

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 February 10, 2000, in Bay Shore, NY, Javier Morales was charged with allegedly assaulting a man he believed was gay.

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.●

RETIREMENT OF DR. TALLEY

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge the work of a wonderfully talented individual, whose leadership has helped the University of South Dakota Medical School grow, and advance an excellent reputation within the national health care community during his 17-year tenure as dean. At the age of 68, Dr. Robert Talley retires from his role as dean to become the University of South Dakota's interim director for internal medicine residency in Sioux Falls, where he will continue to teach and guide our South Dakota medical community.

Dr. Talley graduated from the University of Michigan in 1958 and from the University of Chicago Medical School in 1962. He went on to Yale New Haven Hospital where he pursued an internship and residency. He then completed cardiology and clinical pharmacology fellowships at Grady Memorial Hospital in 1969.

Dr. Talley's career took him to various positions in San Antonio, with the University of Texas Medical School and Veterans Administration Hospital from 1969 through 1975. He became the chairman of the USD Department of Internal Medicine in 1975, and was promoted to dean in 1987. Dr. Talley was a founding member of the Medical Service Plan, the predecessor of University Physicians.

While Dr. Talley served as dean, the medical school received full accreditation during each review. Dr. Talley developed a model of medical student clinical education, which is considered cutting edge in the United States, and helped to form unique partnerships with the South Dakota Health Science Research Foundation and the Wegner Health Science Information Center. In the past 5 years, funded research in the basic biomedical sciences division alone grew 189 percent, resulting in great part from Dr. Talley's reorganization of the basic biomedical sciences division at the university. Dr. Talley provided outstanding leadership in medical education and is responsible for significant innovation in USD's approach to the education of South Dakota's health care providers.

At the national level, Talley is a member of the Liaison Committee on

Medical Education, which accredits 125 undergraduate medical education programs in the United States. He served as chair of the American Medical Association Section on Medical Schools and chair of the Internal Medicine Committee, National Board of Medical Examiners. Most recently, the American College of Physicians—American Society of Internal Medicine bestowed a Mastership rank on Dr. Talley in recognition of his distinguished contributions to internal medicine.

Dr. Talley could have devoted his talents to private practice. But instead he chose to be an educator—he chose to use his skills in a manner that would enable him to reach a wide circle of individuals and which has had profoundly important public policy consequences.

He knows his students by name and utilizes the wide range of his students' abilities to enhance classroom discussion. His approach to teaching enriches health education on multiple levels that will prepare students for real-life situations in working with patients. Dr. Talley's impact on the University of South Dakota, its students and faculty, and on the entire State will be felt for generations to come.●

TRIBUTE TO KENT A. SMITH

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, as a Member of the Senate who has worked in the area of medical research and health care, I draw the attention of the Congress—and Nation—to the retirement of a truly outstanding civil servant: Kent A. Smith. For the past quarter century, Mr. Smith, as deputy director, has managed the day-to-day operation of the National Library of Medicine, a part of the National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The National Library of Medicine is the largest medical library in the world, and it serves as the indispensable hub of national and international scientific medical communication.

The administrative and managerial astuteness of Mr. Smith has converted the vision of the Library's directors, Donald A.B. Lindberg, M.D., and his predecessor, Martin M. Cummings, M.D., into outstanding operational programs. There are many examples. One of the great success stories at the Library and the National Institutes of Health in the last decade is the National Center for Biotechnology Information. This institution, which serves as the collector and disseminator of molecular sequence data resulting from the Human Genome Program, is absolutely indispensable to the conduct of 21st century biomedical science. Its various web services are used almost a billion times each year by people around the globe. Mr. Smith provided invaluable support to members of the House and Senate, and their staff, in developing the legislation that created the center.

He has also been closely associated with the amazingly successful entry of

the National Library of Medicine into the world of web-based consumer health information relied on by millions of Americans. His skill at managing people and budgets has allowed the Library to move beyond its traditional emphasis on serving exclusively scientists and health professionals. Today, such heavily used consumer information services as MedlinePlus, ClinicalTrials.gov, NIHSeniorHealth.gov, and the Household Products Database are testimony to his success in administering such a diverse institution as the Library now is.

Kent Smith, trained in mathematics, economics, and management, is known to medical librarians around the world. In our country he has had close ties to the 5,000 member institutions of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, and he has championed their cause in many venues. His leadership and tireless efforts have had great impact on the development of federal information policies that ensure broad public access to an expanding universe of electronic government health information resources.

He is also known for his strong leadership of national and international organizations in the information field. He has served as President of the National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services, President of the International Council of Scientific and Technical Information, Chair of the Policy Group of the Federal Library and Information Center Committee, Vice President of the UNESCO General Information Program, and Chairman of CENDI, a group of federal scientific and technical information and technology managers.

I am aware that there are many far-sighted and dedicated managers serving the people of the United States. It is a pleasure for me to honor one with whom I am personally acquainted and who, on the occasion of his retirement, richly deserves our thanks for a job well done.●

IOWA AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNITS

● Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I wish to take this opportunity to recognize the activities of two American Legion Auxiliary Units in Iowa, the Walter T. Enneberg 358 Auxiliary Unit in St. Ansgar, IA, and Auxiliary Unit 278 in Osage, IA. I thank them for their contributions to their communities. I ask unanimous consent that a newspaper article detailing the activities of the St. Ansgar unit and a summary of the activities of the Osage Unit be printed in the RECORD.

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

[April 17, 2004]

AMERICAN LEGION UNIT #358 REVIEW

The American Legion Unit #358 of St. Ansgar, meets on the second Tuesday of each month. The evening starts with a potluck-

supper with the members of the Legion, followed by our business meeting. We presently have 106 paid up members.

The hostesses for each month send personal care kits to the Mental Health Institute at Independence, the Iowa Veteran's Home at Marshalltown, the Iowa Training School at Eldora, the USVA Hospital at Knoxville, or the Mitchell County Care Facility at Osage.

We have been busy with many pleasant and worthwhile activities this year, including:

Sponsoring a high school junior at Girl's State and having her present a report at one of our meetings.

Sponsoring two blood drives with the Blood Center of Iowa.

Conducting a Poppy Day in St. Ansgar.

Sponsoring a Fluff and Pillow cleaning as a fund raiser.

Presenting apples to the St. Ansgar School administrators, teachers, support staff and school board members during American Education Week.

Providing a special article for our local newspaper during American Education Week featuring a picture and short interview with each teacher of our school district.

Presenting each of the residents of Mitchell County Care Facility with a personal, specially selected Christmas gift. This year the cost of this special project was about \$250.

Awarding a \$200 scholarship to a second year college student—some years we have given more than one scholarship.

Assisting with food and decorations for the annual Birthday Ball sponsored by the St. Ansgar American Legion and sharing the cost of this lovely evening.

Giving special contributions on Flag Day to support our special projects. This replaces the bake sale and coffee hour that we use to sponsor.

Marching in the Memorial Day parade..

Entering a patriotic float in the parade on June 21st to celebrate 150th anniversary of the founding of St. Ansgar.

Presenting a special program on July 3 at the Good Samaritan Center in St. Ansgar about the history of our flag. Legion members conducted the 13 folds of the flag for the residents.

Taking paper back books to the Veterans Home in Marshalltown.

Paying one half of the cost of food for the annual Legion/Auxiliary membership dinner in November.

Contributing \$25 toward the cost of cases of microwave popcorn sent by Alamo Scouts to our troops in Iraq.

Sharing the cost with the Legion for a new flag for the St. Ansgar Senior Citizens Center.

Providing walkers, wheel chairs and other medical equipment as needed by anyone in the community.

Contributing \$100 toward the project headed by Ruth Loney to provide stockings from Fox River Mills for our servicemen and women.

Contributing \$100 toward President Rozena MaVey's project for a lighted flag at the entrance of the Veteran's Home in Marshalltown.

Sending coupons to service families in Germany.

Osage Unit 278 held their annual Bake Sale Luncheon on April 16th at the American Legion Post home in Osage. Each year the proceeds of this event are used to award \$250.00 scholarships to worthy graduating seniors of Osage High School.

This year's event was highly successful and the Unit will be awarding five

(5) scholarships of \$250.00 each to seniors chosen through the application and interview process. Awards will be presented at the Osage High School Awards Assembly the week of April 20th.

Osage Auxiliary Unit 278 takes pride in performing many acts of service to the community, state and nation. Our greatest endeavor is to support our veterans and our troops in this current war which has placed many of our young men and women in the military in harm's way.●

HONORING THE CITY OF LENNOX

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I wish to honor and publicly recognize the 125th anniversary of the founding of the town of Lennox, SD. The town of Lennox has a proud past and a promising future. In 1879, the Milwaukee Railroad established a branch where the town stands today.

The town of Lennox was named after B.G. Lennox, private secretary to S.S. Merrill, a railroad executive. By 1880, 90 people lived in Lennox, and the town has experienced steady growth since then. The 2000 census listed Lennox as having a population of just over 2,000 people.

Lennox is governed by a seven-person city council. There are numerous projects and major developments underway in Lennox. Currently, the city is upgrading its water system, with two new water towers and a new well to ensure that the city has plenty of water. The Lennox Commercial Club has many of the town's businesses as members and meets monthly to sponsor promotions and encourage business growth. An active senior center, the Good Samaritan Center, the Hilda's Heritage Home all provide support for seniors.

Small towns like Lennox are the backbone of rural States such as South Dakota. A growing community built by good neighbors and a strong foundation is a great place to raise a family. The town has been celebrating throughout the year and is continuing through July with events at the high school, community church and a sauerkraut/polka party on the town's main street. This sort of wholesome, small town celebration is a great example of rural South Dakota's commitment to good values and local history. It is with great honor that I share this great community with my colleagues.●

RECOGNIZING GREG CANNELL OF AMERICAN FALLS, IDAHO

● Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I rise to recognize Mr. Greg Cannell of American Falls, ID, for his heroic actions in saving the life of a rural mail carrier. Last December, Greg selflessly and fearlessly jumped into near-freezing waters to save a mail carrier who had skidded off a winding mountain road and into the nearby river.

On December 1, 2003, Ron Meadville, a rural mail carrier, was returning

from his 110-mile route along the remote North Fork road northwest of Salmon, ID. Greg Cannell and a friend, Tina Taysom, were traveling ahead of Meadville on the same road. Cannell and Taysom pulled over to look at some deer, and Meadville passed them. When Cannell pulled back on the road and rounded a bend, he couldn't see the mail truck but saw a set of skid marks that veered off the road, toward the near-frozen river. Meadville had hit a patch of ice that sent his truck hurtling over the 25-foot embankment to land upside down in the Salmon River, in more than 5 feet of 33-degree water. Greg Cannell acted immediately. He stopped his truck, jumped out, slid down the steep embankment and plunged into the river. After several strenuous attempts, Cannell was able to pull open the truck door, grab Meadville's hand, and pull him out through an opening between the seat and the doorjamb. By this time, Meadville was experiencing hypothermia.

Cannell and Taysom pulled Meadville up the embankment to their vehicle. Meadville managed to tell them that he lived about a mile from where they were. Cannell took him to his home where he helped Meadville's wife care for him. Cannell refused any care for himself until he knew Meadville was safe.

Greg Cannell risked his own life to save a stranger. He refuses to be called a hero, but he is truly a hero to Ron Meadville and his family. Without his courageous actions, Ron Meadville would not be alive today. Greg Cannell's actions truly were heroic and it is a pleasure for me to honor him and share his story.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2828. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement water supply technology and infrastructure programs aimed at increasing and diversifying domestic water resources.