

Mr. President, I believe the Senate passage of this bill is an important contribution to the national response to youth violence. The 106th Congress should seize the opportunity to pass meaningful and balanced legislation that will encourage local solutions to the complex problem of juvenile crime.●

RETIREMENT OF SISTER JANE FRANCIS BRADY

● Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to Sister Jane Francis Brady, who is retiring after 30 years at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Paterson, New Jersey. For 27 of those years, Sister Jane served as the hospital's President and Chief Executive Officer. This not only is a well-deserved public tribute, but also a very personal tribute. Paterson is my hometown, and St. Joseph's Hospital has been an institution both literally and figuratively for generations of Paterson families, including my own. To thousands of people in New Jersey and the region, she is "Sister Jane" and the hospital is "St. Joe's." They are a union that has put quality and hope into so many lives.

For many people in the Paterson area, Sister Jane has been the soul, the spirit and the face of healthcare. I have been privileged to work with her on a number of projects that have expanded St. Joe's to meet the continually growing needs of the surrounding community. Under Sister Jane's stewardship, St. Joseph's Hospital has become a focus of wellness care and training—the source for preventive, primary and emergency health services, and for more general education and counseling.

Sister Jane's curriculum vitae is stellar. She has held the highest advisory positions on healthcare, serving as Vice-Chair of the New Jersey Commission on Legal and Ethical Problems in the Delivery of Health Care; on New Jersey's Health Care Administration Board; on the SEEDCO Board of Trustees of New York; on the Leadership Task Force on Health Policy Reform of the Catholic Health Association of the United States; and on the Board of Trustees of the Catholic Health Association of the U.S.

She has been recognized for her contributions by numerous organizations, receiving, among others, the Paterson Community Service Award; the Citation of Merit from the NJ Association of Nonprofit Homes for the Aging; the Paterson Community Support Fund Humanitarian Award; "Woman of the Year" awards from the American Legion, the Paterson Boys and Girls Club, the NJ State Organization of Cystic Fibrosis, the American Cancer Society, and Passaic County Community College; the Felician College Founders Day Award; the Paterson Historic Preservation Commission's Heritage

Award; and the Palestinian Heritage Foundation Humanitarian Award.

Sister Jane's retirement presents a huge challenge. We have the legacy of her intellect and passion; we have the solid foundation of her three decades of guidance; we have her enduring vision; but we will need an extraordinary talent to fill the void she leaves.

The best tribute we can give, the tribute we owe to Sister Jane, is the promise and commitment to find the best way to give the best healthcare to the most people. That was what she did. That was her gift of faith and strength.●

SESQUICENTENNIAL OF McDONALD COUNTY

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, this weekend will be doubly special for the residents of McDonald County in my home state of Missouri. On March 3, 1849, McDonald county was established by the State Legislature and named after Revolutionary War hero Alexander McDonald. Not only will this weekend mark the 223rd anniversary of the founding of our country, but it is also the formal celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of McDonald County.

McDonald County has a distinguished history, including a gold rush in the last century. McDonald County was also the site for the filming of a 1938 movie about Jesse James starring Tyrone Power, Randolph Scott, and Henry Fonda. More recently, every Christmas the Post Office in the city of Noel receives thousands of cards to receive the stamp of "The Christmas City." McDonald County is also a major economic force in the state of Missouri, ranking first in agricultural sales, due to their \$50 million poultry industry.

I join the citizens of McDonald County in celebrating this milestone in their history. I take great pride in recognizing this historic event and wish McDonald County prosperity in the next 150 years that is even greater than the last. Mr. President, I ask that my colleagues in the Senate join me in recognizing the sesquicentennial of McDonald County.●

PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE

● Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, today I have informed the minority leader that I will object to any unanimous consent request to proceed to S. 1272 or any legislation containing provisions that would override Oregon's physician assisted suicide law. I have notified the bill's sponsor and the committee chairman and ranking member to which it was referred.●

MILITARY CHANGE OF COMMANDS

● Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, in the June edition of Leatherneck magazine,

the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Charles Krulak, quotes his father as saying: "The American people believe that Marines are downright good for the country." I agree with The Commandant's father. And I am pleased General Krulak also holds that well founded opinion. The United States Marine Corps is collectively good for this country, and the services of individual marines such as General Krulak are a big part of that positive contribution made by the Corps.

Unfortunately, the title of the article in which General Krulak quoted his father was "A farewell to the Corps." General Krulak will be retiring after four years from his position as Commandant at the end of this month. I would like to thank him for his service and efforts on behalf of his Corps and his nation.

Although I have been on the Armed Services Committee a short six months, I have had several good experiences with the Commandant.

I think the most notable was in May of this year, when a large group of my constituents were taking a tour of the Pentagon, and the Commandant invited them into his office. He said then that he usually tries to do something similar—bring tourists into his personal office—everyday. I do not think Krulak was fully aware of what he was getting himself into, but all fifty or so crowded their way into his office, and listened while he spoke about the Corps, the moving of his office down from the 'barbed wire surrounded hill of the Naval Annex' to the corridors of the Pentagon, and the Corps' efforts and ability to turn young men and women into marines.

Let me tell you, they were impressed. They were impressed with his position, they were impressed with his efforts, they were impressed with his commitment, and they were impressed with the man.

I have also had correspondence with General Krulak relating to our work on S.4, and for the process of preparing the defense authorization. He consistently strikes me as a man who is well aware of the challenges his position holds, and works to meet them. He has been straightforward and dependable. Hearing testimony from him at committee hearings is always a pleasure. He does not rattle off bland platitudes. I felt that I could always rely on his opinion to be the truest possible interpretation of the situation, and one that held the best interests of the country at the foremost.

Let me end by repeating: General Krulak has been fundamentally good for this country. I wish him well in whatever new course he sets for himself.

Also, I would like to welcome General James Jones into his role as the 32nd Commandant of the Marine Corps. I have met with him only very briefly,