

Mr. President, history shows us that surprise attacks, both strategic and terrorist, do happen and are very effective—Pearl Harbor and Korea, as well as the attack on the Marine barracks in Beirut, and on our installation in Dhahran—are poignant examples of our past failures. We dare not fail again. We need to plan for surprise—to equip our military forces with the ability to blunt or defeat an attack anywhere, at any time, and with weapons that we will actually use and which others believe we will actually use. That means conventional explosives delivered with great accuracy and with immediacy and with little risk of U.S. casualties. That means the B-2 long-range-strike aircraft.

Mr. President, with the B-2, our ability to respond effectively to diffuse global threats, through the projection of American power, is secure; without it, our foreign policy is one of dependence on others, our interests are hostage to public opinion in foreign countries, and our soldiers, whom we send to defend our interests abroad, are needlessly imperiled.

Mr. President, I call upon my colleagues to support the acquisition of nine more B-2 aircraft, to establish the minimal, militarily effective force of three squadrons.●

REGARDING THE UNDERSTANDING REACHED BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE EUROPEAN UNION

● Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I rise today to comment on the understanding reached between the United States and the European Union regarding the implementation of the Helms-Burton Act and the Iran-Libya Sanctions Act.

I want, from the start, to congratulate Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat, Undersecretary of Commerce, who negotiated this understanding. His commitment to easing relations between the United States and the European Union is unending. His work on the issue of Holocaust victims assets in Swiss banks has also played a vital role in settling that problem. I am honored to work with him on both counts.

The understanding, as it relates to the Iran-Libya Sanctions Act, is quite clear. It states:

The U.S. will continue to work with the EU toward the objectives of meeting the terms (1) for granting EU Member States a waiver under Section 4.C of the Act with regard to Iran, and (2) for granting companies from the EU waivers under Section 9.C of the Act with regard to Libya.

It should be clear that the terms for granting a waiver, specifically with regard to Iran are very simple. If the country from which the company to be sanctioned is situated imposes substantial measures, including the imposition of economic sanctions, then a waiver can be granted. Yes, there is a provision for national security waivers, but to simply provide a blanket waiver for

the European Union, is a clear contravention to the will of Congress and goes against the very fact that the President signed the bill.

Congress intends for this law to be implemented in full, without blanket waivers that do not follow the provisions enacted unanimously last year. If blanket waivers are provided without just cause then only Iran will benefit. Congress enacted this bill with the intention of denying the funds to Iran necessary to fund terrorism, as shown by the verdict in Mykonos and the strong speculation that Iran had a role in the bombing of the Khobar towers in Saudi Arabia. It also did so to deny Iran the funds with which to obtain weapons of mass destruction.

We must remember that the Iranian Government, at the highest levels, has been implicated in ordering the assassination of Kurdish dissidents in Berlin. This terrorist act was conducted on European soil, not American. It is unfortunate that Europeans are blind to the need for action to curb Iranian terrorism, even when it is occurring on their own streets. For Europeans to push for a relaxation of antiterrorism legislation to counter Iran, is even worse. Yet, all of this seems to be of little matter to them. The only thing that does matter is that trade continues, even with the likes of Iran. I wonder if they will ever understand this all?

I look forward to seeing how this understanding progresses, and I look forward to European compliance with the legislation. Europeans may take this issue lightly. If they think that they can get a simple waiver so that they can conduct business as usual with the foremost sponsor of international terrorism, but they're wrong—very wrong.●

HONORING ANTHONY (DUKE) DEBIASE OF THE MARINE CADETS OF AMERICA

● Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a former marine, Mr. Anthony (Duke) DeBiase on the occasion of his 29 years of faithful service to the youth of Connecticut through his service with the youth program, the Marine Cadets of America. Mr. DeBiase is a retired city of New Haven employee and also served as chief of security for the New Haven public school system prior to his retirement. Mr. DeBiase also served for 15 years as a member of the board of directors for the U.S. Marine Corps Youth Foundation and among his awards is the Distinguished Service Award from the foundation, he is also the recipient of the Certificate of Congressional Recognition which was awarded for his outstanding community service. Captain DeBiase presently serves as the commanding officer of Company A, 1st Battalion, Marine Cadets of America, a national program recognized by the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Department of Defense. The dedication of

Captain DeBiase to the war on drugs through his program has bestowed national recognition for his efforts and we wish him continued success in his outstanding leadership to the youth of America.●

COMMENDING GENE ROBERTS

● Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize a man of character, his tradition of accomplishment, his outstanding record of public service, and his contribution to his community and the State of Tennessee. Today, April 14, Gene Roberts steps down as the mayor of Chattanooga. He will be missed, but I know that wherever he chooses to put his skills to use in the future, he will be a great asset.

Gene Roberts is a low-key kind of man, the kind who leads with confidence. When Gene gets behind some cause or effort, people just fundamentally know that he's in it for the right reasons and that they ought to seriously consider following his lead. The people of Chattanooga have had the benefit of Gene's talents in his capacity as mayor since 1983. They know firsthand what I'm talking about.

Gene's history of public service goes back over 25 years, back to 1971, when he was the commissioner of fire and police for Chattanooga. For a brief time, he served in the cabinet of my friend, Gov. Lamar Alexander. And his long tenure as mayor has been marked by unprecedented growth, progress, and a rise in the fortunes and profile of the city of Chattanooga.

He has presided over real progress. During his years in office, Chattanooga has seen a revival of its downtown, revitalized neighborhoods, a cleanup of pollution to preserve the beautiful land in the area, and a marked increase in the quality of life for the folks who call Chattanooga home.

Thanks to Gene's efforts, and his coordination of efforts with other civic-minded groups and individuals, Chattanooga has become a model for other cities striving to improve. Today, leaders from around the world and across the country visit Chattanooga to see what's been done, and to find out how they can duplicate the success of this model city.

It's this kind of effort that creates a vigorous economy for the area, and that's good for everyone. In no small measure, we have Gene Roberts to thank for that.

These kinds of positive changes only happen when an individual steps forward to take the initiative. You've got to care enough to invest time and skill and experience to make a good city into a great city. Things like this don't just happen by themselves.

Congratulations and all the best to Gene Roberts as he retires from the office of mayor of Chattanooga, TN.●

SALUTE TO LARRY MANCINO

● Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, the Communications Workers of America