

due in no small part to the new management structure he instituted, merging the Housing and Transit Police Department with the NYPD. In 1996, upon his departure from the NYPD, then-Chief Timoney had accrued over 65 Department Medals, including the prestigious Medal of Valor.

After retiring from the NYPD, John entered the world of private security consulting, and offered his expertise and advice to law enforcement authorities all across the country and around the world. He served as Vice Chairman of the Irish Commission on Domestic Violence, and he advised Britain's Paton Commission, which focused on policing Northern Ireland.

In March of 1998, Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell appointed John Commissioner of the Philadelphia Police Department. His tenure in that position was marked by the same commitment to excellence and improvement which characterized his career in New York. John brought the innovative Compstat system to Philadelphia, and helped to reinvigorate the department. Running a department of 7,000 officers and 900 civilian employees is no easy task, and Commissioner Timoney's efforts to modernize the department have been rewarded by a decline in Philadelphia's crime rate.

While I thank John profusely for what he has done to make the streets safer for millions of New Yorkers and Philadelphians, I rise today for another reason: to thank Commissioner Timoney for the lessons that his expertise and experience have taught the entirety of the law enforcement community. While his achievements as a cop on the beat deserve our thanks, I want to make special mention of the contribution he has made to our understanding of how police departments can better employ their resources to combat crime across the country.

Commissioner Timoney's career in the upper echelons of law enforcement have been marked by two major paradigm shifts. Without them, law enforcement would not be nearly as successful. And because Commissioner Timoney's work represents what I think is the best of law enforcement—because I believe that we at the Federal level ought to encourage and promote police departments around the nation to promote just this kind of progress—I want to draw special attention to it.

First, Commissioner Timoney was at the forefront of efforts to get both the New York and Philadelphia Police Departments to embrace Compstat, a high-tech system which allows police departments to monitor and analyze crime data better, empowering them to re-deploy resources as needed. Compstat was revolutionary policing in both New York and Philadelphia, contributing to dramatic crime reductions in both cities.

Second, Commissioner Timoney has been an outspoken proponent of community policing, which was an integral portion of 1994's crime bill. The Commissioner has set a high standard in the practice of policing multi-ethnic and multi-racial communities by empowering precinct captains and other officers in local areas to develop constructive relationships with members of the communities they police. I've always believed that the more integrated cops are with the communities they serve the better. Commissioner Timoney has lived that principle, and the great accomplishments of his career are due in no small part to his promotion of community policing.

I am grateful to be able to call John Timoney a friend. The people of Philadelphia will miss his law enforcement expertise, the police officers of his department will miss his extraordinary leadership, and the nation's law enforcement executives will lose one of their brightest lights. Good luck in your future endeavors John. A grateful and safer nation thanks you for your service.

#### WHISPERS OF LIBERTY

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I would like to take a minute to bring to the attention of this great body the words of Rachel Bennett. Rachel is a 13-year old constituent who has written "Whispers of Liberty," a moving poem about the events of September 11. These terrorist attacks had a profoundly sobering effect on most of the world. As Americans we were forcefully reminded of the ideals and principles which unite us as a nation. I have read and heard many explain the significance and aftermath of September 11, but few have done so as well as Rachel. She poignantly reminds us of the dreams that were shattered by the terrorists, while at the same time she reminds us of the values and ideas that have rallied Americans to help one another deal with these tragedies. I would like to read this poem for the record:

#### WHISPERS OF LIBERTY (By Rachel Bennett)

How could a moment  
So change everything?  
A speechless nation  
Cried out in despair  
In unison as one.  
How could in a moment  
So many lives be put out,  
Like a field of flowers  
Closing in the mid of summer  
Never to bloom again?  
And in that moment,  
How many chances  
Of being a grandfather,  
A husband, a mother  
Of knowing the joys  
Of life and love  
Be gone?  
Like a candle  
Doused with tears of despair,  
Our nation wept

For the twin brothers  
Who now lie in a  
Silent reverie  
As two lions  
Suddenly tamed  
A ghastly graveyard  
Of pride and greatness.  
Yet buried within  
The solid and proud  
Red, white, and blue  
Of American pride.  
A stoic symbol  
Of freedom and unity  
In a world  
Of stricken terror.  
Its red, the blood of  
The innocent whose  
Lives were stolen from them;  
Its white,  
Purity and strength;  
And its blue, the melancholy tears  
Of sadness.  
These bands of red  
And white  
Bring us together  
As one.  
A single  
Voice declaring freedom  
And a fearless life  
For all the world.  
Strength resonating  
From the richness  
Of the colors  
Bind us together  
In a single dance  
Of peace and  
A single whispered word—  
Liberty.

#### WILLIAMSON, WEST VIRGINIA

Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, I rise today to express my deepest gratitude to and admiration for the citizens of Williamson in Mingo County, West Virginia for their generosity and sacrifice on behalf of others. Their donation of approximately \$26,000 to the "Families of Freedom Scholarship Fund," to aid the children of those lost in the terrorist attacks on our country over three months ago, is symbolic of the tremendous compassion and unity of the American people. I would like to thank the citizens of Williamson on behalf of all the families who will be able to take advantage of this scholarship fund. They have reached deep into their hearts and pockets to send the children affected by the September 11 attacks a truly beautiful gift.

Earlier this month, I met with Williamson Mayor Estil "Breezy" Bevins, Fire Chief Grover "Curt" Phillips and Police Chief Roby Pope when they presented \$26,000 in donations in Senator BYRD's office. Shortly after September 11, the City Council voted to donate \$5,000 to the victims of the attacks on the World Trade Center. Over \$15,000 was collected on September 14 through a "boot drive" where police officers, firefighters and others took to the streets to stop cars to collect money. As I told Mayor Bevins, Williamson's tremendous efforts and energy symbolize the spirit of "small-Town America."