Rape is no longer an isolated byproduct of war; it is increasingly a tool to advance war aims. In recent years in Bosnia, women and girls were systematically raped as part of a policy of ethnic cleansing and genocide. Many perpetrators still remain at large.

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Finally, on February 22, 2001, the international tribunal in The Hague sentenced three Bosnian Serbs to prison for rape during the Bosnian war. I was very pleased the court took this step. Clearly, there is still much work to be done. Estimates are that up to 20,000 women in Yugoslavia were systematically raped as part of a policy of ethnic cleansing and genocide. Many perpetrators still remain at large.

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The question raised by Dr. Sise is the same question that is being asked by people in Santee, CA as they attempt to cope with this tragedy.

Ms. Spencer prayed:

Lord, my future looks so uncertain. It seems as if everything dear to me has been shaken or removed. He answered me, and said in His word, I will remove what can be shaken so that those things which “cannot be shaken may remain” (Hebrews 12:27). My life has to be built upon an unshakeable foundation. He says I’m removing from you all insecure foundation to force you to rest on the foundation of faith alone. A spiritual house, in order to stand, must not be built on a flimsy foundation. Your false resting place is being shaken so that you will rely wholly on me.

With these words, Helena Spencer spoke volumes about how great a blessing Habitat for Humanity is to so many people in need. These words inspired us this morning as we worked side by side building the houses that the Spencer and Williams families will call home. I invited us to see through the House the Senate Built Program to its stated end; at least one new Habitat home built by Members of the U.S. Senate in each of our home States.

I am thankful for the work of Habitat for Humanity in this country and am encouraged by the faith and hope displayed today by Ms. Helena Spencer.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, earlier this week, the community of Santee, CA was struck by a horrible tragedy when a student opened fire on his classmates at Santana High School. Two people were killed and 13 others were wounded in the worst episode of school violence since the mass shooting in Littleton, CO almost 2 years ago. Although students returned to school yesterday, the grief over losing two of their classmates and the memories of what occurred will stay with them forever. My thoughts and prayers are with the victims, their families and the people of Santee, CA as they attempt to cope with this tragedy.

In an interview on Monday night, Dr. Michael Sise, the Medical Director for Trauma at Mercy Hospital, where three of the victims were treated, offered his perspective on shooting. He said, “We wouldn’t be here tonight talking to you if this kid, this troubled kid, hadn’t had access to a firearm. I think we have to start asking the tough questions about firearms, what they mean. Firearm turn shouting matches into shootings, what they mean. Firearm turn shouting matches into shootings, what they mean. Firearm turn shouting matches into shootings, what they mean. Firearm turn shouting matches into shootings, what they mean. Firearm turn shouting matches into shootings, what they mean. Firearm turn shouting matches into shootings, what they mean. Firearm turn shouting matches into shootings, what they mean. Firearm turn shouting matches into shootings, what they mean. Firearm turn shouting matches into shootings, what they mean. Firearm turn shouting matches into shootings, what they mean. Firearm turn shouting matches into shootings, what they mean. Firearm turn shouting matches into shootings, what they mean. Firearm turn shouting matches into shootings, what they mean. Firearm turn shouting matches into shootings, what they mean. Firearm turn shouting matches into shootings, what they mean. Firearm turn shouting matches into shootings, what they mean. Firearm turn shouting matches into shootings, what they mean. Firearm turn shouting matches into shootings, what they mean. Firearm turn shouting matches into shootings, what they mean. Firearm turn shouting matches into shootings, what they mean. Firearm turn shouting matches into shootings, what they mean. Firearm turn shouting matches into shootings, what they mean.
country. After each of these shootings, we ask ourselves how we can prevent other such tragedies from happening in the future. One way to prevent this level of violence from occurring again is to make it harder for young people to gain access to firearms. By keeping guns out of the hands of children, we can help ensure that this type of deadly violence is not part of another child’s school day.

Since the tragedy at Santana High School just a few days ago, our Nation has experienced other acts of school violence. On Tuesday, not far from the Capitol, a 14-year-old allegedly shot another teenager at a Prince George’s County high school. Yesterday, it was reported that an eighth-grader in Williamsport, PA shot and wounded one of her classmates, and a high school junior in South Carolina was shot and critically injured.

Tribute to Mrs. Matina Sarbanes

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Mrs. Matina Sarbanes, the mother of our dear colleague, Senator Paul Sarbanes.

Mrs. Sarbanes personified the American dream. She came to this country from Greece in 1930 to build a better life. She and her husband, the late Spyros Sarbanes, settled in Salisbury on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Mrs. Sarbanes was an active community leader and businesswoman.

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Matina Sarbanes epitomized the American success story. Through fortitude and hard work, she was able to live out the American dream. Born in the village of Elfton in southeastern Greece, Sarbanes was attracted to the United States and its promise of opportunity. She joined family in New Jersey in 1928 and married Spyros Sarbanes.

The couple moved to Salisbury soon after and opened the famous Mayflower Grill on Main Street. While forging a life here, the Sarbanes family set an example for all to follow. Mrs. Sarbanes taught her children the value of a good education. She knew that in America, as in few other places in the world, children of immigrants could go anywhere that hard work and education would take them.

She instilled in her children the values they needed to succeed: faith, family, and patriotism. Her children put these values into action. Her oldest son attended one of the country’s top colleges, became a Rhodes Scholar, and served in the White House. Her son Anthony had a long distinguished career in education and in the military. Her daughter Zoe was a community leader and businesswoman in New Jersey. Mrs. Sarbanes was proud to be an American citizen, and she must know how proud her family was of her. She lived a wonderful life in America and touched many people including her church community, her Greek community, her patrons from the restaurant, and all of Salisbury.

FEMA’s Project Impact II

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I would like to again address the Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, Project Impact Program. The President’s fiscal year 2002 budget proposal stated that the Project Impact disaster preparedness campaign “has not proven effective.” I am looking forward to hearing about the issue of effectiveness.

A White House spokesperson, recently citing a FEMA Inspector General report, said that 64 percent of the money awarded by Project Impact had not been spent by communities 2 years after receiving it. This statement is a bit misleading. True, nearly 2 years after they were designated as Project Impact partners, seven pilot communities had not spent 64 percent of their grants. But the numbers are deceiving.

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

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At the center of all this effort and education, Mrs. Sarbanes personified the American dream. She came to this country as an immigrant and opened the famous Mayflower Grill on Main Street. While forging a life here, the Sarbanes family set an example for all to follow. Mrs. Sarbanes taught her children the value of education, though she never finished school. Her eldest son, Paul, is perhaps Salisbury’s most distinguished native. He graduated from Wicomico High School and went on to be a Rhodes Scholar and graduated from Princeton University. Today he sits as a member of the U.S. Senate—a position that he has held with distinction since 1976. Her son Anthony has remained in Salisbury, where he is a valuable community leader; daughter Zoe has found success in New Jersey.

Spyros Sarbanes, 16 years older than his wife, died in 1957. Mrs. Sarbanes continued on her own for three years, but shut down the Mayflower Grill in 1960. When Mrs. Sarbanes died Wednesday at age 92, a little bit of the old Salisbury passed with her. But her spirit, like the spirit of others in her time who overcame real obstacles to make a life and build a family in this country, only grows stronger when we pause to reflect.