

Howard, South Dakota and the National Association of Community Health Care Center's Board Chair, Scot Graff, Executive Director of the Community Health Care Association in South Dakota, and all of the staff at the association for the fine work they do on behalf of South Dakota. Furthermore, I want to commend all of the dedicated health care professionals in the health centers throughout South Dakota who work day in and day out devoting their lives to delivering critical health care to those most in need.

Once again, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the National Health Care Center Week on behalf of the South Dakota Community Health Care Association and the many thousands of South Dakotans who may continue to benefit through this important program.●

#### CHILDREN, YOUTH AND GUN VIOLENCE

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, "Children, Youth and Gun Violence," a report released last month by the David and Lucille Packard Foundation, questions the effectiveness of programs to train children and young people to stay away from guns, or behave responsibly around guns. The report states parents should instead focus their efforts on keeping guns away from kids, except under supervised circumstances. The problem of kids gaining access to guns is not small. According to statistics compiled by the Packard Foundation, each year in the United States more than 20,000 children under age 20 are killed or injured by firearms of which more than 3,000 are killed.

These figures emphasize the need to do all we can to keep kids from gaining unsupervised access to guns. I cosponsored Senator DURBIN's Child Access Prevention Act because I believe it is a common sense step in this direction. Under this bill, adults who fail to lock up loaded firearms or an unloaded firearm with ammunition could be held liable if a weapon is taken by a child and used to kill or injure him or herself or another person. The bill also increases the penalties for selling a gun to a juvenile and creates a gun safety education program that includes parent-teacher organizations, local law enforcement and community organizations. I support this bill and hope the Senate will act on it.

The Packard Foundation study brings to light the importance of common sense gun safety legislation. It also offers nine recommendations to policymakers and parents to prevent easy access to guns. I ask unanimous consent that the nine recommendations included in the Packard Foundation report, entitled "Children, Youth and Gun Violence," be entered into the RECORD.

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

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

##### RECOMMENDATION 1

Congress and federal health agencies should set a goal of reducing youth gun homicide to levels comparable to those of other industrialized nations, engaging in a comprehensive effort to identify the causes of youth gun homicide and reduce its prevalence in American society.

##### RECOMMENDATION 2

Federal and state public health agencies should make youth gun suicide a central focus of their gun violence prevention and suicide prevention activities, developing and assessing methods for keeping guns away from youth at risk of suicide.

##### RECOMMENDATION 3

Federal, state, and local public health and law enforcement agencies should make a commitment to collecting better data about gun-related fatalities and injuries by supporting development of a national system for reporting violent deaths and injuries and a system for tracing all guns used in crimes.

##### RECOMMENDATION 4

Policymakers, mental health professionals, and educators should develop, implement, and evaluate treatment programs that help youth exposed to gun violence cope with trauma.

##### RECOMMENDATION 5

Federal and state policymakers, in conjunction with public health experts and educators, should initiate creative public awareness and educational efforts—and evaluate existing approaches—to encourage stronger parental monitoring of children's exposure to guns and safe storage of guns in the home.

##### RECOMMENDATION 6

Federal, state, and local policymakers should develop and evaluate comprehensive, community-based initiatives to reduce youth gun violence—partnering with schools, faith communities, community service programs, parents, and young people.

##### RECOMMENDATION 7

Police should complement their existing efforts to deter youth gun carrying by developing and evaluating law enforcement approaches that include extensive police-community collaboration.

##### RECOMMENDATION 8

Congress should extend the jurisdiction of the Consumer Product Safety Commission or the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to regulate guns as consumer products, establish regulations requiring product safety features on guns, and evaluate the effectiveness of product safety interventions. State governments should extend similar authority to their consumer product safety agencies.

##### RECOMMENDATION 9

Congress and state legislatures should institute tighter restrictions on gun sales so that fewer guns illegally end up in the hands of youth. A variety of approaches should be implemented and evaluated—in particular, closer oversight of licensed dealers, regulation of private sales, and mandated licensing of gun owners and registration of guns.●

#### TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL JOE G. TAYLOR, JR.

● Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to a great Army officer, and a great soldier. This month, Major General Joe G. Taylor, Jr. will depart the Pentagon to assume new duties as the Commanding General, U.S. Army Security Assistance Command in Alex-

andria, VA. For over two years, he has served as first the Deputy then the Chief of Army Legislative Liaison where he has proven himself to be a trusted advisor to the Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Staff.

During his tour as the Chief of Army Legislative Liaison, he guided the Army's relationship with Congress, wielding a deft and skillful touch during a period of tremendous change. Throughout this period, Joe Taylor ably assisted the Army's senior leadership in dealings with Members of Congress and their staffs in helping them to understand the needs of the Army as it faces the challenges of a new century. His leadership resulted in cohesive legislative strategies, responsiveness to constituent inquiries, well-prepared Army leaders and a coherent Army message to Congress.

Joe Taylor's career has reflected a deep commitment to our Nation, which has been characterized by dedicated selfless service, love for soldiers and a commitment to excellence. Major General Taylor's performance over twenty-seven years of service has personified those traits of courage, competency and integrity that our Nation has come to expect from its Army officers. The Pentagon and the Army Secretariat's loss will be the Army Security Assistance Commands gain, as Major General Taylor continues to serve his country and the Army. On behalf of the United States Senate and the people of this great Nation, I offer our heartfelt appreciation for a job well done over the past two years and best wishes for continued success, to a great soldier and friend of Congress.●

#### RETIREMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR JANE GARVEY FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, a little more than 5 years ago, the Commerce Committee held a hearing to test the mettle of a nominee to head the Federal Aviation Administration. The nominee came to Washington from her long-time home of Massachusetts to serve in the Federal Highway Administration, and her years of experience in various modes of transportation—primarily highways and airports—made her a strong candidate for the FAA position.

At the time, Jane Garvey sat before us as the first nominee to be appointed to a fixed, 5-year term to head the FAA. For years, the position of chief of the FAA had served as a revolving door—with many well-qualified people, but few able or willing to stay. The lack of continuity left its mark on many projects—the headlines, often from Congressional sources or the General Accounting Office, usually read "delayed and over budget." That changed when Jane Garvey took the reins of the FAA on August 4, 1997.

We knew that the FAA faced a daunting task in rebuilding and modernizing our air traffic control system