

Most recently he was the runner-up for the Heisman Trophy, South Dakota's first Heisman Finalist. While he may have felt some disappointment in not winning, Josh handled himself with the maturity and grace that has molded him into a fine young leader and allows him to put team accomplishments and goals before his personal feats.

I believe Josh's success at the national level is the result of natural ability coupled with hard work and drive. But he has not been content with excellence simply in the athletic realm. He has also committed himself to civic duty, visiting sick children in hospitals and coordinating food drives, and has been a dedicated student. More than that, he lives by ideals instilled in him by his family—his parents Ken and Cindy, and sister Andrea—and the values and life experiences gained in South Dakota. He is an inspiration to all of us, young and old, teaching us to follow our dreams but stay close to our values.

I speak for South Dakota when I say that we proud of Josh Heupel and we wish him the best of luck as he leads his team into the National Championship game on January 3d and in his future athletic and academic endeavors.

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#### TRIBUTE TO SECRETARY OF DEFENSE BILL COHEN

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Secretary of Defense Bill Cohen and Mrs. Janet Langhart Cohen. As Secretary of Defense for almost four years, Bill Cohen has led the Defense Department and the military services with leadership and a strong commitment.

In contemporary political history, persons of a political party other than the party of the Administration, have offered to serve this Nation. It takes a special courage; Bill Cohen has that courage. He has earned—with distinction—a place in history.

Bill Cohen and I were first elected to the Senate in 1978. We served together on the Armed Services Committee from 1979 until Bill retired from the Senate in 1996. Throughout his service with the Senate, he was recognized as a leader.

A prodigious student of history, diplomacy, foreign policy and national security, he was recognized as one of the most able and productive members of the Armed Services Committee. He worked hard to develop and maintain a bipartisan consensus on national security policy. For Bill Cohen, partisan politics—in the words of the famous Republican senator from Michigan, Senator Arthur Vandenberg—"stopped at the water's edge."

Fortunately, the President recognized the wealth of knowledge and experience Bill had developed during his service in the Congress.

Bill Cohen also had the good fortune of being the son of parents he loved and admired. That gave him inner strength.

In December 1996, he was nominated to be Secretary of Defense and was promptly confirmed by the Senate.

When Bill Cohen accepted the nomination, he understood the extraordinary challenges that lay ahead. He understood that he would be responsible for a department and for military services that had undergone, and were undergoing, the most significant reduction in force and personnel and equipment in almost thirty years.

The problems associated with these reductions were compounded by increasing operational commitments. Comparing the period between the end of the Vietnam War and the beginning of Operation Desert Storm to the period between Operation Desert Storm to today, these commitments have increased by over 400 percent. And there would be no foreseeable end to our extended commitments in many parts of the world.

It was at such a critical crossroad in the history of the U.S. Armed Forces that a leader with a strong sense of purpose and keen intellect was needed at the helm of the Department of Defense. That leader was Bill Cohen. We, in this chamber, knew very well the profound depth of his intellect and leadership through his oratory, his writings, his poems and, yes, his occasional "doodles" on the notepad. Like Colonel Joshua Chamberlain, a Union Army soldier and son of Maine, that Cohen revered, he likewise accepted the daunting challenge with which he was presented.

Upon taking the helm at the Department of Defense, Bill Cohen quickly identified those key areas that required his immediate attention. Shortly after his confirmation hearing, Secretary Cohen stated that he would dedicate his time in office to working on the quality of life for military personnel and their families and to addressing continuing shortfalls in readiness and modernization of the Armed Forces.

So began his four years of labor to lead the largest agency in the Federal Government—one of the largest organizations in the world. But this was a labor of love for the new secretary. Bill Cohen recently described his tenure as "the most demanding, exhilarating experience" he has ever had—work he would do "forever."

Sharing this experience with Bill Cohen is his wife, Janet Langhart Cohen. She has been equally enthusiastic in her role supporting him—and military personnel throughout the world—as a "First Lady of the Pentagon."

Janet Langhart Cohen's tireless and selfless work for our men and women in uniform, and their families, has been remarkable. She has been committed

to making sure that the American people's hearts and minds are fully joined with those who are wearing the uniform. Thanks to Janet Langhart Cohen, soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines have come to know how much they are appreciated by their fellow Americans.

To this end, Janet Langhart Cohen called on the USO—and their volunteer entertainers—to bring the message from the homefront to our forward deployed military men and women. She recognized that the USO helped those in the military who are far from home give in to laughter rather than give way to loneliness and despair. With the USO, Janet Langhart Cohen reinvigorated the spirit of our warriors.

Understanding the important relationship between the men and women of the Armed Forces and the USO, Janet Langhart Cohen led the effort to build a lasting exhibit to the USO in the Pentagon. Thanks to her, the tribute was unveiled just a few short weeks ago. To many, she is now also recognized as the "First Lady of the USO."

Together, Bill and Janet have been a dynamic team. They have tackled many of the problems facing military families today. They have also circled the globe together to demonstrate their combined conviction and support for our men and women in uniform wherever they are deployed. Only recently, Bill and Janet completed their third trip to Kosovo since the June 1999 end of the air campaign.

In our brief years, Secretary Cohen, through tireless work, study, and travel, has continued to develop his already formidable understanding of global, economic and national security issues. And as had been the case during his 24 years of service in the Congress, Secretary Cohen's conviction for supporting the troops continued without question.

Anyone who has been privileged to serve in the Department of Defense, especially as the "Top Gun," knows there is no more difficult a job in the Executive Branch of our government. Bill Cohen earned his place in history, alongside the best, and the men and women in uniform render a respectful "hand salute."

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#### VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, it has been more than a year since the Columbine tragedy, but still this Republican Congress refuses to act on sensible gun legislation.

Since Columbine, thousands of Americans have been killed by gunfire. Until we act, Democrats in the Senate will read the names of some of those who have lost their lives to gun violence in the past year, and we will continue to do so every day that the Senate is in session.

In the name of those who died, we will continue this fight. Following are

the names of some of the people who were killed by gunfire one year ago today.

December 15, 1999:

Jerome Anderson, 26, Washington, DC; Danta Dandridge, 17, Washington, DC; Diane Gibbs, 39, Atlanta, GA; Jimmy Gibbs, 21, Atlanta, GA; Kasma Hall, 18, Miami-Dade County, FL; Byron Johnson, 21, Pittsburgh, PA; Antoine Omar, 19, Boston, MA; Glenn Roundtree, 29, Chicago, IL; Oscar Segura Nieto-Lopez, 32, St. Paul, MN; Ricky Truss, 27, Detroit, MI; William Wilder, 39, New Orleans, LA; Venis Woods, 29, Philadelphia, PA; and Unidentified Male, 24, Newark, NJ.

We cannot sit back and allow such senseless gun violence to continue. The deaths of these people are a reminder to all of us that we need to enact sensible gun legislation now.

#### TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN JULIAN DIXON

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I rise in tribute to a friend and colleague, Julian Dixon. Congressman Dixon honorably represented the 32nd District of California for more than 22 years. Julian and I were members of the Congressional Freshman Class of 1978. It was my pleasure to serve with him for more than two decades.

Everyone in the Senate knew him and I know no member of the House or Senate who did not like him, as well as respect him. His life exemplified public service and his actions were always motivated by truth, justice and compassion. He was without question a Distinguished Gentleman.

During his tenure in office, Congressman Dixon accomplished many things. He was always magnanimous in victory and gracious in defeat and accepted difficult assignments, such as the Chairmanship of the House Ethics Committee in 1989. It is a responsibility that few members seek and only the most selfless accept. Congressman Dixon did so, and the House of Representatives is a better place for his service.

From 1957 to 1960, he served as an enlisted man in the United States Army, rising to the rank of sergeant. This experience made him a life long advocate for the men and women in the Armed Forces. He understood their hardships and needs as well as any member of the Congress. The military services have lost a good friend.

At the conclusion of the Cold War, our defense expenditures were cut dramatically. Literally, hundreds of military installations, large and small, around the Nation were slated for closure. Thousands of small businesses depended entirely, or mostly on work generated by the defense industry, and they were in danger of failure.

In an effort to help these businesses, Congressman Dixon sponsored legisla-

tion to assist small businesses in making the difficult transition to new markets. His efforts saved innumerable small businesses from going under and now many are thriving because of his foresight and stewardship. Most recently he was the very able Ranking Member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. He was a voice of reason and restraint in an arena that often lends itself to hyperbole and grandstanding. Julian served his country well in this capacity.

Congressman Dixon was known for his intelligence, political savvy and strong character. While Julian surely had much lift to accomplish, he truly made a difference while he walked among us. He was a family man and a man of the people. He will be missed. Our prayers are with his family, friends and people he served so well.

#### DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT ACT OF 2000

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today with my colleague, Senator HATCH, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, to comment on a provision of the recently enacted omnibus children's health legislation (H.R. 4365; Public Law 106-310) that established a number of excellent children's health programs. The bill also included important new legislation, the Drug Addiction Treatment Act [DATA], which I authored along with Senator HATCH, working with our colleagues Senators BIDEN and MOYNIHAN. It will make a revolutionary difference in the way in which we battle heroin and other opi-ate addiction.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, my colleague from Michigan is correct. Additionally, as my colleagues are aware, the bill reauthorized the operation of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and established and reinforced penalties for illegal manufacture, sale, and possession of certain illicit drugs.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, when implemented, the DATA bill, as we call it, will change significantly the way opi-ate addiction is addressed by allowing qualified physicians, for the first time, to prescribe in their private offices, substances which block the craving for heroin and otherwise address this deadly addiction.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, as Senator LEVIN knows, the DATA bill includes a provision similar to one applicable for many years to both the Medicaid and Medicare programs, which makes clear that basic decisions about the way medicine is practiced are to be made by physicians and patients, not by the federal government.

Mr. LEVIN. In other words, it is our intent that with respect to the amendments to the Controlled Substances Act made by the provisions incorporated in H.R. 4365, decisions by quali-

fied physicians about the appropriate means to treat their patients and to prescribe and dispense medications are not a proper matter for government regulation.

While the bill clearly provides authority for the Department of Health and Human Services to issue regulations to expand the pool of qualified physicians, it is not the intention of our legislation that those regulations extend to the practice of medicine.

Mr. HATCH. I certainly agree with that. Indeed, such an interpretation is expressly prohibited by the language: "Nothing in such regulations or practice guidelines may authorize any Federal official or employee to exercise supervision or control over the practice of medicine or the manner in which medical services are provided."

Mr. LEVIN. This clarification is important, both for the qualified physicians who wish to participate in this new approach to addiction treatment and for patients for whom a new treatment option may present a life-changing possibility. I know my colleague from Utah agrees that we want this legislation to work. An unauthorized and ill-advised attempt to regulate the practice of medicine, including the practice of prescribing anti-addiction medication, would make it unworkable.

Mr. HATCH. I do agree wholeheartedly. I feel compelled to add, however, that as the Chairman of the Committee of jurisdiction, it was important to me to make certain that the bill in no way impedes the Drug Enforcement Administration [DEA] from vigorously enforcing the Controlled Substances Act. Specifically, the DATA legislation is not intended to prevent the DEA from its historic role of prosecuting physicians for dispensing controlled substances without a legitimate medical purpose.

Mr. LEVIN. I agree with my colleague. I believe we successfully balanced both interests in the DATA bill. It is important legislation and I am pleased to have had the support of the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee and Senators BIDEN and MOYNIHAN as we successfully moved this bipartisan legislation to enactment.

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I rise in support of the passage of H.R. 1653, which includes the Pribilof Islands Transition Act and the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000. This bill contains a number of ocean, coastal, and fisheries related titles that will result in major conservation gains for our nation's marine resources at a time when we are placing enormous demands on them. The bill not only attempts to provide additional environmental protections through a number of state and local programs, but also tools for better management.

Title I of this bill is the Pribilof Islands Transition Act. The Alaskan