

Chambliss	Gregg	Murray
Clinton	Hagel	Nelson (FL)
Cochran	Harkin	Nelson (NE)
Coleman	Hatch	Nickles
Collins	Hollings	Pryor
Conrad	Hutchison	Reed
Cornyn	Inhofe	Reid
Corzine	Inouye	Roberts
Craig	Jeffords	Rockefeller
Crapo	Johnson	Santorum
Daschle	Kennedy	Sarbanes
Dayton	Kohl	Schumer
DeWine	Kyl	Sessions
Dodd	Landrieu	Shelby
Dole	Lautenberg	Smith
Domenici	Leahy	Snowe
Dorgan	Levin	Specter
Durbin	Lieberman	Stabenow
Ensign	Lincoln	Stevens
Enzi	Lott	Sununu
Feingold	Lugar	Talent
Feinstein	McCain	Thomas
Frist	McConnell	Voinovich
Graham (FL)	Mikulski	Warner
Graham (SC)	Miller	Wyden
Grassley	Murkowski	

NOT VOTING—5

Baucus	Edwards	Kerry
Campbell	Fitzgerald	

The amendment (No. 3260) was agreed to.

Mr. SHELBY. I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. ALLEN. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. LEVIN. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, on behalf of the leader, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

WILLIAM HOUGHTON

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Mr. William Houghton on his selection by the Small Business Administration as the 2004 Nevada Small Business Person of the Year. It is my honor to recognize Mr. Houghton's achievement, as well as the hard work and ingenuity he has displayed in building his own business over the past 12 years.

The story actually begins in 1987, when Mr. Houghton got a job with a Las Vegas company that distributed business forms. His pay was just \$5 an hour but he set his sights much higher.

In 1992 he became a partner with his former boss, and they formed their own firm called Horizon Business Systems. They started with one employee and did about \$500,000 worth of business the first year.

Mr. Houghton eventually bought out his partner, and took on the challenge of overseeing the company's transition through the rapid technological developments of the late 1990s. His good business sense and strong leadership helped the business grow, and today it employs 12 workers and logs more than \$2.2 million in sales.

Small businesses such as Horizon Business Systems are the engine that powers our Nation's economy, representing 99.7 percent of all employers, employing more than half our Nation's private sector workers, and creating up to 80 percent of all net new jobs annually.

In this spirit, the SBA's Small Business Person of the Year award seeks to acknowledge the critical role of small businesses in creating jobs and spurring economic growth, and the successes of individual small business owners throughout the country.

Please join me in congratulating Mr. William Houghton on the remarkable success of his business and on his selection as the 2004 Nevada Small Business Person of the Year.

JESSICA BARIS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Jessica Baris, a junior member of the American Legion Auxiliary L.D. Lockhart Unit 14 of Nevada, on her impressive commitment to academic excellence and community service.

It is always an honor to recognize a talented young person, and Jessica certainly fits that description. She has given generously of her time to many worthy causes, including serving more than 350 hours as a student tutor for young children in her community.

She also has helped organize several charitable events, including a fundraiser for Share Our Strength, an organization that fights hunger and poverty throughout the world.

Jessica also organized a clothing drive for needy children abroad. Most of the clothing was sent to U.S. servicemen in the Philippines, who distributed the items to local children. Her efforts not only helped those children, but also afforded our soldiers with a great opportunity to build goodwill in an important part of the world.

Jessica also received a grant from the United Way to create a "Wall of Peace" for Make a Difference Day. By organizing 20 teams of students to produce murals, the project spread awareness of the importance of tolerance and kindness in her school and community. Jessica wrote an essay on this project for the National Endowment for the Humanities' Idea of America contest that was recognized by First Lady Laura Bush at a White House ceremony.

She also participated in an essay contest sponsored by the Sons of the American Revolution, winning an award for her essay on the contributions of the unsung heroes of our Armed Forces.

Jessica's hard work and dedication to service culminated this year in her selection for a \$25,000 college scholarship from AXA Financial Services. This young woman has tremendous potential, and I expect great things from her in the future. Please join me in congratulating Jessica Baris on her many impressive achievements.

ROTARY CLUB OF TONOPAH

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the Rotary Club of Tonopah on its 80th anniversary. It is my honor to recognize the Tonopah club on this important milestone, which marks the lasting contributions of its members to the civic and economic life of the community.

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders dedicated to high ethical standards and humanitarian service. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 31,000 Rotary clubs located in 166 countries.

The third oldest club in the State of Nevada, the Rotary Club of Tonopah received its charter on June 2, 1924. With the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Reno, the Tonopah club's 19 charter members laid the foundation for an important and enduring institution in their community.

Since then the Tonopah club has embraced the high ideals of Rotary. The members of the club have developed opportunities for service in Tonopah, maintained high ethical standards in business and professional ventures, and done countless things to improve the quality of life in Tonopah, NV, and our Nation.

Please join me in congratulating the Rotary Club of Tonopah on its 80th anniversary and wishing its members the best of luck as they continue their work and service.

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS 2004

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Chase Correia of Galena High School in northern Nevada and Jeremea Peters of The Meadows School in Las Vegas on their selection as 2004 Presidential Scholars.

This award reflects a lot of hard work and a strong commitment to academic excellence on the part of the individual students as well as their schools.

The United States Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964 by an Executive order of President Lyndon B. Johnson. Each year the program honors 141 students based on their academic success, artistic achievements, leadership and involvement in their school and community.

Chase and Jeremea are both exemplary students in these respects. Chase has a passion for science, has interned in a cancer research center, and is a member of the Reno Youth City Council. Jeremea is the valedictorian of her class, a very accomplished Spanish student, and a volunteer who teaches

young girls to play softball. Both Chase and Jeremee also have given generously of their time in volunteer service at local hospitals.

As Presidential Scholars, Chase and Jeremee will be invited to Washington, DC, along with their families and their most influential teachers, to participate in a variety of activities including panel discussions and a ceremony sponsored by the White House.

I would like to take a moment to recognize Chase and Jeremee's influential teachers: Ms. Kathleen Small and Ms. Karen E. Cox. As someone whose own life was transformed by education, I know first hand the value of good teachers and mentors like Ms. Small and Ms. Cox. Their commitment to Chase and Jeremee's education, and to the education of all their students, is truly commendable.

The State of Nevada can take great pride in Chase and Jeremee's accomplishments. They have tremendous potential, and we all expect great things from them. Please join me in congratulating Jeremee and Chase on their impressive accomplishments.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2003

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, today I 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 May 26, 2001, in Manteca, CA, Linell Reese was charged with a hate crime for allegedly attacking a man while yelling antigay epithets.

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.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

SPECIALIST MICHAEL J. WIESEMANN

Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today with a heavy heart and deep sense of gratitude to honor the life of a brave young man who went to high school in North Judson, IN. SP Michael J. Wiesemann, 20 years old, died at the Forward Operating Base Q-West, Quayyrah Air Base, Iraq, on May 29, 2004.

Michael graduated from North Judson-San Pierre High School in 2002 and joined the Army as a steppingstone to college and a better life, according to his mother. After joining the Army, Michael became a cavalry scout and was assigned to the Army's 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, out of Fort

Lewis, WA. With his entire life before him, Michael chose to risk everything to fight for the values Americans hold close to our hearts, in a land halfway around the world.

Michael was the 28th Hoosier soldier to be killed while serving his country in Operation Iraqi Freedom. This brave young soldier leaves behind his mother, Karen; his stepfather, Robert; and his fiancée, Abby Trusty, whom he met in high school.

Today, I join Michael's family, his friends, and the entire North Judson community in mourning his death. While we struggle to bear our sorrow over his death, we can also take pride in the example he set, bravely fighting to make the world a safer place. During his dedicated military service, Michael earned the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and an Expeditionary Medal. It is his courage and strength of character that people will remember when they think of Michael, a memory that will burn brightly during these continuing days of conflict and grief.

When looking back on the life of her former student, Michael's high school English teacher, Carolyn Wyller told the Indianapolis Star that Michael "was artistic and had a good sense of humor." Family and friends say Michael was known for his love of laughter and his big heart. Today and always, Michael will be remembered by family members, friends and fellow Hoosiers as a true American hero and we honor the sacrifice he made while dutifully serving his country.

As I search for words to do justice in honoring Michael's sacrifice, I am reminded of President Lincoln's remarks as he addressed the families of the fallen soldiers in Gettysburg: "We cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here." This statement is just as true today as it was nearly 150 years ago, as I am certain that the impact of Michael's actions will live on far longer than any record of these words.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of Michael J. Wiesemann in the official Record of the Senate for his service to this country and for his profound commitment to freedom, democracy and peace. When I think about this just cause in which we are engaged, and the unfortunate pain that comes with the loss of our heroes, I hope that families like Michael's can find comfort in the words of the prophet Isaiah who said, "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces."

May God grant strength and peace to those who mourn, and may God be with all of you, as I know He is with Michael.

IMPORTATION OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I have never supported a bill that would allow for the importation of prescription drugs—until today.

I have decided to cosponsor Senator GREGG's bill to permit the carefully regulated importation of drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration. The bill also would regulate the dispensing of medications by Internet pharmacies and strengthen the laws and regulations that protect Americans from the dangers of counterfeit drugs.

I have long opposed drug importation on the grounds that current laws, regulations, and practices are insufficient to allow for the safe opening of our currently closed drug distribution system. I have said that I could not support any plan to legalize drug importation that does not ensure that the drugs that are imported are safe, effective, and will not compromise the integrity of our Nation's prescription drug supply or our world-leading pharmaceutical research.

With that in mind, Senator GREGG's bill is the first piece of legislation I have seen that would craft an importation system with the appropriate safeguards and limitations necessary to protect the public health. Senator GREGG's bill would allow importation of FDA-approved drugs manufactured in FDA-inspected facilities only. His bill would permit the importation of drugs from Canada only, with the possibility that the FDA could approve importation from other countries in the future. His bill would also provide additional tools and resources for the FDA to use to protect American citizens from tainted or counterfeit drugs, and from scam artists selling medications on the Internet.

Senator GREGG has introduced a strong bill that addresses my concerns about the safety of drug importation and Internet pharmacies, and it's the only bill I've yet seen that I could support.

My main outstanding concern is that Senator GREGG's bill does not address the liability that sellers, distributors, and manufacturers of prescription drugs may face even under a regulated system of drug importation.

Our jurisdiction over foreign companies or individuals in the chain of drug distribution is limited at best. Irresponsible actions on their part could put responsible American companies and individuals at risk of substantial monetary liability. Without liability protection, American companies and individuals may choose not to participate in drug importation, which would defeat the purpose of enacting this legislation in the first place.

As this legislation moves in the Senate, I look forward to working with Senator GREGG, the other cosponsors of his bill, and other interested Members to address these concerns through sensible liability protections for sellers,