

worked tirelessly in their jobs—often at substantial risk to their personal health and safety—to help meet the energy needs of this country. They are entitled to retirement benefits earned for their dedicated years of service. Any corrective action we take in Congress must ultimately be consistent with this obligation.●

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

● Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, as you may be aware, the 1997 season marks the 100th team to play football for Middletown High School.

During these 100 years, Middletown football teams have been coached by Messrs. Bright, Masee, Sjellander, Cady, Spaulding, Greason, Southwell, Sundstrom, Downing, Springman, Goes, Sampson, Hughes, Finch, Bate-man, Rodiak, Nania, Whitehead, Brunner, Wolslayer, Ryder, and Scali.

Asylum, Hayes, Wilson, and Fallor are the football fields where the Middletown High School teams have played their games during the past century.

For the past 100 years, Middletown football teams have embraced the spirit of competition and have established a winning tradition.

Counted among former MHS football players are elected officials, teachers, doctors, coaches, construction workers, lawyers, businessmen, and members of the military who continue to make positive contributions to their community.

For the past 100 years, the "Middies" have been supported by the board of education, government, civic and fraternal organizations, and the greater Middletown community.

For these reasons, we ask that you give pause.●

RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MENTAL RETARDATION ILLINOIS CHAPTER'S 1997 DIRECT SERVICE PROFESSIONAL HONOREES

● Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, it is my distinct pleasure to join the Illinois Chapter of the American Association of Mental Retardation in honoring the recipients of the 1997 Direct Service Professional Award. These honorees are being recognized for their outstanding commitment and contributions to the lives of people in Illinois with developmental disabilities.

These award winners have distinguished themselves through their compassion, dedication, patience, and professionalism. Their work not only enriches the lives of those who they care for, but also enriches all of our lives and sets an example of service for all Americans to follow.

It is indeed my privilege to recognize and celebrate the achievements of the following Illinois direct service professionals: Sunshyne Albers, Angie

Berquist, Amy Birdett, Kathy Bouras, Barbara Eakin, Janet Hayes, Bertha Hernandez, Donna Johnson, Marcella Jones, Gertrude Kilpatrick, Thurman McGee, Rosalyn Moore, Charlotte Morrison, Gary Perkins, Larry Pullums, Carolyn Racki, Crystal Rapp, Dolores Sollenberger, Ellis "Steve" Stephens, Viparwon Thongchai, Lisa Vito, Cassandra Wilkins, and Larry Yaus.

I take this opportunity to join the Illinois Chapter of the American Association of Mental Retardation in saluting the winners of the 1997 Direct Service Professional Award. It is my honor to serve them in the U.S. Senate.●

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF IN IRAQ

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I stand before you today to speak of a situation which is of great concern. As Iraqi children returned to school last week, they began another year under difficult circumstances. For 7 years, the innocent children and citizens of Iraq have endured hardships and suffering which are immeasurable for many in this country. Economic sanctions imposed upon the country of Iraq by the United Nations were never intended to deprive the Iraqi people of the necessities of life. While some relief has occurred I believe that much more must be done.

Yet, the situation in Iraq is grim. According to the United Nations Food And Agriculture Organization [FAO], the Iraqi children are perhaps the most vulnerable and hardest hit. More than 600,000 children have died and it is estimated that 4,500 children are dying each month from problems related to malnutrition and shortages of medical supplies. While the sanctions continue, the regime prospers. It is time for the citizens and leaders of our country to continue to provide humanitarian aid to the most innocent of Iraq.

The United States Department of State has not objected to the issuance of licenses to United States organizations and individuals donating food, medicine, and other materials for essential civilian needs in Iraq. I am pleased that my office was able to assist the International Relief Association [IRA] based out of St. Clair Shores, MI, in obtaining a license to provide much needed supplies to the children and elderly of Iraq. I believe that it is essential to continue to seek out organizations and individuals who wish to assist in bringing further humanitarian relief to Iraq and to help them in obtaining the proper licenses to do so. Let it be known, that I encourage my colleagues to invoke the spirit of American humanitarianism and for each of them to examine the simple fact that aid must continue in this region of the world. I commend each organization and individual who has assisted in providing relief to the people of Iraq. May each of us be reminded that political and economic sanctions should not affect the lives of those who innocently suffer.●

SUSAN LANDON

● Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to express my deep sorrow about the death of Susan Landon on September 28, 1997. Ms. Landon, a citizen of New Mexico and resident of the city of Albuquerque, graduated from the University of New Mexico. She went on to fulfill a rich and varied career writing for the Albuquerque Journal. I have become familiar with Susan's work, as she reported on a range of issues spanning much of the breadth of contemporary New Mexico life.

Ms. Landon worked as the youth page editor, and as a reporter for general assignments, education, and State news. She began writing for the Journal's editorial page in 1992, and continued to do so until a few weeks before her death. Susan excelled in her assignments, winning numerous city, State, and national journalism awards. She found particular satisfaction through her work covering various Native American issues, and was thanked publicly by the president of the Navajo Nation for the sensitivity and understanding which was reflected in her writings.

I would like to quote from an article written by Jim Belshaw, a friend and colleague of Susan, in which he said "Susan Landon was smart and fair and irreverent and compassionate and tough; she was a native New Mexican who knew and loved the State and its people. She had an unerring ability to cut through rhetoric and get to the heart of a matter, regardless of its camouflage."

Mr. President, I ask today that the full text of Mr. Belshaw's article be printed in the RECORD, as it provides a unique perspective on the life of this dedicated individual whom New Mexico will miss very much.

The article follows:

PRIZED REPORTER SHARED HER GIFT WITH N.M.

(By Jim Belshaw)

Susan Landon, my friend and colleague of 20 years, died Sunday. She was 47 years old. She left a gift—a photograph!

At first, I believed the photograph spoke only to those of us who toil in journalistic fields. But I was mistaken as well as myopic. The photograph's message, clear and sharp as a New Mexico autumn, is meant not just for the people who worked at Susan's side all these years but for anybody who cares to embrace it.

The black-and-white photo shows a young newspaper reporter on the job. She stands in muddy, ankle-deep flood water. She writes in a notebook while the man whose name and words will appear in the next morning's newspaper leans on the shovel he has been using to fling muck out of his flooded home.

"Look who shot this," Susan said the first time she showed me the picture.

Stamped on the back of the print was the name of the Journal photographer—Jim Nachtwey, a mutual friend who has gone on to renown as one of the world's foremost photojournalists.

The picture is dated June 15, 1977; a handwritten note on the back of the photo describes the scene's circumstances.

"My mother wrote this," Susan said, smiling at the singular pride only a mother can have in a child.