June 14, 2000

P.S.: I have included a copy of my floor statement for your review.

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VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

Mr. DURBIN. 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 some of the names of those who lost their lives to gun violence in the past year, and we will continue to do so every day that the Senate is 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, on June 14, 1999:

Juan Avina, 21, San Antonio, TX.

Theodore Espada, 33, Dallas, TX.

Samuel Foster, 30, Chicago, IL.

Jonathan Hayes, 28, New Orleans, LA.

Johnny Jackson, 23, Detroit, MI.

Jamie Jones, 21, Miami-Dade County, FL.

Frank Ivery Odom, 23, Washington, DC.

Antonio Rodriguez, 20, Kansas City, MO.

Carlos Santiago, 23, Chicago, IL.

Eric T. Smith, 24, Chicago, IL.

Michael Theard, 35, New Orleans, LA.

Lakecia Wesley, 20, Washington, DC.

Unidentified male, 53, Charlotte, NC.

Unidentified male, Newark, NJ.

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I rise in support of S. Res. 319, which the Senate approved on Friday, during National Homeownership Week. I thank my colleagues for supporting this important resolution which addresses the security and welfare of Missourians and all Americans. This resolution addresses the importance of placing quality housing within reach of a greater number of Americans as well as improving housing opportunities for Americans at all income levels. I, along with my colleagues, support the efforts of Habitat for Humanity and “The House the Senate Built” project.

As you know, the largest debt most families take on in their lifetimes is a home. Over 65 percent of Americans own a home, as do approximately 80 percent of Americans over the age of 50. This represents real progress. In 1940, fully 56 percent of Americans were renters. Clearly, America has come a long way. People buy homes for different reasons. A home can be a place of safety to raise a family, the potential of financial security, a sense of community. All around Missouri, and across this great nation, couples of all ages agree that buying a home is among the essential steps a family takes to ensure stability and prosperity in their lives.

While homes are a worthwhile investment, they also are expensive. Real estate experts recommend that families buy homes valued at over three times their annual income—a sum far greater than what families could pay back in a year, or two, or even five. So, most Americans take out a mortgage. Once this burden of debt is behind them, they are free to dream new dreams—pay for their children’s or grandchildren’s education, travel, or make other investments.

Homeownership is an important factor in promoting economic security and stability for American families. The level of homeownership among foreign-born naturalized citizens who have been in the United States for at least six years is the same as the level of homeownership of the Nation as a whole. When families such as these, who are new to our shores, prosper, we as a nation prosper. The resolution

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