

middle of the last century, bringing with them a thirst for equality, and the wherewithal to achieve it.

We should not celebrate the contributions of black Americans for just one month. The lives we lead 365 days a year have been shaped by individuals and groups who have changed America, and Oregon, forever. Our lives are richer and freer because of the contributions of black Oregonians, and I, for one, will remember that year round.

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 in March of last year. 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 describe a terrible crime that occurred August 3, 1993 in Lincoln, NE. A gay man, Harold Grover, 51, was stabbed and beaten to death by two men. The attackers, Eldon T. Leger and Clifford A. Privat, both 19, were charged with first-degree murder in connection with the incident.

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.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO GEORGETOWN COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAM

• Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the players and coaches of the 2001 Georgetown College football team.

On December 15, 2001, the Georgetown College Tigers defeated the University of Sioux Falls by a score of 49-27 to win the 46th Annual NAIA Football National Championship. Under the expert leadership of coach Bill Cronin, the Tigers finished with a perfect 14-0 record for the second straight year and became only the 9th team in NAIA history to win consecutive National Championship titles. Clearly, this is a remarkable accomplishment.

Although the Bluegrass State is widely known for producing great basketball teams, the Georgetown College Tigers are doing their very best to let the Nation know that Kentucky is also the home of great football. This season's victory marks the third time the Tigers have claimed the national title and caps a remarkable 28-game winning streak. In addition to bringing home another national championship in 2001, the Tigers also captured their fourth straight Mid-South Conference title.

Through hard work, determination, and skill, this team has established itself as a football powerhouse.

It should also be noted for the record that in addition to being star athletes, these players are also dedicated students. Georgetown College has a long standing history of academic excellence and has been rated by U.S. News & World Report as one of the Nation's top liberal arts colleges for the last seven years. During the 2001 season, the Tigers proved they could juggle the intense responsibility of being student-athletes. As a result, 15 Tigers were named Mid-South Conference Scholar-Athletes.

I want to congratulate the Tigers for their tremendous success. They have made the State of Kentucky very proud. I ask each of my colleagues to join me in honoring Georgetown College, history-making coach Billy Cronin, and most importantly each and every talented player on the 2001 Championship Tiger team.●

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA F. WEAVER

• Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding public servant in Rhode Island, Barbara F. Weaver, who is retiring from her position as Chief Information Officer for Rhode Island's Office of Library Services after a long and distinguished career.

With an impressive background in libraries and government, Barbara came to Rhode Island as the new Director of the Department of State Library Services in 1991. During her tenure she has made a significant contribution. She is credited with expanding the information role of the Department into the Office of Library and Information Services, and with the creation of that office, she has the distinction of becoming Rhode Island's first Chief Information Officer.

A leader in the library and information management worlds, Barbara has been responsible for coordinating the state's management information systems and coordinating library services to state government and to libraries throughout the state. She is credited with the creation of RI.gov, the state's World Wide web portal, and setting the stage for e-government in Rhode Island. She successfully brought Rhode Island through the y2k phenomenon without incident and has efficiently and effectively been in the forefront of new technologies.

Barbara has also been active nationally as evidenced through her work with organizations like the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies and the National Association of Chief Information Officers. Her vision, initiative and professionalism are indeed noteworthy, and I have been proud to work closely with this outstanding professional on legislative initiatives geared to enhancing literacy, technology and accessibility.

Rhode Islanders have been fortunate to have Barbara Weaver devote nearly

a decade of service to our community. She has increased public and government awareness of the value of library services and leaves a lasting legacy of significant achievements which have brought library and information policy boldly into the new century.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Barbara Weaver for her professionalism, unwavering commitment, and inspired vision. I am honored to join others in my state in offering praise and admiration of a grateful community for all her great work. We wish her much fulfillment and continued success.●

RECOGNITION OF RICHARD WELDON'S RETIREMENT

• Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of Richard Weldon upon his retirement from the New Castle Conservation District Board of Supervisors. Dick served on the Board for twenty-three years. He has been a respected colleague and remains a trusted friend.

In his twenty-two years as Board Vice Chair, Dick was an effective liaison between Delaware's State legislature and State agencies, promoting water and soil conservation. He was a strong advocate for the role of conservation districts and the driving force behind the construction of a new conservation office for the New Castle Conservation District and the U.S. Department of Agriculture agencies.

I had the pleasure of serving alongside Dick's brother, CURT WELDON, in the House of Representatives from 1987 to 1992. We all share a passion for protecting the environment, an enthusiasm that ensured we remained focused over the years to protecting our area's historic and open spaces. Together, we worked across party lines to ensure that a balance between progress and preservation was struck. Today that balance appears precarious without Dick.

Dick held a position of leadership within the National Association of Conservation Districts for many years. As Delaware's Governor, I appointed Dick to the Soil and Water Advisory Council. He was also Chair of the Coastal and Urban Committee from 1994 to 1997.

Dick led the Committee to hold the National Urban Conservation Conference, the first successful coordination of Federal agencies with urban conservation programs. His leadership brought Federal agencies to the table, harvesting the support of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the National Resource Conservation Service, and the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. The successful conference pooled their interests, goals and resources and resulted in efficient and productive initiatives.