

so these men and women can be trained in this area and not have to travel hundreds of miles away in Georgia to do their training.

There is no better trained police force any place in the world than the Capitol Police. Whatever the danger, whether it is a bomb threat, the need to call in a SWAT Team, or protecting the many dignitaries who come here, they do it, and they do it very well—without any fanfare and without seeking any glory or aggrandizement of any kind.

Again, I very much appreciate the prayer of the Chaplain today. I hope we will all join in recognizing the fine work done by the men and women of our Capitol Police force. Every day I see them I recognize they are there to protect me, my family, the people of this country, and these beautiful buildings in which we have the privilege of working.

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.

I would like to detail a heinous crime that occurred October 29, 1999 in Indianapolis, Indiana. A trio of men, while allegedly committing a series of robberies, broke into the apartment of two men. Convinced that the men were gay, the perpetrators forced the men to strip, tied them together, and tortured them with a hot iron. During the attack that lasted more than 30 minutes, both victims were burned repeatedly, kicked, beaten with a small baseball bat and other household items, and taunted with homophobic remarks. One of the victims was forced to drink a mixture of bleach and urine. The robbers also tried to burn the building down on their way out but later inexplicably returned, put out the fire, and gave some water to the man they made drink the bleach mixture. The robbers walked away from the scene after having stolen \$6.

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.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Monday, May 14, 2001, the Federal debt stood at \$5,641,550,724,928.73. Five trillion, six

hundred forty-one billion, five hundred fifty million, seven hundred twenty-four thousand, nine hundred twenty-eight dollars and seventy-three cents.

Five years ago, May 14, 1996, the Federal debt stood at \$5,096,217,000,000. Five trillion, ninety-six billion, two hundred seventeen million.

Ten years ago, May 14, 1991, the Federal debt stood at \$3,435,319,000,000. Three trillion, four hundred thirty-five billion, three hundred nineteen million.

Fifteen years ago, May 14, 1986, the Federal debt stood at \$2,013,345,000,000. Two trillion, thirteen billion, three hundred forty-five million.

Twenty-five years ago, May 14, 1976, the Federal debt stood at \$601,068,000,000. Six hundred one billion, sixty-eight million, which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion, \$5,040,482,724,928.73. Five trillion, forty billion, four hundred eighty-two million, seven hundred twenty-four thousand, nine hundred twenty-eight dollars and seventy-three cents during the past 25 years.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JOHN AND MARY JANE STOKESBERRY

• Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I am pleased to have this opportunity to recognize the exemplary contributions of an extraordinary couple, John and Mary Jane Stokesberry of Miami, FL. Given John's significant impact on public policy development and implementation in the areas of gerontology and aging and Mary Jane's passion for teaching those with special educational needs, I know their joint retirement on June 30, 2001 will leave a void which will be difficult to fill.

John L. Stokesberry has to his credit over 30 years of administrative leadership in human service delivery in Florida. In his most recent public role, John has served as the Executive Director of the Alliance for Aging, Inc., the Area Agency on Aging for Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties in Florida. Through his compassionate and adept oversight, many seniors and developmentally challenged individuals have been provided the benefit of quality care and the timely provision of services.

Florida has long been a favored retirement destination for seniors who have worked hard throughout their lives. They are more than deserving of living out their days in dignity and with whatever comfort and respect we are able to provide. Consequently, in Florida, increasing attention and focus is being placed on aging issues. John L. Stokesberry's contributions in helping to chart Florida's course in this relatively new frontier have been pivotal. We have benefitted from his remark-

able expertise, coalition building and advocacy for over three decades. Whether at the district or state administrative levels, his leadership has always been felt and has enhanced the mission of our state in meeting the needs of our seniors.

Mary Jane Stokesberry has worked at the Van E. Blanton Elementary School for 39 years and currently serves as the Chair of the Special Education Department. While instructing young people who have special needs can present unique challenges, Mary Jane's genuine warmth and patience has consistently led to the most positive development of her students. It came as no surprise when she was formerly designated as a Regional Teacher of the Year. Though many of her former students are now adults, I am sure they would agree that Mary Jane has left an indelible mark on their lives. Through her exceptional legacy, I am reminded of the proverb, "if you give a child a fish you feed them for a day; if you teach a child how to fish, you feed them for a lifetime." Mary Jane has fed countless children for a lifetime.

For these reasons, I am proud to join the chorus of other voices in Florida and Miami-Dade County who extend to John and Mary Jane Stokesberry best wishes on the occasion of their retirements. I congratulate them today and wish for them many more productive and healthy years.●

TRIBUTE TO PERRY COMO

• Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I would like to celebrate the life, and commemorate the death of an American cultural icon from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Perry Como.

On May 18, 1912, Pierino Roland Como was born in Canonsburg, PA, the seventh of thirteen children to Italian immigrants. Pierino, who would become known to the world as Perry, would lead a life which was the American dream personified. He began working as a barber's apprentice in Canonsburg at the age of eleven to help provide for his family. It is reported that Mr. Como's illustrious singing career developed by singing to patrons in his own barber shop which he opened by fourteen. The baritone voice, which would become famous throughout the world, was soon discovered by a band traveling through his steel town and he began his career as an entertainer. In 1933, Mr. Como married his childhood sweetheart, Roselle Beline, who told him he could open another barber shop if his singing career failed. His career did not fail, nor did their marriage which lasted until Roselle's death in 1998.

Perry Como's singing and performing career spanned six decades and during that period he sold over 100 million

records. Twenty-seven of his albums went gold, while fourteen singles reached number one on the charts. In 1945, "Till the End of Time" became the first single to sell more than one million records. After his great success in record sales in the 1940's, 50's and 60's, his career evolved into that of a television star. From 1948 to 1963, Perry Como was a fixture in American homes as a pioneer of the variety show format. He won acclaim for his performances including 5 Emmy awards. He also won Peabody and Golden Mike awards during his career. And in 1987 Mr. Como was presented a Kennedy Center Honor for outstanding achievement in the performing arts by President Ronald Reagan.

Mr. Como's fame was worldwide and lasting. The BBC reports that he had twelve top ten hits in Britain, over twenty years. His Christmas broadcasts, for which, perhaps, he was most famous, were broadcast from around the globe over the years, including Israel, Paris, and London. A Roman Catholic, he reached Protestants and Catholics alike through his renditions of "Ave Maria" and "The Lord's Prayer." He sang "Kol Nidre" each year on his television program in observance of Yom Kippur. Mr. Como also made many fans in Japan, where his variety shows had unique success. Perry Como continued to perform for fans in the United States well into his eighties.

It is with great humility that I ask this body to remember an American cultural icon on the occasion of his passing. I hope and pray that future generations of Americans will use Perry Como's example of dignity and decency in conducting their personal and professional lives.●

STOCKDALE HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTS CALIFORNIA IN THE WE THE PEOPLE NATIONAL COMPETITION

● Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the achievements of students from Stockdale High School for winning an honorable mention in the We the People..The Citizen and the Constitution national competition. These outstanding students from Bakersfield, CA competed against 49 other classes from across the country and demonstrated a vast knowledge of the U.S. Constitution and American democracy. Their accomplishments are a reflection of their hard work and preparation for this prestigious event.

On April 21-23, 2001, hundreds of young people ascended on our Nation's Capital to participate in the We the People national finals. This exciting competition is administered by the Center for the Civic Education to educate students on the history and principles of American constitutional government. Reaching more than 26 million students nationwide, We the Peo-

ple introduces elementary, middle, and high school students to the intricacies of our government and encourages them to contribute actively to the political process throughout their lives.

I can think of no better way to ensure that this country has competent citizens and future leaders than to encourage more of our Nation's youth to participate in programs such as this one. I am particularly proud of the accomplishments of the Stockdale High School class and encourage these students to be ever vigilant in their future endeavors to learn about and foster our democracy.●

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE CROMBIE

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to George Crombie of Nashua, NH, for being named as the 2001 recipient of the Charles Walter Nichols Award. This award was established to recognize outstanding and meritorious achievement in the environmental field.

George serves as the Director of Public Works for the City of Nashua, NH, and manages the full service public works division which services a population of 85,000 residents. His experience in environmental and public works management have enhanced the quality of life for residents in Nashua.

George has served as Public Works Director in Durham, NH, and Burlington, VT. He has also served as undersecretary of Environmental Affairs for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. A strong coalition builder, George has guided numerous environmental and public projects through development in our state.

He received a Bachelors Degree from the University of New Hampshire and a Master of Public Administration Degree from Northeastern University. George is a past President of the New England Public Works Association and has been honored as the chapter's Man of the Year.

George and his wife, Jacqueline, have three children: Jill, Jack and Jane. He serves on several professional boards including: American Public Works Association, Water Pollution Control Federation, New England Chapter of the American Public Works Association and the New Hampshire Good Roads Association.

George Crombie is a tribute to his community and profession. As Chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee it is an honor to work with George on issues important to the City of Nashua. His dedicated service to the citizens of Nashua and New Hampshire is to be commended. It is an honor and a privilege to represent him in the U.S. Senate.●

BUENO FOODS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a family-owned

business in my home State of New Mexico, which is not only a staple and generous partner in the community, but has grown to be one of the largest Hispanic-owned businesses in the United States. This company, Bueno Foods, this week celebrates its Golden Anniversary—50 years of producing premiere New Mexican food products. The company, housed in Albuquerque's South Valley, is a pride for the community.

Started back in 1951, the company provided the means for the Baca brothers, Joe, Ray and Augustine, to provide for themselves, their family, and improve their community. In the years after World War II, the Baca brothers first opened a grocery store that prospered until supermarket chains started to infiltrate the Albuquerque market. The brothers realized that in order to stay in business for themselves, they needed a new direction. So they expanded their business by featuring the traditional New Mexican recipes of their mother, Filomena. Their company became the first commercial producer of flame-roasted, fresh frozen green chile. Today the name "Bueno Foods" is synonymous with that frozen green chile.

Since those days, the company has grown from a company with five employees to one with 240 workers. Still family run by the Baca family, its purpose has not only been to provide high-quality, authentic products, but also good jobs and active community involvement. Even with its large growth, the company has kept its roots and main plant in the South Valley, a historic and proud part of Albuquerque.

Throughout the years, Bueno has remained true to its core values and beliefs that center around making people's lives better through jobs and opportunity, and contributing to the community. Bueno donates part of its profits to charities and scholarships, and every Christmas helps to provide food and clothing to the needy.

As Bueno Foods turns 50, it is celebrating its golden anniversary in a way that continues to epitomize those values. The company has teamed up with several organizations to host a 4-day fiesta for the South Valley's Barelans community, where the Bacas were born and started their small business. My congratulations go to Bueno Foods president, Jacqueline Baca, the other members of the Baca family who continue the legacy of the Baca brothers, and all their employees. I encourage my colleagues to join me in saluting this company's success and its commitment to the Hispanic entrepreneurial and community spirit.●