

The result was announced—yeas 53, nays 42, as follows:

{Rollcall Vote No. 237 Leg.}

YEAS—53

Abraham	Dorgan	Lautenberg
Akaka	Durbin	Levin
Baucus	Faircloth	Lieberman
Biden	Feingold	Mikulski
Boxer	Feinstein	Moseley-Braun
Breaux	Ford	Moynihan
Bryan	Glenn	Murkowski
Bumpers	Gorton	Murray
Burns	Grassley	Reed
Campbell	Hatch	Reid
Chafee	Hollings	Roth
Cleland	Inouye	Sarbanes
Collins	Johnson	Snowe
Conrad	Kempthorne	Specter
Coverdell	Kennedy	Stevens
Craig	Kerry	Torricelli
D'Amato	Kohl	Wellstone
Dodd	Landrieu	

NAYS—42

Allard	Grams	McConnell
Ashcroft	Gregg	Nickles
Bennett	Hagel	Robb
Bond	Hutchinson	Roberts
Brownback	Hutchison	Rockefeller
Byrd	Inhofe	Santorum
Coats	Jeffords	Sessions
Cochran	Kerrey	Shelby
Daschle	Kyl	Smith (NH)
DeWine	Leahy	Smith (OR)
Enzi	Lott	Thomas
Frist	Lugar	Thompson
Graham	Mack	Thurmond
Gramm	McCain	Warner

NOT VOTING—5

Bingaman	Harkin	Wyden
Domenici	Helms	

The motion to lay on the table the amendment (No. 3337) was agreed to.

Mr. D'AMATO. I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. SARBANES. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. LOTT addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF DETECTIVE JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON AND PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT OF THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, on behalf of myself, the Democratic leader, and the entire Senate membership, I send a Senate concurrent resolution to the desk regarding the fallen U.S. Capitol policemen. And I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration, and ask that the clerk read the resolution in its entirety.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the clerk will report and read the concurrent resolution.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 110) honoring the memory of Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut of the United States Capitol Police for their selfless acts of heroism at the United States Capitol on July 24, 1998.

Whereas the Capitol is the people's house, and, as such, it has always been and will remain open to the public;

Whereas millions of people visit the Capitol each year to observe and study the workings of the democratic process;

Whereas the Capitol is the most recognizable symbol of liberty and democracy throughout the world and those who guard the Capitol guard our freedom;

Whereas Private First Class Jacob "J.J." Chestnut and Detective John Michael Gibson sacrificed their lives to protect the lives of hundreds of tourists, staff, and Members of Congress;

Whereas if not for the quick and courageous action of those officers, many innocent people would likely have been injured or killed;

Whereas through their selfless acts, Detective Gibson and Private First Class Chestnut underscored the courage, honor, and dedication shown daily by every member of the United States Capitol Police and every law enforcement officer;

Whereas Private First Class Chestnut, a Vietnam veteran who spent 20 years in the Air Force, was an 18-year veteran of the Capitol Police, and was married to Wen Ling and had five children, Joseph, Janece, Janet, Karen and William;

Whereas Detective Gibson, assigned as Rep. Tom Delay's bodyguard for the last three years, was an 18-year veteran of the Capitol Police, and was married to Evelyn and had three children, Kristen, John and Daniel;

Whereas Private First Class Chestnut and Detective Gibson were the first United States Capitol Police officers ever killed in the line of duty;

Whereas Private First Class Chestnut and Detective Gibson, and all those who helped apprehend the gunman, assist the injured, and evacuate the building, are true heroes of democracy, and every American owes them a deep debt of gratitude: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, (the House of Representatives concurring), That—

(1) Congress hereby honors the memory of Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut of the United States Capitol Police for the selfless acts of heroism they displayed on July 24, 1998, in sacrificing their lives in the line of duty so that others might live; and

(2) when the Senate and the House of Representatives adjourn on this date, they shall do so out of respect to the memory of Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut.

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I want to extend my deepest sympathy to the families of Officer J.J. Chestnut and Detective John Gibson, and to the many friends that they leave, particularly their brothers and sisters in arms, the members of the United States Capitol Police. Our hearts ache for them as they struggle with their staggering loss.

Like many Members of Congress, I was headed home Friday afternoon when Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson were slain. I was in the airport in Minneapolis, changing planes, when I first learned of what had happened. I was shocked and sickened and saddened.

Throughout the airport, wherever there was a TV, people crowded around it to watch the news, and try to understand.

At home in South Dakota this past weekend, I spoke with countless people who told me how terribly sad they are about the deaths of these two brave men.

In that airport, in South Dakota and across our nation, Americans understand that Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson sacrificed their lives to guard and protect something that is sacred to all of us.

This Capitol truly is "the people's house", a symbol of freedom and democracy, recognized the world over.

That is one of the reasons Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson loved it so, and were so proud to work here.

It is difficult, unless you have worked here, to understand what a close-knit family the Capitol community is. We come to work every day, pass each other in the halls. We ask about each others' families, joke with each other.

And today, we try to comfort each other.

Whenever you suffer a death in the family, as we have in the Capitol Hill family, there is at first a sort of unreality about it.

That is especially true when the person is taken suddenly, or too young, as Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson were.

But then, you come to where they should be and there is a hole in the world and you begin to understand that it's true.

Coming back to work today, we have all experienced that void.

Inside the Capitol, another officer stands where Officer Chestnut should be.

And the door over the House Majority Whip's office, where Detective Gibson was stationed, is draped in black bunting.

Everywhere, the voices are quieter than usual. Tears rim the eyes of many people. Outside, the flag over the Capitol flies mournfully at half-staff.

Below it, on the white marble steps, lay flowers and cards left by a grateful public to honor two fallen heroes.

Then, there is perhaps the saddest sight of all: the black bands stretched like a gash over the badges of the Capitol Police officers.

These are the inadequate tributes we pay to these two extraordinary men whose professionalism, courage and selfless dedication last Friday afternoon surely saved many innocent lives.

But the real tribute is not what is different about the Capitol today. The real tribute is what is the same.

The halls of "the people's house" are filled today—as they are every day—with vacationing families, school children, Scout troops and thousands of others who have come to see their government in action. They walk these majestic halls and marvel—as they do every day—at the beauty of this building, at its history and its openness.

That is the real tribute to Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson.

Because they made us feel so safe, we may not have understood fully the risks they took each day when they put on their badges and came to work. But they understood.

They knowingly risked their lives because they loved this building and

what it represents, and they wanted others to be able to see their government at work.

Among the bouquets on the steps outside is a handmade tribute: a collage of a silvery cross on black paper. Glued across the top of the collage is the headline from Saturday's newspaper. It reads "2 Slain Officers Remembered, Called Heroes."

Today, as we struggle to accept that loss, we offer our condolences and thanks to the men and women of the Capitol Police Department especially those who were at work last Friday afternoon and who reacted with such selfless professionalism as well as those who worked through the weekend so that "the people's house" could remain open to the people.

We can only imagine how awful these days are for you, and how difficult it must be for you to be here.

We are proud to work with you, and deeply grateful to you for your courage and dedication.

Above all, our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson. May God comfort them and ease their terrible anguish.

Tomorrow, we will put aside our normal schedule in order to pay our final respects to Jacob Joseph Chestnut and John Gibson.

Their bodies will lie in honor in the Rotunda, surrounded by statues of other American heroes. That is as it should be, for they truly are heroes. They gave their life for their country and, in doing so, saved the lives of countless others. We are in awe of their sacrifice, and we are grateful to them beyond words.

Ms. MIKULSKI. I also want to voice my sorrow and the sorrow of the people of Maryland following the tragic events on Friday, July 24.

And I rise in tribute to the heroic acts of Officer Jacob "J.J." Chestnut, from Ft. Washington in my home state of Maryland, and special agent John Gibson, of nearby Woodbridge, Virginia, who gave their lives to protect the U.S. Capitol and its residents, to protect this building that is the symbol of freedom and democracy the world over.

No words can adequately express my pain and outrage at the senseless killings that took place at 3:40 on Friday. No words can adequately comfort those who were emotionally and physically injured, nor relieve the pain of the families who lost loved ones. No words can erase the horror of the Weston family upon learning that their son may have committed this horrific act. And no words can adequately express the sorrow that millions of Americans feel today about this assault on our nation's heritage and democratic institutions.

However, words can be used to remember and applaud the lives and heroism of Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson. And I want to add my voice to the call today to remember those brave

men and commend all the Capitol Hill police officers who put their lives on the line to protect democracy. And I want to add my voice to the call to ensure that the People's House remains open to the people, while preserving the safety of those who work and visit this great institution.

Many of my colleagues know how indispensable and brave the Capitol Hill Police Officers are, but many other Americans learned of these brave troops just on Friday. Let me tell you what I think many people didn't really know until Friday: what a Capitol Hill Police Officer does and what makes them so special.

These men and women are some of the most unique officers in the country. First, they are excellent federal law-enforcement officials who protect members of Congress from crooks, terrorists, or anyone else who would want to harm us and they also protect all the people in the building, whether it's a foreign dignitary, like Mr. Mandela, or a girl-scout troop from Iowa. Second, they are also "Officer Friendly"—welcoming people and answering questions and many have taken special language training to help visitors from around the world. Third, many are also trained for other possible emergencies: to provide basic paramedic help in the case of an ill tourist, or to provide basic fire-fighting and help evacuate buildings in the case of fires.

These police are like our own "Cops on the Beat." Many of the officers are assigned a primary beat, which means they get to know particular members and our hours and our staffs; the regular delivery people; and others. They know who are the usual folks coming in and can then detect anyone who is strange, or who is acting strange. So, just like thousands of towns across the country, Capitol Hill has its own community policemen. They have a beat, they get to know us, and we get to know them.

And if you're on the beat, you get to know the officers on your beat. We talk about the Orioles. We talk about their families. There is always the proud dad. The one who's getting off early because his daughter is going to a prom and he's chaperoning. Or one who is the first in her family to get her college degree.

They also get to know us. We talk to them about our own families. I know when my own mother was ill and we thought she needed surgery, they volunteered to organize a blood drive if I needed it. They told me that I never had to worry, that if I needed extra people to come to Baltimore, they would. They just said, "Don't worry, Senator Barb, we'll be there for you."

Finally, so many of the Capitol Hill Police Officers are my Maryland constituents, just like J.J. Chestnut. So, I'd hear if the fishing was good down in Southern Maryland, or if the traffic was congested. Officer Chestnut was from Ft. Washington in Prince Georges County. It's close to the Potomac

River, and it is where a lot of our officers live. Where they can have a wonderful family life, fish in the Potomac, or, as I've learned about Officer Chestnut, tend a wonderful vegetable garden. Officer Chestnut was always one of the stars—trained as an MP in the military, he'd been with the Capitol Police for eighteen years and was known for having a unique touch with tourists and constituents. We were very proud of him and that he was even nominated at one time for Capitol Police Officer of the Year.

And I know how proud we were of Detective Gibson as well. He was from just across the River in Virginia, and was also a star and a hero. From helping tourists to protecting dignitaries, Detective Gibson always made the safety of others his top priority. I know he was a true hero on Friday, when he stopped the gunman from entering further into the building.

The Capitol Hill Police Officers are our hi-touch, hi-tech community police officers and we are very, very proud of them. And we are profoundly grieved at the passing of two of that force's brightest lights, Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson.

My heart and prayers go out to their families, as they cope with their overwhelming loss. And my heart goes out to the family of the suspect, Mr. Weston. From everything I've seen and heard, Mr. Weston was mentally ill. From interviews I've seen, the Weston family is a good family and his mom and dad are absolutely grief-stricken at the thought that their son could have done such a terrible, terrible act and our thoughts and prayers should be with them, as well today.

Mr. President, I know the entire Senate joins me in saying that this act was a horror and that no family, no nation should have to endure the pain we feel today. I know that we will honor them tomorrow in a service befitting heroes because, Madam President, they were heroes. Giving their lives so that others might be safe is the ultimate act of heroism. We know that Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson are heroes for today and all eternity.

Madam President, I hope that as we respond, we are very careful to ensure that the public access continues to be granted here. We need to ensure that what they died for, which was defending not only the building, but what the building stands for, so that the public can always come see us doing our work while they so valiantly did their work. I thank the Chair and my colleague, the senior Senator, for yielding me this time.

I yield the floor.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, on Friday, two veteran Capitol Police Officers were killed in the line of duty during a tragic attack in the United States Capitol. Their sacrifice in performance of duty will forever be remembered in the halls of the United States Congress.

Tomorrow in the Rotunda of the Capitol, we will memorialize the bravery

and sacrifice of these two officers—the first Capitol Police Officers to be killed in the line of duty.

Officer “J.J.” Chestnut was 58 and the father of five children. He was a grandfather and a 20-year veteran of the United States Air Force with service in Vietnam. Officer Chestnut was a member of the Capitol Police Force for 18 years.

Special Agent John Gibson was 42 and the father of three children. He was an 18-year veteran of the Capitol Police Force who served as a Special Agent assigned to House Majority Whip, TOM DELAY for the last three years.

To the families of these men, we extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy during this very difficult time. The Capitol Hill community has lost two respected and brave defenders of democracy.

To the fellow officers of these fallen heroes, you have our unqualified support as daily you carry your duties to protect the halls of freedom. Your dedication and service to the Nation is deeply appreciated.

Indeed, all Americans are indebted to Officer Chestnut and Special Agent Gibson for their devotion to duty and their sacrifice in the defense of freedom.

Mr. President, as chairman of the Rules Committee, I also had the opportunity over the weekend to maintain close contact with those here under the direction of our distinguished majority leader and minority leader, notably the Sergeant at Arms and the chief of police. I wish to commend them in the manner in which they very quickly took charge of this tragic situation and, once again, reopened the people's house—that is what this magnificent structure is—so that the people from the United States, people from all over the world, can continue to come and share the magnificence of this edifice.

A great debt of gratitude is owed, of course, especially to these two officers and to their families. As I look into their eyes of the men and women who guard the Capitol, each day, I silently express my gratitude, for we couldn't have 32,000 visitors as we did the day before and probably in the day to come, who could walk through these magnificent halls with a sense of safety and confidence—we couldn't have that without the dedicated service of our Capitol Police. Nor could the business of the Congress itself take place without their taking a risk every minute of the day and night that this edifice is open for the people's business.

I also thank the medical department. They responded and were on the scene within less than 2 minutes. I went down to personally express my appreciation and their reply to me was, we are there, we did our duty like everyone else, and we are delighted to be a part of this team that functions to make this magnificent organization and this building serve the people of this country and, indeed, stands as a symbol to the whole free world.

I thank the Chair and I thank my distinguished colleague.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Florida.

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I wish to join briefly in the comments that have been made. The heroism of the two slain officers will be a permanent memorial to the hundreds of others, the thousands, the tens of thousands of others here and across our land who daily put their lives at risk so we can live as free and secure people.

The greatest testimony that we could give to these two brave men would be to continue the practice of openness in this Capitol. Our democracy depends upon a very special relationship between the people and those who are fortunate enough to be their representatives. We must not break that bond. We must be prudent in our actions, but not closed in our demeanor toward the thousands of citizens who come here on a daily basis to observe their democracy.

So I join in the comments that have been made by our leaders and extend our heartfelt sympathy to those families who have been so tragically ruptured by this senseless act.

Mr. KENNEDY addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Massachusetts.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, the nation was stunned as we learned of the tragic deaths of John Gibson and J.J. Chestnut, two veteran officers of the Capitol Police who lost their lives in the line of duty in the tragic and senseless shootings last Friday. The extraordinary dedication and heroism of these two courageous officers clearly prevented greater loss of life in the Capitol, and I join all Americans in mourning their deaths.

These brave men represented the very finest traditions of American law enforcement. They protected a building—the nation's Capitol—and in doing so they were also defending our democracy. Unless citizens can come freely into the Capitol building and meet with their elected Senators and Representatives, our democracy and our freedoms are greatly diminished. Special Agent Gibson and Officer Chestnut understood this, and with professionalism and dedication, they served Congress well and served the country well too.

It is fitting that these two brave men will lie in state tomorrow in the Capitol building where they gave their lives. They made the ultimate sacrifice to protect us, and we will forever owe them and their families a debt of deep gratitude.

Our thoughts and prayers go out especially to the Gibson and Chestnut families. My family too has suffered the sudden loss of loved ones, and I know that there is no greater tragedy, no greater sadness for a family.

Special Agent Gibson is a son of Massachusetts, and we were all especially proud of him. He loved his family, his country, his church, and his Capitol.

Our hearts go out to his wife Lynn and his three children during this very difficult time of loss.

Officer Chestnut, too, was well known by anyone who entered the Document Room door. He was always friendly to everyone, and was a consummate professional in the conduct of his duties. I join Wendy and the rest of Officer Chestnut's family in mourning his loss.

We cannot help but be angry at the senseless act that led to the death of these two extraordinary officers. One minute, the Capitol building is full of the people's business—with debates and meetings and visitors from across the country in this great and open symbol of our free government. The next minute, the nation was shocked to learn the news that a man who had no business possessing a handgun had taken the lives of these officers in two brutal acts that shocked the conscience of Congress and the country.

In the days ahead, we will consider what steps may be taken to ensure a secure—and yet open—Capitol. I hope Congress will also consider further actions to keep guns out of the hands of those who so easily misuse them. As we saw on Friday, our failure to do so leads to tragedy far too often.

The Gibson and Chestnut families know that all of us in Congress embrace them at this sad time. The nation loves them. We are grateful for their extraordinary service, and saddened by their tragic sacrifice.

Mr. President, on Saturday, at Andrews Air Force Base, President Clinton spoke eloquently and movingly about the loss of these two brave officers. I ask unanimous consent that his remarks be printed in the RECORD at this point.

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

REMARKS OF PRESIDENT CLINTON, JULY 25, 1998

Good morning. The shooting at the United States Capitol yesterday was a moment of savagery at the front door of American civilization. Federal law enforcement agencies and the United States Attorneys' office are working closely with the D.C. Police and the Capitol Police to ensure that justice is pursued.

Meanwhile, I would ask all Americans to reflect for a moment on the human elements of yesterday's tragedy. The scripture says “greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.”

Officer Jacob “J.J.” Chestnut and Detective John Gibson laid down their lives for their friends, their co-workers and their fellow citizens—those whom they were sworn to protect. In so doing, they saved many others from exposure to lethal violence.

Every day, a special breed of men and women pin on their badges, put on their uniforms, kiss their families good-bye, knowing full well they may be called on to lay down their lives. This year alone 79 other law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice. Every American should be grateful to them, for the freedom and the security they guard with their lives. And every American should stand up for them and stand against violence.

Officer Chestnut was a Vietnam veteran, a member of the Capitol Police for 18 years, just months away from retirement.

Detective Gibson was a deeply religious man, beloved by his co-workers and, being from Massachusetts, devoted to the Red Sox and the Bruins.

Both leave behind loving wives and children, the affection of neighbors, friends and co-workers, and the deep gratitude of those who are alive today because of their bravery.

In this one heartless act, there were many acts of heroism, by strangers who shielded children with their bodies, by officers who fanned across the Capitol, by Dr. Bill Frist, a renowned heart surgeon before his election to the Senate from Tennessee, who had just put down his gavel, when he rushed to tend the injured.

To all these and others, who stood for our common humanity, we extend the thanks of our nation.

To the families of Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson, nothing we say can bring them back. But all Americans pray that the power of a loving God, and the comfort of family and friends, will with time ease your sorrow and swell your pride for loved ones and the sacrifice they made for their fellow citizens.

To Angela Dickerson, the young woman who was injured in the shooting, we extend our prayers and hope for your speedy recovery.

To every American who has been shaken by this violent act, to the millions of parents who have taken your children through those very same doors, I ask you to think about what our Capitol means. All around the world, that majestic marble building is the symbol of our democracy and the embodiment of our nation. We must keep it a place where people can freely and proudly walk the halls of their government. And we must never, ever take for granted the values for which it stands, or the price of preserving them.

Mr. HATCH addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I have been honored to serve here in the Senate for 22 years. I have to say that, to a person, our Capitol Hill Police are terrific human beings; to a person, they are dedicated to their jobs and they want to do the best they can. Frankly, without them, I think this place would not run anywhere near as well as it does. To a person, those of us who knew John Gibson and J.J. Chestnut have to say these are two of the finest who have ever served on Capitol Hill. These are people for whom everybody should have a sense of deep gratitude. They gave their lives as a last full measure of devotion so that many others might live.

It is a shame that we have people who violate the law and who may be emotionally disturbed and do things like this. And it is an absolute catastrophe and tragedy for the families of these two fine men. Our hearts go out to them. Elaine and I have them in our prayers, as I know other Members of Congress and Members of the Senate do as well. These were two fine men—always courteous, always looking out for not only the Members as they came in and out of those doors and in and out of the Capitol, but for every citizen who came to the People's House time after

time—and millions of them do. Both of them had long tenures here and both served every day of those tenures with distinction.

Mr. President, I want to personally express my gratitude to these men for the sacrifice they have made, and to their families for the sacrifice that they have made. I am sure the families will be taken care of. I hope we will do some good for them and that they will realize how deeply we all feel about the sacrifice that these two brave men gave for us.

Mr. President, this is one of the great spots on this Earth. It is visited by millions of people. It means so much to those of us who serve in this building. We are vulnerable to people who are emotionally disturbed or who may be terrorists. We are vulnerable to people who are insensitive to the needs of those who serve here. On the other hand, every one of us feels it to be such a privilege to serve in these two great bodies, in this separate branch of government that means so much to the people. We could not serve very well, nor could we accomplish very much if it weren't for the sacrifices of all of our people here on Capitol Hill who work so hard—like John Gibson and J.J. Chestnut.

Again, Mr. President, I pray to our Father in Heaven that the families of these two heroes will be comforted and cared for. As a Nation, we are deeply grateful for their service. God bless those who remain that we all might keep in remembrance the sacrifice of these two fine men.

Mr. DURBIN addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Illinois is recognized.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, this is a special moment in the history of this body. I wanted to be heard for a very brief moment on what happened in the last few days here in this building. I guess it is customary, when you work in a building for many years, to get used to it and not to be stirred by it, but not this building. For 16 years, it has been my honor to serve in the House and the Senate, and I can tell you that as I walk up to this building still in daylight, or in the middle of the night, it still has a special impact on me, as it does on so many Americans. There have been those who have come before us, and my colleague from West Virginia, who is a historian of this body, remembers, I'm sure, better than most that when President Lincoln was engaged in the Civil War, we were in the process of building the great white dome that we now see on the top of this Capitol Building.

People came to him, and said, "Mr. President, we can't continue this construction. We have a war to fight." He said, "No. We will continue this construction. We will build this dome during the war as a symbol of what this Nation will be after the war; that it will be united again; and that this building will be the symbol of that unity."

President Lincoln had it right. As you reflect on this building and what it means to so many of us, you have to also reflect on its history.

This is not the first act of violence in this building. It is not the first time that lives were lost, or that blood was shed.

The British invaded this building and came up the spiral staircase. During the Civil War, the Union troops who had been felled in battle were brought here and laid in the Rotunda in a hospital where they were treated. In the 1950s, a group of terrorists took control of the Chamber of the House for a few brief minutes, firing pistols on the floor and injuring people. In 1983, just outside this Chamber, there was a bomb that was detonated late at night. We have never discovered the cause of that bombing. And then, of course, the tragic incident which occurred last Friday involving one very troubled, disturbed individual who took two lives and injured another person.

I guess each of us who walk in the door of the Capitol each day take for granted the warm greeting and the smile from the Capitol Police, and forget that it is more than just a responsibility to greet. It is a responsibility to protect that brings them to this building. Like so many Senators, I came to take that for granted. You think it is always going to be safe and that they will never need to take the pistols from their holsters, or use them. And yet last Friday that all changed.

When I came to this building today and walked in the entrance and saw the Capitol policeman at his post, I looked at him in a different way, understanding that he was doing more than just his duty. He was protecting me and thousands of others who come to this building.

In behalf of John Gibson and Mr. Chestnut, J.J. Chestnut, my sympathies go out, on behalf of the people of Illinois and all of my friends and my staff, to their families. To think that they have left behind eight children who now should be cared for, and I hope all of us will join in that effort to make certain that that occurs—and that their family goes through this period of mourning understanding that they do not stand alone, that we stand with them shoulder to shoulder in gratitude for what they have given us. Because what they have given us is something we all hope to bring to this building—to bring more honor to this building, to the people who work here, and to the great tradition in history of the U.S. Capitol. We do it in our daily activities, in our speeches, in our conduct. What these men have done is to give their lives in the service to that great tradition and that great history.

There will be another time and another place when we will talk about how this tragedy might have been averted with better security measures, or better efforts in terms of the control of guns, or keeping guns out of the

hands of those who should not have them. But let's save that debate for another day. Let us close this debate with fond memory of the contributions made by these two men, and with gratitude not only to them but to all of the men and women who protect our lives in law enforcement, and particularly those on the Capitol Hill Police Force.

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I rise today to join my colleagues in expressing their shock, dismay, and most significantly, sorrow at the tragic events that unfolded not far from this chamber last Friday.

The killing of a police officer is always a disturbing event as a mortal attack on a law enforcement officer is also an attack on society at large. After all, it is those men and women who are sworn law enforcement officers who stand between the law abiding citizens of the United States and those elements within our society that seek to do harm. Being any sort of law enforcement officer is a thankless job fraught with danger, two facts that it is sometimes easy to forget.

The deaths of Capitol Police Officers Jacob Chestnut, known as J.J., and John Gibson not only remind us of just how dangerous a profession law enforcement is, but also of the admiration we have for those who protect us. What makes their deaths all the more disturbing is that they were attacked in the United States Capitol, a place that is more than an office building; it is a symbol of our Nation. What makes their deaths all the more saddening is that being of close interaction each of us has with Capitol Police Officers, we have come to think of these men and women as much more than simply protectors, we have come to view them as friends.

Since its founding in 1828, the United States Capitol Police and its officers have worked, largely in anonymity, to protect Members of Congress, their staffs, the Capitol, and all those who visit this magnificent building. They are a force that carries out its responsibilities professionally and effectively, and they manage to bring credible security and protection to one of the most publicly accessible places in the world. Last Friday, fate forced Officers Gibson and Chestnut to shed their anonymity in the most tragic and brutal of manners, but the manner in which they put duty and aiding others above personal safety is a credit to not only each of them, but to all the members of the United States Capitol Police. The members of the South Carolina Congressional Delegation feel a special sense of grief as "J.J." Chestnut was both a native of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and a 20-year veteran of the United States Air Force who retired as a Master Sergeant.

Many have likened Capitol Hill to a small town, as this is a place where people know each other, stop to talk, and where there is true sense of congeniality and hospitality. That spirit is certainly evident in the outpouring of

grief, support, and sympathy we are seeing for these two slain officers. Sadly, no amount of expressed condolences or high praise will bring these two brave men back to their families and loved ones. I thin, however, that each of us hopes that these expressions will convey the high regard we hold for these two men, and our inexpressible gratitude that Officers Chestnut and Gibson were on duty. Their actions truly saved the day and they will no doubt forever be remembered as "heroes."

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, as with everyone in Congress and the nation, my thoughts today are with the victims of Friday's shooting and their families. And like many of my colleagues, I wish to pay tribute to the heroism of Capitol Police officers Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson and to mourn their passing.

This is a terrible time for the Congress and the nation. It reminds me, Mr. President, of having to write the families of dead comrades in World War II. How does one summarize the achievements and meaning of two lifetimes in a short letter or brief remarks? How does one do justice to men who gave the last full measure of devotion that others might live? Consoling the families of the dead and doing justice to the ultimate sacrifices and nobility of heroes is never easy. It is particularly hard in time of peace, when we take our safety and security for granted.

But even in peace time, Mr. President, unfathomable evil exists and threatens to shatter our security at any moment. Officers Chestnut and Gibson knew that the price of our safety here in the Capitol was their unceasing vigilance; and they showed us that even in peace time, the heroism of brave and selfless individuals like them often is all that enables us to live in freedom and work in safety. It is easy to forget this; but we must not forget, and Friday's events ensure that we will not forget. Officer Chestnut, a South Carolina native who served with distinction in the Air Force for many years, would not want us to forget. He knew the price of freedom, and he was willing to give his life for his fellow citizens.

Who knows how many lives officer Gibson saved by confronting the gunman, Russell Weston, outside the office of Representative TOM DELAY? Who knows how many tourists and staffers would have died were it not for the bravery and heroism not only of officers Gibson and Chestnut but of all the Capitol Police?

Friday's shootings were a reminder that all of us who live and work on Capitol Hill owe an unpayable debt to the Capitol Police. The brave men and women of that force put their lives on the line for us every time they put on a uniform. It is their job to stand between us and harm's way, and they perform it with unceasing devotion and consummate professionalism. We

should all give thanks to God that we are protected by these officers. And we should realize that it is thanks to their zealous devotion to duty that we live in freedom from constant fear and danger.

For those of us who see the Capitol Police every day, it is easy to forget they are fathers and mothers, sons and daughters. Officers Chestnut and Gibson were not only exemplary guardians of the public safety—they also were dedicated and loving family men. Each leaves behind a wife and three children. These shattered homes are the legacy of one lunatic's senseless violence.

Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson's heroic deaths are all the more painful for the loss their families will forever feel. We whom they died to protect can only hope that the nobility of their sacrifice and the priceless ideal for which they gave their lives—not us, but freedom and democratic government—will be of some small comfort to their families.

I join with all Americans today in offering my deepest thanks to these men, my condolences to their families, and my promise that their sacrifice will not be forgotten.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to two Capitol Police officers, two heroes, who last Friday gave their lives in the line of duty while serving their country, Detective John Gibson and Officer Jacob Chestnut.

Last Friday's shocking and senseless violence in the halls of the U.S. Capitol both saddened our nation and took the lives of two of our finest. I would like to take a moment to share a few memories and thoughts about the two slain officers.

About a month ago, in late June, I had the chance to start a new friendship with a good man. I had the pleasure to get to know John Gibson, not just as a able and dedicated detective, but also as a gentleman and dedicated family man.

During our time together, I learned that we shared common values and a similar hobby. As a former deputy sheriff myself, it quickly became evident that Detective Gibson and I shared an understanding of the daily perils facing law enforcement officers.

Detective Gibson and I also discovered that we both shared the rather unique hobby of collecting police patches. In fact, just last month I sent him several police arm patches from Colorado to add to his collection as a small token of my appreciation for his dedicated service.

I understand that it was Detective John Gibson's final shot, his final act as a defender of the peace, that brought the gunman down and ended the violent rampage. The Detective's steadfast valor, while already having been shot several times, was the difference that saved many lives. We all owe him a deep debt of gratitude.

Officer Jacob Chestnut was posted at the Document Door entrance on the Capitol's East Front. Officers posted to

this entrance are the first faces that many tourists see when they come to visit the Capitol. Officer Chestnut's post, which involves achieving a delicate balance between the ensuring safety of those who visit the Capitol while keeping the People's House as free and open as possible, requires a very special combination of hospitality, humor, patience and professionalism. To his credit, Officer Chestnut excelled in this endeavor.

If it had not been for the heroic actions of these two brave officers, this dangerous gunman would almost certainly have killed many more innocent people. The officer's ultimate sacrifice saved lives. I extend my deepest sympathies to the families of these two fallen heroes.

This building, the U.S. Capitol, is far more than just a building, it is a living monument to freedom and democracy. It is perhaps the only building on earth that simultaneously houses a healthy democracy at work, while standing as a tribute to freedom that attract millions of visitors from all over the U.S. and the entire world each year. The chambers, galleries and halls of our Capitol are full of statues, busts, paintings and displays that commemorate heroes and key events in our nation's history. The men and women honored under this magnificent dome have served their country in a wide variety of ways. Some have been great visionaries and statesmen. Some have been leaders in science or adventurers, like Colorado's son, astronaut Jack Swaggon whose statute stands in these halls. Each of these heroes has contributed and sacrificed in his or her own very real and personal way.

Some of these heroes have made the greatest sacrifice for their nation, giving their lives. Detective John Gibson and Officer Jacob Chestnut have joined this honored rank. They gave their lives for their nation while protecting our nation's Capitol, and it is fitting that they will lie in honor in the Capitol's Rotunda while a grateful nation pays its respects.

Not only is the Capitol the American people's house, it stands as a bright beacon of hope to all of the world's freedom loving people. While traveling this building's halls, I have been regularly awed by the comments of visitors from other countries as they comment in astonishment how open and free this building is. They state how they would never be allowed to walk so freely through the halls of their own capital buildings back home in their respective countries. This is an important part of what makes America great.

Whenever I have heard such sentiments, I am reminded of just how fortunate I am, and we all are, to be Americans. Our Capitol is the People's House, and it must remain open and accessible to all.

Thanks to the sacrifices of Detective John Gibson and Officer Jacob Chestnut, and the dedication and professionalism of the entire U.S. Capitol Po-

lice force, our nation's Capitol building is freely accessible and continues to serve as a beacon of freedom.

Mr. GLENN. Mr. President, today, we mourn the loss in our Capitol family of two brave men who gave their lives in service to our nation.

Last Friday, in a running gun battle, United States Capitol Police Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson were killed in the line of duty.

Mr. President, each of us who works in the Capitol feels a kinship to and a deep appreciation of the officers of the U.S. Capitol Police. We know that our lives are protected each and every day by the work that they do. In the twenty-four years that I have served Ohio as Senator, I have come to know many of the fine officers on the force. A former member of my staff is currently a member of the force and other staff members have officers among their immediate family members.

This highly trained and professional force polices our nation's Capitol and performs numerous law enforcement duties as they monitor the entrances of our buildings, ensure the safety of the millions of tourists who visit the Capitol each year, and provide a kind word and a watchful eye as we come and go. These officers go about their duties with dedication and great skill.

In a senseless, momentary act of violence, these fine officers gave their all. They gave their lives in the defense of all who visit and work here. Mr. President, we may never understand why such a tragedy occurred in our halls last Friday afternoon. Despite this lack of comprehension, we will always be certain that J. J. Chestnut and John Gibson fulfilled their responsibilities to our nation and will be remembered as heroes.

I think that it is a fitting tribute that these officers will lay in state in the Capitol tomorrow, an appropriate commendation for the selfless sacrifice that they gave in the performance of their duties. My wife, Annie, joins me in extending my deepest sympathy to the families of Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson.

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, I want to join my colleagues in expressing my sincere condolences to the families of the two Capitol Police officers who gave their lives last Friday defending the Capitol and all of us who work here, as well as the many Americans who come here from around the country to see their government in action.

Officers J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson are American heroes in the truest sense of the word. Their actions last week unquestionably prevented a terrible tragedy from becoming even more deadly. I know I speak for every member of Congress in expressing my respect and gratitude to them, their families, and their colleagues on the Capitol Police force.

At the first sign of trouble, Officers Chestnut and Gibson acted on instinct, doing what they were trained to do and

saving lives in the process. When an event like this happens, I think many of us react according to instinct, and our instincts differ depending on the varying experiences we've had.

As most people know by now, my colleague from Tennessee, Senator FRIST, also acted on instinct when he heard the news of Friday's shootings. Upon returning to his office from speaking on the Senate floor and learning what had happened, Senator FRIST immediately called the Capitol physician's office to see if they needed assistance, and then rushed over to the scene of the shootings to lend a hand however he could. He assisted in treating one of the two fallen police officers, administered CPR, made sure that he made it safely to a waiting ambulance—and then went back inside to treat another of the victims. After restarting this second victim's heart, he rode with him to D.C. General Hospital to ensure that, if paramedics had to open up his chest on the way to the hospital, he would be there to provide assistance or do the procedure himself.

Mr. President, Senator FRIST's actions are both a reminder of the very different routes each of us took in coming to the United States Senate, and of the importance of preserving the diversity of backgrounds that we have in this body. His instinct as a heart surgeon and trauma specialist took over last Friday, and he rushed to the scene to provide whatever help he could—just as he's done hundreds of times before when patients were relying on him.

I want to take this opportunity to salute my colleague from Tennessee for his heroic actions last Friday, and for all of the other times he's provided medical assistance since coming to the Senate three and a half years ago. Many people will remember that a couple of years ago, one of our constituents, a man from Cleveland, Tennessee, had a heart attack in the Dirksen Building, just outside of Senator FRIST's office. Senator FRIST immediately came to the rescue, and saved this Tennessean's life. Now that's what I call constituent service.

Mr. President, the events of last Friday have affected all of us very deeply. We will not soon get over the memory of the tragedy that occurred inside "the people's house" or of the heroic sacrifice made by Officers Chestnut and Gibson. Again, I want to offer to their families and Capitol Police colleagues our sincere condolences and our deepest thanks.

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, the U.S. Capitol Police—so ubiquitous, so steady, so utterly competent. We take them for granted. Yet every day they defend us, our families, our staff, millions of tourists, ready to lay down their lives. Last Friday, two of them did: Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John Gibson, each an 18-year veteran, each married, each with children. One in the prime of life; the other, a few short months from retirement. What a tragedy.

The fact of the matter is that what happened on Friday could happen at any instant. One never knows when. In the crucible of a gun battle, Chestnut, Gibson, and other Capitol Police officers performed their duty in the most exemplary fashion. Chestnut and Gibson made the ultimate sacrifice, laying down their lives to defend others. We can only speculate how many bystanders would have been killed, if not for their—and the other officers'—quick and appropriate actions.

To the wives and children, other family members, and friends and colleagues of Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson, our words cannot assuage your grief. But perhaps there is some solace in knowing that these fine two men, killed in the line of duty, have died the most honorable deaths, defending the United States Congress and its most sacred building. They are heroes. Remember, as Pindar wrote, that "the bright gleam of noble deeds moves on with undying voice, ever unquenchable." And as you struggle to be brave in the days and weeks ahead, know that courage is marked not by the absence of fear, but rather by the presence of faith. May God be with you, and may God be with J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I join my colleagues and our fellow citizens all across this country in honoring the memories of Detective John Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Chestnut. These two fine law enforcement officers gave their lives in the line of duty during a tragedy on Friday, July 24, 1998, while guarding the United States Capitol. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of these two fine gentlemen.

The United States Capitol is recognized the world over as the symbol of American freedom and of the still revolutionary idea that citizens confer power upon those who serve us in government. That it could become the scene of so heinous an act as this cannot but shake us from the complacency by which we sometimes take this all for granted.

But on a beautiful summer day and with thousands of ordinary people in sight, Officers Chestnut and Gibson gave their lives as proof that everyday, in places as near as our Capitol and as far away as seven seas, men and women serve selflessly to protect the freedom that is the American birthright and the dream of millions around the globe.

I commend the United States Capitol Police, the D.C. Metropolitan Police, and the other law enforcement agencies that have performed so professionally throughout this difficult period. They are a continuing tribute to their fallen comrades, and I trust that they will be inspired to serve on in their memory.

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Jacob J. Chestnut and John M. Gibson, Capitol Police officers who were tragically killed in the line of duty on Friday.

Officers Chestnut and Gibson were decent and highly capable law enforcement professionals. On Friday, their selfless devotion to duty saved countless lives. Their deaths were not in vain.

The service of these Capitol Police officers will not be forgotten by the Congress. In particular, I will always remember the spirit and good humor brought to this job by J.J. Chestnut, whom I knew personally from years of working together here at the Capitol. This institution has known few, if any, who were more friendly and able protectors.

On this day of reflection, I think it is important to note that incidents such as occurred on Friday do not happen every day precisely because Gibson, Chestnut, and other Capitol Police officers have done their jobs so well. Even as they stood their ground and gave their lives, Gibson and Chestnut demonstrated that attacks on this building and the Members and staff who work here will simply not succeed.

Mr. President, every day of their careers here on the Hill, Chestnut and Gibson provided a unique and important service to every American. By protecting the United States Congress, they made it possible for our Nation's legislature and our county's greatest public building to be open and accessible to the American people. American democracy could not function as it does in the sunlight of public scrutiny, engagement, and participation if not for the safety provided by Gibson and Chestnut. If for this reason alone, every American owes these officers—and everyone serving in the United States Capitol Police—a deep debt of gratitude.

It is difficult for those of us who knew these officers to let them go easily, but certainly nowhere as trying as this loss has been for their families. With our friends and colleagues here in the Senate and millions of Americans throughout our country, my wife Lucy and I will be sure to keep the families of Chestnut and Gibson in our thoughts and prayers. It is my understanding that a scholarship fund is being established in their honor, and I would urge every Member and staff member to contribute.

Mr. President, I think the most important message we can deliver here today is one of thanks. Officers John Gibson and Jacob Chestnut made the ultimate sacrifice: they laid down their lives so that others could live. For that, they deserve our unending gratitude and respect. Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I rise today to take time out of our busy schedule to recognize the bravery and valor of U.S. Capitol Police Officers John M. Gibson and Jacob J. Chestnut. These two fine officers were killed in the line of duty while protecting our Nation's Capitol building and protecting those who pass through this great building. They died fulfilling their

sworn duty to protect the public, and they did so in an exemplary way. They are heroes who saved many lives by their actions.

I remember a period of time after the World Trade Center bombing in New York in 1993 when law enforcement officials informed me of threats against my life. The Capitol Police quickly formed a detail for my protection. Officer Gibson was a member of this detail. I feel a personal loss. This man was willing to lay down his life for mine and, in fact, he did for others.

Tomorrow we will pay homage to their memory as they lay in honor beneath the majestic Rotunda in the very building in which they gave their lives to protect.

The thoughts and prayers of this great body, as well as that of the Nation, goes out to the families and friends of Officers Gibson and Chestnut.

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, I would like to say a few words about the tragedy that occurred last Friday here in the Capitol. As all the world now knows, the heart of our democracy was invaded that day by a gunman who opened fire in an area crowded with tourists. Before the melee was over, two Capitol Police officers were dead and an innocent bystander was wounded.

Even before Friday's events, every Member of this Congress was well aware of how critical the Capitol Police are to the functioning of our democracy. We are here to do the people's business, but the sad fact is that there are those—both at home and abroad—who do not wish us well in our efforts. Instead of the free exchange of ideas central to the concept of democracy, some of those individuals would, if given the chance, express their views through bullets and explosives. The only thing that stands between those individuals and the daily practice of our democratic ideals is the Capitol Police. They are nothing less than the guardians of those ideals—for what meaning would such principles have if they could not be safely exercised?

On Friday, Officer John Gibson and Officer Jacob J. Chestnut sacrificed their lives defending those principles. An 18-year veteran of the force, Officer Chestnut was serving that day as the Capitol's first line of defense, manning the metal detector designed to keep instruments of violence out of these halls. When the gunman set off the alarm, Officer Chestnut immediately responded, but, tragically, was mortally wounded before he could stop the intruder. Officer Gibson, also an 18-year member of the force, performed several acts of bravery before his death, pushing a French tourist out of harm's way, hiding a congressional staff member under a desk, ensuring that Representative TOM DELAY and members of his staff were hidden from danger, and then helping to bring down the gunman in the battle that ultimately cost his life. Before he died, Officer Gibson singlehandedly kept the

gunman out of Representative DELAY'S office and, in so doing, saved the lives of both the Congressman and his staff.

Those of us who work here—the Senators, the Representatives, the staff members, the Capitol Police—have lost two members of our congressional family. But it is not only those who work and visit the Capitol who owe an unrepayable debt to those officers—every citizen of the United States is indebted to them. For Officers Chestnut and Gibson died defending an institution that is the very embodiment of all the democratic freedoms that we Americans hold dear.

Mr. President, our democracy does not exist in a vacuum; it functions in a very dangerous world. For that reason, a system of security has been established in the Capitol to try to insulate the Congress from those who would do it harm while guaranteeing that we remain accessible to the people we serve. On Friday, that system worked. This is "the people's house," and each year we welcome roughly four million people to it. That is precisely the way it should be. This Capitol—the greatest symbol of democracy of the greatest democratic republic the world has ever known, a building aptly described by President Clinton as "the front door of American civilization"—belongs to the people of the United States, and it must always be open to them. I do not oppose calls for tighter security, but I would take issue with any measure that would make it more difficult for the American people to visit "their house."

Mr. President, I am the daughter and sister of police officers. I know the terrible fear that every law enforcement officer's family endures—the fear that when their loved one departs for work, he or she may never return home. It is my good fortune that, throughout my life, I have never seen that fear materialize. Therefore, I cannot claim to have any concept of what the families of Officers Gibson and Chestnut are going through right now. Nevertheless, I want to express my heartfelt sorrow to them. Our prayers are with you and the entire nation will forever be grateful for the heroism and sacrifice that your loved ones made on our behalf.

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the two Capitol Police Officers who gave their lives to protect members of Congress, their staffs and visitors from throughout the world during last Friday's tragic shooting at the United States Capitol.

For those of us who work in the Capitol, Special Agent John Gibson and Officer Jacob Chestnut were among the people who are part of our daily lives. And over the twenty years I have served in Congress, I've been constantly impressed with their courteous manner and their friendliness and the way they know all of us by name, all the while maintaining the highest degree of professionalism in carrying out their solemn duties. They become extensions of our staffs, and they become our friends.

Sometimes, in the commotion of everyday life around here, it is easy to forget that each new day brings the potential for unknown dangers for these brave men and women. The fact is, those assigned to protect the sanctity and safety of the U.S. Capitol put themselves in harms way on a daily basis, and three days ago, two of them came to work in the morning never to return to the lives and families they loved.

It is difficult for us to understand how a day which began like so many other summer days here on Capitol Hill could so suddenly end in violence and terror. Here beneath this dome of marble and stone; here behind these historic walls; and here at the epicenter of the world's greatest democracy; we feel somehow that such heinous acts are simply too incongruous with our noble surroundings to be possible. And yet, history and reality tell us they are, in fact, all too possible.

It vividly brings back to me one such incident fifteen years ago, when I was in the House of Representatives. My future husband, Congressman Jock McKernan, and I were standing with others on the House floor when, right above us, two officers tackled a man brandishing a bomb in the House gallery. These two men unhesitatingly put the safety of the entire House chamber before their own, without questioning the danger they faced.

Such was the case last Friday—as certainly more would have been injured or killed had it not been for the will- ingness of Special Agent Gibson and Officer Chestnut to put their lives on the line. Their actions not only prevented what could have been an even greater catastrophe, but sent a message to those who would violate the people's house that they will never prevail.

During what I know is the most difficult of times for the families of Agent Gibson and Officer Chestnut, I hope it will be at least some measure of comfort for them to know that so many here and across America are keeping them in their thoughts and prayers. The entire nation shares in their sense of loss, and our hearts go out to the loved ones that these brave individuals have left behind.

I also want to extend my sympathies to all the men and women of the Capitol Police force. They have lost two of their finest—men whose actions under the most dire circumstances have brought tremendous credit to the Capitol Police. As members of the force go about their vital duties, I want them to know that they have our fullest support, trust, and appreciation for all they do to keep us safe.

Last Friday's shootings stunned the nation and affected us all in very personal ways. For those of us here on Capitol Hill, we lost two members of our family. And in Maine and throughout the country, people felt a sense of outrage that this symbol of freedom of democracy—the greatest public build-

ing in the country—would be stained with the mark of violence.

Today, let us as a country be grateful that people like Special Agent John Gibson and Officer Jacob Chestnut are willing to make the ultimate sacrifice so that this building will always remain the people's house. Let us mourn their loss, celebrate their lives, and never forget their courageous deeds on behalf of all the citizens of our great Nation.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, all of America mourns the loss of two brave Capitol Police Officers—John Gibson and Jacob Chestnut. We will never understand the senseless violence that took their lives, never be able to explain why two fine men who loved their families have been stolen away from their wives and children. But we know for certain that Special Agent Gibson and Officer Chestnut made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

It has become almost clichéd to say that Congress is the "people's house." What many forgot, though, until last Friday, is that John Gibson and Jacob Chestnut were two very real people who kept the people's house safe for over a million visitors and thousands of staff members in the Capitol each year. Members of Congress know the Capitol police as men and women who come to work each day to protect us. We see them every morning and late into the night. We spend free moments in the hallways and off the Senate floor talking with them—talking about family, the score of last night's ball-game, the weather, and, of course, the prospects of getting home for the weekend. There is a special bond between us, those who are elected to serve here for a period of time and those who put on a uniform to serve in a different way. It is a bond of public service, a common purpose too often overlooked in the hustle and bustle of everyday life in Washington.

This remains a country where we allow the media spotlight and our collective imagination to transform our public figures into heroes. John Gibson and Jacob Chestnut require no exaggeration or rhetorical enlargement to be seen as something above and beyond the ordinary. They are—quite simply—and will be, forever—heroes.

John Gibson was a native of Massachusetts who, although he made his career here in Washington and his home in the suburbs of Northern Virginia, never left his allegiance to Massachusetts—or to the Boston Red Sox—behind. John Gibson cherished his Waltham accent and his deep roots in our state. He carried with him, everywhere, the values instilled in him in Waltham. He is remembered by those who knew him as the kind of husband and father who never went anywhere—not even on a routine errand to the corner store—without one of his children happily in tow. John Gibson served with total dedication to protect Representative TOM DELAY, and died because his commitment, when tested under fire, remained resolute. I want to extend my

deepest condolences to John Gibson's family, to his wife and their three children, Kristen, John, and Daniel, and to the Moakley clan which is mourning John's loss. John Gibson became a part of Massachusetts's biggest extended political family when he married JOE MOAKLEY's niece, Evelyn. Whether debating Boston College football or sharing Irish stories in the afternoon, John Gibson was a special friend to the dean of our congressional delegation. Even in his sadness, Congressman MOAKLEY knows that the young man from Waltham who joined the Capitol police force 18 years ago, served as a professional who took his sense of duty to heart.

Jacob Chestnut, too, died as he lived—giving selflessly of himself to help others. The tragedy on Friday made Jacob Chestnut a hero throughout the country, but, long before that, he was a hero to the community in Maryland where he made his home. Jacob Chestnut was the neighbor who always lent a helping hand to those who needed it, the good Samaritan who expected nothing in return and served his community because it was the right thing to do. Long before he was a hero to his country, Jacob Chestnut was a role-model to his children and grandchildren.

One never knows how one will react under fire, how, when the shots ring out and the adrenaline flows—at the moment when duty calls—one will call upon the inner strength to react with bravery. It requires a degree of courage found in the deepest reserves of the human character. Every police officer in this country chooses to serve with the knowledge that the day may come when that commitment will be tested. John Gibson told a friend—just a week before he was struck down at the Capitol—that he hoped that if that moment came, if he was called upon to draw his gun and defend tourists or Members of Congress or a fellow officer, that he would rise to the occasion. It is a thought that accompanies every police officer through every step of what is at once a dangerous and vital career. History will record that when that moment came for John Gibson and Jacob Chestnut, they rose to the occasion, remembered their duty, and gave their lives selflessly to protect not just the people's house, but the people themselves who make that Capitol a home. For the families they left behind, for those among us privileged to work with them, and for all Americans, these two officers will forever be heroes.

Even as we pay tribute to these brave, fallen officers, we must remember that we are obligated to honor their memory with more than words alone. There is a temptation in this country to focus only on the extraordinary circumstances of these tragic deaths, to remember merely that John Gibson and Jacob Chestnut were fatally wounded in the "people's house." Too many commentators in the last

few days have said—again and again—"can we believe that this type of violence could occur in our nation's capital?" The truth is—and police officers on the front lines know this better than we can imagine—violence does occur in the nation's capitol, and in our classrooms, and our tree-lined neighborhoods, and in homes across this country. To pay tribute to John Gibson and Jacob Chestnut—to truly honor them for their sacrifice—we must make clear our conviction as a nation that we will not tolerate any form of violence in this country. To remember John Gibson and Jacob Chestnut in a way that lifts us all up—in a way that creates a safer world for the eight children these fine men left behind—we must commit ourselves to safer neighborhoods, violence-free schools, and communities where the sound of our children's laughter—not the sound of gun shots—fills the air.

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, I rise to give my condolences to the slain officers and their families. Both of these brave men gave their lives to defend innocent visitors to our Nations Capital. Both gave their lives so that the Capitol can remain a free and open institution, visited by millions each year from this nation and nations of the world. But for their acts of bravery, we don't know how many others may have lost their lives. The entire Capitol Police Force deserves congratulations, because I know there where other officers that assisted in bringing the situation to a close. Further, I share the sentiments expressed by the Majority Leader that we do everything we can to insure that their families are well taken care of, I am sure that is what these two brave officers would have wanted most. On behalf of the citizens of North Carolina, we collectively express our deep sorrow about this tragedy and extend our heartfelt condolences to their families.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 110) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

**AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL FOR A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DETECTIVE JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON AND PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT OF THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE**

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I send a second concurrent resolution to the desk regarding the use of the Rotunda in memory of Detective Gibson and Private First Class Chestnut and ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the clerk will report the resolution.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 111) authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a memorial service for Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut of the United States Capitol Police, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. LOTT. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 111) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 111), with its preamble, read as follows:

S. CON. RES. 111

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),*

**SECTION 1. AUTHORIZING USE OF ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL FOR MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DETECTIVE JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON AND PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT.**

The rotunda of the Capitol is authorized to be used for a memorial service and proceedings related thereto for Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut of the United States Capitol Police on Tuesday, July 28, 1998, under the direction of the United States Capitol Police Board.

**SEC. 2. PLACEMENT OF PLAQUE IN CAPITOL IN MEMORY OF DETECTIVE GIBSON AND PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHESTNUT.**

The Architect of the Capitol shall place a plaque in honor of the memory of Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut of the United States Capitol Police at an appropriate site in the United States Capitol, with the approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

**SEC. 3. PAYMENT OF FUNERAL EXPENSES FOR JOHN GIBSON AND JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make such arrangements as may be necessary for funeral services for Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut of the United States Capitol Police, including payments for travel expenses of immediate family members, and for the attendance of Members of the House of Representatives at such services, including payments for expenses incurred by Members in attending such services.

(b) SOURCE AND MANNER OF MAKING PAYMENTS.—Any payment made under subsection (a) shall be made from the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives, using vouchers approved in a manner directed by the Committee on House Oversight.

**SEC. 4. PAYMENT OF SURVIVOR'S GRATUITY TO WIDOWS OF JOHN GIBSON AND JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with the first sentence of the last undesignated paragraph under the center heading "HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES" in the first section of the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act,