

Chairman Arafat and the Palestinian Authority must address this problem at its root and without equivocation. The coordination of security efforts is not and cannot be a bargaining chip to be turned on or off at will. There can be no tolerance for the perpetrators of violence—those who plan, finance, supply, or abet terrorism must be arrested, prosecuted, and imprisoned. No exceptions and no revolving doors.

Prime Minister Netanyahu has stated that there can be no peace without security. This is a commitment we share, and a commitment that must be evidenced by the Palestinian Authority beyond question through its own unilateral actions. At the same time, and as noted by Secretary Albright, we do not ask the impossible and, against suicide terrorists, cannot expect 100-percent success. There must, however, be nothing other than a 100-percent effort in this regard by the leadership of the Palestinian Authority.

With this security perspective as the foundation, there must also be a political environment that makes it possible to rebuild the trust that has been a victim of the violence and move ahead to achieve a peace for all. Prime Minister Netanyahu has expressed his commitment to "a peace that will surprise the world." We must encourage all parties to embrace such a commitment, and I fully support the Secretary in her efforts to that end.●

MAKING BOB HOPE AN HONORARY VETERAN

● Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I join my colleagues in praising a man who has contributed more to the morale and well being of American fighting men and women than anyone else in the 20th century. In every conflict where our forces have gone to uphold freedom or to deter aggression Bob Hope has traveled with them. As president of the USO, I worked closely with Bob Hope on many trips to visit our troops around the world. As a combat veteran of the war in Vietnam, I know personally how much he improved the lives of young Americans in Southeast Asia. The places where he entertained the troops were often dangerous areas where the enemy had the opportunity to attack. Bob Hope went there anyway, because he knew what he was doing was important to those ordinary soldiers. He may have been in danger, but our military personnel were in even greater danger. Invariably Bob Hope made the trip to these far off places during the holiday season when he could have been at home with his family, but he knew the feeling of isolation and loneliness that all soldiers feel when they are far away from their families around the holiday season.

Bob Hope has received numerous awards in his life, including the Medal of Freedom, and the Distinguished Service Medal, but I can think of no finer, no more appropriate award than that of veteran. Certainly if anyone in

America can be said to have served, and served with distinction, it is Bob Hope.●

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC RECEIVES LABOR SECRETARY'S OPPORTUNITY 2000 AWARD

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, each year the Department of Labor presents the Secretary's Opportunity 2000 Award honoring a Federal contractor for the successful implementation of equal employment opportunities within its organization, and for supporting those goals in the broader community. Through its efforts, the recipient of this award must have enhanced equal employment opportunities for minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, special disabled veterans, or veterans of the Vietnam era. It also must have addressed such issues as the glass ceiling, skills gap, and multicultural workforce.

I am pleased to say, Mr. President, that for the second time in 8 years, the Opportunity 2000 Award is presented to the Pacific Gas and Electric Co.

PG&E takes an active role in ensuring that its employees represent California's diversity. Its various programs, including the executive development program and women in trades forum, focus attention on women and minorities. Its management works closely with numerous employee associations which represent its diversity, such as the Hispanic Employees Association, the Black Employees Association, and ACCESS, an association of employees with disabilities.

PG&E has also adopted community based programs to aid the development of the diverse communities it serves. These programs include corporate contribution programs and welfare-to-work demonstration projects which aid in providing job training and employment to welfare recipients.

I applaud PG&E's continued commitment to the goals of equal employment opportunity for people of all backgrounds. In the words of Labor Secretary Herman, " * * * PG&E * * * serves as a role model for other Federal contractors."

I join Secretary Herman in commending Pacific Gas and Electric for this achievement, and I congratulate its officers and all its employees for being selected once again to receive this important and prestigious award. ●

RECOGNITION OF THE FREEMAN WASTEWATER PLANT

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the South Dakotans associated with the Freeman wastewater treatment plant. The Freeman facility earned a first-place excellence award in a six-State region from the Environmental Protection Agency.

Freeman earned an exceptional rating for its plant septage management, toxic waste control, collection system

maintenance, financial management, automation, and staff training. In addition, a television-based snaking system was used to pinpoint areas in need of repair. The plant staff and town council should be commended for their foresight in planning ahead and making repairs on the city's wastewater system rather than waiting for an emergency. The efforts of these individuals saves the residents of Freeman thousands of dollars in costly future repairs and insures the health and viability of the city's wastewater system.

While all the residents of Freeman should take pride in this accomplishment, I would like to mention a few individuals including Vince Kribell, chief operator of the Freeman plant, and Duane Walter. Administrative personnel include Chester Sorensen, Dean Sikkink, Steve Waltner, and Michael Schultz, who is also mayor of Freeman.

The Environmental Protection Agency started the Operations and Maintenance Award in 1986 to recognize publicly owned wastewater treatment facilities that demonstrate excellence in their overall operation. The program also heightens public awareness about the importance of efficient wastewater treatment.●

THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF THE WEBSTER HOSE HOOK AND LADDER CO.

● Mr. DODD. Mr. President. I rise today to pay tribute to the Webster Hose Volunteer Fire Co., which is celebrating 100 years of loyal service to the city of Ansonia, CT.

Anyone familiar with the early days of the Webster Hose Co. can truly appreciate how much this unit has evolved during the past century. The Webster Co. started 100 years ago when 20 courageous individuals were authorized by the board of aldermen to undertake all fire-fighting duties for the city of Ansonia. This fledgling fire department was named the Webster Hose Co., in honor of Ansonia's mayor Erwin W. Webster, and in 1903 the name was changed to the Webster Hose Hook & Ladder Co.

The number of firefighters quickly grew to 50, and these volunteers overcame many obstacles in order to serve the people of Ansonia. Perhaps their biggest handicap was the rudimentary firefighting equipment that was available to them. Their primary firefighting device was a 550-pound hand-drawn cart, equipped with a large hose. Manually transporting this cart through Ansonia's hilly terrain was difficult to say the least, and many early members of the Webster Co. suffered broken arms and legs as they miscalculated the number of people necessary to slow the vehicle down, or the direction it would take on a hill. To say that these early members had to go above and beyond the call of duty in performing their jobs would be a tremendous understatement.

But thanks to the extraordinary efforts of these founding members and