

We must not allow anyone in the name of "free trade" or anyone in the name of "fast track" to destroy the way of life of communities across the Nation.

No, Mr. President, we don't need fast track. We need to live by this Constitution which I hold in my hand. We swear an oath in this Senate to support and defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. Let's watch the enemies in our midst. They may be us.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

TRIBUTE TO ROBBIE CALLAWAY

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, on April 7, 2001, Robbie Callaway, Senior Vice President for Boys & Girls Clubs of America, was honored with the organization's highest award for professional service: the Thomas G. Garth Character and Courage Award.

Thomas G. Garth served as president of Boys & Girls Clubs of America from 1988 until his death in 1996. It was under his leadership that Boys & Girls Clubs began their aggressive outreach movement into America's most distressed communities and evolved into one of our Nation's premier youth development organizations. It was Tom's dream that every disadvantaged youth in America have access to a Boys & Girls Club.

The Thomas G. Garth Character and Courage Award is presented each year to the professional in the Boys & Girls Clubs movement that best exemplifies the qualities of character and courage, the very qualities that made Tom Garth an extraordinary leader and role model.

Those of us who are fortunate to have known Robbie Callaway for many years are not surprised by his receipt of the Thomas G. Garth Character and Courage Award. Character and courage have defined his service to the Nation's youth. Not only is Robbie's enthusiasm contagious, but he also sets an example for others to follow.

Robbie has dedicated himself to ensuring that every one of our Nation's youth is given an opportunity at a better life. Countless young people and communities throughout America have benefitted as a result. The progress that Boys & Girls Clubs of America have made in public housing, Native American lands, and other inner-city and rural communities is due in large part to his relentless spirit and his unwillingness to take "no" for an answer. He believes in his heart, as did Tom Garth, that it is Boys & Girls Clubs of America's obligation to reach every child in need and at-risk.

Robbie is also a founding board member of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, where he currently serves as chairman-elect. As a result of the National Center's extensive relationship with Federal, State, and local law enforcement, along with

corporate America, it is the leading child safety organization in America. The National Center also has a strong working partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Together, these two fine organizations strive to keep our Nation's youth out of harm's way.

Robbie has received numerous awards throughout his career. Yet he will tell you his greatest accomplishment is raising, along with his wife Sue, two fine children, Adam and Maureen.

The United States of America is a better place because of people like Robbie Callaway. His selfless contributions have impacted the lives of this Nation's youth and will continue to do so for generations to come. We owe him a debt of gratitude.

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 last month. 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.

Today, Mr. President, I would like to detail a heinous crime that occurred February 6, 2000 in Tucson, Arizona. A 20-year-old gay University of Arizona student was sitting at a cafe when a man came up behind him and stabbed him with large knife. Witnesses heard the perpetrator saying that he had "killed a f---ing faggot," "this is what gays deserve," and "let this be a warning to the gay community." The victim was treated at a local hospital and released. The attack spurred an anti-hate rally on campus a few days later drawing over 1,000 people.

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.

REMOVAL OF THE UNITED STATES FROM THE U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Mr. LIEBERMAN. I rise to express my dismay at the Economic and Social Council's vote yesterday removing the United States from membership on the United Nations Human Rights Commission for the first time since its inception in 1946.

The United States was a founding member of this distinguished body and has been an active member since its establishment. Under the chairmanship of Eleanor Roosevelt, the U.S. was instrumental in helping to draft the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the very first work of the Commission

and one that deeply reflects long-standing and treasured American values. For over 50 years, the United States has worked within the Commission to codify fundamental human rights and practices. Through the Commission we have also fought for vigorous investigations of grave breaches of human rights wherever they occurred and have raised our voice in defense of freedom on behalf of those whose own voices were silenced.

The Commission's membership has grown along with the membership in the United Nations as newly independent nations have joined the world bodies. However, the inclusion of countries with extremely poor human rights records, such as Sudan and Cuba, on the Commission is troubling. And it means that we will have to work even harder to promote universal standards so that one day all people can enjoy the freedom, liberty and equality we too often take for granted here at home.

We may never know why so many countries voted against us in the secret balloting. I am afraid, however, that it may reflect widespread dissatisfaction with what is perceived to be a go-it-alone attitude in foreign affairs by the new administration. Our friends and allies have reacted negatively to a number of President Bush's pronouncements and policies, including rejection of the Kyoto Climate Change Treaty, his opposition to the International Criminal Court, and his willingness to abandon the ABM Treaty before we have a workable missile defense plan in place. This vote clearly demonstrates that there can be unanticipated and damaging consequences to our actions on the world stage. The U.S. cannot take our friends for granted and must remain vigilant against the anti-U.S. efforts of our enemies.

The United States now becomes an observer on the U.N. Human Rights Commission but we can, indeed we must, remain actively engaged in defending human rights throughout the world. We have lost our vote but not our voice. The Commission will be weaker without our membership and our leadership. But the real losers in yesterday's election were the oppressed, people in many parts of the world who desperately need the support of the United States and the United Nations to stop abuses of their basic rights and to bring the light of freedom into their lives.

I am terribly disappointed by the vote against U.S. membership on the Commission. However, we must not allow this vote to deter our efforts to promote and defend human rights around the world. Our commitment and leadership in advancing freedom, equality and justice for all people derives from the principles on which our Nation was founded and which continue to guide us today.