

equality and opportunity for all Americans. During my first 2 years in the Senate, Senator COHEN joined in hearings on the effect of a popular music genre known as "gansta rap." Senator COHEN made it clear that while he respected the First Amendment claims of the young men who produced the music, all of us—parents, politicians and corporations—have a responsibility to address the ugly realities which that music reflected. He was right, once again, and our country has benefited from the attention the music industry gave his admonitions.

The State of Maine and the Nation will lose a fine public servant when BILL COHEN retires at the end of this Session. The senior Senator from Maine has served his State and the country with integrity, leadership, and dignity. I wish Senator COHEN and his wife Janet all the best in the future.

TRIBUTE OF SENATOR MARK HATFIELD

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, the dictionary defines a humanitarian as "a person devoted to promoting the welfare of humanity, especially through the elimination of pain and suffering." The picture next to the definition of humanitarian ought to be a picture of Senator HATFIELD.

Over these last 4 years, I have had the honor of working with and learning from the Senior Senator from Oregon. His commitment to the well-being of all people, his historic work to eliminate nuclear proliferation, and his commitment to his State of Oregon have made him a role model in the Senate.

Senator HATFIELD and I agree on many issues. He is a man who truly believes that education is even more important to our national defense than a missile system. His contributions to math and science education will leave a lasting mark on our Nation's youth and future scholars. As the steward of the Appropriations Committee, his steadfast commitment to education funding has earned him numerous professional accolades, my enduring admiration, and the thanks of millions of American schoolchildren and parents.

Where we don't agree, I have never ceased to respect his courage and integrity. We disagreed on the balanced budget amendment, but he earned my admiration as he voted against the amendment and against intense pressure from his party's leaders, because he believed it was the right thing to do. It was a mighty reminder of the strength of principle in men of character.

Senator HATFIELD's rational, bipartisan approach to issues, his respectful manner, and his quiet leadership will be sorely missed. The Senate is a body in which ideas are discussed, arguments made, and thoughtful votes cast. Senator HATFIELD exemplified this ideal of the Senate.

As a representative of the State of Illinois, I would also like to commend

Senator HATFIELD for his taste in historical figures. As a Presidential history scholar, he has had the good sense to focus much of his attention on Illinois' native son, Abraham Lincoln.

President Lincoln could have been describing the character and approach of MARK HATFIELD when he said in his second inaugural address, " * * * with malice towards none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us [or, in this case, him] to see the right."

The clearest praise for the work of Senator HATFIELD comes from the people of his State of Oregon. He has never, in his 46 years in public service, lost an election. The people of Oregon have supported him from the State Legislature to the state house to the Senate.

MARK HATFIELD is the longest serving Senator in the history of Oregon. I do not need to tell the people of Oregon that they are losing a great voice, but I will tell them that the Senate is losing a great man. We will all miss Senator HATFIELD, and I wish him well as he leaves the Senate after 30 years of dedicated work for the people of Oregon, and the people of the United States.

THE RETIREMENT OF SENATOR BILL BRADLEY

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, I am honored, but also saddened, to be here speaking about one of our finest retiring colleagues, Senator BILL BRADLEY of New Jersey.

As one of the newest members of the Senate Finance Committee, I have had the privilege and the pleasure to work with Senator BRADLEY for only a brief period; however, I have had the opportunity to see what an enormous impact he has had, and I have had the benefit of his counsel and advice—something I will surely miss.

I am sure that all of my Colleagues share my sentiment regarding the outstanding leadership demonstrated by Senator BRADLEY in the Senate. Not only has he been an asset in his position as a Senator, but also in the various positions that he has held over his career. Mr. BRADLEY served this Nation in a number of ways during his lifetime. He represented this country as a member of the 1964 U.S. Olympic Team and from 1967 through 1978 he served this country in the Air Force Reserves. He was a very popular pro basketball player for the New York Knicks during the 1967 through 1977 seasons. BILL BRADLEY has truly been a public servant throughout his life, and it is my hope that after retiring from the Senate, he will go on to serve in another position of national leadership.

In the Senate, BILL BRADLEY has been a central figure in the national fiscal debate, on family issues and helping to strengthen the traditional Democratic values that define our Nation.

Senator BRADLEY is the author of many bills and resolutions here in the

Senate but has distinguished himself as an author of a book that had a huge impact on tax policy in the United States, entitled, "The Fair Tax," published in 1982. "The Fair Tax" led directly to the most significant tax legislation of our generation, the 1986 Tax Reform Act. This Act ended the abusive tax shelter regime and closed huge loopholes in many areas of the tax law. Consequently, billions of dollars in revenue were saved. Although many in this body deserve credit, it was Senator BRADLEY's undying persistence and intellectual integrity that were largely responsible for that major tax reform.

Demonstrating a keen understanding and willingness to work on fiscal legislation has not hindered the Senator's efforts to advocate on behalf of families. He has used the bully pulpit of the Senate to hammer home the need for, among other things, more innovative methods of dealing with issues that affect the impoverished of our Nation.

The Senator has worked to prevent cuts in the earned income tax credit, which is legislation that truly helps families go from welfare to work. This measure has proved viable in rewarding work and providing tax relief to those who need it most.

Senator BRADLEY's hallmark, the Urban Community-Building Initiative, has served to revitalize national domestic policy. Three of the main features of this legislation: Community Policing, Community Schools, and Community Banking are essential to revitalizing our communities and restoring its economy, education, and safety. The Senator's Self-Reliance Loans will pave the way for every student to have an opportunity to go on to seek a higher education. Countless future generations will reap the benefits of his education vision and it will prove a long-term benefit for America's economy as a whole.

As a Senator who is noted for having conviction in the face of compromise and faith above cynicism, Senator BRADLEY has shown himself to be a model for statesmanship and as a model for real leadership and real heroism—the kind that is the backbone of democracy. I believe that it was this conviction that has compelled him to speak out on the divisive issue of race. Senator BRADLEY has pushed all Americans on toward a higher calling—to look beyond race, religion, and creed but to relate on personal human levels. In doing so, he has been a true defender of American values, a true Senator for the people of the State of New Jersey, and the United States of America.

I, like many of my colleagues, hope that Senator BRADLEY will continue to serve the public on a national level. His is a voice that bridges community and generation gaps that is needed in the 21st century. As the Senator himself eloquently stated, "there are other ways to serve the country."

In short, Senator BRADLEY has been a model of senatorial excellence. His passion, commitment, and zealous representation will all be greatly missed,