

My proposal will encourage undocumented immigrants to come out of the shadows, to work within the law, and then to return to their homes and families with the pay and skills they acquire as guest workers in the United States. It will help guest workers receive the health care they need, without overburdening already strained health care providers.

It will protect immigrants from exploitation and from violence. And guest workers will no longer fear the authorities, but rather will come to see the law as an ally, not an enemy.

I have always believed that, as Americans, our patriotism isn't just expressed by flying the flag. It's about more than that. Patriotism means we all share in an ideal that is larger than ourselves. In all of our differences, there are some things we all have in common. In all our diversity, each of us still has a bond with all humanity.

We must bring our broken immigration system into the 21st century. We must move transient workers out of the shadows. We must ensure the security of our borders.

We must act for the sake of the rule of law, for the sake our homeland security, for the sake of immigrants who endure exploitation and even death for a chance to share in the blessings of American liberty—in hope, freedom, and the opportunity of a better life.

Mr. President, I yield the floor. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period for morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO STEVE REED

• Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to an accomplished Kentuckian, Mr. Steve Reed. A native of Hart County, KY, Steve is a respected attorney, inspiring mentor, and loving husband and father of three.

In 2000 Steve became Kentucky's first African-American U.S. attorney. Some of his most significant work as U.S. attorney included fighting the methamphetamine problem in western Kentucky. Steve quickly recognized the problem and requested Federal funds to open an office in western Kentucky to combat meth production. With the new funding, he directed a program that more than doubled the number of labs raided from the previous year. Through Steve's efforts and the cooperation of

local law enforcement agencies, Kentucky's young people are better protected and more criminals are being prosecuted.

In addition to serving as U.S. attorney, Steve has supported higher education as a member of the University of Kentucky board of trustees since 1994. In September 2002, Steve became the board's first African-American chairman. He is dedicated to increasing the stature of academics throughout the university and Commonwealth. He is working to create stronger ties between private business and the university's research programs, and Steve has pushed for more minority and financial aid scholarships. Because of UK's prominence, Steve's efforts have not just affected the school but also have had a positive impact throughout the rest of Kentucky's educational system.

Steve grew up in poverty as one of seven children raised by his single mother. His maternal grandmother, Mama Verda, expected greatness from Steve, and emphasized the importance of always doing the right thing. He excelled in high school and moved on to Western Kentucky University where he tutored a fellow student. After earning a psychology degree, he attended UK Law School. Through his hard work and discipline, it is no surprise that Steve has achieved such success.

We are indebted to Steve for his service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky in fighting drugs and supporting education. He stands as a model of hard work and discipline. I ask my colleagues in the Senate to join me in honoring Steve Reed for his dedicated service.●

FRANKLIN HOTEL CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, it is with great honor that I rise today to congratulate the Franklin Hotel in Deadwood, SD, which celebrated its 100th anniversary of service on June 4, 2003.

The Franklin Hotel has been a welcome destination for visitors to the Black Hills region and has catered to guests since its doors opened in 1903. For locals and tourists alike, the past several years have seen a resurgence and interest in history, and the setting the Franklin provides to learn more about Black Hills history continues strong to this day. Whether the visitor was a well-known actor from Hollywood taking a break from daily shooting, noted public servants and athletes visiting the area on business or personal time, or the visiting family from Anywhere, USA or the world, experiencing the professional and welcoming, friendly attitudes of the Franklin Hotel staff is just another reason of making a Black Hills visit one to remember.

In many respects, board of directors president Bill Walsh is as much of an institution in South Dakota as the Franklin Hotel. The two are inseparable when it comes to colorful personalities and both are foundations in the

promotion and advocacy of South Dakota and Black Hills tourism. It would be all too easy for Bill to be just concerned about the promotion of the Franklin Hotel. Instead, he has been a stalwart advocate for projects impacting and benefiting Deadwood, the entire Black Hills, and South Dakota. One of Bill's highest priorities is making sure as many people as possible put Deadwood, the Black Hills, and South Dakota on their travel itinerary.

Over the years, I have appreciated Bill's valuable insight on politics, current affairs, tourism, and the economy. I have always appreciated his wit, his hospitality and, most of all, his friendship. Many who gathered for the centennial anniversary celebration have special memories of Bill and the Franklin Hotel. Many local residents will probably never forget that as the Grizzly Gulch fire tickled the edges of Deadwood and as people streamed out of town under evacuation orders last summer, the doors of the Franklin stayed open with a confident Bill Walsh sitting on the porch of the Franklin with a freshly-lit stogie in hand.

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge Bill and other members of the board of directors, Jo Roebuck-Pearson, Mike Trucano, French Bryan, and Taffy Tucker. I also want to congratulate MacKenzie Roebuck-Walsh, who co-owns the hotel along with her parents, Bill and Jo. Finally, I want to acknowledge the Franklin Hotel staff and the community of Deadwood on the centennial anniversary of the hotel. This event is but another chapter in the living legacy of one of South Dakota's cherished destinations.

I am proud to have this opportunity to honor Bill Walsh and the Franklin Hotel for its 100 years of outstanding service. It is an honor for me to share with my colleagues the strong commitment to history the Franklin Hotel has provided. I strongly commend the staff and board of directors for their years of hard work and dedication, and I am very pleased that their substantial efforts are being publicly honored and celebrated.●

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2003

• Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the need for hate crimes legislation. On May 1, 2003, Senator KENNEDY and I introduced the Local Law Enforcement Act, a bill that would add new categories to current hate crimes law, sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred in Prince William, VA. On November 1, 2001, a 26-year-old and his 25-year-old friend were charged with a hate crime after assaulting a 46-year-old Pakistani taxi driver. The driver had picked up the pair and, during the ride to a nearby motel, the two

passengers verbally accosted him. Upon their arrival, the frightened driver exited his car and tried to flee, but the pair caught hold of him and began beating him in the motel parking lot.

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 is 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 FORT KNOX GAME WARDENS

● Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the volunteers of the Fort Knox Game Warden Program for their longstanding commitment to the community. These volunteers assist the Provost Marshal, the Hunt Control and the Range Control offices in maintaining the hunting program's outstanding safety record by enforcing the Fort Knox and Kentucky Fish and Game regulations on the base's 170 square miles.

The program's loyal volunteers have an active role in the community, especially during the deer-hunting season when they operate the deer check stations and monitor hunter activities. Their efforts also have enhanced the natural habitat of the area's wildlife. Throughout the program's 50-year life, volunteers have planted food plots, developed wildlife sanctuaries and re-introduced wild quail to the environment.

These unsung heroes actively devote time to serving the post's six hunting zones consisting of 109,000 acres. They help protect both small and large game including squirrel, dove, rabbit, quail and turkey. In addition to the three weekends available each year for adult firearms deer hunting, the Game Warden Program sponsors a youth gun hunt for one weekend each year.

I would like to acknowledge each of the volunteers for their time and commitment protecting the community and surrounding environment: Donald Buhl, George Phelps, Bob Sherrard, Jack Baxter, Bill Schweiss, Alfred Maruszewski, Michael Dages, Charlie Flowers, Wayne Walters, Gerald Sasser, Jr., Daniel Clifford, Tim Dages, Kenny Kine, Ron O'Bannon, Harold Scott, Walter Sholar, Hugh Harris, William Magruder, James Elliott, Robbie Ammons, James Miller, Jackie Payne, Willard Campbell, Joseph Banks, Michael Gaddie, Richard McQuillen, Mary McQuillen, Wayne Creekmore, Gary Thompson, Martha Campbell, Karl Rohland, Ace Clark, James Prather, Mark McNutt, Kelley Argabright, Dr. Gerald Sasser, Tony Parsley, Crockett Banks, Dwayne Campbell, and Rodney Circle.

The Fort Knox Game Warden Program and its volunteers have faithfully served the community for many years, and their contributions should not be

overlooked. On behalf of myself and my colleagues in the Senate, I thank them for their dedicated service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.●

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN GABRIEL GRIESS

● Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, I rise today to offer my congratulations to a Nebraska native son. This gentleman is among the many who honor our Nation through their service in our Armed Forces and I am very pleased to have this opportunity to pay tribute to him.

As our Nation faces threats abroad and our military men and women fight to keep us safe, it is important for us to never forget the sacrifices made in our defense. These men and women give up a great deal to protect our Nation and we owe them a debt of gratitude that can never be fully repaid.

Today, it is my honor to offer my heartfelt congratulations to one of their number, CAPT Gabriel Griess, a hometown Nebraska hero. Captain Griess is a proud member of the U.S. Air Force and he has recently been named the 15th Air Force Company Grade Officer of the Year for 2002. This was no easy accomplishment as the criteria for the award ensures that only the best of the best are eligible for consideration. To meet those criteria, Captain Griess had to show clear drive, pursuit of self-improvement, and involvement in base and community activities. Captain Griess met and exceeded all expectations.

He was awarded this title based on his dedication, leadership, and professionalism. Captain Griess' military history speaks volumes about the confidence placed in him by his superiors. He was deployed twice in 2002 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; given missions such as tracking down al-Qaida leaders, and evacuating critically injured troops from combat zones. He provided support during Operation Anaconda by flying in critical supplies, destroying al-Qaida strongholds, and providing air support for ground troops. He has earned three Air Medals and two Aerial Achievement Medals for his valiant work.

But perhaps more importantly, he has won the respect of his peers. As an instructor navigator with the 317th Airlift Group at Dyess Air Force Base in Texas, he is recognized as the "go to" guy, an officer who will work as part of the team to meet the challenges ahead.

As our military efforts continue in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other regions around the world, we rely on the men and women in uniform to make our Nation safe. With soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines of the caliber of Captain Griess, I can say with complete confidence our Nation is secure.

I congratulate Captain Griess on this recognition he has so deservedly received. It is truly an honor for him and his family.●

IN RECOGNITION OF MOSAIC

● Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, today I would like to offer my best wishes and support for the beginning of a new organization—Mosaic. On July 1, 2003, Bethphage, founded in Axtell, NE, in 1914, and Martin Luther Home Society, founded in Sterling, NE, in 1925 will come together to form Mosaic. These two organizations bring decades' worth of experience to the field of developmental disabilities, and I applaud their previous efforts while looking forward to a successful partnership. I have enjoyed a great working relationship with Sharon Walters and Bethphage and appreciate the positive things they have brought to the State of Nebraska. Mosaic will be supporting and advocating for more than 3,700 people in 16 States with an annual budget of approximately \$165 million. They also provide support in Great Britain, as well as participating in an international alliance called IMPACT. Congratulations, Mosaic.●

A TRIBUTE TO BAKER'S CREEK

● Mrs. HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, in the recent years, there have been many tributes dedicated to celebrating members of what Tom Brokaw so rightly called "The Greatest Generation." Succeeding generations have honored the men and women who led America to victory during World War II, who did nothing less than save the world. The events of World War II have become a shining moment in American history, and the stories of battles and life on the home front are well known by most Americans. However, many stories remain untold, and many heroes remain unrecognized.

As we count on our soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and coast guardsmen to defend our Nation in today's time of war, we have a renewed appreciation of the sacrifices made by our men and women in uniform and their families.

Our recent military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq provide an excellent backdrop to tell a story from World War II involving a little-known Texas hero. It is my hope we can join together to honor this man and those whose lives were lost on the fateful day he survived.

June 14 is an historic day in the life of our Nation. On this day in 1775, the United States Army was born. Two years later, broad red stripes on a field of white, and bright stars on a field of blue were officially adopted as our country's banner. In 1949, President Truman signed an Act of Congress officially declaring June 14 as National Flag Day to honor our colors. June 14 also marks a somber anniversary, one that few of us know.

Sixty years ago, on June 14, 1943, 40 Americans were killed when their B-17C airplane crashed in a field near Baker's Creek, five miles south of Mackay in Queensland, Australia. The plane belonged to the 46th Troop Carrier Squadron, Fifth U.S. Air Force.