

the part of the Seniors Safety Act that establishes the clearinghouse for telemarketing fraud information.

Third, the Seniors Safety Act punishes pension fraud. Seniors who have worked hard for years should not have to worry that their hard-earned retirement savings will not be there when they need them. The bill would create new criminal and civil penalties for those who defraud pension plans, and increase the penalties for bribery and graft in connection with employee benefit plans.

Finally, the Seniors Safety Act strengthens law enforcement's ability to fight health care fraud. A recent study by the National Institute for Justice reports that many health care fraud schemes "deliberately target vulnerable populations, such as the elderly or Alzheimer's patients, who are less willing or able to complain or alert law enforcement." This legislation gives law enforcement the additional investigatory tools it needs to uncover, investigate, and prosecute health care offenses in both criminal and civil proceedings. It also protects whistle-blowers who alert law enforcement officers to examples of health care fraud.

I commend Senators BAYH, GRAMS and CLELAND for working to take steps to improve the safety and security of America's seniors. We have done the right thing in passing this bipartisan legislation and beginning the fight to lower the crime rate against seniors. I also urge my colleagues to consider and pass the Seniors Safety Act. Taken together, these two bills would provide a comprehensive approach toward giving law enforcement and older Americans the tools they need to prevent crime.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO LOCAL 1945, AFGE

• Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President I rise to day to pay tribute to the Local 1945 Chapter of the American Federation of Government Employees.

On December 1, 1959 the charter of the American Federation of Government Employees (Local 1945) was established at Anniston Army Depot. Of the seventy-eight charter members that established Local 1945, only nine survive today.

These nine leaders in government service, through their courage and dedication, were instrumental in the development of a proud and professional workforce for Anniston Army Depot and the Department of Defense. The workforce these individuals cared for and inspired has supported United States soldiers around the world during times of conflict, crisis and war. In the jungles of Vietnam, along the thirty-eighth parallel, and in the sands of Kuwait have been evidenced the dedica-

tion of the Anniston Army Depot employees to their nation's soldiers. Tanks, small arms, and munitions did not leave the hills of Alabama alone but were accompanied by the thoughts and prayers of a humble and caring group of federal employees shaped in many ways, by these special nine men.

Today, while we seek to honor these fine men in the sunset of their lives it must be noted that the traditions of excellence and integrity they gave to their co-workers still survives in youthful exuberance, rekindled by this remembrance.

In homage to: Billy Bean; Elmer Graham; Raymond Guthrie; Atwell Burgess; William Hammond; Raymond Lusk; George Hunt; J.B. Perry; and William Hagan.●

RECOGNIZING CALIFORNIA'S OLYMPIANS

• Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize California's participants in the Games of the XXVIIth Olympiad for their outstanding efforts and accomplishments. I am so proud of their performances and the dignity with which they carried themselves.

This year, the United States had another spectacular Games, and I am particularly pleased that Californians had much to do with our success. Some of this year's most memorable moments involved athletes from California: Marion Jones was the first woman ever to medal in five track and field events, Sean Burroughs helped our baseball team snatch gold from a heavily favored Cuban Team, Eric Fonoimoana and Dain Blanton won gold in the beach volleyball tournament, Venus Williams was the second woman ever to win gold medals in both singles and doubles tennis, and Lisa Leslie led the women's basketball team to its 34th Olympic championship.

The Olympics have long been the world's premiere stage where athletes compete; their performances are inspiring and, sometimes, heart-breaking. And while the world enjoys two weeks of drama and intense competition, we must remember that these athletes have chased their Olympic dreams for years, even decades, with perseverance and courage. I thank each athlete—qualifier and medal winner alike—for giving us the privilege of witnessing their triumphs. Each performance was a very personal moment in these athletes' lives, and I am inspired by their courage and resolve to pursue their Olympic dreams. These athletes competed with all their heart and they make California proud.

Mr. President, I ask that the following names of the medal winning athletes from California be printed in the RECORD.

Aaron Peirsol, Silver medal, Swimming—Men's 200 Meter Backstroke.

Amanda Beard, Bronze Medal, Swimming—Women's 200 Meter Breaststroke.

Venus Williams, Gold Medal, Tennis—Women's Singles; Gold Medal, Tennis—Women's Doubles.

Serena Williams, Gold Medal, Tennis—Women's Doubles.

Guenter Seidel, Bronze Medal, Equestrian Team Dressage Grand Prix.

Christine Traurig, Bronze Medal, Equestrian Team Dressage Grand Prix.

Eric Fonoimoana, Gold Medal, Men's Beach Volleyball.

Dain Blanton, Gold Medal, Men's Beach Volleyball.

Sean Burroughs, Gold Medal, Men's Baseball.

Marion Jones, Gold Medal, Track and Field—Women's 100 Meters; Gold Medal, Track and Field—Women's 200 Meters; Gold Medal, Track and Field—Women's 4x400 Meter Relay; Bronze Medal, Track and Field—Women's 4x100 Meter Relay; Bronze Medal, Track and Field—Women's Long Jump.

Chryste Gaines, Bronze Medal, Track and Field—Women's 4x100 Meter Relay.

Torri Edwards, Bronze Medal, Track and Field—Women's 4x100 Meter Relay.

Mari Holden, Silver Medal, Cycling—Women's Individual Time Trial.

Lisa Leslie, Gold Medal, Women's Basketball.

Gary Payton, Gold Medal, Men's Basketball.

Alonzo Mourning, Gold Medal, Men's Basketball.

Jason Kidd, Gold Medal, Men's Basketball.

Mark Reynolds, Silver Medal, Sailing—Men's Open Sail Star Fleet Races.

Lorrie Fair, Silver Medal, Women's Soccer.

Kaitlin Sandeno, Bronze Medal, Swimming—Women's 800 Meter Freestyle.

Bernice Orwig, Silver Medal, Women's Water Polo.

Joy Fawcett, Silver Medal, Women's Soccer.

Mark Crear, Bronze Medal, Track and Field, men's 110 Meter Hurdles.

Jason Lezak, Silver Medal, Swimming—Men's 4x100 Meter Free Relay.

Jenny Thompson, Gold Medal, Swimming—Women's 4x100 Medley; Gold Medal, Swimming—Women's 4x200 Meter Free Relay; Gold Medal, Swimming—Women's 4x100 Meter Free Relay; Bronze Medal, Swimming—Women's 100 Meter Freestyle.

Lenny Krazelburg, Gold Medal, Swimming—Men's 100 Meter Backstroke; Gold Medal, Swimming—Men's 200 Meter Backstroke; Gold Medal, Swimming—Men's 4x100 Meter Medley.

Anthony Ervin, Gold Medal, Swimming—Men's 50 Meter Freestyle; Silver Medal, Swimming—Men's 4x100 Meter Free Relay.

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John Godina, Bronze Medal, Track and Field, Men's Shot Put.

Pease Glaser, Silver Medal, Sailing, Women's 470 Fleet Races.

Tom Wilkens, Bronze Medal, Swimming—200 Meter Individual Medley.

Dara Torres, Gold Medal, Swimming—Women's 4x100 Medley; Gold Medal, Swimming—Women's 4x100 Meter Free Relay; Bronze Medal, Swimming—Women's 100 Meter Butterfly; Bronze Medal, Swimming—Women's 100 Meter Freestyle; Bronze Medal, Swimming—Women's 50 Meter Freestyle.

Sheila Douty, Gold Medal, Softball.

Kathy Sheehy, Silver Medal, Women's Water Polo.

Calvin Harrison, Gold Medal, Track and Field—4x400 Meter Relay.

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