

decided on becoming the music director of the Ravinia Festival in Chicago, where he remained for five summers, and then moved to the Toronto Symphony until 1969. After a brief period with the San Francisco Symphony, Seiji became artistic director at Tanglewood in 1970, and was subsequently asked to assume the role of music director for the Boston Symphony Orchestra in 1973.

It has been during his time with the BSO that Seiji became the cultural icon that we celebrate this year. In 1976, he was honored with an Emmy Award for the Boston Symphony Orchestra's PBS television series, "Evening at Symphony." In 1994, he won a second Emmy Award for Individual Achievement in Cultural Programming, in recognition of his work "Dvorak in Prague: A Celebration with the Boston Symphony Orchestra." In a nod to his early instructor and the Japanese heritage he has proudly shared with the world, he co-founded the Saito Kinen Festival in Japan, which will provide young people the same chance he had to learn the arts of conducting and performing. The academic community of my home state has recognized Seiji's tremendous talent with honorary Doctor of Music degrees from the University of Massachusetts, the New England Conservatory of Music and Wheaton College, and certainly our beloved Red Sox have never had a more enthusiastic supporter.

Seiji arrived in Massachusetts as a young man finishing his education and beginning his professional ascension. After April 20, he will leave the Boston Symphony Orchestra a true master of his craft. While he has been guided by a deep respect for the past and its masters, Seiji remains the consummate modernist; a solitary individual fueled by an instinctual fascination and hunger for the unexplored frontier of the future.

My constituents and I have been so proud to host Mr. Ozawa over these last three decades. For the rest of his career we will proudly think of him as one of our own in Massachusetts, and I join my constituents in thanking Seiji Ozawa for the invaluable contributions he has made throughout his time at Tanglewood and with the Boston Symphony Orchestra.●

HONORING THE JEWISH COMMUNITY FEDERATION OF LOUISVILLE

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise today in order to thank and honor the 50 members of the Jewish Community Federation of Louisville, Ky for participating in Monday's Pro-Israel rally held outside our Nation's Capitol. I truly believe these individuals along with the entire Jewish Community Federation of Louisville deserve to be honored for their commitment to Israel and all that it stands for.

Monday's rally was quite a sight to see. Over 100,000 supporters gathered,

including former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former mayor of New York Rudy Guilani, to demonstrate support for Israel in its current struggle against terrorism. Since September 11, the citizens of the United States of America have unfortunately and tragically been forced to face the realities that accompany terrorism; the fear, the pain, and the struggle. The American people now have an understanding of what it means to live in fear of a cowardly and radical enemy.

The terrorist threat and presence Americans currently fear and feel everyday has been a reality for the people of Israel since 1948, when the state of Israel was officially established and recognized. For 54 years now, the Israeli people have fought for their freedom and right to exist. In recent weeks, the Israeli government has come under fire for their aggressive but necessary military actions in Palestinian-controlled areas of the West Bank. While I pray for the innocent Palestinians who suffer the consequences of their leader's failures, I cannot find it in myself to condemn Israel, doing all it can to protect its families, future, and freedom.

Since the time he was a 17-year old arms dealer in Cairo fighting to rid Palestine of all British and Jewish influence, Yasser Arafat has dedicated his time, thoughts, and efforts to bringing terrorism to the homes and streets of the Jewish people. In 1958, Arafat founded the Al-Fatah movement, an underground network of terrorist cells working as one to bring about the demise of the Jewish state. Just one year after the organization was established, Al-Fatah was publishing a radical magazine advocating the armed struggle against Israel and its people. Since Al-Fatah, under the leadership of Arafat, took control of the PLO in 1969, both Jordan, for attempting to overthrow King Hussein, and Lebanon, for using Palestinian refugee camps as bases for cross-border attacks against Israel, have expelled Arafat and his terrorist group from their land. Even today, Arafat continues to support the terrorist activity of such barbaric groups as Hamas and Palestine Islamic Jihad by agreeing to compensate the families of their homicide bombers. These homicide bombers are no different from the 19 Al-Qaeda terrorists who piloted two planes into the World Trade Centers, and one into the Pentagon killing thousands of innocent American citizens. They are all willing to kill innocent civilians as well as themselves for fanatical leaders such as Osama bin Laden and Yasser Arafat.

In 1988 at a special session of the UN, Arafat showed signs that he was willing to negotiate for peace. He renounced terrorism and vowed to prosecute those who took part in terrorist activities. This empty rhetoric however proved to be short-lived. In 1991, Arafat fully supported Saddam Hussein

and Iraq in the Persian Gulf War just three short years after he gave his UN speech. He has also refused to take a tough stance on terrorism, failing to live up to his promise to prosecute those responsible for such horrific acts as we have seen in the past six months. Arafat has now had the opportunity to deal with multiple Israeli Prime Ministers and U.S. Presidents but to no avail. He has been offered land, statehood, and a peaceful existence with the state of Israel. In every instance, talks ended and violence ensued.

I once again would like to thank the Jewish Community Federation for sending 50 of its most devoted individuals to the rally. Israel has always been a good friend to both the U.S. and to democracy, and it always will be. I finally ask that my colleagues join me in praying that this situation ends as quickly and as peacefully as possible. I know that we all would like to see this conflict resolved without any further bloodshed, but we must be willing to stand by our friends in Israel in our fight to eradicate terrorism from the globe.●

THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN STEEL

● Ms. MIKULSKI. I am proud to join Majority Leader DASCHLE, Senator ROCKEFELLER and the other cosponsors today in introducing the Steel Industry Consolidation and Retiree Benefits Protection Act, a bill that seeks to maintain the viability of a critical domestic industry, and maintain a safety net for its workers and retirees who today live in fear of losing their healthcare coverage.

I am on the side of steel and steelworkers. I will stand up for steelworkers and make sure that their voices are heard in the Senate.

On March 20th, President Bush announced that he would impose tariffs on steel imports, the tariffs weren't as high as we believe necessary to give America's steel industry the opportunity to consolidate and get back on its feet. The tariffs imposed under section 201 were a first step, but we can not afford half-measures. Congress now needs to take the next step and address retiree health care benefits.

I recently held a hearing to listen to the people behind "legacy costs"—the workers; the retirees; the widows; the executives; and worker representatives whose voices are not being heard. I heard from retirees and widows from the Bethlehem Steel plant at Sparrow's Point in Baltimore. I will never forget hearing Gertrude Misterka tell me that she would have to spend nearly \$7,000 on her prescriptions if she lost her husband's health care benefits. She would be in tough shape if she lost those health benefits that her husband, a proud Korean War veteran, Charlie, worked so hard for.

I will not forget Jeff Mikula who has a job at Sparrow's Point but if that plant closed, he lose the benefits he has worked so hard for over the last 26