

# ARKANSAS BLACK ON BLACK CRIME COALITION

Mrs. LINCOLN. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to a group of Arkansans who are demonstrating true leadership and commitment in facing down one of the gravest problems facing African-American communities today—black on black crime.

Many people are unaware of the extent of black on black crime. Consider: African-Americans constitute 12 percent of the U.S. population. But in 2002, 45 percent of all murder victims nationwide were black. Of those murders, fully 91 percent were incidents of black on black crime. For young black men, homicide is the leading cause of death; for young black women, the second leading cause of death.

It's clear that we need to address this epidemic. The good news is that, in Arkansas, we're trying to do just that. Last year, a group of community leaders, business leaders, government officials, and religious leaders banded together to form the "Black On Black Crime Coalition," dedicated to raising public awareness of this important issue and developing solutions to mitigate this epidemic of crime and violence that is destroying lives, families, and communities every day. The coalition is just over one year old, and I'm proud to say that they are making great progress in developing new solutions, programs and plans to reduce the incidence of violent crime in the black community. These range from community workshops to neighborhood associations, from youth programs to public awareness campaigns.

The coalition is working with government leaders and law enforcement officials to develop fresh, innovative solutions to the problem of black on black crime. I've worked with the coalition as a partner, and I've been impressed with the energy, seriousness, and dedication that members of the coalition display. Given the commitment I've seen so far, I'm confident that we will see outstanding results from this vital organization. Even if we can't completely eliminate black on black crime, we can significantly reduce their frequency. That will be good news for all of our communities.

We recently observed "Black On Black Crime Prevention Month" to mark the coalition's founding in Arkansas and to continue raising public awareness about this epidemic of violent crime. I thank them for their commitment, and I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing their leadership. It's been a great year, and I look forward to working with the Black On Black Crime Coalition for many years to come.

## NATIONAL PEACE CORPS WEEK— MARCH 1-7, 2004

Mr. COLEMAN. Madam President, this week is National Peace Corps Week. It is with great pleasure that I

send my congratulations to the Peace Corps volunteers serving throughout the world as we celebrate the Peace Corps' 43 years of service.

Forty-three years ago, President John F. Kennedy mobilized a generation to work in emerging nations around the world in education, community development, agriculture, health care, and public works.

Since 1961, over 170,000 Americans have volunteered their expertise, time, and energy to foster development and progress in 136 countries. There is no greater symbol of America's generosity than American volunteers living and working in partnership with the people of developing nations to encourage education and opportunity.

Currently, over 7,500 volunteers are serving in 71 countries around the world—the highest number of volunteers in the field in 28 years—and applications have risen by 10 percent. Last year, Peace Corps entered or re-entered Albania, Azerbaijan, Chad, and Fiji, and many other countries have expressed interest in establishing a partnership with Peace Corps. I strongly support Peace Corps entry into Mexico for the first time.

It is my deepest hope that we continue to recognize and support the Peace Corps' important work. By honoring the Peace Corps, we reaffirm our Nation's commitment to strengthen freedom and create opportunities around the world.

President Bush has announced a goal of doubling the number of Peace Corps volunteers over 5 years. I support this effort and the President's budget request for the Peace Corps. As chairman of the Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, and Narcotics Affairs, it is my objective to help the Peace Corps become not only bigger, but also better and safer. The well-being of the volunteer must remain the top priority of the Corps. I believe the Peace Corps must have the resources it needs to ensure volunteer safety. I also believe the Peace Corps should continue efforts to diversify its volunteers. We need to bring into the Corps more older volunteers, and more minorities. Only then can be the Peace Corps truly represent the face of America's melting pot.

The Peace Corps is part of Minnesota's heritage—over 5,000 Minnesotans have served as volunteers. And while the Peace Corps has been rightly associated with John F. Kennedy, it was Minnesota Senator Hubert Humphrey who proposed the idea in the 1950s.

I am very happy to join with Peace Corps volunteers, past and present, to celebrate National Peace Corps Week—March 1-7, 2004.

## TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN HENRY "HANK" W. PUTEK, SR., USNR

Mr. WARNER. Madam President, today at Arlington National Cemetery we laid to rest a great patriot to whom

I am proud to pay tribute. Captain Henry "Hank" W. Putek, Sr., USN, was a naval aviator whose lifelong love of flying led to a 27 year Navy career that spanned the cold war and included service in Korea and Vietnam. It is my solemn honor today to recall his selfless commitment to this great Nation.

A pilot from the age of 14, Captain Putek obtained a commission in the U.S. Navy in 1953 through the Naval Aviation Cadet program. His distinguished career in naval aviation began with flight training in Pensacola, FL where he earned the coveted "wings of gold" of a naval aviator. He went on to fly combat jets in Korea and Vietnam, including the F-9 Fury, Douglas Skyraider, and F-4 Phantom. He served in numerous aircraft carriers with such storied names as *Lexington*, *Wasp*, *Yorktown*, *Hornet*, and *Saratoga*. In the race for space, Captain Putek was a project engineer for various research and development efforts and piloted tracking aircraft during the Gemini program. Captain Putek was a Navy test pilot who accumulated an astonishing 7,600 hours in 22 types of military aircraft throughout his career.

In 1977, Captain Putek retired from the United States Navy but continued to pursue his love for aviation as a training director with Piper Aircraft Corporation. He qualified in 22 Piper models and types. He was well known in his hometown as the owner of a bright orange "Davis" single engine aircraft, his pride and joy, which he built by hand.

Captain Putek is survived by his wife of 47 years, Mary Louis Putek, his sons, Hank and Jon, his daughters, Gwen and Janet, his sister, Dolores, and his brother, James. He was a loving husband and father, a passionate aviator, and a true gentleman.

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

### MARCH ON FRANKFORT, KY

• Mr. BUNNING. Madam President I would like to take the opportunity to recognize Rev. Thurmond Coleman and 200 others who participated in the commemorative 1964 march to the Kentucky State Capital in Frankfort, KY.

Forty years ago, Reverend Coleman drove from Louisville to Frankfort with his five children to join the 1964 civil rights march of 10,000 people led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the great baseball star, Jackie Robinson. That march helped push Kentucky to become the first southern State to pass civil rights legislation.

The march and ceremony marked those early efforts and celebrated how far Kentucky has come in the last 40 years. Coleman was among those present yesterday who participated in the commemorative 1964 march and recalled the advances that were made in ensuing years. He is also a member of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, and has been an advocate for Kentucky's civil rights for many years.

I commend the efforts of Reverend Coleman and the other Kentuckians who coordinated the march on Frankfort, and hope that Kentucky continues to strive for equal rights for all of its citizens.●

#### RECOGNITION OF MORIAH KATHERINE NACHBAUR

● Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, I bring to the Senate's attention an exceptional and talented student, Moriah Katherine Nachbaur, 17, of Crystal Springs Uplands School in Redwood City, CA. Moriah is the daughter of Dr. Thomas and Susan Nachbaur.

Moriah Nachbaur was recently named a California finalist in the 2004 Intel Science Talent Search for her botany project. The Intel Science Board Talent Search recognizes and rewards America's brightest young minds for their achievements in science and math. Over 1,600 students applied nationwide for the 2004 Intel Science Talent Search, and the field has been narrowed to 40 finalists. A grand prize winner will be selected on March 16th in Washington, DC. I am proud that my State of California has three finalists.

At Crystal Springs Uplands School, Moriah plays varsity badminton. She is a classical pianist and an award winning photographer and poet. Moriah is an outstanding student who has earned many science honors.

California is proud of Moriah Nachbaur and I am pleased to recognize her outstanding accomplishment. I wish her the best of luck at the final awards event and continued success in her education.●

#### HONORING SANDY ASHWORTH AND THE BOUNDARY COUNTY LIBRARY

● Mr. CRAPO. Madam President, I rise today to honor Sandy Ashworth who was recently nominated by President Bush to serve on the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, NCLIS, and confirmed by the Senate on January 26, 2004. In her capacity as a Commissioner, Sandy will provide advice to the President, Congress, and other policy makers on the library and information needs of the nation and the policies and plans necessary to meet those needs. Sandy's skills and experience will serve her well as she helps to shape the policy of the nation in this important area.

As 1 of only 12 appointees, Sandy's confirmation to the Commission is quite an honor. I know from first-hand experience that this recognition is well deserved. Sandy runs the Boundary County Library in Bonners Ferry, a facility I was pleased to visit recently. Each of the four full time and six part-time staff members are bringing neighbors and families together, promoting literacy, and providing educational and cultural resources to many who might not have them otherwise. Sandy has created a model library that provides an impressive range of services to sev-

eral rural communities. Her excellence is well-known, and recognition of her work has preceded this nomination. In 2002, First Lady Laura Bush presented the library with one of the prestigious Institute of Museum and Library Services' National Awards for Museum and Library Service. In 2003, Sandy was also named one of "Idaho's Brightest Stars," an award given to those who make a difference in the lives of children and families.

Truly, Sandy is one who has made a difference. She has worked diligently and with great effect for the citizens of Boundary County. I am certain she will bring the same energy to her new post and continue to have a positive impact as she represents Idaho in the NCLIS. Today, I join with her coworkers, family, and friends in honoring her contributions to the State of Idaho.●

#### RECOGNITION OF ARJUN ANAND SURI

● Mrs. Boxer. Madam President, today I bring to the Senate's attention an exceptional and talented student, Arjun Anand Suri, 17, of Clovis West High School in Fresno, CA. Arjun is the son of Doctors Madhav and Anuradha Suri.

Arjun Suri was recently named a California finalist in the 2004 Intel Science Talent Search for his biochemistry project. The Intel Science Talent search recognizes and rewards America's brightest young minds for their achievements in science and math. Over 1,600 students applied nationwide for the 2004 Intel Science Talent Search, and the field has been narrowed to 40 finalists. A grand prize winner will be selected on March 16 in Washington, DC. I am proud that my State of California has three finalists.

At Clovis West High School, Arjun is on the varsity tennis team, is captain of the academic decathlon team, vice president of his class and president of the Indian-Pakistani Club. Arjun is an excellent student who has earned perfect SAT scores and has many awards in science, math, history and writing. Arjun also finds time to volunteer in his community as an emergency room volunteer. I applaud his dedication to his studies and to his community.

California is proud of Arjun Suri, and I am pleased to recognize his outstanding accomplishment. I wish him the best of luck at the final awards event and continued success in his education.●

#### RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF DR. LANDRUM R. BOLLING

● Mr. LUGAR. Madam President, I rise today to share with my colleagues a few highlights from the remarkable lifetime of leadership and humanitarianism displayed by Dr. Landrum Bolling, former president of Earlham College.

From 1958 to 1973, Dr. Bolling led both the students and the faculty of Earlham College in numerous inter-

disciplinary programs grounded in peace, justice, equality, simplicity, and consensus decisionmaking. His vast personal experience with foreign cultures and religions facilitates his teaching of international studies and humanitarianism.

Currently, at the age of 90, Dr. Bolling serves as director-at-large of Mercy Corps, a not-for-profit organization that exists to alleviate suffering, poverty, and oppression by helping people build secure, productive, and just communities. Through his active involvement with Mercy Corps, he has once again joined forces with Earlham College to form the Landrum Bolling Fellowships in International Service program. The Landrum Bolling Fellowships provide qualified Earlham graduates with the opportunity to participate, on many levels, with Mercy Corps' tremendous humanitarian relief and development programs. It is certainly an opportunity for the students to apply, internationally, the concepts they have previously studied at Earlham College.

Dr. Bolling has dedicated his life to both academia and public service, and I am pleased to have this opportunity to congratulate him on his many worthwhile accomplishments.●

#### RECOGNITION OF PHILLIP THOMAS DEUTSCH

● Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, today I bring to the Senate's attention an exceptional and talented student, Phillip Thomas Deutsch, 17, of La Canada High School in La Canada, CA. Phillip is the son of Doctors Andrew Deutsch and Jeanne Wallace.

Phillip Deutsch was recently named a California finalist in the 2004 Intel Science Talent Search for his chemistry project. The Intel Science Talent Search recognizes and rewards America's brightest young minds for their achievements in science and math. Over 1,600 students applied nationwide for the 2004 Intel Science Talent Search, and the field has been narrowed to 40 finalists. A grant prize winner will be selected on March 16 in Washington, DC. I am proud that my state of California has three finalists.

At La Canada High School, Phillip is an outstanding student. He plays in the flute choir and the concert and marching bands. Phillip was also a semi-finalist for both the U.S. Chemistry and Physics Olympiad Teams in 2003.

Californians are proud of Phillip Deutsch, and I am pleased to recognize his outstanding accomplishment. I wish him the best of luck at the final awards event and continued success in his education.●