to the benefit of South Dakota, resulting in unprecedented cooperation from urban states to help