

the Eastern District of Pennsylvania issued a ruling upholding the conviction, but threw out the death sentence on a technicality. The case was appealed to the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals on 28 December 2001. While the case remains on the docket, Danny's killer is alive and on death row. As his widow Maureen will tell you, this is not justice.

Your legislation would require that, following State court and U.S. Supreme Court certiorari reviews are completed, district courts review cases within fifteen months and circuit courts rule within 120 days. This means that, absent the granting of a full review of the case by the U.S. Supreme Court, that Federal review of cop-killers' appeals would be completed, in most cases, within a two year period.

The bill also incorporates an existing provision of the Federal habeas statute that is used to determine whether a defendant may file a successive petition or seek a new evidentiary hearing in Federal court. Thus, once a convicted cop-killer's case arrives in the Federal courts, they would only be able either to offer new evidence of innocence or to give a good reason why he failed to present such evidence earlier, thus barring defendants from simply relitigating evidence that already was presented or should have been presented at trial.

Assaults on law enforcement officers, including those which result in the death of the officer, are on the rise, and so is the length of time a convicted cop-killer will remain on death row while his appeals are processed. The murder of a law enforcement officer is a heinous crime—every State that has the death penalty allows juries to impose on those convicted of killing an officer. And yet, if the death penalty is not imposed in a reasonable amount of time, after all the requirements of due process are met and guilt is certain, then it does not have any meaning, either as a deterrent or a punishment. Your legislation correctly addresses this problem for what most recognize to be one of the most serious crimes—killing a cop.

On behalf of the more than 318,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I applaud you for your leadership on this issue and look forward to working with you and your staff to see it signed into law. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco at my Washington Office.

Sincerely,

CHUCK CANTERBURY,
National President.

THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the commendable record of the Air Force Academy Drum and Bugle Corps. The Air Force Academy Drum and Bugle Corps was established in 1959, as a unit of the Air Force Academy Band. The Corps was made up of enlisted musicians and included six drummers, nine buglers, a drum major and a noncommissioned officer in charge. The mission of the Corps was to act as a relief group for the Air Force Academy Band. Activities of the band included playing for the cadet morning and evening chow formations and to practice marching. This addition to the Air Force Academy Band helped to complete musical requirements for the cadet wing military formations.

Within 2 years of its formation the Air Force Academy Drum and Bugle Corps was increased to 38 members, and its mission was extended nationwide to include concerts, field exhibitions, music festivals, and various military ceremonies. The Corps entertained audiences from coast to coast with a blend of precision drill and musical pageantry. In 1972, the Enlisted Corps was disbanded and students from the Air Force Academy formed the Cadet Drum and Bugle Corps, which continues the tradition of providing musical support of cadet wing activities, as well as participation in community activities nationwide.

I take this opportunity to thank the distinguished members of the Air Force Drum and Bugle Corps for their dedication and commitment to the Academy and to our country.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

VA AND UF JOIN FORCES TO HELP STROKE VICTIMS

• Mr. GRAHAM of Florida. Mr. President, the Department of Veterans' Affairs, VA, has a long and distinguished history of collaboration with various universities across the country. No such partnership has yielded more successful results than that between the Malcom Randall VA Medical Center, VAMC, in Gainesville, FL, and the University of Florida, UF. In keeping with their long history together, these two notable institutions announced on July 6, 2004, that they will be working together to help stroke victims.

The Translational Research in Rehabilitation Initiative, as it has been named, is a \$2.7 million effort to improve the lives of those who have suffered from strokes and other brain injuries. Its goal is to drastically shorten the time between scientific discovery and the development of therapies used for the treatment of these patients. Currently, an average of 17 years go by before discoveries in clinical trials are routinely incorporated into medical treatment.

Previous thinking was that the mature nervous system could not be repaired after injury. Since 1990, however, scientists have known this is not true. As such, the joint initiative will utilize the advanced skills of UF scientists and physicians to translate discoveries from animal research into quicker ways of reconstructing the damaged human nervous system. With VA's assistance, UF also will recruit three new faculty members, whose goal will be to accelerate brain-injury research to find combinations of drugs and rehabilitation therapies that will help stroke victims.

The project is an extension of research that began 1999 with Leslie Gonzalez-Rothi, Ph.D., a neurology professor associated with UF's Evelyn F. and William L. McKnight Brain Institute and program director of the Brain

Rehabilitation Research Center at the Gainesville VAMC. That year, Dr. Gonzalez-Rothi obtained the first rehabilitation research and development grant from VA to start the Brain Rehabilitation Research Center. At the center, UF scientists study combinations of drugs and rehabilitation techniques in people who have suffered strokes, focusing their efforts on rehabilitating patients and teaching them to relearn lost abilities. This new mission will explore the ways doctors can actually help heal the injury and is part of the July renewal of a 5-year, \$4.25 million rehabilitation research and development grant to the center. In addition to the grant, the Gainesville VAMC will provide nearly 4,000 square feet of laboratory space in its medical center to support the effort.

This new partnership between VA and UF is a shining example of what VA can and will accomplish through its impressive research capabilities, especially with the help of its university affiliates. The strides that result from the Translational Research in Rehabilitation Initiative will significantly improve patient care for the entire Nation, making a difference in the lives of veterans, as well as the general public. I am very proud that this project is being conducted in my home State of Florida. •

IN HONOR OF MASTERFOODS USA CHICAGO PLANT 75TH BIRTHDAY

• Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today I offer congratulations to Masterfoods USA on the 75th birthday of their candy plant in Chicago, IL. Masterfoods is the U.S. division of Mars, Incorporated.

Chicago is America's candy capital. Since 1929, the hard-working folks at the Masterfoods plant in Chicago have been making our world sweeter.

The plant is the birthplace of the world's best-selling candy bar—the Snickers bar as well as home to other favorites, including the Milky Way and 3 Musketeers bars. Today, the Masterfoods USA Chicago plant produces 20 percent of all Masterfoods USA candy bars about 30 million bars a day.

Much like Chicago, the Masterfoods plant has been in a constant state of renewal and investment, and is as contemporary today as it was when it opened in 1929. Built on a site that was previously a golf course, the plant is unlike other factories, with a picturesque, high-windowed Spanish-style structure featuring a rich red tile roof and tinted walls.

When it opened in 1929, the plant employed about 200 workers. Today, the plant employs about 500 associates, 10 percent of whom have a relative who formerly worked there. There are even three people working at the plant today who are third-generation plant associates.

Beyond creating and retaining jobs, Masterfoods USA is committed to community involvement. Each year at Halloween, more than 500 costumed children from the surrounding neighborhood converge on the plant to trick-or-treat. The company also donates equipment to Chicago Shriners Hospital for Children and provides 25 district police stations with candy for community outreach. In all, the Masterfoods USA Chicago plant assists more than 100 community programs each year. This is a company that has not just been an employer, it has also been a good neighbor.

Today I wish to honor the 75th birthday of the Masterfoods USA Chicago Plant. Their success is a point of pride for Chicago and the State of Illinois. May their future be as sweet as their past.●

BEALE AIR FORCE BASE: AIR FORCE EXCELLENCE

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Beale Air Force Base as the United States Air Force winner of the 2004 Commander in Chief's Installation Excellence Award. This award recognizes the outstanding efforts of the people who operate and maintain Department of Defense installations and who best utilize their resources to support the mission. In recognition of this prestigious accomplishment, Team Beale has been awarded \$1 million for quality of life improvements.

The Commander in Chief's Installation Excellence Award recognizes the best United States Military installations worldwide, demonstrating innovative programs that help sustain excellent base operations. Each base was evaluated in the following categories: improving work environment or physical plant; improving quality of life; enhancing productivity of the work force; increasing customer satisfaction or improving customer service; encouraging bottom-to-top communication and team problem solving; promoting unit cohesiveness and recognizing outstanding individual efforts; and, promoting environmental safety, compliance, remediation, and stewardship.

In fiscal year 2003, Team Beale established itself as the benchmark for the United States Air Force. Teamwork was Beale's cornerstone among the core units, associate units, and the civilian community as they embraced the Installation Commander's motto, "One Team, One Fight." Beale Air Force Base put intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance on the offensive with an unprecedented 3,450 sorties, 1,175 combat missions, and 13,300 combat hours during Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. Team Beale led coalition forces in battle space preparation and time-critical targeting by producing more than 89,000 imagery products and 25,000 special intelligence products for two combatant commanders.

In addition to Beale's history-making, record-breaking contributions to the United States' combat efforts, it also worked to improve in other areas. Beale Air Force Base took a lead role in its \$180 million housing privatization efforts for 1,344 homes in conjunction with \$114 million in base-wide improvements and \$56 million in RQ-4A Global Hawk bed down initiatives. In recognition of their outstanding performance, individual and team awards included: United States Air Force Air Force Outstanding Unit Award; United States Air Force Maintenance Effectiveness Award; United States Air Force Twelve Outstanding Airmen of the Year Award; United States Air Force Explosives Safety Plaque; 33 Air Combat Command award; United States Strategic Command's Omaha Trophy; and, Eight Numbered Air Force awards.

The men and women of Beale Air Force Base have set the Air Force standard for installation excellence. By embracing the Air Force core values of "Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do," Team Beale used creative innovations to establish themselves as the best of the best. It is with great pleasure that I congratulate Beale Air Force Base on the receipt of the prestigious Commander in Chief's Installation Excellence Award.●

ALBERT M. DESHUR'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

● Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Albert M. Deshur on his 90th birthday. I commemorate Mr. Deshur as a prominent leader, businessman, and philanthropist, who has long served the community of Milwaukee.

Mr. Deshur, as a lifelong community leader and self-made man, has set the standard for integrity, pride, conscientiousness, reliability, honesty and character, while at the same time always maintaining a sense of balance through his earnestness and sense of responsibility to provide for the community around him.

In honor of Mr. Deshur's 90th birthday, I acknowledge his many contributions to the City of Milwaukee. In 1948, Mr. Deshur founded the Deshur Homes company in Milwaukee, WI, where he currently serves as chairman of the board. Through his hard work and dedication, he has been responsible for master planning and developing over 2,000 acres of land, building more than 7,000 single-family homes, and developing many multi-family and commercial projects. Twelve years later, Mr. Deshur founded the Hampton State Bank, located in Milwaukee, where he served as president and chief executive officer providing thousands of customers a bank they could trust. His commitment to the city has provided the people of Milwaukee great opportunities that would not have been possible without his vision.

Mr. Deshur has also been an active philanthropist for children's causes, including the Albert and Ann Deshur Rainbow Day Camp at the Jewish Community Center of Milwaukee. He is a prominent member of the Jewish community of Milwaukee, founding member and major benefactor of Temple Shalom and a generous and consistent supporter of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation for many years.

I thank Mr. Deshur for his many contributions to the city of Milwaukee and I join his many friends and family in celebration as we honor Mr. Deshur on his 90th birthday. He is the very best Milwaukee and Wisconsin has to offer, and I wish him good health and continued happiness.●

CORDELL BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY: IN HONOR OF ITS 15TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I wish to recognize and share with my colleagues an important milestone for Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary. The sanctuary will observe its 15th anniversary on October 2.

Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary was established in 1989 when a House joint resolution was signed by the President. I was pleased to be an original cosponsor of the resolution which was sponsored by Congressman Doug Bosco.

The sanctuary encompasses 530 square miles of marine waters, off the coast of Point Reyes National Seashore, about 45 miles north of San Francisco. The boundary includes a unique granite bank, the Cordell Bank, and is located along the continental shelf.

The sanctuary encompasses exceptional and diverse marine life, both above and below the surface, providing a home for resident marine species and a destination feeding ground for many migratory marine mammals, fish and seabirds.

Twenty-six marine mammal species live in the waters of Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary as do over 250 fish species. It is among the most important feeding grounds in the world for the endangered Humpback and Blue whales. It also serves as a crucial foraging area for resident, migratory and seabound birds. In fact, Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary is otherwise known as the "Albatross capital of the Northern Hemisphere."

In the 15 years since the sanctuary was established, threats to the Cordell Bank and other points along our coast have grown. California's population has continued to increase near the coast, and oil and gas exploration proposals continue to threaten our marine ecosystems.

Because of these threats, I believe preserving and celebrating our protected areas off the California coast is particularly important. Since the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary was established, the sanctuary's