

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

countless thousands of lives and I am humbled by her dedication to public service. Margaret Godfrey cannot sit in a restaurant, walk into a hotel, or ride a bus without someone pausing to thank her.

Oregon is truly grateful for her work and her contribution to our community. The author Alice Tyler once wrote, "Some people come into our lives and leave footprints on our heart." Margaret Godfrey has left her footprints on all our hearts, and we are deeply indebted.●

TRIBUTE TO BEA GADDY

● Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Mrs. Bea Gaddy—a great lady whose mission was to improve the lives of our poorest citizens.

Bea Gaddy was a legend in Baltimore. Her life was one of service to the poor. She worked tirelessly to provide food, housing, opportunity—and hope—to Baltimore's neediest citizens. She transformed her home in East Baltimore into the Patterson Park Emergency Food Center. She worked tirelessly to provide housing to the homeless. She worked to improve education and housing. She even made sure children had presents at Christmas. Thousands of people reached out to her for help. She helped them all—and she did it with compassion and respect.

Mrs. Gaddy's Thanksgiving dinners are legendary—providing dinner to as many as 20,000 people. She showed us all that the best way to show thankfulness for the blessings of life was to share these blessings with others.

She knew what it was like to be hungry, and to not have enough money to pay for heat. Because she knew what it felt like to be poor—she knew how to help people to help themselves.

I can't imagine Baltimore without her. Yet my hope is that she has taught so many people what it means to care—that her work will continue.

Mrs. Gaddy received a lot of honors—including the "Marylander of the Year," and one of former President Bush's "Thousand Points of Light." Mrs. Gaddy certainly deserved these honors—but what mattered more to her was that these honors helped her to help even more people.

Mrs. Gaddy's passing is a great loss—but her life was a triumph. My thoughts and prayers are with her many friends and family—and with the many people whose lives she touched.●

A TRIBUTE TO "WOMEN OF INFLUENCE"

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to recognize ten outstanding women in business who have been honored by the Des Moines Business Record as "Women of Influence."

Each in their own way, these women have left a positive mark in the Iowa

business world and Iowa as a whole. More than 100 women were nominated for this honor and the selections were made based on lifetime achievements in the workplace and in the community.

I wanted to take a few minutes to recognize a group of women who have recently been honored for their years of leadership in the Greater Des Moines area. They are: Mary Bontrager, executive vice president of the Greater Des Moines Partnership; Joyce Chapman, senior vice president of West Des Moines Bank; Angela Connolly, Polk County Supervisor; Christine Hensley, Des Moines City Councilwoman; Elizabeth Jacobs, state legislator and, assistant director of corporate relations to the Principle Financial Group; Jerilee M. Mace, executive director of the Des Moines Opera; Dr. Sheila McGuire Riggs, executive director of the Wellmark Foundation; Dr. Rizwan Z. Shah, medical director of the Child Abuse Program at Blank Children's Hospital; Margaret Swanson, 50-year volunteer and philanthropist; Margaret Toomey, activist for youths living in poverty, community college teacher and former executive director of the Oakridge Neighborhood, a private non-profit subsidized housing community.

I congratulate each of them on this notable achievement. In addition to their specific accomplishments, each of these women serve as an inspiration to young women in Iowa who hope to achieve great heights in business and in the community. I applaud Connie Wimer and the Des Moines Business Record for recognizing their outstanding contributions. These women are an integral part of the strength of Iowa's community.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:28 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1749. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located

at 685 Turnberry Road in Newport News, Virginia, as the "Herbert H. Bateman Post Office Building."

The message also announced that the House has passed the following joint resolutions, without amendment:

S.J. Res. 19. A joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Anne d'Harnoncourt as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

S.J. Res. 20. A joint resolution providing for the appointment of Roger W. Sant as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 90. A concurrent resolution authorizing the printing of a revised and updated version of the House document entitled "Hispanic Americans in Congress."

H. Con. Res. 130. A concurrent resolution authorizing printing of the book entitled "Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in Congress."

H. Con. Res. 244. A concurrent resolution authorizing the printing of a revised edition of the publication entitled "Our Flag."

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 67. A concurrent resolution permitting the chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate to designate another member of the committee to serve on the Joint Committee on Printing in place of the chairman.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 179. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 685 Turnberry Road in Newport News, Virginia, as the "Herbert H. Bateman Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 90. Concurrent resolution authorizing the printing of a revised and updated version of the House document entitled "Hispanic Americans in Congress"; to the committee on Rules and Administration.

H. Con. Res. 130. Concurrent resolution authorizing printing of the book entitled "Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in Congress"; to the committee on Rules and Administration.

H. Con. Res. 224. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that, as a symbol of solidarity following the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001, every United States citizen is encouraged to display the flag of the United States; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated: