

Federal employees must know they will not face retaliation when disclosing information that protects our national security, safeguards the health of our children, or saves taxpayer dollars.

If Congress is serious about eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse, and ensuring that the government for the people and by the people actually is working in the best interests of the people, then we must protect those who wish to disclose illegal or unethical activities. Whistleblowers should not be restrained because they fear retaliation for doing what is right.

Again, I thank my Senate colleagues for supporting this important measure, and I urge our House counterparts to join with us in strengthening whistleblower protections.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING POLICE CHIEF GARY MARTIN

• Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to retired Lake County Sheriff's Department police chief Gary Martin for his decades of dedicated service to the people of northwest Indiana and his extraordinary kindness toward the families of fallen Hoosier police officers. It is with a heavy heart and a deep sense of gratitude that I honor the life of Chief Martin, who was killed on August 22 on Indiana 63 when he was struck by an automobile while participating in a charity bike ride to benefit the families of fellow officers who have died in the line of duty. Gary's dedication to the families of our State kept him involved in public service up until his death, doing his part to comfort and support Hoosiers as they confront the loss of a loved one. I know that he will be greatly missed.

Gary was a good and decent man who dedicated his life to serving others. From his work with the sheriff's department to his involvement in the community, his career and retirement were filled with acts of conscientious service on behalf of friends, family members, and Hoosiers across Indiana. The contributions he made touched countless lives, and he will be sorely missed.

Gary was a 25-year veteran of the Gary Police Department, where he attained the rank of assistant chief. He was appointed chief of the Lake County Sheriff's Department in 2002. And for the past three decades, Gary taught criminal justice at Indiana University Northwest. He devoted all of his energy to protecting and serving his community and to caring for his colleagues and their families in their time of need. He is survived by his wife Olga and two children, Greg and Jennifer.

Like all of his colleagues in law enforcement, Chief Martin made daily sacrifices to ensure the safety of our streets, our neighborhoods, and our families. In an increasingly dangerous

world, we depend on our brave men and women like Gary to protect us from violence and other threats to our communities.

A lifelong Hoosier, he was also involved in numerous other public safety projects, including working to create a pilot program with Gary schools that sought to assure parents that their children would get to school, attend school, and return home safely. Lake County sheriff Rogelio "Roy" Domiguez recalled Martin's leadership and warmth, saying "Gary was a friend and a mentor to everyone in law enforcement and our entire community. He will be greatly missed by the thousands of students, police officers and others who simply call him 'friend.'" It is a rare man who can make such an impact on so many people over the course of one life. Hoosiers will miss Gary as a friend, a community leader, and a tireless public servant.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of Gary Martin in the official RECORD of the U.S. Senate for his service to the State of Indiana.●

HONORING INDIANA STATE POLICE LIEUTENANT GARY DUDLEY

Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I today pay tribute to Indiana State Police Lieutenant Gary Dudley for his decades of dedicated service to the people of Indiana and his extraordinary kindness toward the families of fallen Hoosier police officers. It is with a heavy heart and a deep sense of gratitude that I honor the life of Lieutenant Dudley, who was killed on August 22 when he was struck by an automobile while participating in a charity bike ride to benefit the families of his fellow officers who have died in the line of duty. Gary's dedication to the families of our State kept him involved in public service up until his death, doing his part to comfort and support Hoosiers as they confront the loss of a loved one. I know he will be greatly missed.

Gary was a good and decent man who dedicated his life to serving others. From his work at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy to his involvement in the community, his career was filled with acts of conscientious service on behalf of friends, family members, and Hoosiers across Indiana. The contributions he made touched countless lives.

Lieutenant Dudley started his State police career as a trooper in 1979 and was promoted to sergeant in 1991, when he transferred to the training division. He was appointed commander of the Indiana State Police Recruit Academy in 1993. He devoted all of his energy to protecting and serving his community and to caring for his colleagues and their families in their time of need. He is survived by his wife Carolyn, his father Orsel Dudley, and a brother, Danny Dudley.

Like all of his colleagues in law enforcement, Lieutenant Dudley made daily sacrifices to ensure the safety of our streets, our neighborhoods, and our

families. In an increasingly dangerous world, we depend on brave men like Gary to protect us from violence and other threats to our communities.

A lifelong Hoosier, he used his passion for cycling to help families of police officers who died in the line of duty. The COPS charity ride, which he started, was in its third year. Long-time friend Sergeant Dave Bursten recalled Dudley's selfless commitment to friends and strangers alike, saying "Gary was very unique, beyond the proverbial 'give you the shirt off his back.' He'd give you his pants, he'd give you his shoes, he'd give you his next to last dollar if you genuinely needed it. He was always there to help people." It is a rare man who can make such an impact on so many people over the course of one life. Hoosiers will miss Gary as a friend, a community leader, and a tireless public servant.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of Gary Dudley in the official RECORD of the U.S. Senate for his service to the State of Indiana.

THIS 45TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

• Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I would like to congratulate The Hospitality and Information Service, THIS, of Washington, DC, on its 45th anniversary. Since 1961 THIS volunteers have welcomed diplomats and their families to Washington, providing friendship, assistance and an understanding of Washington and the United States.

THIS is a nonprofit organization that was established in 1961 at the suggestion of Angie Biddle, then Chief of Protocol, to help the hundreds of newly arrived diplomats and their families adjust to Washington. In 1961 there were 101 Embassies with 1,200 diplomatic families. Today embassies total more than 170 with 4,000 diplomats and families in Washington. THIS' 400 volunteers provide a variety of services and programs to help diplomats and their families learn about Washington through English and seven foreign language conversation groups and a book club. Programs include forums for discussion of issues that are world-wide in scope, such as health, human rights and education. They also conduct programs on government affairs, performing arts, architecture and American history.

THIS plays an important role in welcoming foreign diplomats to Washington and has made a difference in the lives of diplomats from many countries. As just a few have said:

"I would like to thank THIS for the wonderful work that you do and for your warm and friendly attention." Miriam Barak—Israel

"I express both my pleasure and my gratitude to the THIS organization as a whole. THIS is a wonderful vehicle by which the best of America is portrayed. Such an organization can only be an influential force for good." Ann Robinson—Great Britain