

and the people of the Wickliffe community, and wish him the best wherever his future endeavors may take him.●

65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
UKRAINIAN FAMINE OF 1932-33

● Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I am pleased to cosponsor S.Con.Res. 122, introduced by my distinguished colleague, Senator LEVIN, commemorating the 65th anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine of 1932-33. It is timely once again for us to join together to call the world's attention to this cold act of mass murder, to remember its victims, and to pledge ourselves to prevent hunger from being used as a weapon of genocide. I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this resolution.

The Ukrainian Famine ranks among the most devastating human tragedies of all time, with an estimated loss of life exceeding 7 million men, women and children. Millions of Ukrainians died not from natural causes, but from policies designed to eradicate Ukraine's cultural and political identity and to punish the Ukrainian people for resisting the forced collectivization of agriculture. As such, the Famine is a dramatic testament to the brutality of the imperial Soviet system, responsible for the destruction of tens of millions of lives over the course of its 70-year existence.

The Ukrainian Famine was a crime of epic proportions. In the 1980's the U.S. Commission on the Ukraine Famine painstakingly documented every aspect of this genocide, collecting an impressive body of material documenting the tragedy inflicted upon Ukrainians by their Soviet masters. Members of the Famine Commission from this body and from the House of Representatives held hearings around the country in which elderly eyewitnesses recounted the consequences of Stalin's genocidal policies in starkly human terms, giving poignant and often gruesome accounts of the horrors they, their families, friends and fellow countrymen faced. The Famine Commission's final report to Congress confirmed the man-made nature of the Famine, specifically, the complicity of Joseph Stalin and those around him in its conception and execution.

Clearly, the Ukrainian Famine occurred within the context of a Soviet system which denied and vigorously opposed democratic values, the rule of law, and any respect for elementary human rights. Now that Ukraine is free from foreign domination and is moving towards full respect for human rights, democratic values and the rule of law, the likelihood of a similar catastrophe, at the present time, appears remote.

Nevertheless, I strongly agree with the resolution's assertion that it is essential that the United States continue to assist Ukraine as it proceeds towards democracy, a free-market economy, and full respect for human rights. It is imperative for America and for the West to support independence and

democracy in Ukraine to ensure that Ukraine never again experiences domination by a foreign power hostile to Ukraine's very identity as a people and as a nation.

Mr. President, in closing, I once again urge my colleagues to join together in support of this important resolution.●

TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH "BETTIE"
MOHART FOR HER SERVICE TO
THE UNITED STATES SENATE

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Elizabeth "Bettie" Mohart for her outstanding service to the United States Senate. Bettie was the Chief Clerk on the Senate Committee on Small Business, of which I am Chair. In the three and a half years that she was with the Committee, she helped to make it run smoothly and efficiently.

When Sam Rayburn said "you cannot be a leader, and ask other people to follow you, unless you know how to follow too," he could have been talking about Bettie Mohart. She started her service in 1969 with Senator Stuart Symington as a Staff Assistant, and then went to work for Senator ROBERT BYRD as a Staff Assistant in 1972. In 1974, Bettie left the Senate to pursue other endeavors, only to return in 1985 to work for Senator Jack Danforth. She was hired as a Staff Assistant for Senator Danforth's personal office and was later moved to the Senate Committee on Commerce, when he became Chair. He then asked Bettie to return to his personal office, as Office Manager, where she stayed until his retirement. In 1994, I was fortunate enough to be able to hire her for the Committee on Small Business where she remained until her departure.

By the time Bettie came to work for me she had worked in just about every capacity, in the Senate, with the exception of Chief of Staff and Senator, which no doubt she could have handled. This experience made her, not only an asset to my Committee, but it also gave her the wisdom to manage the Small Business Committee office with a just hand. I thank Bettie for her many years of service to myself and to the United States Senate, and wish her the best of luck in the future.●

IN RECOGNITION OF THE TENTH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE WEST
VIRGINIA COALITION AGAINST
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRAL
SERVICE OFFICE

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, it is with great pride that I rise today to share my warmest congratulations to the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence Central Service Office on its 10th Anniversary celebration. Through its around the clock support, educational outreach and a network of safe shelters, the WVCADV Central Service Office provides mothers and children with the information

and resources necessary to produce "Peacemaking Partnerships"—state-wide cooperation to eliminate domestic violence.

Offering support on a 24-hour basis with an exceptionally educated full time staff, corps of volunteers and Americorps workers, the WVCADV has been able to help prevent, and in many cases help heal the scar of domestic violence in the state of West Virginia. Such commitment is essential in the campaign to stop domestic violence which has grown in staggering proportions. Statistics reflect that a woman is assaulted by her husband or intimate partner every fifteen seconds in the United States. Without effective mechanisms for intervention, this number will only continue to grow.

The WVCADV plays a vital role in encouraging victims of domestic violence to come forward and tell their stories. Through community education, seminars and conferences designed to broaden public awareness of warning signs and other violence-related issues, the WVCADV is changing the past protocol of 'looking the other way' into empowerment, response and prevention.

Through the myriad of support services WVCADV has made available, the network of thirteen safe shelters in West Virginia provide a place for women and children as they begin the process of leaving violence-filled homes. With nearly seventy-five percent of fatal attacks occurring after separation, such safe shelters are essential to protect women and children from their abusers. These shelters not only provide a secure, stable environments with educational programs, but also offer direct contacts with legal advocates and law enforcement to ensure the safety of these women and children after they leave.

Furthermore, through their collaboration with advocates and policy makers, the WVCADV fosters legislation which is essential to counter domestic violence—setting up mechanisms not only to protect abuse victims but also to increase and provide accountability for abusive behavior. In 1994, I proudly cosponsored the Violence Against Women Act, the first comprehensive piece of Federal legislation to address this important issue. I will continue to work with my colleagues in Congress and with the staff of the WVCADV to ensure that the most vulnerable families get the support that they need to remain safe, stable and free of violence.

Throughout the month of October, the WVCADV will hold events throughout the State to celebrate the progress they have made in fighting domestic violence. On November 6th a statewide event titled "In Celebration of Peacemaking Partnerships: Looking Back and Moving Ahead" will demonstrate the 10 years of success and goals. I cannot think of a more fitting title for this anniversary celebration which recognizes the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence Central