from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUYE), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VONNOCH), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSTON), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JOFFORDS), the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. CARNAHAN), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. GREGG), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GINGRICH), and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 66, a concurrent resolution to express the sense of the Congress that the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor should be awarded to the appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Resolved, That the Senate—

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(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling on the school children of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

WHEREAS students in every school district in the Nation will be invited to take part in a day of nationwide observance involving millions of their fellow students, and will thereby be empowered to see themselves as significant agents in a wave of positive social change; and

Whereas young people are our Nation’s most important resource, and we, as a society, have a vested interest in enabling children to grow in an environment free from fear and violence; Whereas young people can, by taking responsibility for their own decisions and actions, and by positively influencing the decisions and actions of others, help chart a new, less violent course for the entire Nation; Whereas students in every school district in the Nation will be invited to take part in a day of nationwide observance involving millions of their fellow students, and will thereby be empowered to see themselves as significant agents in a wave of positive social change; and

WHEREAS the observance of October 17, 2001, as a “Day of National Concern About Young People and Gun Violence” will allow students to take a positive decision about their future by having the opportunity to voluntarily sign the “Student Pledge Against Gun Violence” and promise that they will never take a gun to school, will never use a gun to settle a dispute, and will actively use their influence in a positive manner to prevent friends from using guns to settle disputes; Now, therefore, be it

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Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. President, I rise today to submit with Senator WARNER and 27 original cosponsors a resolution that establishes October 17, 2001, as a “Day of National Concern About Young People and Gun Violence.” I wish to express my gratitude to Senator WARNER in joining me again by shepherding this resolution on his side of the aisle. I thank him for his assistance and support.

The need for this resolution could not be clearer. The Nation loses too many young lives to school shootings and other acts of gun violence. These tragedies leave lasting
The Senate must actively combat this violence and work to address the concerns of families and communities throughout our nation who worry about the safety of their children.

I am introducing this resolution again because I firmly believe that we must involve our children and young people in working to end gun violence. This resolution is one small step in the right direction that gives young people the opportunity to examine how they can help reduce gun violence that targets their peers. Additionally, this special day promotes the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence, an important avenue through which young people can empower themselves and their friends to take action against these tragedies.

The pledge was developed by Mary Lewis Grow, a Minnesota homemaker. Students have no one to care for them never bring a gun to school, to never use a gun to resolve a conflict, and to encourage their friends to do the same. Last year, more than 2.4 million students signed the pledge. The pledge has received national support from such prominent organizations as the National Parent Teacher Association, the National School Boards Association, and the American Medical Association. It is entirely appropriate that the Senate lend its powerful voice to this cause.

Just imagine how many young people would still be alive today if every student in America had signed, and lived up to, the pledge. Imagine how much safer children would feel as they go to school each day. Imagine how much happier parents would feel if they knew that their children would not be endangered as they tried to learn. It is clear that if the Senate’s support can convince more young people to sign the pledge, it could even one more gun from coming to a school, then we have taken a step in the right direction.

The Senate must continue to be active in addressing crime in many ways. We must pass strong and effective legislation that gets criminals off the streets. And we should, through supporting legislation and by example, help parents spend more time with their children and get communities to reach out to those young people who may be in trouble.

Reducing and ending youth violence will certainly not be easy. But by passing this resolution, we take an important step in the right direction. Let us join with teachers, administrators, parents, and young adults around the Nation in working to empower our young people. Let us encourage all of the Nation in working to empower our young people and community members around the Country in working to empower our young people.

I urge all of my colleagues to join in this resolution to focus attention on gun violence among youth.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED
SA 1585. Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1438, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1586. Mr. THURMOND (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. BOND, Mr. ENYARD, Mr. RYAN, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. McCAIN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. RIEH, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. DIWEBINE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. Breaux, Mr. Dodd, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. CARNABAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENSHIN, Mr. HELMS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Ms. CANTWELL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1416, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SEC. 632. SBP ELIGIBILITY OF SURVIVORS OF RE- TIREMENT-INELIGIBLE MEMBERS OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES WHO DIE WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY.

(a) SURVIVING SPOUSE ANNUITY.—Section 1448(d) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

"(1) SURVIVING SPOUSE ANNUITY.—The Secretary shall pay an annuity under this section to the surviving spouse of—

(A) a member who dies while on active duty after—

(i) becoming eligible to receive retired pay;

(ii) qualifying for retired pay except that the member has not applied for or been granted that pay; or

(iii) completing 20 years of active service but before the member is eligible to retire as a commissioned officer because the member has not completed 10 years of active commissioned service; or

(B) a member not described in subparagraph (A) who dies in line of duty while on active duty;“. 

(b) COMPUTATION OF SURVIVOR ANNUITY.—Section 1451(c)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A)—

(A) by striking "based upon his years of active service when he died," and inserting "based upon the following":; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new clauses:

(i) In the case of an annuity payable under section 1448(d) of this title by reason of the death of a member in line of duty, the