

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 and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.●

TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN J.
ANDERSON

● Mr. REED. Mr. President, it gives me great pleasure to recognize an outstanding Rhode Islander, Stephen J. Anderson. Steve has distinguished himself with a rewarding career as a public school teacher and as an accomplished State Representative in the Rhode Island General Assembly.

In 1972, Steve began his teaching career in the Exeter West Greenwich School System where he has taught Social Studies, History and Geography. Even as a young child, Steve dreamed of being a teacher, and his enthusiasm, dedication and professionalism over the past three decades has had a profound effect on our community and in the lives of generations of young people.

Steve is described as a hardworking and imaginative teacher who has a special gift for relating to his students. He is modest, friendly and witty and easily earns their respect and admiration. He has a deep belief that every student can learn and that each has contribution to make. Moreover, Steve has been a leader in the School Department and has chaired the school improvement team and coordinated its professional development plan. He can be credited with bringing standards-based training to the school and has worked to provide graduate course work in support of these efforts. In addition to his classroom duties, Steve also devotes his time and talents as the Coach of the Jr. High Soccer Team and the Cross Country Team.

In 2000, Steve Anderson was honored as the recipient of both the Charles B. Willard Achievement Award and the Alumni Service Award from his alma mater Rhode Island College. The Charles B. Willard Award is presented to graduates who have brought honor to the College by distinguished service in their field. Additionally, the Alumni Service Award honors those who have made a contribution to the College by unselfishly devoting their time, talents and resources or to an individual who has made a contribution to the state or nation which reflects ideals of service to the community. Indeed, Steve Anderson epitomizes the spirit of both these coveted awards.

In the General Assembly, Steve has been a leader on education issues and successfully sought funding for National Board Certification for Professional Teaching Standards in Rhode Island, for innovative reading programs for pre-school children and for the Rhode Island Geographic Alliance.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Stephen J. Anderson for

his commitment to education and public service. He inspires us with his example of leadership, and I join with a grateful community in commending him for his efforts in the classroom, as a policy maker and as outstanding Rhode Island citizen.●

HONORING WOMEN 4 WOMEN, INC.

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I offer a proper salute to Women 4 Women, Inc. of Greater Louisville, KY for its significant social and economic contributions to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Women 4 Women, founded and currently chaired by Elaine Musselman in 1993, is a not-for-profit organization, which aims to bring about positive social change by addressing existing issues confronting women and bringing these particular issues to a proper level of awareness in the community. In order to accomplish this goal, Women 4 Women offer their various resources to chosen community organizations and assist them in building adequate channels of communication to enhance their capacity to solve social and economic problems affecting women. Women 4 Women has also achieved an extraordinary level of success with their fundraising efforts. They have developed one of the most respected charity events held in Kentucky with their annual women's golf tournament. Also included with the golf tournament is a kick-off luncheon featuring a national speaker, a 5K run/walk, a family festival and a music celebration. Over the years, Women 4 Women has amazingly donated more than \$500,000 for various causes through their fund-raising capabilities. This group, made up of over one hundred women, is dedicated to their causes, diligent in their efforts, and determined to bring about change.

Women 4 Women deserves special attention for unveiling their Benchmark 2000 partnership program in Jefferson County, KY for which they won an Ogden Newell & Welch Inc. Award. Specifically, Benchmark 2000 aims to study the status of women and girls in Jefferson County through strong coalition building between citizens and government in order to improve the overall economic and social status of females. By combining existing data and information from citizens, government officials, and service providers, the diligent participants of this program hope to, over time, address the existing needs of females and bring about positive social change.

I would like to express my sincerest admiration to all members of Women 4 Women for their hard work in the area of women's rights and commitment to the greater good of the community. Organizations such as Women 4 Women deserve praise and recognition for their good deeds and progressive vision.●

IN MEMORIAM OF BUZZ FITZGERALD AND JOEL ABROMSON

● Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to two pillars of the Community of Maine, Buzz Fitzgerald and Joel Abromson. How can I describe what these two men meant to their beloved home State? These words of then President-elect John Fitzgerald Kennedy provide a start: "And when, at some future date, the high court of history sits in judgment on each of us, recording whether in our brief span of service we fulfilled our responsibilities to the state, our success or failure, in whatever office we hold, will be measured by the answers to four questions: first, were we truly men of courage; second, were we truly men of judgment; third, were we truly men of integrity; and finally, were we truly men of dedication?"

These words, first uttered by President-elect Kennedy when I was an elementary school student in Caribou, began to have real meaning for me when they were quoted regularly in speeches by my old boss and mentor, Bill Cohen, a gifted orator and, in many ways, a walking Bartlett's.

But the full impact of Kennedy's glorious phrases struck me with special poignancy this year as I pondered the loss of two of Maine's leading citizens, two good friends, two wonderful men who were taken from us while still in their early 60's, at the height of their powers.

One was born in St. John Plantation in far northern Maine, the other in Auburn. One moved when he was one year old, the other after college. But each became synonymous with his community, Buzz Fitzgerald with Bath, and Joe Abromson with Portland.

Each contributed mightily to his company, to his community, to his State. Each had a family that extended well beyond actual relatives to Mainers in all walks of life. Each made the lives of thousands of people better, and each did it without apparent effort and without a hint of self-righteousness.

It is often said that if you want a job done well, find a busy man. Each of these remarkable individuals ran a company, each possessed a breath-taking list of civic and charitable credentials, and each demonstrated a willingness to embrace causes that would send many businessmen fleeing for cover.

As I watch Buzz become a champion of reproductive rights for women, or Joel become a leading advocate for equal rights for gays and lesbians, I watched the embodiment of Kennedy's four defining characteristics: courage, judgment, integrity, dedication. Those four qualities were an immense aid to Joel as he championed a state law that would outlaw discrimination against Maine citizens who are gay or lesbian. Even though he did not prevail, he led his noble fight for gay rights with courage and integrity, in a manner that is to be commended.