driven by an inner force they find hard to explain.

Their job is as difficult and challenging as perhaps any task that has been undertaken since the attack, and their focus remains true. As the days and weeks progress and the chances of finding survivors wane, they press on, their hope and determination strong.

On behalf of all Missourians I express my sincere and heartfelt appreciation to the heroes and heroines who make up Missouri Task Force One. They are shining examples of the best Missouri has to offer and an inspiration to the world.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Madam President, I rise today to speak about hate crimes legislation I introduced with Senator KENNEDY in March of this year. The Local Law Enforcement Act of 2001 would add new categories to current hate crimes legislation sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred November 30, 1993 in Tyler, TX. Nicholas West, a 23-year-old gay man, was abducted from a park known as a meeting place for gays, robbed and shot to death. Donald Al- drich, 29, David Ray McMillan, 17, and Henry Dunn Jr., 19, were charged with murder.

I believe that government’s first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2001 is now a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation, we can change hearts and minds as well.

IN MEMORY OF TWO BRAVE CALIFORNIA PILOTS, LARRY GROFF AND LARS STRATTE

Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, I rise today to commemorate the tragic deaths of Larry Groff and Lars Stratte, pilots who were killed on August 27, 2001 in a mid-air tanker collision while fighting the Bus Fire in Northern California. Both pilots were flying Gruman S-2 aircraft and were making fire retardant drops on the fire when they collided.

Larry Groff and Lars Stratte were established and dedicated pilots who have recorded numerous hours of flying time. Both pilots were employed by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Larry Groff, from Windsor, CA, leaves behind Christine, his sixth child and two grandchildren. Lars Stratte, from Redding, CA, leaves behind his wife Terri and two children.

Larry Groff and Lars Stratte served their community and the people of California with great distinction. I am honored to pay tribute to these brave men today and I encourage my fellow colleagues to join me in celebrating their lives and service, mourning their passing and extending our condolences to their families.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID BOHLEY

Mr. BOND. Madam President, I ask the Senate to pause long enough to recognize an outstanding member of my staff who is moving on to new challenges and new opportunities. Dave Bohley has been a member of my Small Business Committee staff since 1998. Since that time he has set a high standard of excellence and knowledge in handling banking and related matters for the Committee. He was also deeply involved in the Small Business Innovation Research program reauthorization we passed last year, and in the Small Business Technology Transfer program legislation currently working its way through the Congress.

Dave’s expertise recently attracted him into a new career at Fannie Mae, the financial services company. Although I am happy for him to have this new opportunity, I am sorry to see him leave my staff. Fannie Mae’s gain is truly our loss. I wish him every success and thank him so very much for his exemplary service to me and to the Senate.

NATURALIZATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2001

Mr. KOHL. Madam President, I rise today as an original cosponsor of the Bruce Vento Hmong Veterans Naturalization Extension Act of 2001. This important piece of legislation will ensure that the sizable Hmong population in Wisconsin is able to take advantage of the status adjustment opportunity extended to them unanimously by this Congress last year. The Hmong, and particularly the Lao Veterans of America, deserve our respect and honor for all their help during the conflict in Vietnam.

The Hmong Veterans Naturalization Act of 2000 waives the English language requirement and provides for a translator during administration of the Civics test for all Hmong Veterans of the Vietnam era and their spouses and widows applying for U.S. citizenship. However, the Hmong veteran community only had the benefit of this legislation for 18 months. Since enactment, fewer than half of all Hmong veterans and their family members have been able to seek citizenship under these standards. The legislation introduced today would give those eligible an additional 18 months to apply for citizenship under the Naturalization Act.

I commend my colleague Senator WELLSTONE for his efforts on behalf of the Hmong population living in the upper midwestern United States, and I urge expeditious consideration of this legislation.

CONDEMNING BIGOTRY AND VIOLENCE AGAINST ARAB, MUSLIM AND SOUTH ASIAN AMERICANS

Mr. FEINGOLD. Madam President, I rise to join with my colleagues in support of H. Con. Res. 277 condemning bigotry and violence against Arab, Muslim, and South Asian Americans.

I am sincerely grateful for and proud of the tremendous response of the American people who have shown true courage and loyalty in the face of the horrific attacks on our country on September 11, 2001. No one should doubt the resolve of this Nation to meet the challenge before us in fighting terrorism. But as we continue to wrestle with deep and conflicting emotions of sadness, pain, anger, and fear, we must ensure that the spirit of America, that ability to transcend differences in race, religion, and ethnicity to achieve greatness, is not only preserved, but strengthened as a result of this tragedy.

As history has shown, America has always triumphed when we are united. That is why it is so important in this chapter in our history, as we prepare to defend and preserve our Nation, that we remain united as one Nation. This should not be an occasion for irrational impulses of fear, hate or violence towards Arab-Americans, Muslim Americans, South Asian Americans, or any other person in this country. Such actions are wrong. The idea of ‘America’ knows no racial, ethnic, or religious boundaries, and no American should have to live in fear as a result of this situation. I stand together with my colleagues, and with Americans of all backgrounds, in condemning such actions. We must renew our commitment to protect our fellow Americans and our Nation against those who want to divide us with hate.

Unfortunately, there has been a rash of hate crimes across the country, compounding the anxiety of Americans in communities throughout this Nation. I have been saddened to hear of incidents in my own State. Ashraf “Mike” Khaled, a Wisconsin resident of Jordanian descent and gas station owner, has been the victim of several incidents of hateful statements and threats of his safety by customers and
parasby. He reminded us of why our
country is so great and why these ac-
tions of hatred can be so damaging. He
said, “I love this country because I
found my freedom here.”

This is a critical moment for Ameri-
ca. One in which we must all live by
and honor our Pledge to live as “One
Nation, under God, indivisible, with
liberty and justice for all.”

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP TIMLIN

Mr. SPECTER. Madam President, I
seek recognition today to acknowledge
the service of my friend, Bishop James
C. Timlin, D.D., of the Diocese of
Scranton, who is today celebrating 25
years since his elevation to the rank of
bishop. Recently, on July 16, 2001,
Bishop Timlin also observed the 50th
anniversary of his priestly ordination.

Bishop Timlin was born in Scranton
on August 5, 1927. He attended Holy
Rosary High School and St. Charles Col-
lege in Catonsville, MD. He then at-
tended St. Mary’s Seminary in Balti-
more and the North American College
in Rome, Italy, where he completed his
studies for the priesthood. Bishop
Timlin was ordained on July 16, 1951, in
Rome by the Most Reverend Martin J.
O’Connor, D.D. Bishop Timlin con-
tinued his studies in theology there before
returning to the Diocese of Scranton,
where he was appointed Assistant Pas-
tor at St. John Evangelist Parish,
Pittston, in 1952.

On June 12, 1953, he became Assistant
Pastor of St. Peter’s Cathedral in
Scranton, where he served until Septem-
ber 12, 1966, when he was named As-
stant Chancellor of the Diocese of
Scranton. He was named Chaplain to
Her Holiness Pope Paul VI on August 3,
1967, Chancellor of the Diocese of
Scranton on December 15, 1971, and
Prelate of Honor to His Holiness on
April 23, 1972. He was named the Auxi-
llary Bishop of Scranton on August 3,
1976, and Pastor of the Nativity of Our
Lord, Scranton, in September 1979. Car-
dinal John J. O’Connor, the seventh
Bishop of Scranton, appointed him Chair-
man of the Board of Advisors for
St. Pius X Seminary and Chairman of
the Preparatory Commission for the
Scranton Diocesan Synod in 1983.

Pope John Paul II appointed him the
eighth Bishop of Scranton on April 24,
1984, and his installation followed on
June 7, 1984. Bishop Timlin has served
two terms as a member of the Adminis-
trative Board and the National Advi-
sory Council of the National Con-
ference of Catholic Bishops. He also
served as a member of the Board of the
North American College, as well as a
consultant on the Liturgy Committee.
He is presently a consultant to the
NCBB’s Ecumenical and Migration
Committees.

For his leadership and spiritual shep-
herding of 340,000 Catholics in the 11
counties of the Diocese of Scranton, I
would like to extend the gratitude and
recognition of the United States Sen-
ate to Bishop James Timlin.

IN MEMORY OF ROSE ANN VUICH

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise
today to recognize the recent passing of
Rose Ann Vuich, an extraordinary
public servant and Californian who
died on August 30th at the age of 74,
after a long battle with Alzheimer’s.

Rose Ann Vuich served as California’s first
woman state senator, serving in the
California State Senate for 16 years
until her retirement in 1992. With the
election of Senator Vuich in 1976, she
became an icon in California’s political
history and helped to write a new era
in the history of the California State
Senate.

Rose Ann Vuich set a high level of in-
tegrity and decency. To this day, there is
a Rose Ann Vuich award recognizing
other great public servants who meet
her high standards. She was a woman
of great determination and dedication,
who worked tirelessly for her constitu-
ents and was loved and respected by so
many.

Rose Ann Vuich was the daughter of
Yugoslav immigrants and was from the
small farming community of Dinuba in
Tulare County, California. Senator
Vuich was dedicated to agriculture,
family, community and promoting the
San Joaquin Valley. She will be great-
ly missed by all.

On behalf of the Senate, I extend our
thoughts and prayers to the Vuich
Family on the loss of an extraordinary
woman. I ask that the Fresno Bee Edi-
torial from August 31, 2001 be printed
in the RECORD.

IN MEMORY OF SARAH MAE
SHOEMAKER CALHOON

Mrs. CALHOON. Mr. President, I rise
today to commemorate the passing of a
wonderful woman, mother, and Ameri-
can. Sarah Mae Shoemaker Calhoon
developed on July 7, 2001 outside of Colum-
bus, OH, (Hilliard), after a courageous
battle with cancer. Mrs. Calhoon was 75
years old.

Mrs. Calhoon was born on August 31,
1925 in Philadelphia, PA, to the late
Samuel and Sarah Mae Shoemaker. She
spent her childhood in Philadelphia,
where she would graduate from
Cheltenham High School. On August 29,
1947, just two days before her 22nd
birthday, Sarah Mae Shoemaker was
married to J. Thomas Calhoon, a Ma-
rine from Grandview Heights, a suburb
of Columbus, OH.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Calhoon had their
first child, Thomas F. or “little”
Tom as they often called him early in
their marriage. In September of 1948,
Tom, Sarah, and “little” Tom moved to
Columbus, OH, where, over the next
four years they would become the
proud parents of three more sons, Sam,
Sarah, and “little” Tom. They would be
married in 1961.

Although I did not know Sarah Mae
Calhoon personally, I have known her
son Tom for more than half of my life.
We met as undergraduates at the Ohio
State University in the 1960s and have
been friends for more than three decades.
Despite living so far from each other, Tom and I have
managed to keep in touch over the years. It