

that Chairman LEAHY and I will continue to, with outside input, perfect this bill, and am confident in our House counterparts to do the same.

I am committed to moving this legislation forward and hope that we can join efforts to refine and enact this bill.

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#### COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

• Mr. OBAMA. Mr. President, last week, we paused in remembrance of the Armenian genocide, which was carried out by the Ottoman Empire from 1915 to 1923. Nearly 2 million Armenians were deported, and approximately 1.5 million of those deported were killed.

It is imperative that we recognize the horrific acts carried out against the Armenian people as genocide and I will continue to stand with the Armenian American community in calling for the Government of Turkey to acknowledge it as such. The occurrence of the Armenian genocide is a widely documented fact supported by an overwhelming collection of historical evidence.

I was deeply disturbed 2 years ago when the U.S. Ambassador to Armenia was fired after he used the term "genocide" to describe the mass slaughter of Armenians. I called for Secretary Rice to closely examine what I believe is an untenable position taken by the U.S. Government.

I will continue to push for the acknowledgement of the Armenian genocide, and I offer the Armenian people my condolences.●

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#### HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

• Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, in honor of American troops who have lost their lives overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan I wish to make sure their service and sacrifice is forever memorialized in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Since I last included the names of our fallen troops on February 15, the Pentagon has announced the deaths of 101 troops in Iraq and in Operation Enduring Freedom, which includes Afghanistan. They will not be forgotten and today I submit their names into the RECORD:

SSG Shaun J. Whitehead, of Commerce, GA; SSG Ronald C. Blystone, of Springfield, MO; PFC John T. Bishop, of Gaylord, MI; 1stLT Timothy W. Cunningham, of College Station, TX; LCpl Jordan C. Haerter, of Sag Harbor, NY; CPL Jonathan T. Yale, of Burkeville, VA; SGT Guadalupe Cervantes Ramirez, of Fort Irwin, CA; 1stLT Matthew R. Vandergrift, of Littleton, CO; PVT Ronald R. Harrison, of Morris Plains, NJ; SPC Steven J. Christofferson, of Cudahy, WI; SGT

Adam J. Kohlhaas, of Perryville, MO; PO1 Cherie L. Morton, of Bakersfield, CA; AA Adrian M. Campos, of El Paso, TX; CPL Benjamin K. Brosh, of Colorado Springs, CO; SPC Lance O. Eakes, of Apex, NC; SSGT Jason L. Brown, of Magnolia, TX; 1stSGT Luke J. Mercardante, of Athens, GA; CPL Kyle W. Wilks, of Rogers, AR; SPC Arturo Huerta-Cruz, of Clearwater, FL; SGT Joseph A. Richard III, of Lafayette, LA; CPL Richard J. Nelson, of Racine, WI; LCpl Dean D. Opicka, of Waukesha, WI; SGT William E. Allmon, of Ardmore, OK; SPC Jacob J. Fairbanks, of Saint Paul, MN; SGT Jesse A. Ault, of Dublin, VA; SGT Shaun P. Tousha, of Hull, TX; TSgt Anthony L. Capra, of Hanford, CA; SPC Jeremiah C. Hughes, of Jacksonville, FL; SSG Jeffery L. Hartley, of Hempstead, TX; MAJ Mark E. Rosenberg, of Miami Lakes, FL; SGT Timothy M. Smith, of South Lake Tahoe, CA; SPC Jason C. Kazarick, of Oakmont, PA; SGT Michael T. Lilly, of Boise, ID; SSG Jeremiah E. McNeal, of Norfolk, VA; SGT Richard A. Vaughn, of San Diego, CA; COL Stephen K. Scott, of New Market, AL; MAJ Stuart A. Wolfer, of Coral Springs, FL; SSG Emanuel Pickett, of Teachey, NC; CAPT Ulises Burgos-Cruz, of Puerto Rico; SPC Matthew T. Morris, of Cedar Park, TX; PFC Shane D. Penley, of Sauk Village, IL; SGT Nicholas A. Robertson, of Old Town, ME; SPC Charles A. Jankowski, of Panama City, FL; SSGT Travis L. Griffin, of Dover, DE; SGT Dayne D. Dhanoolal, of Brooklyn, NY; SGT Jevon K. Jordan, of Norfolk, VA; MAJ William G. Hall, of Seattle, WA; SPC Durrell L. Bennett, of Spanaway, WA; PFC Patrick J. Miller, of New Port Richey, FL; SGT Terrell W. Gilmore, of Baton Rouge, LA; CPL Steven I. Candelo, of Houston, TX; CPL Joshua A. Molina, of Houston, TX; SPC Gregory B. Rundell, of Ramsey, MN; SSG Joseph D. Gamboa, of Yigo, Guam; PVT George Delgado, of Palmdale, CA; SSG Christopher M. Hake, of Enid, OK; PFC Andrew J. Habsieger, of Festus, MO; CPL Jose A. Rubio Hernandez, of Mission, TX; LCpl Dustin L. Canham, of Lake Stevens, WA; SSG William R. Neil Jr., of Holmdel, NJ; SGT Thomas C. Ray, II, of Weaverville, NC; SGT David S. Stelmat, of Littleton, NH; SGT David B. Williams, of Tarboro, NC; PFC Antione V. Robinson, of Detroit, MI; PFC Tyler J. Smith, of Bethel, ME; TSgt William H. Jefferson, Jr., of Norfolk, VA; SGT Gregory D. Unruh, of Dickinson, TX; SSG Michael D. Elledge, of Brownsburg, IN; SGT Christopher C. Simpson, of Hampton, VA; SPC Lerando J. Brown, of Gulfport, MS; CPL William D. O'Brien, of Rice, TX; SFC Collin J. Bowen, of Millersville, MD; SFC Shawn M. Suzch, of Hilltown, PA; SSG Ernesto G. Cimarrusti, of Douglas, AZ; SSG David D. Julian, of Evanston, WY; CPL Robert T. McDavid, of Starkville, MS; CPL Scott A. McIntosh, of Houston, TX; SSG Juantrea T. Bradley, of Greenville, NC; SPC Dustin C. Jackson, of Arlington, TX; PFC Tenzin L. Samten,

of Prescott, AZ; SSG Laurent J. West, of Raleigh, NC; SGT Phillip R. Anderson, of Everett, WA; SPC Donald A. Burkett, of Comanche, TX; CAPT Torre R. Mallard, of OK; CPL Jose A. Paniagua-Morales, of Bell Gardens, CA; SGT Gabriel Guzman, of Hornbrook, CA; SPC Steven R. Koch, of Milltown, NJ; SGT Robert T. Rapp, of Sonora, CA; SSGT Christopher S. Frost, of Waukesha, WI; SPC Orlando A. Perez, of Houston, TX; SPC Micheal E. Phillips, of Ardmore, OK; CPL Kevin S. Mowl, of Pittsford, NY; LCpl Drew W. Weaver, of St. Charles, MO; SPC Keisha M. Morgan, of Washington, DC; CAPT Nathan R. Raudenbush, of PA; SGT Conrad Alvarez, of Big Spring, TX; CPL Albert Bittton, of Chicago, IL; SPC Micheal B. Matlock, Jr., of Glen Burnie, MD; SSG Bryant W. Mackey, of Eureka, KS; CPL Chad D. Groepper, of Kingsley, IA; CPL Luke S. Runyan, of Spring Grove, PA.

We cannot forget these men and women and their sacrifice. These brave souls left behind parents and children, siblings and friends. We want them to know the country pledges to preserve the memory of our lost soldiers who gave their lives for our country.●

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### CONGRATULATING KEVIN WEBB

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate Mr. Kevin Webb of Glasgow, KY. Mr. Webb was recently chosen to be one of eight speakers at the first ever Ticket to Work Partners Summit held in Louisville, KY.

In March 2008 the Social Security Administration launched the Ticket to Work Partners Summit to bring together over 400 of Social Security's partners who actively engage Social Security disability beneficiaries in work through the Ticket to Work Program. Mr. WEBB was chosen to be one of eight speakers nationally to discuss how they have benefited from this program.

With the help of the Social Security Administration, Mr. Webb was able to start his own business in April 2006. Today he is a proud co-owner with his father, Ron Taylor, of Webb/Taylor Horseback Riding and Boarding.

Prior to becoming a successful business owner, Mr. Webb was faced with a number of difficult challenges in finding employment. Despite all of the setbacks and obstacles he had to overcome, Mr. Webb never gave up on his dreams and continued to search for a job that made him happy.

Mr. Webb applied for a grant given to five individuals each year by the Kentucky Council on Developmental Disabilities and the State vocation rehabilitation for startup funds for new businesses. With the grant and a fully funded Plan for Achieving Self Support from the Social Security Administration, Mr. Webb and his father were able to launch the Webb/Taylor Horseback Riding and Boarding.

Besides starting his own business, Mr. Webb has also worked with elected officials in the Kentucky State Legislature on behalf of individuals with disabilities. In 2003, the Kentucky State Legislature passed the Kevin Webb and Kim Brown Self-Determination Act to require the Commission on Services and Supports for Individuals with Mental Retardation and Other Developmental Disabilities to make recommendations to the Department of Medicaid Services for the implementation of a self-determination model for individuals who are receiving services through the Supports for Community Living waiver program.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Webb for his hard work and dedication as he celebrates the two year anniversary of opening Webb/Taylor Horseback Riding and Boarding. Mr. Webb is truly an inspiration to all Kentuckians and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.●

#### 2009 SPECIAL OLYMPICS

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate Ms. Kelly McCormick and Ms. Jeannie Luersen on their selection to participate in the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, to be held February 6 to 13, in Boise, ID. Over 3,000 athletes from 85 countries will compete in 7 sports: Alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, figure skating, floor hockey, snowboarding, snowshoeing and speed skating.

Ms. Kelly McCormick has been a Special Olympics athlete for 17 years. She serves as a global messenger, speaking on behalf of the program at many public events. Ms. McCormick will compete in the Alpine Skiing event. This will be her first time participating in the world games.

Ms. Jeannie Luersen has participated in the Special Olympics program for 25 years. This will be her second straight year at the World Games. Having won a Gold Medal in figure skating at the 2005 Winter Games in Nagano, Japan, Ms. Luersen will compete again in the figure skating event.

Special Olympics is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year as an international, nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit, productive, and respected members of society through sports training and competition. Ms. McCormick and Ms. Luersen represent Special Olympics Kentucky, which is celebrating its 36th year.

I congratulate Ms. McCormick and Ms. Luersen on their achievements. They are an inspiration to the citizens of Kentucky and to athletes everywhere. I look forward to seeing all that they will accomplish in the future.●

#### COMMEMORATING LINTHICUM HEIGHTS

● Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate Linthicum Heights, MD, on its 100th anniversary.

Linthicum Heights is a suburb of Baltimore that is also located near Annapolis and Washington, DC. Close to rail lines and good roads, Linthicum offers location without sacrificing its suburban character and historic property.

Linthicum is on the National Register of Historic Places. The community was farmland until 1908, when the descendants of Abner Linthicum decided to sell the farm land for houses. They created the Linthicum Heights Realty Company and named their development Linthicum Heights. Many of the original homes on the farm property remain. Two of the most famous are Turkey Hill, built in 1822 by William Linthicum, and Twin Oaks, which was home to U.S. Congressman John Charles Linthicum, who represented the Fourth Congressional District of Maryland from 1911 to 1932. U.S. Representative Linthicum was a sponsor of the legislation that named "The Star Spangled Banner" as our national anthem.

Today, Linthicum's location and its historic nature remain its charm and attraction. Easy access to Baltimore, Washington, DC, and Annapolis and its close proximity to Baltimore Washington Thurgood Marshall International Airport, Fort George G. Meade, Goddard Space Flight Center, and numerous other Federal facilities make Linthicum a desirable place to live.

The residents of Linthicum Heights as well as the Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights, the Linthicum-Shipley Improvement Association, the North Linthicum Improvement Association, business leaders, and government officials are to be congratulated for their appreciation and steadfast support of Linthicum Heights and its history.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating Linthicum Heights on its 100th anniversary.●

#### HONORING DR. EMMETT BUELL

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to a remarkable professor, scholar, and author, Dr. Emmett Buell of Denison University in Granville, OH. Today, April 28, 2008, Dr. Buell will teach his final class before stepping down as a full-time professor.

Professor Buell received his Ph.D. in political science from Vanderbilt University after earning his undergraduate and M.A. at Louisiana State University. He has taught at Denison since the 1969 to 1970 academic year and has directed the Richard G. Lugar Program in Politics and Public Service since its inception in 1995. This program provides students with opportunities to study various aspects of public policy, combining classroom instruction with the practical application of these studies through an internship experience. As of July 2007, about 110 students in the program will have served as interns in congressional offices. Given his exemplary leadership and record of suc-

cess, Dr. Buell was subsequently installed as the inaugural holder of the Richard G. Lugar Chair in Public Policy on April 21, 2006.

Dr. Emmett Buell is a nationally recognized expert in the political science field and specifically on Presidential selection and negative campaigning in Presidential elections. He has authored, coauthored, or coedited four books, including "Attack Politics: Negativity in Presidential Campaigns Since 1960". Emmett also has authored or coauthored articles and research notes in the American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, American Politics Quarterly, Urban Affairs Quarterly, Social Science Quarterly, and the Journal of Law & Politics. In addition, he has written chapters for books edited by others on such topics as the invisible primary, the New Hampshire primary, the changing role of national party conventions, and news coverage of Presidential aspirants.

Outside of his impressive list of experiences and skills, I know Emmett to be an individual of high integrity and character. He is idealistic, while remaining grounded in the practical. He is serious and thoughtful, while maintaining a sense of humor. He is generous with his time and attention, without losing his focus and personal discipline.

Perhaps most importantly, Dr. Buell has been an inspirational mentor to hundreds of students. His office door has always been open, and he makes every effort to assist, promote, and encourage those who seek guidance. I have heard from many individuals, including those who have worked in my own office, that they would not be in their employment positions today if it were not for his assistance. Likewise, I know that he is immensely proud of these students and their accomplishments.

Dr. Buell is also legendary on the Denison campus for his devotion to personal fitness and mastery of racquetball. He has encouraged numerous student challenges on the racquetball court throughout his career and has almost always been on the victorious side.

Mr. President, I was pleased to join with many of these former students, along with numerous faculty and friends, in celebration of Emmett's career at a retirement ceremony on Saturday, April 19, 2008. I am delighted that this event provided a forum to share our admiration for his years of service and contribution to Denison University.●

#### TRIBUTE TO INDIANA STATE SENATOR DAVID C. FORD

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I wish to honor the memory of an outstanding Hoosier, IN, State senator, David C. Ford.