

IRAQ

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I submit for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the following statement on Iraq, which I released following the President's remarks to the United Nations one week ago today. I ask unanimous consent that my statement be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

Mr. VOINOVICH. President Bush's speech today before the United Nations outlined well Saddam Hussein's sustained history of defiance of UN resolutions and the will of the international community. He left no doubt in any reasonable person's mind that Iraq is a threat to the stability of the Middle East, is a danger to his own people, and is fundamentally hostile to the basic human rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness upon which our nation is founded. Saddam Hussein is a threat to peace and his defiance of the world community and his continued pursuit of weapons of mass destruction show that he has no intention of changing his ways.

The President's simple recitation of Iraq's defiance and broken promises was convincing and persuasive. No interpretation was required. The President said it best: "By breaking every pledge by his deceptions and his cruelties, Saddam Hussein has made the case against himself."

The President's challenge, therefore, isn't making the case against Iraq, but building the support for action to force Iraqi compliance with UN resolutions calling for it to cease its support of terrorist groups, cease the production of weapons of mass destruction and allow international weapons inspections. Generating this support among the American people, Congress and our international partners is critical if any effort to deal with the Iraqi threat is to be successful.

As governor of Ohio and commander-in-chief of the Ohio National Guard during the Persian Gulf War, I saw firsthand how the unequivocal support that existed for our campaign to evict Saddam Hussein from Kuwait made it so much easier for our soldiers to leave home for an overseas mission. Ohioans supported our military mission and they supported our troops. There was no doubt about Saddam Hussein's guilt or his need to be stopped. This type of support is important if we are to ultimately succeed in stopping the Iraqi threat.

With his speech today, President Bush has started to build this base of support. I applaud his decision to go before the world community at the United Nations and to challenge the body to stand behind its resolutions, live up to its charter and be a force for peace and the preservation of human rights. The President's meeting with British Prime Minister Tony Blair last weekend and his recent series of conversations with world leaders are the right beginning. It must be built upon and strengthened. Our allies must be consulted, probed for advice, and engaged in the process, not just lectured, if we are to succeed. The President also must reach out to our emerging allies in the Middle East who, since 9-11, have begun to cooperate in the war on terrorism.

There is still much work to do as we consider options for confronting the looming threat presented by Iraq's ongoing programs to develop weapons of mass destruction. It is clear that we cannot sit idly by and allow Saddam Hussein to move forward in his work to acquire these deadly capabilities. As we examine possible courses of action I'm confident the President is going to take every

necessary step to continue to make his case to Congress and to the American people, and to consult with our allies as well as the countries in the region with whom we have emerging, important relationships. We owe it to those at home and abroad that we seek to protect from Saddam Hussein and his weapons to be diligent in the building of consensus so that our efforts to handle the Iraqi threat can be successful and conclusive.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO NORMA DICKSON

• Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Norma Eudora Cronk Dickson. On October 16th, 2002 she will celebrate her 100th birthday. Norma is a resident of Chinook, MT.

Norma Dickson was born October 16, 1902. She was the eldest of four children born to John Colburn Cronk and Anna Rogers Cronk. John and Anna Cronk moved to Montana in 1898, and settled in the Milk River Valley in Coburg, MT. Her parents were ranchers and prominent members of the community. Her father John was elected State representative in Montana in 1923. Her parents raised cattle and prize winning Percheron horses. The livestock pavilion at the Blaine County Fairgrounds was dedicated to her father's memory.

Norma attended college and taught for a few years prior to her marriage in 1928 to Dr. Joseph Robert Dickson, another Montana native who practiced dentistry in Chinook, MT.

Norma and Dr. Dickson had four children, Joseph Robert Dickson Jr., Marilyn Dickson Gregg, James Cronk Dickson, and George William Hunt Dickson. They also have thirteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

In addition to Norma's dedication to her family, she has been very active in her community of Chinook, MT. Her involvements include the Eastern Star, Chinook Presbyterian Church, and High School Girl's State. She has also worked at the Chinook Senior Center as a volunteer from its inception until she was 97 years old. Finally, she was named Senior of the Year in Chinook. She is a treasure to her community, her State, and of course, to her family. •

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

• Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. 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 February 11, 2001 in Rifle, CO. Kyle Skyock, 16, was found unconscious on the side of a road after being beaten by four teenage boys

who believed he was gay. Skyock's injuries included a fractured skull, burns, three broken ribs, and a bruise described by doctors as being in the shape of a two-by-four. During the beating, the assailants made derogatory comments about the victim's perceived sexual orientation.

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. •

OREGON'S TECHNOLOGY LEADERS

• Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, a little more than a year ago, the terrible events of September 11 forced the awakening and mobilization of a critical resource in this country. In response to that tremendous tragedy, America's technology innovators, skilled workers in all walks of life, have stepped forward to help America address the numerous threats our enemies pose.

One of these threats is cybersecurity. As computer networks have become increasingly central to this Nation's infrastructure and businesses, that the importance of securing our information and information technologies has grown. Today I wish to draw the Senate's attention to emerging technologies for dealing with these new threats. I also want to discuss how this country can maximize a uniquely American resource: that is, the skilled innovation of our tech sector.

Technology workers and managers from my home State of Oregon have inspired me with their technical skills and their passion to put their talents to work serving America. The Portland area is home to one of the Nation's largest concentration of cybersecurity vendors in the country. Portland now boasts a remarkable cluster of small and large companies actively working to make America's portion of cyberspace a safer place.

Just a few examples: Tripwire is the world leader in data integrity assurance, providing software that establishes the foundation for IT security and reliability. Tripwire is used to protect some of the world's most sensitive data, and that includes some of the most important systems right here in Washington.

Digimarc provides digitally watermarked drivers licenses for 37 States, and supplies official identification documents for governments around the world. Its technology enables authentication with a greater level of assurance than has historically been possible.

Swan Island Networks is building software platforms that enable secure communications of sensitive information to trusted users across organizational boundaries. It is helping Federal