

found that adolescents who were exposed to gun violence were more than twice as likely to carry out violent acts within the following 2 years. Fifty-six percent of the teens surveyed by UCAN said that they believe violent teenagers learn their behavior from their parents. We must do more to break this cycle.

Unfortunately, most of those who responded to the UCAN survey believe that the Government doesn't understand the realities of gun violence for teenagers and would not care if they were a victim of gun violence. In addition, 41 percent of the teens surveyed said they would benefit from more violence prevention programs and resources.

We should listen to what teenagers around the country are saying about guns. Their responses to the UCAN survey show that Congress is not doing enough to protect young people from the threat of gun violence. I urge the Senate to do more to help ensure our teenagers do not have to fear guns in their schools and communities by passing commonsense gun safety legislation and by supporting violence reduction programs.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

MAJOR STUART ANDERSON

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I speak today with deep sorrow, for we have lost a truly brave American and soldier. MAJ Stuart Anderson died on January 7, 2006, when the Blackhawk helicopter he was in crashed just outside Tal Afar in northern Iraq. His helicopter was part of a two helicopter team providing support for the 101st Airborne Division. Major Anderson was assigned to the 3rd Corps Support Command, Army National Guard. My condolences go out to his wife, Tori; his two daughters, Keely 15, and Kirsten 10; his parents, Claremont and Nancy Anderson; and many other family and friends.

Major Anderson grew up in Hoffman, MN, and then graduated from Benson High School in Benson, MN. He attended North Dakota State University. Maj. Anderson had been living in Dubuque, IA, for the past 5 years and was scheduled to return home this fall. He was a supply and service support representative for his Des Moines based unit; he made sure combat troops in some of Iraq's most dangerous areas had the proper supplies.

Major Anderson joined the Army Reserve in 1984, became an officer in 1989, and was serving in his second tour of duty in Iraq. Many of Major Anderson's colleagues define him as a trusted and humble leader. LTC Thomas Nielsen wrote that "Major Anderson was one of the finest officers I have known in my 28-year career." Major Anderson's father said that "he was very proud of being in the military . . . he just loved it." He was known to sprinkle in humor with his training and with his annual Christmas cards. His humor

will be missed by all who knew him. I ask my colleagues in the Senate and every American to remember the sacrifice that Major Anderson gave for our freedom.

UNI-CAPITOL WASHINGTON INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, each year congressional offices host American college students as interns, to help our future leaders learn about public service and see how their Government works firsthand.

Today, I would like to let you know about a program that gives Australian students the opportunity to experience our democratic and legislative process. It's called the Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Program.

My office is taking part in it right now, along with others in Congress. Twelve of Australia's brightest are here, pursuing knowledge and understanding. In so doing, we are all finding new reasons to like an old friend.

The Uni-Capitol was born of the efforts of Eric Federing. Eric worked for more than a decade in the House and the Senate as a senior adviser. While doing this job, he lectured across Australia on American Government, politics, and news media. In an effort to forge ties across the Pacific and for the betterment of both societies, Eric put together this idea in Washington in 1999.

The selection process for the students is competitive and intellectually rigorous, ensuring the highest quality applicant. All participating students are comprehensively matched with a congressional office and corresponding position. They come from a wide range of academic disciplines and bring as much knowledge and understanding to our offices as they take away.

For the past 7 years, Mr. Federing's students have approached this opportunity with vim and vigor. I am pleased to have Douglas Ferguson from the University of Canberra working in my office this year. I would also like to submit into the RECORD the names of other Australian interns participating in this year's program:

Andrew Brookes, from Melbourne University, is in Senator CHRISTOPHER DODD's office. Ryan Conroy, from Deakin University, is in Representative SAM FARR's office. Jenna Davey-Burns, from Melbourne University, is in Representative LOUIS SLAUGHTER's office. Sarah Dillon, from Deakin University, is in Representative ALCEE HASTINGS's office. Jessica Gurevich, from Melbourne University, is in Representative MIKE CASTLE's office. Scott Ivey, from the University of Western Australia, is in Representative LORETTA SANCHEZ's office. Saul Lazar, from Deakin University, is in Senator CHUCK HAGEL's office. Abbie McPhie, from Macquarie University, is in Representative JERROLD NADLER's office. Linda Nelson, from the University of Wollongong, is with the House Science

Committee's majority staff. Marianna O'Gorman, from the University of Queensland, is in Delegate ENI FALEOMAVAEGA's office. Rachel Thomson, from the University of Western Australia, is with the Joint Economic Committee's minority staff.

Australia continues to be one of America's strongest allies. Our greatest gift is the friendship born of shared values. I thank the Uni-Capitol Program and these Australian interns for their hard work, and I wish the program continued success.

ATTACK ON CHASIDIC SYNAGOGUE IN MOSCOW

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, on January 11 of this year, at the Moscow Headquarters and Synagogue of Agudas Chasidei Chabad of the Former Soviet Union, a so-called "skinhead" attacked worshippers with a knife and wounded eight persons. I know that all Members of this body deplore this terrible crime and send our prayers and best wishes to all those injured during the assault.

The victims of this senseless violence include Rabbi Isaac Kogan, who testified before an April 6 Helsinki Commission hearing I convened last year concerning Chabad's ongoing efforts to retrieve the Schneerson Collection of sacred Jewish texts from Moscow. The Rabbi is a noted refusenik who was appointed by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, to be part of Agudas Chasidei Chabad of the Former Soviet Union. In addition to nurturing Judaism throughout the former USSR, that organization has fought tirelessly to win the return of the Schneerson Collection to its rightful owners in the United States. The entire U.S. Senate has twice petitioned the Russian leadership to release those holy texts.

As chairman of the Helsinki Commission, I have followed closely the issue of anti-Semitism and extremism around the world. Unfortunately, the brutal attack at the Agudas Chasidei Chabad synagogue fits what appears to be a rising trend of attacks on ethnic and religious minorities in Russia.

Let me present one disturbing statistic. According to an article in the Moscow News last year, the Moscow Human Rights Center reports that Russia has up to 50,000 skinheads with active groups in 85 cities. This, as opposed to an estimated 70,000 skinhead activists throughout the rest of the world.

To make matters worse, there are indications that the police themselves are sometimes involved in racist attacks. Earlier this month, a Russian newspaper carried a story about the Moscow police assault of a passerby who happened to be from the North Caucasus. According to persons from the North Caucasus, such beatings are a common occurrence.

What was uncommon was the fact that the gentleman in question is a colonel in the Russian Army and an internationally known cosmonaut.

Let me be clear. Anti-Semitism, bigotry, extremist attacks and police brutality are not found only in Russia. Our own country has not been immune to these challenges to rule of law and human dignity.

Nevertheless, as Russia accedes to the chairmanship of the G-8 and the Council of Europe, there will be increased scrutiny of its commitment to internationally recognized standards of human rights practices. I urge the authorities in Russia to do everything in their power to combat ethnic and religious intolerance and safeguard the religious freedom and physical safety of all its citizens.

TRIBUTE TO MATTHEW HOLT

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about Matt Holt, who has served the Senate with distinction for 25 years. As a benefits and retirement counselor and deputy for employee benefits and financial services in the Senate Disbursing Office, Matt Holt has committed his talents and energy to serving Senators and staff for over two decades.

His career here in the Senate has been exemplary. He is not only hard-working and dedicated but also friendly, helpful, and patient. He always takes the time to fully answer our questions, and he has become a tremendous resource for the Senate Disbursing Office.

Matt is truly an asset to the Senate, and all of us here in the Senate community are grateful for his outstanding dedication and hard work. An avid outdoorsman, Matt is looking forward to spending time fishing, camping, and hiking with his wife Jeanne and his children Jessica and Ben. He leaves with our appreciation and best wishes for a happy and relaxing retirement. He certainly has earned it.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 89

Mr. OBAMA. Mr. President, I rise today to say a few words about a special group of constituents. This April marks the 50th anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 89 of Downers Grove, IL. Teenagers move a mile a minute. Something that is "cool" in the morning may be forgotten by the afternoon. But Scouting is one institution that has maintained a central role in the lives of many young people in Illinois and around America.

Boy Scouts learn about and enjoy the outdoors, build friendships for life, and strengthen values such as teamwork, honesty, and respect for others. Downers Grove is a quiet residential village west of Chicago and a good place to instill these lessons. Some troops last longer than others, but Troop 89 has served the boys of Downers Grove since before I was born. That is a singular achievement, and I am pleased to have this opportunity to recognize it. To the Boy Scouts, parents, and friends of Troop 89, my heartiest congratulations on your 50th anniversary.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5335. A communication from the Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Diagnostic Code Numbers; Schedule of Ratings—Neurological Conditions and Convulsive Disorders" (RIN2900-AM32) received on January 16, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5336. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Elimination of Copayment for Smoking Cessation Counseling" (RIN2900-AM11) received on January 16, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5337. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Traumatic Injury Protection Rider to Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance" (RIN2900-AM36) received on January 16, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5338. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of the Navy Report of Violation of Administrative Control of Appropriation Regulations Case 04-01; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-5339. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Army, case number 02-06; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-5340. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Health, United States, 2005"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5341. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports entitled "The National Healthcare Quality Report 2005" and "The National Healthcare Disparities Report 2005"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5342. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Fiscal Year 2005 Report on Competitive Sourcing; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5343. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Competitive Sourcing Official, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Fiscal Year 2005 Competitive Sourcing Report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5344. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Funding Notice for Multi-employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans" (RIN1210-AB00) received on January 16, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5345. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Synthetic Fatty Alcohols" (Docket No. 1994F-0153) received on January 16, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5346. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Anabolic Steroid Control Act of 2004" (RIN1117-AA95) received on January 16, 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5347. A communication from the Clerk of Court, United States Court of Federal Claims, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the United States Court of Federal Claims for the year ended September 30, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5348. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Energy Outlook 2006"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5349. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Locality-based Comparability Payments" (RIN3206-AK78) received on January 16, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5350. A communication from the Chief, Border Security Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Port Limits of Rockford, Illinois" (CBP Dec. 05-38) received on January 26, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5351. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to conflict of interest laws relating to executive branch employment; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5352. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5353. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on the Threat of Terrorism to U.S. Ports and Vessels"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5354. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Energy's Fiscal Year 2005 Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5355. A communication from the General Counsel, Government Accountability Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to bid protest decided in fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5356. A communication from the Director, National Gallery of Art, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to competitive sourcing for fiscal years 2003, 2004, and 2005, and planned competitions for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5357. A communication from the Chairman, National Mediation Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to competitive sourcing for fiscal years 2003,