

distinguished American who not only made considerable sacrifices for his country as a Marine in Vietnam, but continued to serve our country, especially the veterans of our Nation through his service as Executive Director of the Disabled American Veterans and later as Secretary of Veterans Affairs for 5 years in the cabinet of President Clinton.

It was during his tenure as VA Secretary that I worked more closely with Jesse and had the opportunity to learn of his commitment to our nation's veterans particularly to improve the medical care services to veterans. During a visit to the community of Grafton, ND for the dedication of an outpatient clinic, I had the opportunity to see first hand Jesse's concern and compassion for our veterans and their families. I was particularly impressed with his commitment to make certain that our veterans living in the rural and more remote areas of our country had the resources and access to the best VA medical care possible.

Jesse Brown represents the very best of America, he was a U.S. Marine with a distinguished service record in Vietnam, a disabled veteran, a devoted family member, a distinguished public servant, and an individual that represented the very best qualities and character in America. He is a role model for the coming generations and for us all. I hope our younger Americans will have an opportunity to know Jesse over time, to learn of his sacrifices and accomplishments on behalf of all Americans. Jesse deserves our highest respect and admiration.

My prayers and thoughts are with the Brown family members at this time.

#### LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Madam President, I rise today to speak about hate crimes legislation I introduced with Senator KENNEDY in March of last year. The Local Law Enforcement Act of 2001 would add new categories to current hate crimes legislation sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred Aug. 3, 1997 in Fort Worth, TX. Two gay men were physically assaulted after leaving a gay bar. The assailants, two men, were heard to yell anti-gay epithets during the attack.

I believe that government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2001 is now a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.

#### TRIBUTE TO ANGELA MARSHALL- HOFMANN

Mr. BAUCUS. Madam President, I rise today to thank Angela Marshall-Hofmann, who has worked on my staff for more than a decade.

I first met Angela in 1990. She was a reporter for the school newspaper at Eastern Montana College during her freshman year. Angela met me at the Billings airport to do an interview, and after the interview was over, she indicated she would like to be an intern in my Billings office.

I told her to come in—and she did such a great job that when a part-time position opened up, we hired her. She continued to work in the Billings office until she graduated from college.

During her time in the Billings office, Angela began to develop an interest in trade issues. She worked on setting up a state visit by several Ambassadors, and helped draft an export manual for Montana's small businesses.

During her senior year of college, she was encouraged to apply for the Rotary Club's International Scholarship. There is always a talented pool of students in Montana that applies for that prestigious scholarship—and Angela won it. She used it to study in France for a year, and continued to focus on international trade.

When she came back from France she went to law school in Missoula and began work in our Missoula office. During her time there she got involved with the Mansfield Center and helped to plan their international conferences, including one in China.

In 1997, Angela finally came east to work in our Washington, DC office, with a portfolio that included both agriculture and trade issues. During that time, she organized and traveled on trade missions to Asia and to South America.

Angela has always been one of the best multitaskers I know. When she worked in the Missoula office, she was going to law school and teaching dance classes—and doing great at all three.

These days, I think she has taken multitasking to a new level. With twin babies Marshall and Stephen at home and all of her responsibilities at work, she still manages to thrive.

And not only does Angela thrive, she does so with a positive attitude that makes her one of the most pleasant people to work with. I doubt there is anyone who has a bad thing to say about her. And after all her years on Capitol Hill—that is really saying something.

I was perhaps most proud of Angela, however, when she was asked this year to be the commencement speaker at Montana State University in Billings—formerly Eastern. She spoke as one of MSU's most distinguished alumni. I believe she inspired the graduating students to achieve and accomplish many great things—as Angela has.

Angela has truly done it all—from intern, part-time staffer, and receptionist, to legislative assistant, and

now international trade counsel to the Senate Finance Committee. She has worked on issues that are vital to Montana, including softwood lumber an agriculture. She has helped pass historic legislation, including Permanent Normal Trade Relations for China and this year's Trade Act.

Angela—thank you for your years of hard work, for your dedication to the State of Montana, and for the service to your country. You will truly be missed.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE CENTEN- NIAL OF BIG BASIN REDWOODS STATE PARK

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to recognize the 100th anniversary of the creation of California's oldest State park, Big Basin Redwoods State Park, located 25 miles northwest of Santa Cruz. Big Basin holds the distinction of being home to the largest continuous stand of Ancient Coast Redwoods south of San Francisco.

Big Basin Redwoods State Park was the first of California's 269 State parks to be set aside by the State legislature in September, 1902. Its creation was the result of a turn of the century community organizing campaign. San Jose photographer Andrew P. Hill gathered a group of writers, educators and women's club members for an exploratory expedition to the Santa Cruz Mountains, the area we know today as Big Basin. They formed the Sempervirens Club and began lobbying for preservation of the area as a public park. Their intention was to save these trees for posterity.

Today we celebrate the foresight and dedication of Andrew P. Hill and his friends. Big Basin Redwoods State Park is seen as the birthplace of the movement to save California's coastal redwoods and the birthplace of the entire State park system.

This system contains magnificent diversity and beauty ranging from the majestic forests of Northern California to the sun-baked deserts of Southern California and from the vibrant blue surf of the Pacific shoreline to the glorious peaks of the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range. It includes cultural and historical sites of national importance, wildlife habitats and natural preserves that are critical to the ecological health of thousands of plants and animals and a vast array of recreational opportunities for all citizens.

Big Basin Redwoods State Park incorporates 18,000 acres of old growth and recovering redwood forest, mixed with conifer, oaks, chaparral and riparian habitats. The park encompasses 80 miles of trails that include numerous waterfalls, lush canyons and chaparral-covered slopes. Other features of the park are family and group camping facilities, tent cabins, backpacking