

order to accomplish this in an expedited fashion, I planned to offer my election reform bill as an amendment to the National Defense Authorization bill in the hope that this would spur action to enact meaningful, comprehensive election reform into law before Congress adjourns for the year.

However, in lieu of offering that amendment and in order to facilitate swift enactment of the defense bill, I included language in a bipartisan amendment—offered by Senator ALLARD—which recognizes the need to ensure that all eligible voters have their vote counted. Specifically, this sense-of-the-Senate language states that each election administrator of a Federal, State, or local election should ensure that all eligible American voters, regardless of race, ethnicity, disability, the language they speak, or the resources of the community in which they live should have an equal opportunity to cast a vote and have that vote counted. While this represents an important step forward, I will continue to diligently work toward passing meaningful and comprehensive election reform legislation during this session of Congress.

As our nation embarks on what promises to be a long and difficult war against terrorism, our nation's armed services will need the full support and resources of the government and the American people. The fiscal year 2002 National Defense Authorization bill represents the first step toward providing the men and women of the armed forces with the resources they need to succeed in this endeavor, and I strongly support its passage.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. 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 April 27, 2001 at Kent State University, OH. Mikell Nagy, an openly gay university student, was eating breakfast with friends when he heard someone make an anti-gay comment toward another friend across the room. He went over to see if the friend was okay. The next thing he knew, a man walked up behind him, called him a "faggot" and punched him in the face. According to witnesses, blood was pouring from cuts above his left eye. His two front teeth were chipped in the incident and his right cheek stayed swollen for over a week. The incident resulted in an on-campus rally against hate crimes.

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.

WORLD POPULATION AWARENESS WEEK

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. President, in July of this year, Governor Mike Easley of my State of North Carolina, issued a proclamation designating the week of October 21-27, 2001 as "World Population Awareness Week." The proclamation draws attention to the serious issues associated with rapid population growth and urbanization, including infrastructure, pollution, transportation, health, sanitation, and public safety problems. I join Governor Easley in his recognition of World Population Awareness Week. I ask unanimous consent to have his proclamation printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING WORLD POPULATION AWARENESS WEEK BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Whereas, the world population stands today at more than 6.1 billion and increases by some one billion every 13 years; and

Whereas, the most significant feature of the 20th century phenomenon of unprecedented world population growth was rapid urbanization; and

Whereas, cities and urban areas today occupy only 2 percent of the earth's land, but contain 50 percent of its population and consume 75 percent of its resources; and

Whereas, the most rapid urban growth over the next two decades is expected in cities with populations ranging from 250,000 to one million; and

Whereas, along with advantages and amenities, the rapid growth of cities leads to substantial pressure on their infrastructure, manifested in sanitary, health and crime problems, as well as deterring the provision of basic social services; and

Whereas, in the interest of national and environmental security, nations must redouble voluntary and humanitarian efforts to stabilize their population growth at sustainable levels, while at all times respecting the cultural and religious beliefs and values of their citizens; and

Whereas, the theme of World Population Awareness Week in 2001 is "Population and the Urban Future";

Now, therefore, I Michael F. Easley, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 21-27, 2001, as "World Population Awareness Week" in North Carolina, and commend this observance to all our citizens.

GREECE'S SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to thank Prime Minister of Greece Costas Simitis and President of Greece Kostas Stephanopoulos for their country's support of the United States in the aftermath of the September 11

attack on America. Prime Minister Simitis declared Greece's solidarity to the American people, and President Stephanopoulos expressed absolute condemnation of the attacks.

Greece once again came to the side of its NATO ally, the United States, by fully committing its resources to combat and eradicate terrorism. Greece's solidarity reflects longstanding historical, political, and cultural ties based on a common heritage and shared democratic values. This solidarity is further evidenced by the fact that Greece is one of only seven allies to join the United States in every major conflict in the 20th century.

The start of the 21st century poses new challenges for the United States and Greece. International terrorism attempts to undermine democracy and triumph over peace. I am pleased that Greeks and Americans stand shoulder to shoulder with freedom-loving people around the world in a united effort against the forces of terror.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO MARGARET GODFREY

• Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, on behalf of countless thousands who have better lives because of her, I rise to pay tribute to an outstanding Oregonian: Margaret Godfrey. On November 2, 2001, Margaret Godfrey will be formally recognized for her life's work in the field of immigration.

Margaret Pellischek was born in Austria in 1928 and soon exhibited a talent for art and learning the English language. Margaret was 17 when World War II ended and was hired by the British to act as a liaison between the community and the British zone of occupied Austria. Given her excellent command of English, Margaret also worked with refugees to obtain military intelligence information.

Margaret continued her work with refugees and began assisting the United Nations and International Refugee Organization with the resettlement of almost 22 million "displaced persons." This event began a five decade career in helping the world's refugees.

Margaret Pellischek met John Godfrey in 1952 and they were married on July 18, 1953. She arrived in the United States on November 1, 1953 and immediately continued her refugee work. Mrs. Godfrey, as she became known in Oregon, worked with Catholic Charities to resettle refugees from Indonesia, Uganda, Czechoslovakia, and Southeast Asia. In 1978, she left Catholic Charities and joined Reverend Father Francis Kennard in founding the Immigration Counseling Service.

Since 1953, Margaret Godfrey has devoted her life to helping those who have fled poverty, persecution, war, and political unrest. She has affected