can be incorporated in the final EIS. Further I am asking the Forest Service to move up the deadline for completing a final EIS to September 10 and forwarding it to the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Lands Management. Such a document—presented to Congress in a timely manner—we leave all options open this year. I continue to believe legislating this exchange is the right thing to do.

Mr. President, there are many who question why Congress should legislate this very land exchange. This is common practice. Congress has not shied away from passing land trades in the past and we should not in this instance when a consensus may be eminent.

In an editorial on the exchange The Seattle Times stated, “The perfect as enemy of the good is a common phrase these days, but it remains appropriate to this situation. A transfer of 100,000 acres with a net gain of 20,000 to the public has a long-term ring to it that futursists may see as prescient. Those are powerful reasons to walk toward this agreement with eyes open, but keep walking.”

TRIBUTE TO THE PROCTOR FIRE DEPARTMENT/SUTHERLAND FALLS HOSE COMPANY ON THEIR 100TH BIRTHDAY

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, August 15, 1998, will be a great day for Vermont. We will celebrate the centennial of the Proctor Fire Department/Sutherland Falls Hose Company. On behalf of all Vermonters, I want to wish the department a very happy birthday.

For a century, the Proctor Fire Department has been a vital part of its community. The firefighters continually risk their lives to protect the welfare of their neighbors. One such person was Firefighter Maurice “Sonny” Barrow, a twenty-three year veteran of the department. He gave his life on January 23, 1994, while at the scene of a mutual aid fire in Pittsford, Vermont. Mr. Wardwell is a true hero and his sacrifice serves as a reminder to us all of dedication and selflessness of this profession.

Mr. President, the 100th birthday of the Proctor Fire Department/Sutherland Falls Hose Company is a monumental occasion. The department is a vital part of the town and provides prompt and reliable service to people in the most distressing situations. This tribute recognizes the importance of the Proctor Fire Department/Sutherland Falls Hose Company and, more importantly, the courageous firefighters who disable their time and service to the community.

IN MEMORY OF MR. CLYDE RAYMOND BARROW

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, it is with great sadness that I rise today to pay tribute to the passing of Clyde Raymond Barrow. He was a dear friend, a devoted family man, and a committed community member. His life enriched the lives of countless people. I would like to take a few moments to reflect on this special person.

Clyde Barrow was born on March 2, 1923, in Belize, British Honduras. He passed just a few weeks ago at the age of 75 on July 9, 1998, in Chicago. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, the Reverend Willie Taplin Barrow; his adopted children, Dr. Patricia Carey and John Kirby, Jr.; his two sisters, Avis Barrow and Mary Barrow Foster; ninety eight Godchildren; many nieces and nephews; as well as friends and relatives too numerous to count. The Barrows are also the parents of Keith Errol Barrow, who preceded his father in death in 1993.

To Reverend Barrow, and Clyde’s surviving family and friends, I wish there was some way that I could lift this burden of loss from your shoulders. We must take comfort in the fact that Clyde’s life was spent in tremendous courage, dignity, and kindness. Clyde Barrow’s life is an example of righteousness for us all to follow.

Although Clyde Barrow is no longer with us, he has left scores of memories and a legacy of heroism and compassion that will live on forever. He was the quiet, silent partner of the little warrior, Reverend Barrow, supporting her in her many civil rights battles and her stewardship of Operation Push.

A welder by trade, Clyde also labored countless hours to build and strengthen his community by volunteering his considerable time and talents. Clyde’s involvement with organizations such as the Doctors Hospital of Hyde Park and the Vernon Park Church of God’s MASTER (Men Achieving Success and Training) Homeless Ministry represent his well earned reputation as a good Samaritan. As one who cherished children, Clyde Barrow went out of his way to be a father figure to many children in his church and neighborhood. Without a doubt, Clyde Barrow was the embodiment of the neighbor we all want living within the community.

In times such as these, it is comforting to remember the words of our Lord: “Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes with the dawn.” Clyde Raymond Barrow was a fine man, dedicated to his family, his community, and his God. The Barrows are in my thoughts and prayers and I trust that they are in the prayers of the Senate as well.

RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION IN IRAN

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, on December 10, 1989—nearly 50 years ago—the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted and proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This document explicitly states: “Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.”

On Tuesday, July 21st, the Iranian government summarily executed an Iranian Baha’i for the single alleged act of converting a Muslim to the Baha’i faith. The Baha’is are Iran’s largest religious minority with about 300,000 adherents and suffer continuous persecution for their faith.

The executed, Mr. Rowhani, a construction equipment salesman with four children, had been picked-up near the northern Iranian city of Mashad by the Iranian authorities in September 1997. He was held in solitary confinement during that extended period until final execution.

The facts are stark in their cruelty. His family was allowed to visit him briefly the day before his execution but, amazingly and cynically, they were not notified of execution. Rowhani was set for the next day. They finally discovered the death only after they were given one hour to arrange for his burial. With brutal disregard, the Iranian government refused to divulge any information to this grieving family who were forced to conclude from the rope marks that their beloved relative had been executed by hanging.

It is safe to say that Mr. Rowhani was accorded no due process nor afforded a lawyer prior to his execution. He died alone at the end of a rope for the alleged sin of sharing his sincerely held faith. I will state this very clearly—Mr. Rowhani was the victim of the most extreme form of religious persecution. Mr. Rowhani died for his faith and this is an outrage which must be denounced.

Mr. President, this barbarous act flies in the face of the Universal Declaration to which Iran is party. Mr. Rowhani had a fundamental right to practice his religion. Iran denied him that right. Mr. Rowhani had a fundamental right to a public trial. Iran denied him that right. Mr. Rowhani had a fundamental right to counsel. Iran denied him that right. Mr. Rowhani had a fundamental right to NOT be hung at the end of a rope for holding minority religious beliefs.

My deepest concern now rests with the fifteen other Baha’i’s now being held by the government of Iran for exactly the same reasons. This is resulted in Mr. Rowhani’s execution. As I speak now, at least three Baha’i men in the city of Mashad presently sit on death row, facing imminent execution.